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The Duchess of Cambridge's Ancestors Discovered on Film

Several of the Duchess of Cambridge's ancestors have been discovered on newsreels within the British Pathe film library.

The earliest film dates back to 1915 and shows Kate Middleton's great-great-great uncle, the Lord Mayor of Leeds Sir Charles Lupton paying a visit to the Leeds Pals Battalion in a camp near Colsterdale in the Yorkshire Dales. Sir Charles Lupton is being accompanied by his three brothers, one of which is the Duchess' great-great grandfather, Francis Lupton. Francis and his other two brothers, Arthur and Hugh (who became Lord Mayor of Leeds in 1926) are the Duchess' other great-great-great uncles and they were all Aldermen of the City of Leeds.

Another film called 'Princess Mary' is from 1927 and it shows Kate Middleton's great-great-great uncle the Lord Mayor of Leeds Hugh Lupton and his wife Lady Mayoress Isabella Lupton greeting Princess Mary who had arrived in Leeds to inaugurate the Girls Week Campaign of Hunslet Young Women's Christian Association. Princess Mary was King George VI's sister and therefore is Prince William's great-great- Aunt.

Alastair White, General Manager of British Pathé says, "We often get contacted by visitors to our website who are thrilled to find films of their ancestors, their close family or even themselves as youngsters. We knew we had many films of Prince William's family, but it was a real surprise to find that we also have the Duchess of Cambridge's ancestors and that they were meeting Royalty".

The films, can be seen at <http://www.britishpathe.com/workspaces/BritishPathe/Middletons>

Notes to Editor

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