

After the marriage the young couple came to California to receive the blessings of Mr. Isham's father. Arriving in Los Angeles, Mrs. Isham named Southern California "The Honeymoon Country" and state she was "the happiest bride in the world." Their separation occurred at Santa Barbara October 6, 1915. They had a petty quarrel over a trifling matter after which Mrs. Isham went shopping. Upon her return, she found her husband had gone. He is now thought to be in England, she said yesterday.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Isham on Dec. 18, 1914 while Mrs. Isham was in New York.

Since the separation Mrs. Isham has been living a secluded life in Los Angeles. Her home is at 1966 Carmen Avenue.

1920 (February 4) Temp. Lt. R. H. Isham, C.B.E., R.E., relinquishes the temp, rank of Lt.-Col. on ceasing to be specially employed

1920 (September 19) Arrives in UK from Rio de Janeiro on SS Almazora. He is given as "Financier"

1921 (August 31) Arrives in New York from UK on SS Olympic.

1921 (September 26) Obtains a new US passport in order to return to Europe.

1921 (October 11) Arrives in UK from New York on S S Aquitania. He is a "businessman"

1922 (February 15) Arrives in New York from UK on SS Olympic.

1922 (July 1) Arrives in Southampton from New York on SS Olympic. He is a "Director"

1923 (February 13) Leaves UK for New York on SS Berengaria. His occupation is "Director".

There are many further records of him making trans-Atlantic trips on a regular basis.

#### **Discovery of The Boswell Papers in 1927.**

Scholars are quick to connect the name of Col. Ralph Heyward Isham with Samuel Boswell.

Thousands upon thousands of pages have appeared in print regarding Ralph Isham's amazing literary discovery

The link to a comprehensive article appeared in *Life* magazine in 1950: <http://goo.gl/4jzkc>

NOTE: Ralph took great pride in how he managed to have Lady Talbot "convince" him that he should buy the Boswell papers. He went on record in the *Times* as saying: "And so Lady Talbot and I developed an argument. Well, you know the result; when a man attempts to argue with a lady he is always defeated. So in the end Lady Talbot succeeded in convincing me that she ought to sell the papers. So that is really all I had to do and in the end they were sold to me, together with the copyright in 1927."

Before Ralph Heyward Isham's Boswell escapade, he married for a second time to Margaret Dorothy Hart 1904-1998 (**G 1**) in 1924. Margaret was the daughter of Henry "Harry" Alderhoff, Sr. 1874-1945 (**G 2**) and Margaret Mae Sweet 1876-1939 (**G 3**). Before marrying Ralph, Margaret, her mother and sister, had taken an excursion to Europe, returning from Cherbourg in 1924.

Ralph and Margaret Hurt Isham had two sons:

**Heyward b. 1926, d. 2009**

**Jonathan Trumbull b. 1929**

Following the divorce of Ralph and Margaret Isham in 1933, he married for a third time in 1937 to Christine Viscountess Churchill, aka Christine McRae Sinclair. but it lasted less than a year. Ralph took Sarah Lummus, ex-wife of William McAdoo, as his fourth wife sometime in 1947. Sarah outlived Ralph, dying in 1998.

The Descendant of Ralph and Margaret Hurt Isham

**Heyward Isham b. Nov. 4, 1926, d. June 18, 2009**

Heyward Isham, a career Foreign Service officer who helped negotiate the American peace accord with North Vietnam in 1973 and later became ambassador to Haiti, died Thursday in Southampton, N.Y. He was 82 and lived in Sagaponack, N.Y.

Heyward Isham played a crucial role in the Paris Peace accord with the North Vietnamese.

Mr. Isham was deputy chief and **then acting chief of the American delegation to the Paris peace talks**. In that capacity he worked with the chief American negotiator, Henry A. Kissinger, who was then President Richard M. Nixon's national security adviser. The talks began in 1968, after President Lyndon B. Johnson announced an end to American bombing of most areas of North Vietnam and said he would not seek re-election. Signed on Jan. 27, 1973, the accord was intended to establish peace in Vietnam. It did end direct American military involvement in the war, but only temporarily stopped the fighting between

North and South Vietnam. A breakthrough in the negotiations came in October 1972,

when the North Vietnamese dropped their demand that the South Vietnamese government be replaced.

Mr Kissinger said "Mr. Isham represented the State Department, primarily on legal matters, in this final negotiation.

He handled extremely complicated issues, among them disarmament provisions and the relationship between the organizations that were set up to supervise the agreement." **"He made a tremendous contribution,"** Mr. Kissinger said.

While ambassador to Haiti from 1974 to 1977, Mr. Isham supervised a series of development projects and, after a yearlong drought in 1975, a program that helped feed 120,000 Haitians.

**Heyward Isham married Sheila Burton Eaton (b. December 19, 1927) on June 9, 1950**

their children:-

- 1) **Christopher Eaton Isham** b. March 9, 1953
- 2) **Ralph Heyward Isham** b. April 17, 1956
- 3) **Sandra Isham Vreeland** b.1958, d.1996.