

# Rev John Samuel Ellenberger (1871-1949)

(note: he changed his surname to Elmont in about 1916)

## Childhood and early adulthood

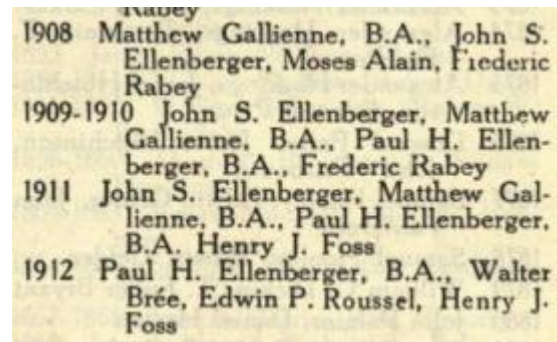
John was born in about August 1871 in Islington, north London. The 1881 Census shows him, aged nine, living at 32 Devonshire Street, Islington, with:

- his father Henry aged 50, born in Switzerland, a printer's compositor
- his mother Celina aged 44, born in France
- his sister Lydia May aged 13, born in Clerkenwell, a pupil teacher
- his brother Paul aged 12, born in Clerkenwell, scholar, and
- three lodgers.

He was still at this address by the time of the 1891 Census, living with his mother (now widowed), his sister Lydia (a private governess), his brother Paul (an assistant teacher, Board School) and two other households. His employment is given as stockbroker's clerk.

## Ministry

The only reference I have found to John S. Ellenberger's ministry is in Hall's *Circuits and Ministers* for 1912 which shows the ministers stationed in Guernsey and Sark (French) circuit. John was stationed in Guernsey from 1908 until 1912. Interestingly, his older brother Rev. Paul H. Ellenberger ([link](#)) also appears as a minister in the same circuit from 1909 - 1914.



1908	Matthew Gallienne, B.A., John S. Ellenberger, Moses Alain, Frederic Rabey
1909-1910	John S. Ellenberger, Matthew Gallienne, B.A., Paul H. Ellenberger, B.A., Frederic Rabey
1911	John S. Ellenberger, Matthew Gallienne, B.A., Paul H. Ellenberger, B.A., Henry J. Foss
1912	Paul H. Ellenberger, B.A., Walter Brée, Edwin P. Roussel, Henry J. Foss

Extract from 'Hall's Circuits and Ministers'  
1912: Guernsey and Sark Circuit

No further record could be found of him or of his brother John until I investigated the Channel Islands Archives and discovered that both Paul and John changed their surname to Elmont. The Ellenberger surname is of German and German Swiss origin so they decided to change it during WW1.

Records under the new surname are given below:

<b>ELMONT, JOHN S. [W]</b>	
<i>Richmond.</i>	
1895 Gold Ct. Dt.,	
W.A.	13
1908 Guernsey, Fr.	4
1912 Ripley	3
1915 Driffield	3
1918 Epworth	1
1919 Holmfirth	3
1922 Evesham	3
1925 Caistor	3
1928 Watford	3
1931 Downham Mkt.	1
1932 Rye	

*Extract from 'Hill's  
Arrangement 1932*

**ELMONT, John Samuel.** b. 1871 at Islington, London. ed. N. London. T.CoH. Richmond. s.m. 1895 (W.) m. Winifred Prudence, d. of Rev. G. C. Mayes, one s., one d. *Circuits:* Gold Coast, W. Africa; Guernsey, French; Ripley; Driffield; Epworth; Holmfirth; Evesham; Caistor; Watford; Downham Market; Rye, Sussex. *Address,* "South View," Ferry Road, Rye, Sussex.

*Extract from 'Who's Who in Methodism 1933'*

From this we learn that he trained at Richmond Theological College in London and that his first appointment was on the Gold Coast in West Africa for thirteen years.

### **Personal Life**

In the second quarter of 1908, he married Winifred Prudence Mayes (born about 1877, daughter of Rev G C Mayes) in Croydon, Surrey. The 1911 Census shows that they had a son John Claude in 1910.

A daughter, Jesse P., was born in Mansfield in about February 1913.

He died in Salisbury in about February 1949, aged 77.