

## **Descendants of James Oxley (1762-1813) & Elizabeth Tutton via son John**

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This is the history of the Oxley family which we can trace back to Wells, Somerset in the 17<sup>th</sup> century. This document describes the descendants of James Oxley (1762-1813) and Elizabeth Tutton (1763-1809) via their son John.

*The descendants of James Oxley & Elizabeth via sons James and William are covered in separate documents.*

*There are only brief notes on those born after 1920. Most of the information is from public sources.*



St. Luke, Chelsea c.2015

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### **John Oxley (1791-1859) & Elizabeth Weall and their descendants**

John was born in Chelsea to James Oxley and Elizabeth Tutton but we think, from the evidence, his parents are the same couple as 'James Oxley and Elizabeth' who were living in Wells a little later and were the parents of several other children in Wells. Both James Oxley and Elizabeth Tutton were born in Wells.

**John Oxley (1791-1859).** John Robert. The son of James Oxley and Elizabeth Tutton. He was born on the 23<sup>rd</sup> September 1791 and baptised on the 23<sup>rd</sup> October at St. Luke, Chelsea, Kensington. His father was John Oxley and his mother was Elizabeth.<sup>1</sup>

John, a bachelor, married Elizabeth Weall (1789-1863), a spinster, on the 4<sup>th</sup> July 1813 at St. Cuthbert, Wells. The banns were read on the 13<sup>th</sup> June 1813. John was living at St. John Street and Elizabeth was living at Queen Street.<sup>2</sup>

John was described as an Inn-holder when his daughter Sarah was born in 1817, in Wells. He ran the 'Golden Hart' in Wells.

John gave up his licence in October 1821.

#### **Bath Chronicle and Weekly Gazette 25<sup>th</sup> October 1821**

*Somerset – To be Sold by Auction*

*On Wednesday the 31<sup>st</sup> October instant, and following days at the Golden Hart Inn in the City of Wells. All the Valuable Casks, Brewing, Strong beer, and Household Furniture the property of Mr. John Oxley, (quitting the above Inn utensils;) consisting of one 32 hogshead cask, one 27 hogshead ditto, one 18 hogshead ditto, one 14 hogshead ditto, one 7 hogshead ditto, three 6 hogshead ditto, two 5 hogshead ditto, five 2 hogshead ditto and some smaller casks; about 25 hogsheads of Strong beer, in lots; one very good 4 hogshead copper furnace, mash vat, 2 back and stands, 4 working tubs, 2 oval coolers, copper pump, 3 shutes &c.*

*Household furniture consists of four post, tent, and halftester bedsteads, with chintz and other furniture; 11 goose feather quilts and counterpanes; a quantity of table and other cloths; washstands, basons and ewers, pier and swing glasses, night stools; mahogany dining, tea, dressing and other tables, mahogany, beech, and fancy chairs; chest of drawers; sets of china, blue and other ware; quantity of pewter and other measures; decanters, rummer, beer, and wine glasses; 14 large pewter dishes and 30 plates, dressers and shelves, settle, 2 corner cupboards, clock and case, warming pan, Bath stove and kitchen grates, fenders and fire-irons, 2 small copper boilers and grates; a large quantity of kitchen requisites in copper, brass, iron, and tin, too numerous for the limits of a handbill. The sales to begin each day precisely at 12 o' clock.*

*W. Hippersley, East Horrington, Auctioneer. Dated 20<sup>th</sup> October 1821*

At the 1841 census John and Elizabeth were living in Wells. John was working as a Saddler.<sup>3</sup>

#### 1841 Census

*Southover, Wells*

*John Oxley, age 50, Saddler, born Somerset*

*Elizabeth Oxley, age 50, born Somerset*

*Sarah Oxley, age 23, Dress Maker, born Somerset*

*Ellen Oxley, age 19, Straw bonnets maker, born Somerset*

*Maria Oxley, age 16, born Somerset*

*Jane Oxley, age 14, born Somerset*

*Robert Oxley, age 11, born Somerset*

*Edward Stephens, 11 months, born Somerset*

John was listed in Pigot's directory for 1844.<sup>4</sup>

#### Saddlers

*Oxley J, Collar maker, Southover \**

\* 'Collar' refers to a horse collar.

At the 1851 census John and Elizabeth were living in Wells.<sup>5</sup>

#### 1851 Census

*Water Lane, Wells*

*John Robert Oxley, Head, Married age 59, Saddler, born Chelsea, Middlesex*

*Elizabeth Oxley, Wife, Married, age 62, born Wells*

*Sarah Oxley, Daughter, Unmarried, age 33, Seamstress, born Wells*

*Robert Oxley, Son, Unmarried, age 21, Brushmakers Journeyman, born Wells*

*Edward Stephens, Grandson, age, 10, Scholar, born Wells*

John died, age 68, on the 1<sup>st</sup> June 1859; registered at Wells in the June quarter. He was buried at St. Cuthbert, Wells on the 6<sup>th</sup> June.<sup>6 7</sup>

This was reported in the local paper.

#### Shepton Mallet Journal 10<sup>th</sup> June 1859

*Oxley, June 1, at Wells, rather suddenly, Mr. John Robert Oxley, harness maker, aged 68 years.*

It may be Elizabeth who was the Elizabeth Oxley who died in 1863; registered at Wells in the March quarter.<sup>8</sup>

John and Elizabeth had six children: Sarah (1817-1884), Henry (1819-1885), Ellen (1822-1896), Maria (1824-1853), Jane (1829-1901), Robert (1830-1848).

**Sarah Oxley (1817-1884).** The daughter of John Oxley and Elizabeth. She was born in 1817 and baptised on the 11<sup>th</sup> May at St. Cuthbert, Wells. Her father was John Oxley and her mother was Elizabeth. The family were living in St. John Street. Her father was described as an Inn Holder.<sup>9</sup>

At the 1841 census, age 23 she was at home in Southover, Wells and working as a Dress Maker. At the 1851 census, age 33, she was at home at Water Lane, Wells and working as a Seamstress.

At the 1871 census she was living in Wells.<sup>10</sup>

#### 1871 Census

*3 Thomas Street, Wells*

*Sarah Oxley, Head, Unmarried, age 54, Dressmaker, born Wells*

At the 1881 census Sarah was living with her brother Henry and his family in Dartford, Kent. She

was described as 'Deaf and Dumb' on the census return.

*Sarah Oxley, Sister, Unmarried, age 64, born Wells, Deaf and Dumb*

Sarah died, age 67, in 1884; registered at Dartford in the June quarter.<sup>11</sup>

**Henry Oxley (1819-1885)**. The son of John and Elizabeth. He was born in 1819 and baptised on the 10<sup>th</sup> October at St. Cuthbert, Wells. His father was John Oxley an Inn Holder and his mother was Elizabeth. The family were living at St. John Street.<sup>12</sup>

Henry married Eliza Vincent (1815-1855) on the 8<sup>th</sup> December 1839 at Lyncombe and Widcombe, Bath.<sup>13</sup>

At the 1841 census Henry and Eliza were living at Islington Cottage, Wells with the Young family.<sup>14</sup>

#### 1841 Census

*Islington Cottage, Wells*

*Thomas Young, age 63, Independent means*

*Sarah Young, age 56, Independent means*

*William Emery, age 3*

*Henry Oxley, age 21, Brushmaker*

*Eliza Oxley, age 26*

*E.C. Oxley, age 11 months \**

\* 'E.C. Oxley' is Caroline Eliza Oxley (b.1850).

By 1847 Henry was an Inland Revenue officer. One of his cases was reported in the local paper in 1847. The case was dismissed but the Inland Revenue were due to appeal against this.<sup>15</sup>

#### Worcester Journal 26<sup>th</sup> August 1847

*City Police. Friday August 29<sup>th</sup>*

*Magistrates present. The Mayor; F. Hooper, and H. Yapp, Esqs.*

*Excise Case. Mr. James Bennett, Excise Officer, of this city, laid an information against Mr.*

*Thomas Cook, of the Cross, for retailing Bett's Patent Brandy without a licence, thereby subjecting himself to a fine of £50. Mr. Pullen appeared for the Excise, and Mr. Hyde for Mr. Cook.*

*Mr. Henry Oxley, Excise Officer, of Ombersley, sworn: I am an Excise Officer. On the 10<sup>th</sup> of May last I went into Mr. Cook's shop, at the Cross, in this city, and asked a party behind the counter if they sold brandy; a bottle of brandy was fetched to me in the shop, and I paid 3s. for it; I placed 3s. 6d. on the counter, which the young man picked up and gave to a little girl, and told her to give 6d. out of it, which she did. He told the price was 3s. The brandy was brought by the little girl, who came in at the front door, and placed it on the counter, but did not say anything; the young man wrapped it in paper, and gave it to me; the girl took the 3s. 6d., and about a minute after, returned and gave me the 6d. out.....*

At the 1851 census Henry and Eliza were living in Ombersley, Worcestershire.<sup>16</sup>

#### 1851 Census

*Village of Ombersley, Ombersley, Droitwich, Worcestershire*

*Henry Oxley, Head. Married, age 31, Inland Revenue Officer, born Wells*

*Eliza Oxley, Wife, Married, age 36, born Wells*

*Eliza Oxley, Daughter, age 10, Scholar, born Wells*

*Catherine Oxley, Daughter, age 9, Scholar, born Wells*

*Edmund Oxley, Son, age 7, Scholar, born Dudley*

*Emma Oxley, Daughter, age 4, born Lambeth*

*Kathleen Oxley, Daughter, age 3, born Ombersley*

*Harold Oxley, Son, age 6 months, born Ombersley*

Eliza died in 1855; registered at Southwark in the September quarter.<sup>17</sup> Perhaps this was a result

of childbirth as daughter Emma was born in that year.

Henry re-married to Susannah Cripps (1832-1919) on the 25<sup>th</sup> April 1860 at St. George the Martyr, Southwark.<sup>18</sup>

Henry was described as, of full age, a widower, a Revenue Officer, resident at 22 Blackman Street. His father was John Robert Oxley an Inn Keeper. She was described as, of full age, a spinster. Her father was William John Cripps a Tanner. The witnesses were L.C. Simm...?, Prudence Brown.

At the 1861 census Henry and Susanna were living in Dartford, Kent.<sup>19</sup>

#### 1861 Census

*Lowfield Street, Dartford, Kent*

*Henry Oxley, Head, Married, age 41, Excise Officer, Inland Revenue, Excise Dept., born Wells*

*Susanna Oxley, Wife, Married, age 29, born Darenth, Kent*

*Kate Oxley, Daughter, Unmarried, age 19, Housekeeper, born Wells*

*Emma Oxley, Daughter, Unmarried, age 14, Milliner, born Lambeth, Surrey*

*Kathleen Oxley, Daughter, Unmarried, age 13, Milliner, born Ombersley, Worcs.*

*Harold Oxley, Son, age 10, Scholar, born Ombersley, Worcs.*

*Frank Oxley, Son, age 6, Scholar, born Evesham, Worcs. \**

\* Darenth is a town south of Dartford.

Two of Henry's cases as an Excise Officer were reported in the local papers in 1863 and 1864.<sup>20 21</sup>  
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#### Gravesend Reporter North Kent and South Essex Advertiser 26<sup>th</sup> December 1863

*Dartford Petty Sessions. On Saturday Last, Mr. Henry Oxley, officer of inland revenue, attended before the magistrates to withdraw an information previously laid against Mr. Robert Nelson Austin, of the Corner Pin, Slade Green, Erith, he having been selling beer without a license. The information was withdrawn on the defendant paying the necessary licence, &c. The Waterman Steamboat Company were summoned for having, on the 15<sup>th</sup> September, allowed one of their boats, the Gannet, No.2 to proceed to the Lower Hope Point, her certificate not qualifying her to go beyond Gravesend, whereby they had incurred a penalty of £100 by the company, and £20 by the master. Mr. Jennings appeared for the company, and Mr. Cumberland for the Board of Trade. The latter gentleman informed the bench that he was instructed not to press for a heavy penalty, as a small fine would meet the case. The bench then fined the company £1 and costs.*

#### Maidstone Journal and Kentish Advertiser 16<sup>th</sup> February 1864

*Dartford. Henry Stanley Oliver, a labourer, was charged with shooting a hare, on the 23<sup>rd</sup> December, in the parish of Stone, he not being licensed to kill game; and Vincent Stapley was charged with picking up the said hare. Mr. George Varley and Mr. Henry Oxley officers of the Inland Revenue, prosecuted, and W.H. Marshall, Esq., Crown solicitor, attended to conduct the case. Mr. Russell appeared for the prisoners, pleading guilty on behalf of Oliver, and not guilty on the part of Stapley. After hearing the evidence given against Stapley, the Crown solicitor withdrew the charge, on account of the identity not being conclusive, Mr. Russell then addressed the bench on behalf of Oliver, seeking to obtain a mitigation of the penalty, on account of his good character. The Bench fined him £5, and as the prosecutors did not press for immediate payment, Mr. Russell said he should memorialise the Board for time to pay.*

At the 1871 census Henry and Susannah were living in Dartford, Kent.<sup>23</sup>

#### 1871 Census

*Miskin Road, Dartford, Kent*

*Henry Oxley, Head, Married, age 51, Brewer, born Wells*

*Susannah Oxley, Wife, Married, age 38, born ?, Kent*

*Catherine L Oxley, Daughter, Unmarried, age 27, born Wells*

*Kathleen Oxley, Daughter, Unmarried, age 24, born Ombersley, Worcestershire*

*Frank Oxley, Son, Unmarried, age 16, Brewer, born Evesham, Worcestershire*  
*Alice Oxley, Daughter, age 9, born Dartford, Kent*  
*Charlotte Lambert, age 9, Granddaughter, born Maidstone, Kent*

At the 1881 census Henry and Susannah were living in Dartford.<sup>24</sup>

#### 1881 Census

*26a Lowfield Street, Dartford*

*Henry Oxley, Head, Married, age 61, Brewery Manager, born Wells*  
*Susannah Oxley, Wife, Married, age 48, born Dartford, Kent*  
*Kathleen Oxley, Daughter, Unmarried, age 28, born Ombersley, Worcestershire*  
*Alice Oxley, Daughter, Unmarried, age 18, born Dartford, Kent*  
*Sarah Oxley, Sister, Unmarried, age 64, born Wells, Deaf and Dumb*  
*Harriet Clark, Servant, Unmarried, age 20, Domestic servant, born London*

Henry's sister is Sarah is described as 'Deaf and Dumb' - this is not recorded on any previous census.

Henry is listed on an Electoral roll for Dartford in 1883, living at Lowfield Street, Dartford.<sup>25</sup>

Henry died, age 65, on the 7<sup>th</sup> January 1885; registered at Dartford in the March quarter. He was buried at Holy Trinity, Dartford on the 12<sup>th</sup> January 1885.<sup>26 27</sup>

Probate was granted on the 4<sup>th</sup> September 1885.<sup>28</sup>

*Oxley Henry. Personal Estate. £6,384 12s. 11d.*  
*4 September. The Will of Henry Oxley late of Lowfield Street Dartford in the County of Kent.*  
*Gentleman who died 7<sup>th</sup> January 1885 at Lowfield Street was proved at the Principal Registry by*  
*Harold Oxley of the 'Portobello' Inn, Kingsdown near Dartford Innkeeper the Son and George Rice*  
*Rix of the Railway Clearing House, Seymour Street Euston Square in the County of Middlesex,*  
*Railway Accountant the Executors.*

Susan died, age 85, in 1919; registered at Bromley in the March quarter.<sup>29</sup>

Henry and Eliza had eight children. Eliza (1840-1859), Catherine (1842-1895), Edmund (1844-1906), Emma (1846-1904), Kathleen (1847-1909), Harold (1851-1929), Frank (1854-1938), Alice (b.1862).

**Eliza Oxley (1840-1859).** Caroline Eliza. The daughter of Henry Oxley and Eliza. She was baptised on the 15<sup>th</sup> July 1840 at St. Cuthbert, Wells. Her father was Henry Oxley a Brush Maker and her mother was Eliza. The family were living at Liberty of St. Andrew, Wells.<sup>30</sup>

At the 1841 census, age 11 months she was at home in Islington Cottage, Wells.  
At the 1851 census, age 10, she was at home in Ombersley, Worcestershire.

Eliza died in 1859; registered at Dartford in the September quarter.<sup>31</sup>

**Catherine Oxley (1842-1895).** Catherine Louisa. Also Kate. The daughter of Henry Oxley and Eliza. She was baptised on the 14<sup>th</sup> January 1842 at St. Cuthbert, Wells. Her father was Henry Oxley a Brush maker and her mother was Eliza. The family were living at Islington Cottage, Wells.<sup>32 33</sup>

At the 1851 census, age 9, Catherine was at home in Ombersley, Worcestershire.

At the 1861 census, age 19, Catherine was at home in Lowfield Street, Dartford. She was working as a Housekeeper.

At the 1871 census, age 27, Catherine was at home in Miskin Road, Dartford.

Catherine married George Rice Rix (1844-1895) on the 13<sup>th</sup> August 1872 at St. Martin in the Fields, Strand, London.<sup>34 35</sup>

George was described as, of full age, a Bachelor, Railway Clerk, Resident at Morley's Hotel. His father was Zachariah Rix a Licensed Victualler.

Catherine was described as, of full age, a Spinster, Resident at Morley's Hotel. Her father was Henry Oxley a Brewer.

The witnesses were Henry Oxley, Kathleen Oxley. \*

\* Henry and Kathleen Oxley were Catherine's brother and sister.

The banns were read on the 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> July 1872.

George was born in 1844 and baptised on 14<sup>th</sup> July at Bexley, Kent. His parents were Zachariah and Ann Rix.

At the 1881 census George and Catherine were living in Acton, London.<sup>36</sup>

#### 1881 Census

*Sussex Villa, Avenue Rd*

*George R. Rix, Head, Married, age 38, Railway Clerk, born Bexley, Kent*

*Catherine L. Rix, Wife, Married, age 39, born Wells*

*Anne K. Rix, Daughter, age 7, Scholar, born, Acton*

*George A. Rix, Sone, age 3, Scholar, born, Acton*

*Jessie M. Rix, Daughter, age 6 months, Scholar, Acton*

*Zachariah R. Rix. Father, Widower, age 71, Annuitant, born Old Buckenham, Norfolk*

*Ellen L. Lambert, Visitor Unmarried, age 17, Scholar, born Maidstone*

*Sarah Fickers, Visitor, Unmarried, age 65, Annuitant, born Taunton*

At the 1891 census Catherine and George were living in Acton.<sup>37</sup>

#### 1891 Census

*7 Cumberland Road, Acton*

*George R. Rix, Head, Married, age 47, Railway Clerk, born Bexley, Kent*

*Catherine L. Rix, Wife, Married, age 44, born Wells*

*Anne K. Rix, Daughter, Single, age 17, Mother's Help, born Acton, Middlesex*

*George A. Rix, Son, Single, age 13, Scholar, born Acton*

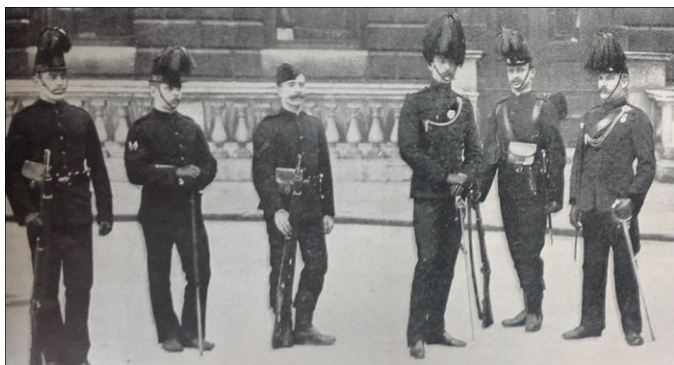
*Jessie M. Rix, Daughter, Single, age 10, Scholar, born Acton*

*Zachariah R. Rix, Father, Widower, age 81, Retired Innkeeper, born Buckenham, Norfolk*

*Marion Murray, Servant, Widow, age 33, Nurse domestic, born Finsbury, London*

George was in charge of a department at The Railway Clearing House in Euston. This was set up in 1849 to distribute the income from rail tickets across the various private rail companies. It was needed because passengers and freight often used trains and stations from different companies on a single journey and if through ticketing or charges were in use the income had to be apportioned between the different companies.

George was a long time member of the London Rifle Brigade. This was a volunteer regiment of five companies.



London Rifle Brigade c.1896

Catherine died, age 53, in 1895; registered at Strand, London in the June quarter.<sup>38</sup>

Her death was reported in a local paper.<sup>39</sup>

Middlesex Independent 19<sup>th</sup> June 1895

*Sudden Death. Mrs Catherine L. Rix, of 7, Cumberland Road, Acton met with a very sudden death on Sunday. She was in Trafalgar Square when she suddenly fell down and on being picked up by her husband and a constable was found to be dead.*

Catherine is buried at Acton cemetery.<sup>40</sup>

George died on the 21<sup>st</sup> November 1895; registered at Brentford in the December quarter.<sup>41</sup> His death was reported in a local paper.

The Volunteer Record and Shooting News 30<sup>th</sup> November 1895

*We regret to announce the death, which took place at Acton on the 21<sup>st</sup> inst., of George Rice Rix, late Quartermaster-Sergeant of the London Rifle Brigade. The deceased was, previous to his retirement, which took place last year, a very old member of the regiment, and many years Colour-Sergeant of H Company. He was Junior Warden of the London Rifle Brigade Regimental Masonic Lodge, London, and was in his private capacity, head of a department in the Railway Clearing House at Euston.*

Catherine and George had four children: Kathleen Anne Rix (b.1873), Isabel Kate Rix (b.1875), George Alfred Rix (1877-1943), Jessie Marian Rix (b.1880).

**Edmund Oxley (1844-1906)**. The son of Henry Oxley and Eliza. He was baptised on the 11<sup>th</sup> February 1844 at Dudley. His father was Henry Oxley and his mother was Eliza.<sup>42</sup>

At the 1851 census, age 7, he was at home in Ombersley, Worcestershire.

At the 1861 census he was living in Dartford and working as an Assistant Pawn Broker.<sup>43</sup>

1861 Census

*High Street, Dartford, Kent*

*Emery A. Quait, Head, Married, age 36, Linen draper & Pawnbroker, born Dartford*

*Martha Quait, Wife, Married, age 34, born Sutton At Hone, Kent*

*William Stilling, Assistant, Unmarried, age 25, Assistant Pawn Broker, born Taunton*

*Charles Thompson, Assistant, Unmarried, age 22, Assistant Pawn Broker, born Weston under Lizard, Staffs*

*William Heale, Assistant, Unmarried, age 19, Assistant Pawn Broker, born Inwardleigh, Devon*

*Edmund Oxley, Assistant, Unmarried, age 17, Assistant Pawn Broker, born Dudley*

*William J. Allchin, Apprentice, age 14, Linen Draper's Apprentice, born Dartford*

*Charles May, Servant, Unmarried, age 24, Porter, born Dartford*

*Hannah Bennett, Servant, Unmarried, age 23, Cook, born Lewes, Sussex*

*Lucy Booker, Servant, Unmarried, age 19, Housemaid, born Eynsford, Kent*



Edmund married Eliza Base (1848-1931) on the 29<sup>th</sup> June 1868 at Elgin, Moray, Scotland.<sup>44</sup>

At the 1871 census Edmund and Eliza were living in Walsingham and he was working as an Inland Revenue Officer.<sup>45</sup>

#### 1871 Census

##### *Walsingham*

*Edmund Oxley, Head, Married, age 27, Inland Revenue Ride Officer (Excise Account), born Dudley*

*Eliza Oxley, Wife, Married, age 23, born Stepney*

*Florence E. Oxley, Daughter, age 1, born Fakenham, Norfolk*

*Infant (fortnight old), Daughter, 2 weeks, born Fakenham, Norfolk*

*Sarah M. Wright, Servant, Unmarried, age 14, General Domestic Servant, born Kempton*

*Frances E. Skedje, Nurse, Widow, age 70, Monthly Income, born Flitcham, Norfolk \**

\* 'Inland Revenue Ride officer'. A 'ride' was an area covered by a single officer.

\* The infant was their daughter Eliza Oxley.

Several of Edmund's cases were reported in the local Norfolk papers.<sup>46 47 48</sup>

#### Norfolk News 2<sup>nd</sup> September 1871

##### *Fakenham. Petty Sessions*

*The Petty Sessions were held on Monday, before Sir Willoughby Jones, Bart., Lord Hastings, the Rev. R. Phayre, and J. Everitt Esq.*

*George Strangleman, of Fakenham, dealer, was charged by Frederick Hudson, Supervisor of Excise, with keeping one male servant at Fakenham without a license on the 29<sup>th</sup> June.*

*Defendant pleaded not guilty, claiming exemption from the tax on the ground of being a horse dealer. The Supervisor pointed out to the Bench that in order to claim such exemption, it was necessary that defendant's name and profession should be put up conspicuously over his premises, that he should send in a description of those premises in writing to the excise, and that the servant should be employed solely about horses. In this instance neither of those points had been attended to, although defendants had been cautioned more than once. He positively refused to take out a license unless compelled. Edmund Oxley, excise officer, deposed to having seen defendant's man clean the harness, gig, &c., and perform the usual duties of a groom. He explained the law to defendant, who refused compliance therewith.*

*Defendant told the Bench that when he paid his license at Lynn they him he was exempt from a tax on the man. The Bench, after carefully reading through the Act, said there was really no defence whatever to the charge, and fined the defendant in mitigated penalty of 5l. \**

\* There was a tax on domestic servants in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century.

#### Norfolk News 5<sup>th</sup> September 1874

*James Coates of Great Ryburgh, labourer, was charged by Edmund Oxley, excise officer, with carrying a gun without a licence on July 8<sup>th</sup> last. Police constable Giles deposed ? defendant on the above date at Great Ryburgh, carrying a gun about ten p.m. Asking him if he had a license, he said, 'No I am keeping birds for my master'. Defendant said he bought the gun for 2s. of a person ? who wanted bread. It had neither lock nor ramrod. He was carrying it home when met by the policeman. Mr. Green, farmer, defendant's employer corroborated this statement. He would have brought the gun for the Bench to see, but was afraid he should be charged with a similarly offence. He thought it was a very hard case indeed. The Bench were divided in their opinions and Mr. Hudson, the supervisor, requested that the case might be adjourned for other purpose of having a third magistrate upon the Bench, but this was not acceded to, and the case was dismissed*

#### Norfolk News 1<sup>st</sup> May 1875

##### *Fakenham, Petty Sessions*

*(Before Sir W. Jones, Bart.; the Rev. R. Phayre; and Isaac Everitt, Esq.)*

*Stephen Dodman, of Hampton, James Rolling, and Charles Cummings both of Fakenham, were severally charged by Edmund Oxley, of Fakenham, excise officer, with keeping dogs*

without a license, and were each fined in the mitigated penalty of 25s. George W. Bond, of Falkenham, farmer, for a similar offence, was fined 2l.

In 1875 Edmund was promoted to a new position in Scotland. They were perhaps moving back to Scotland because Eliza had links there.<sup>49</sup>

Norfolk Chronicle 10<sup>th</sup> April 1875

*Fakenham. Inland Revenue. It is announced that Mr. Edmund Oxley, who has been stationed in the Fakenham district during the last six years, has just been promoted to Queensferry, Linlithgow, Scotland. Mr. Oxley has, during his residence here, won the esteem of a large circle of persons whose good wishes will accompany him to his new sphere of labour.*

Edmund was mentioned in a report in 1880.

Dunfermline Saturday Press 9<sup>th</sup> October 1880

*Registration Court. At the South Queensferry District Registration Court, held on Wednesday, William Bruce, Kirkliston; James Hunter, Haugh, and William B. Hunter, Haugh (joint tenants); Edmund Oxley, Inland Revenue Officer, Kirkliston; and Mr. Russell of Dundas, claimed to be admitted, but were all objected to by Mr. Ferguson in the Liberal interest.*

At the 1881 census Edmund and Eliza were living in Scotland.<sup>50</sup>

1881 Census

*Kirkliston, Linlithgowshire*

*Edmund Oxley, Head, Married, age 37, 1844, Inland Revenue Officer, born*

*Eliza Oxley, Wife, Married, age 33, 1848, Wife, born England*

*Florence Oxley, Daughter, age 11, 1870, Scholar, born England*

*Edith S. Oxley, Daughter, age 10, 1871, Scholar, born England*

*William Oxley, Son, age 6, 1875, Scholar, born England*

*Harold Oxley, Son, age 4, 1877, Kirkliston, Linlithgowshire*

*Ellen M. Oxley, Daughter, age 2, 1879, Kirkliston, Linlithgowshire*

*Alice K. Oxley, Daughter, age 0, 1881, Kirkliston, Linlithgowshire*

*Isabella Grant, Servant, Unmarried, age 17, 1864, Domestic (Serv), Banffshire \**

\* On the census transcription the surname is given as 'Otley'. 'William' is Louis William.

They were not in Scotland very long after the census and moved to Reading. Edmund's son Louis started School in Reading on the 24<sup>th</sup> October 1881.

They were probably in Reading from 1881 to 1885 as Louis was at School there in that period and it looks as if Louis moved to another local school in 1885.

By the 1891 census Edmund and Eliza had moved to Hackney.<sup>51</sup>

1891 Census

*155 Sandringham Road, Hackney*

*Edmund Oxley, Head, Married, age 47, Commercial Traveller, born Dudley, Worcs.*

*Eliza Oxley, Wife, Married, age 43, born Bow, London*

*Florence Oxley, Daughter, Single, age 21, Dress Maker, born Fakenham, Norfolk*

*Louis Oxley, Son, age 16, Bookseller Assistant, born Fakenham, Norfolk*

*Harold Oxley, Son, age 14, Accountant Clerk, born Scotland*

*Ellen Oxley, Daughter, age 12, Scholar, born Scotland*

*Eliza Oxley, Daughter, age 10, Scholar, born Scotland*

*Catherine Oxley, Daughter, age 8, Scholar, born Reading*

*Mabel Oxley, Daughter, age 6, born Reading*

At the 1901 census Edmund and Eliza were living in Hackney.<sup>52</sup>

#### 1901 Census

6 St. John's Church Road, Hackney

Edmund Oxley, Head, Married, age 58, Licensed Victualler Stock taker, born Dudley

Eliza Oxley, Wife, Married, age 54, born Middlesex

Florence E. Oxley, Daughter, Single, age 30, Dress Maker, born Fakenham, Norfolk

Harold Oxley, Son, Single, age 25, Stockbroker's Clerk, born Scotland

Ellen Mary Oxley, Daughter, Single, age 23, Milliner, born Scotland

Alice Kate Oxley, Daughter, Single, age 21, School Teacher, born Scotland

Kathleen Oxley, Daughter, Single, age 19, born Reading

Mabel J. Oxley, Daughter, Single, age 16, Student, born Reading

Edmund died, age 62, in 1906; registered at Hackney in the June quarter.<sup>53</sup>

Probate was granted on the 4<sup>th</sup> June 1906.<sup>54</sup>

*Oxley, Edmund of 2 Oakfield Road, Clapton, Middlesex died 4<sup>th</sup> June 1906 at the Infirmary Homerton Middlesex, Administration London: 1 July to Eliza Oxley widow. Effects £354 18s. 9d.*

At the 1911 census Eliza, a widow, was living with her son Louis at 23 Heyworth Road, Hackney.

At the 1921 census Eliza was living in Chingford with three of her daughters.<sup>55</sup>

#### 1921 Census

25, Mount View Road, Chingford, Essex

Eliza Oxley, Head, age 73, Home duties, born Stepney, London

Florence Eliza Oxley, Daughter, age 51, Costumier Sick, born Fakenham, Norfolk

Kathleen Oxley, Daughter, age 38, Home duties, born Reading, Berkshire

Mabel Jessie Oxley, Daughter, age 36, Elementary School Teacher Edmonton Education Co, born Reading

In 1931 Eliza was living at 38 Beresford Road, North Chingford with daughter Kathleen Oxley.

Eliza died at Chingford, Essex, on the 25<sup>th</sup> September 1931. Probate was granted on the 16<sup>th</sup> December.<sup>56</sup>

*Oxley Eliza of 38 Beresford Road, Chingford, Essex. Widow. Died 25<sup>th</sup> September 1931. Probate London 16<sup>th</sup> December to Louis William Oxley, traveller. Effects. £25 5s.*

Edmund and Eliza had eight children: Florence (1869-1956), Edith (b.1871), Louis (1874-1940), Harold (1877-1927), Ellen (1879-1952), Alice (b.1880), Kathleen (1883-1956), Mabel (1884-1947).

**Florence Oxley (1869-1956).** The daughter of Edmund Oxley and Eliza. She was born in 1869 and baptised on the 1<sup>st</sup> November at Fakenham. Her father was Edmund and her mother was Eliza.<sup>57 58</sup>

At the 1871 census, age 1, she was at home in Fakenham.

At the 1881 census, age 11, she was at home in Kirliston, Linlithgowshire.

Florence was listed on the School Admissions register of Holy Trinity School on the 8<sup>th</sup> August 1881. She had transferred from Queensferry, Scotland. The family were living at 37 Bedford Road. She left on the 20<sup>th</sup> October 1881 when she was over age for the school. Her sister Florence and brother Louis were at the same school.<sup>59</sup>

At the 1891 census age 21, she was at home at Sandringham Road, Hackney and working

as a Dress Maker.

At the 1901 census, age 30, Florence was at home at St. John's Church road and working as a Dress Maker.

At the 1911 census, age 41, Florence was living with her brother Louis at Heyworth Road, Hackney and working as a Dress Maker. Her mother and other sisters were also living there.

At the 1921 census, Florence was living in Chingford with her mother and two of her sisters.

Florence died, age 86, in 1956 and was buried at St. Peter & St. Paul, Chingford on the 2<sup>nd</sup> March 1956.<sup>60</sup>

**Edith Oxley (1871-1896).** Edith Sarah. The daughter of Edmund Oxley and Eliza. She was born on the 17<sup>th</sup> March 1871 and baptised at Fakenham, Norwich on the 18<sup>th</sup> April 1871. Her father was Edmund Oxley and her mother was Eliza.<sup>61 62</sup>

At the 1871 census she was at home in Walsingham aged 2 weeks and not yet named.  
At the 1881 census, age 10, she was at home in Kirkliston, Linlithgowshire, Scotland.

Edith was listed on the School Admissions register of Holy Trinity School on the 8<sup>th</sup> August 1881. She had transferred from Queensferry, Scotland. The family were living at 37 Bedford Road. She left on the 20<sup>th</sup> October 1883. Her sister Florence and brother Louis were at the same school.<sup>63</sup>

At the 1891 census, age 20, Edith was lodging in Reading and working as an Assistant teacher.<sup>64</sup>

#### 1891 Census

*1 Trinity Place, Reading*

*William Hopgood, Head, Married, age 60, Jobbing gardener, born Peppard, Oxfordshire*

*Dinah Hopgood, Wife, Married, age 57, Care Taker of Schools, born Aldworth, Berkshire*

*Edith S. Oxley, Lodger, Single, age 20, Assistant Teacher school, born Fakenham, Norfolk*

Edith married Henry James Whiting (1867-1942) on the 15<sup>th</sup> August 1895 at St. John, Hackney; registered at Hackney in the September quarter.<sup>65</sup>

He was a bachelor, age 27, a Pawnbroker's Assistant, living at 15 Bath Street, Bath. His father was Henry James Whiting, a bricklayer. She was a spinster, age 24, living at 65 John's Church Road. Her father was Edmund Oxley a stocktaker.

The witnesses were Edmund Oxley and Kathleen Oxley.

Edith died, age 24, in 1896; registered at Bath in the September quarter.<sup>66</sup>

Henry was born in 1867; registered at Wandsworth in the December quarter.<sup>67</sup> His parents were Henry and Harriet Whiting.

At the 1901 census, Henry was living in Croydon with his parents.<sup>68</sup>

#### 1901 Census

*31, Jarvis Road, Croydon, Surrey*

*Henry Whiting, Head, Married, age 61, Bricklayer, born Herefordshire*

*Harriet Whiting, Wife, Married, age 57 born Herefordshire*

*Henry Whiting, Son, Widower, age 33, Pawnbroker manager, born Battersea*

*Grace Whiting, Daughter, Single, age 19, Domestic servant, born Croydon*

*Ethel Whiting, Daughter, Single, age 14, Domestic servant, born Croydon*

*Lilly Whiting Daughter, Single, age 12, born Croydon*

*Florence Whiting, Daughter, Single, age 4, born Bath*

Henry re-married to Ada Ethel Hooker (b.1882) in 1905; registered at Croydon in the December quarter.<sup>69</sup>

At the 1911 census, Henry and Ada were living in Croydon.<sup>70</sup>

#### 1911 Census

*54 Stanley Road, Croydon*

*Henry Whiting, Head, Married, age 42, General salesman, born Wandsworth*

*Ada Whiting, Wife, Married, age 29, born Surbiton*

*Henry Whiting, Son, age 4, born Croydon Surrey*

At the 1921 census Henry and Ada were living in Croydon.<sup>71</sup>

#### 1921 Census

*3, Pemdevon Road, Croydon, Surrey*

*Henry J. Whiting, Head, age 53, Battersea, Pawnbrokers Manager Messrs Matthews & Smith, born London*

*Ada E. Whiting, Wife, age 39 born Surbiton, Surrey*

*Florence N. Whiting, Daughter, age 24, Saleswoman Boot Trade Messrs Russel & Bromley, born Bath*

*Henry T. Whiting, Son, age 14, born Croydon*

At the 1939 register Henry and Ada were living in Croydon.<sup>72</sup>

#### 1939 Register

*3 Pemdevon Road, Croydon*

*Henry Whiting, b.27 Oct 1867, Pawnbroker's Assistant, Married*

*Ada E. Whiting, b.14 Oct 1881, Unpaid Domestic Duties, Married*

*Leonard K. Mitchell, b.15 Sep 1896, Advertising Distributor, Single*

Henry died, age 75, in 1942; registered at Croydon in the December quarter.<sup>73</sup>

Henry and Edith had one child: Florence Nellie Whiting (1896-1977).

Henry and Ada had one child: Henry T. Whiting (b.1907).

**Louis Oxley (1874-1940)**. The son of Edmund Oxley and Eliza. He was born in 1874; registered at Walsingham, Norfolk, in the December quarter.<sup>74</sup>

Louis was at Holy Trinity School, Reading and was listed on the School Admissions register on the 24<sup>th</sup> October 1881; he had moved from the Infants. He left to go to Grace Lodge School on the 30<sup>th</sup> September 1885. The family were living at 37 Bedford Road.<sup>75</sup>

At the 1881 census, Louis, age 6, was at home in Kirkliston, Linlithgowshire, Scotland.

At the 1891 census Louis, age 16, was at home at Sandringham Road, Hackney and working as a Bookseller's assistant.

Louis married Emily Eliza Grant (1877-1927) in 1900; registered at Reading in the September quarter.<sup>76</sup>

At the 1901 census Louis and Emily were living in Walthamstow.<sup>77</sup>

#### 1901 Census

*16, Badlis Road, Walthamstow*

*Lewis W. Oxley, Head, Married, age 26, Bookseller's assistant, born Fakenham, Norfolk*

*Emily E. Oxley, Wife, Married, age 25, born Islington*

At the 1911 census Louis and Emily were living in Hackney. Louis's mother and sisters were living with them.<sup>78</sup>

### 1911 Census

23 Heyworth Road, Clapton, Hackney

Louis Wm Oxley, Head, age 36, Married, Commercial Traveller Groceries, born Fakenham

Emily Eliza Oxley, Wife, age 35, Married, born Islington

Eliza Oxley, Mother, age 63, Widow, born Stepney

Florence E. Oxley, Sister, age 41, Single, Dressmaker, born Fakenham, Norfolk

Ellen M. Oxley, Sister, age 32, Single, Milliner, born Kirkliston, Scotland

Kathleen Oxley, Sister, age 28, Single, Milliner, born Reading

Mabel J. Oxley, Sister, age 26, Single, Elementary School Teacher, born Reading

At the 1921 census Louis and Emily were living in Leytonstone.<sup>79</sup>

### 1921 Census

42, Dyson Road, Leytonstone, Leyton, Essex

Louis William Oxley, Head, age 46, Traveller Strand Engineering Co, born Fakenham

Emily Eliza, Oxley, Wife, age 45, Home duties, born Islington

Emily died, age 50, on the 15<sup>th</sup> January 1927 and was buried at London Road Cemetery in Reading on the 19<sup>th</sup> January.<sup>80</sup>

Probate was granted on the 10<sup>th</sup> March. There was a further grant on 18<sup>th</sup> January 1841.<sup>81 82</sup>

*Oxley Emily Eliza of Fowey, Oak Tree Road, Tilehurst, Berkshire (wife of Louis William Oxley) died 15<sup>th</sup> January 1927. Administration London 10<sup>th</sup> March to the said Louis William Oxley Commercial Traveller and Lewis William Grant dairy farmer. Effects £1482 2s. 11d.*

*1941. Oxley Emily Eliza of Fowey Oak Tree Road, Tilehurst, Berkshire (wife of Louis William Oxley) died 15<sup>th</sup> January 1927. Administration. Llandudno 13<sup>th</sup> January to Louisa Jane Bowley (wife of William George Bowley). Effects £950. Former Grant P.R. 10<sup>th</sup> March 1927.*

At the 1939 register Louis was living in Tilehurst, Reading.<sup>83</sup>

### 1939 Register

38 Oak Tree Road, Reading

Louis W. Oxley, b. 14<sup>th</sup> October 1874. Commercial Traveller (retired)

Louis died, age 65, in 1940; registered at Reading in the June quarter. He was resident at 38 Oaktree Road, Reading.<sup>84</sup>

Louis was buried on the 2<sup>nd</sup> July 1940 at London Road Cemetery, Reading.<sup>85</sup>

Probate was granted on the 12<sup>th</sup> August 1940.<sup>86</sup>

*Oxley Louis William of Fowey 38 Oak Tree Road, Tilehurst on Thames, Berkshire. Died 26<sup>th</sup> June 1940. Probate London 12<sup>th</sup> August to Thomas Alexander Harman retired schoolmaster. Effects £1007 19s. 5d.*

**Harold Oxley (1877-1927)**. The son of Edmund Oxley and Eliza. He was born on the 27<sup>th</sup> October 1877 in Kirkliston, Linlithgowshire, Scotland.

At the 1881 census, age 4, he was at home in Kirkliston.

He was admitted to Holy Trinity School, Reading on the 22<sup>nd</sup> October 1883, the family were living at Bedford Road, Reading. He left the school on the 25<sup>th</sup> September 1886 when the family moved to London. His sisters Florence and Edith and brother Louis were at the same school.<sup>87</sup>

At the 1891 census, age 14, he was at home in Sandringham Road, Hackney and working

as an Accountant's clerk.

#### 1891 Census

155 Sandringham Road, Hackney  
Edmund Oxley, Head, Married, age 47, Commercial Traveller, born Dudley, Worcs.  
Eliza Oxley, Wife, Married, age 43, born Bow, London  
Florence Oxley, Daughter, Single, age 21, Dress Maker, born Fakenham, Norfolk  
Louis Oxley, Son, age 16, Bookseller Assistant, born Fakenham, Norfolk  
Harold Oxley, Son, age 14, Accountant Clerk, born Scotland  
Ellen Oxley, Daughter, age 12, Scholar, born Scotland  
Eliza Oxley, Daughter, age 10, Scholar, born Scotland  
Catherine Oxley, Daughter, age 8, Scholar, born Reading  
Mabel Oxley, Daughter, age 6, born Reading

At the 1901 census, age 25, Harold was at home in St. John's Church Road, Hackney and working as a Stockbroker's Clerk.

Harold married Lilian Tracey Butler (1879-1961) on the 22<sup>nd</sup> April 1909 at St. Paul, (later Holy Innocents), High Beach, Essex. His father was listed as Edmund Oxley.<sup>88</sup>

At the 1911 census Harold and Lilian were living in Sewardstonebury, Essex.<sup>89</sup>

#### 1911 Census

West View, Sewardstonebury, Chingford, Essex  
Oxley Harold, Head, age 34. Married, Member of the Stock Exchange, Stockbroker, born Kirkliston. Scotland  
Oxley Lilian, Wife, age 32, Married, born, Deal, Kent  
Spicer Rose, Servant, age 32, Domestic Servant (General), born Buntingford, Hants

In 1921 Harold and Lilian were listed on the Electoral register living at West View, Sewardstonebury.<sup>90</sup>

At the 1921 census (in June) Harold and Lilian were staying at a hotel in Bexhill.<sup>91</sup>

#### 1921 Census

Beach Haven Hotel, Sea Road, Bexhill, Sussex  
Harold Oxley, Visitor, age 44, Married, Member of the Stock Exchange, born Kirkliston  
Lilian Tracey Oxley, Visitor, age 47, Married, born Deal, Kent

Three children, Geoffrey, Gordon and Betty were being looked after at home in Chingford. The eldest child Grace was boarding at St. John's School, Bexhill.

Harold was a keen Yachtsman.<sup>92</sup>

#### Chelmsford Chronicle 2<sup>nd</sup> October 1925

Royal Corinthian Y.C. The last event on the Crouch was a seamanship race, in which the conditions provided for a start from anchor with sails stowed, the dropping and picking up of dinghies, and the throwing overboard and recovering of lifebuoys without the aid of a dinghy. Seven boats started. Result. 1. Cutty Sark (Mr. Cyril M. Wright); 2. Lora (Mr. Harold Oxley).

Harold died, age 50, in 1927; he was at 'The Ridge, Waltham Abbey'. He was buried at Chigwell, Essex on the 17<sup>th</sup> January 1927.<sup>93</sup> This was reported in the local paper.

#### Essex Newsman 15<sup>th</sup> January 1927

Mr. Harold Oxley, of Sewardstonebury, Chingford, senior partner of Oxley, Knox and Co.. Shorters Court, E.C.' dealers in the Miscellaneous Market, Stock Exchange, died early yesterday. He became a member of the Stock Exchange in 1904, and had a reputation as a keen business man.

Harold's Will was listed in the local paper.

Essex Newsman 12<sup>th</sup> March 1927

*Wills and Bequests*

*Mr. Harold Oxley, Sewardstoneberry, Chingford, a prominent member of the Royal Corinthian Yacht Club. £21,000.*

Lilian died on the 28<sup>th</sup> October 1961 at Liss, Hampshire. Probate was granted on the 5<sup>th</sup> December.<sup>94</sup>

Probate

*Oxley Lilian Tracey of Meadow Hills, Stedham Midhurst, Sussex. Widow. Died 28<sup>th</sup> October 1961 at Hillbrow Nursing Home, Liss, Hampshire. Administration. London 5<sup>th</sup> December to Geoffrey Harold Oxley company director. Effects. £908 14s. 3d.*

Harold and Lilian had four children: Grace Oxley (b.1912), Geoffrey Harold Oxley (1914-1990), Gordon Ralph Oxley (1915-2005), Betty Oxley (b.1918).<sup>95 96 97</sup>

**Ellen Oxley (1879-1952).** Ellen Mary. The daughter of Edmund Oxley and Eliza. She was born on the 28<sup>th</sup> September 1878 at Kirkliston, Linlithgowshire, Scotland.

At the 1881 census, age 2, Ellen was at home in Kirkliston, Linlithgowshire.

Ellen was admitted to Holy Trinity School, Reading on the 8<sup>th</sup> August 1890. Her previous school was West Hackney. She left on the 8<sup>th</sup> September 1890.<sup>98</sup>

At the 1891 census, age 12, she was at home in Sandringham Road, Hackney.

At the 1901 census, age 23, Ellen was at home at St. John's Church Road, Hackney and working as a Milliner.

At the 1911 census Ellen was living at 23 Heyworth Road, Hackney with her brother and sisters. She was working as a Milliner.

In 1931 Ellen was living with her sisters Kathleen, and Elisa at Beresford Road, North Chingford.<sup>99</sup>

Ellen died, age 74, on the 23<sup>rd</sup> December 1952; registered at Essex South Western. She was buried on the 29<sup>th</sup> December 1952, at St. Peter and St Paul, Chingford. Her residence was 38 Beresford Road, Chingford but she had been at Hospital in Woodford, Essex.<sup>100 101</sup>

Probate was granted on the 10<sup>th</sup> June 1953.<sup>102</sup>

*Oxley Ellen Mary of 38 Beresford Road, Chingford, Essex, spinster died 23<sup>rd</sup> December 1952 at Jubilee Hospital Woodford Essex. Administration (with Will) London 10<sup>th</sup> June 1953 to Alice Kate Harman, widow. Effects £784 3s. 4d.*

Alice Kate Harman was Ellen's sister.

**Alice Oxley (1880-1969).** Alice Kate. Also Eliza. The daughter of Edmund and Eliza. She was born on the 31<sup>st</sup> August 1880 at Kirkliston, Linlithgowshire, Scotland.

At the 1881 census, Alice, an infant, was at home at Kirkliston, Linlithgowshire, Scotland.

Alice was admitted to Holy Trinity School, Reading on the 10<sup>th</sup> March 1890. Her address was 'School House' perhaps she was briefly a boarder at the school. She left on the 16<sup>th</sup> April 1890 and was 'gone to London'.<sup>103</sup>



At the 1891 census in Hackney an 'Eliza', age 10, is listed with the family – this may be a mistake for Alice.

At the 1901 census Alice, age 21, was at home at St. John's Church Road, Hackney and was working as a School Teacher.

Alice married Thomas Alexander Harman (1878-1953) in 1904; registered at Hackney in the December quarter.<sup>104</sup>

At the 1911 census Alice and Thomas were living in Hackney.<sup>105</sup>

#### 1911 Census

*36 Oakfield Road Clapton, St John At Hackney  
Thomas Alexander Harman, Head, age 32, Married, Assistant Teacher, born Hackney  
Alice Kate Harman, Wife, age 30, Married, born Kirkliston, Linlithgow  
Harold Alexander Harman, Son, age 5, born Hackney*

At the 1921 census Alice and Thomas were living in Hackney.<sup>106</sup>

#### 1921 Census

*42, Nightingale Road, Clapton, Hackney, London  
Thomas Harman, Head, age 42, School, Master London County Council, born Dalston  
Alice Harman, Wife, age 40, Home duties, born Linlithgowshire (West Lothian), Scotland  
Harold Harman, Son, age 15, born Stoke Newington, London  
Cyril Harman, Son, age 9, born Clapton, London*

At the 1939 Register Alice and Thomas were living in Brentwood.<sup>107</sup>

#### 1939 Register

*Rayleigh Road, Kirkliston, Brentwood, Essex  
Thomas A. Harman, b.16 Dec 1878, School Master, Retired, Married  
Alice K, Harman, b.31 Aug 1880, Unpaid Domestic Duties, Married*

Thomas died on the 25<sup>th</sup> January 1953. He was resident at 48 Wood Street, Chelmsford. Probate was granted on the 29<sup>th</sup> April.<sup>108</sup>

*Harman Thomas Alexander of Kirkliston Hutton Brentwood, Essex. Died 25<sup>th</sup> January 1953 at 48 Wood Street Chelmsford. Probate London 29<sup>th</sup> April to Harold Alexander Harman manufacturer's representative and Cyril Oxley Harman journalist. Effects £2536 16s. 11d.*

Alice was involved in the probate of her sister Ellen's estate on the 10<sup>th</sup> June 1953.

Alice died on the 29<sup>th</sup> April 1969; registered at Brentwood in the June quarter.<sup>109</sup>

The death was reported in a local paper.<sup>110</sup>

#### Brentwood Gazette 2<sup>nd</sup> May 1969

*Deaths. Harman – Peacefully, aged 88, at Heroncourt, Herongate, on April 29<sup>th</sup> 1969, Alice Kate, widow of Thomas Alexander Harman, late of Rayleigh Road, Hutton. Funeral Monday, 10.45, at All Saints' Parish Church, Hutton, Flowers to Arthur Bennett, Brentwood, please.*

Alice and Thomas had two children: Harold Alexander Harman (b.1906), Cyril O. Harman (1912-1995).<sup>111 112</sup>

**Kathleen Oxley (1882-1956).** Also Catherine. The daughter of Edmund Oxley and Eliza. She was born in 1882; registered at Reading in the September quarter.<sup>113</sup>

At the 1891 census, age 8, she was at home in Sandringham Road, Hackney.

At the 1901 census, age 19, Kathleen was at home in St. John's Church Road, Hackney.

At the 1911 census Kathleen was living at 23 Heyworth Road, Hackney with her brother Louis and her other sisters. She was working as a Milliner.

At the 1921 census Kathleen was living with her mother and sisters in Chingford.

In 1931 Kathleen was living at 38 Beresford Road, North Chingford. Her brother's wife Eliza was also living there.<sup>114</sup>

At the 1939 register Kathleen was living in Chingford.<sup>115</sup>

1939 Register

*38 Beresford Road, Chingford, Essex*

*Oxley Kathleen, b.24 July 1882, Single, Housekeeper*

*Snowden Clarence, b.2 January 1854, Widow, Textiles Manufacturer's Agent*

Kathleen died, age 74, in 1956; registered at Epping in the December quarter. She was buried at St. Peter & St. Paul Chingford on the 12<sup>th</sup> October 1956.<sup>116 117</sup>

**Mabel Oxley (1884-1947).** Mabel J. The daughter of Edmund Oxley and Eliza. She was born on the 25<sup>th</sup> June 1884; registered at Reading in the September quarter.<sup>118</sup>

At the 1891 census, age 6, she was at home at Sandringham Road, Reading.

She was admitted to the Bishopsgate Ward Schools on the 15<sup>th</sup> January 1897. The family were living at St. John's Church Road, Hackney. Her previous school was the Wilton Road Board School. She attended with a 'Clothworkers' Scholarship. Mabel left the school to start work as a 'Pupil Teacher', in March 1900.<sup>119</sup>

At the 1901 census Mabel was at home at 6 St. John's Church Road, Hackney and was a student.

At the 1911 census was living with her brother Louis and her other sisters at 23 Heyworth Road, Hackney. She was working as an Elementary School Teacher.

At the 1921 census Mabel was living with her mother and her other sisters in Chingford.

Mabel married Albert Ernest Banfield (1880-1952) at St. Peter & St. Paul, Chingford on the 8<sup>th</sup> August 1922.<sup>120</sup>

She was single, living in Chingford and her father was Edmund Oxley an Inland Revenue Officer (deceased). He was, a widower, living in Chingford and his father was John Banfield a Catering Manager (deceased).

In 1930 Mabel and Albert were living at 36 Beresford Road, Chingford.<sup>121</sup>

*36 Beresford Road, Chingford*

*Banfield, Albert Ernest*

*Banfield, Mabel Jessie*

*Banfield, Florence Mary*

Mabel's sister Kathleen and mother Eliza were living next door. Florence Banfield was, perhaps, a daughter from Albert's first marriage.

At the 1939 register Mabel was living in Diss.<sup>122</sup>

1939 Register

*Champneys Victoria Road, Diss, Norfolk*

*Stanley W. Yarham, b.24 May 1909, Cowman, Single*

*James Kerrigan, b.25 Dec 1913, Cowman, Married*

*Joseph Kerrigan, b.26 Apr 1915, Cowman & Tractor Driver, Single*  
*Vera M. C. Bon, b.25 May 1899, Cook Housekeeper, Married*  
*Margaret A. Southgate, b.16 Jan 1881, Domestic Duties, Single*  
*Mabel J. Banfield, b.24 Jan 1884, Elementary School Teacher, Married*  
*Daphne B. Martin, b.21 Aug 1917, Dairymaid Assisting Parent, Married*  
*Marjorie Martin, b.5 Jan 1879, Dairy Farmer, Married*  
*Helmuth S. Martin, b.16 Apr 1883, Aeronautical Engineer Reti Now Farming, Married*

At the 1939 census, Ernest was living in Chingford.<sup>123</sup>

#### 1939 Register

*36 Beresford, Waltham Forest, Chingford, Essex*  
*Albert E, Banfield, b.14 Dec 1879, Sales Manager, Retired, Married*  
*Florence M. Banfield [Jun 1903], Clerk, Single*

Mabel died on the 21<sup>st</sup> November 1947. Probate was granted on the 6<sup>th</sup> February 1948.<sup>124</sup>  
<sup>125</sup>

*Banfield Mabel Jessie of 8 The Crescent Wellan Park, Lancing, Sussex (wife of Albert Ernest Banfield) died 21<sup>st</sup> November 1947. Probate London 6 February 1948 to the said Albert Ernest Banfield retired manufacturers manager and Kathleen Oxley, spinster. Effects £495 11s. 10d.*

Albert died, age 72, in 1952; registered at Worthing in the March quarter.<sup>126</sup>

**Emma Oxley (1846-1904).** The daughter of Henry Oxley and Eliza. She was born on the 16<sup>th</sup> April 1846 and baptised on the 13<sup>th</sup> May at St. John, Lambeth. Her father was Henry Oxley an Excise man and her mother was Eliza. The family were living in Webber Street, Lambeth.<sup>127 128</sup>

At the 1851 census, age 4, she was at home in Ombersley.

At the 1861 census, age 14, she was at home in Lowfield Street, Dartford and working as a Milliner.

At the 1871 census Emma was living and working at a large family store in Folkestone, 'Lewis & Stapley'; a drapers, milliners, ladies outfitters and home furnishings. She was one of several assistants living there.<sup>129</sup>

#### 1871 Census

*Rendezvous Street, Folkestone, Elham, Kent*  
*William S. Stapley, Head, Married, age 29, Draper, born Lichhurst, Sussex*  
*Frances Stapley, Wife, Married, age 28, born Ashford, Kent*  
*Laura Stapley, Daughter, age 4, born Folkestone, Kent*  
*William Stapley, Son, age 1, born, Folkestone*  
*Sydney Stapley, Son, age 2 months, born Folkestone*  
*Emma Oxley, Assistant, Unmarried, age 24, Assistant, born London*

Emma married William Pankhurst (1846-1899) on the 13<sup>th</sup> March 1872 at Westminster.<sup>130</sup>

At the 1881 census William and Emma were living in Dartford at or next door to her family home.<sup>131</sup>

#### 1881 Census

*28 Lowfield, Street, Dartford*  
*William Pankhurst, Head, Married, age 35, Brewer's Clerk and Collector, born Romney, Kent*  
*Emma Pankhurst, Wife, Married, age 34, born London*  
*Percy Pankhurst, Son, age 7, Scholar, born Dartford*  
*Gertrude Blanche Pankhurst, Daughter, age 5, Scholar, born Dartford*  
*Edith Florence Pankhurst, Daughter, age 4, born Dartford*  
*Arthur Vincent Pankhurst, Son, age 2, born Dartford*

*Jessie Mary Pankhurst, Daughter, 6 months, born Dartford*  
*Olive Mary Haselden, Servant, Unmarried, age 17, Domestic Servant, born Strood, Kent*

At the 1891 census Emma and William were living in Fareham<sup>132</sup>.

#### 1891 Census

*9 Quay Street, Fareham, Hants*

*William Pankhurst, Head, Married, age 45, Grain Merchant, born Romney*

*Emma Pankhurst, Wife, Married, age 44, born Blackburn, London*

*Gertrude Pankhurst, Daughter, age 15, Scholar, born Dartford*

*Arthur Pankhurst, Son, age 12, Scholar, born Dartford*

*Jessie M Pankhurst, Daughter, age 10, Scholar, born Dartford*

*Madeline A Pankhurst, Daughter, age 9, Scholar, born Dartford*

*Clara E Pankhurst, Daughter, age 7, Scholar, born Dartford*

*Emily A Pankhurst, Daughter, age 6, Scholar, born Dartford*

*Violet E Pankhurst, Daughter, age 4, Scholar, born Dartford*

*Franny Lamport, Servant, age 14, Servant – Nurse, born, Fareham, Hants*

*James M Merison, Lodger, Single, age 20, Student in Art, born Dartford*

*Charles G Smith, Visitor, Married, age 46, Warehouseman, born Wareham, Dorset*

William was involved in an accident in 1898.<sup>133</sup>

#### Hampshire Post and Southsea Observer 8<sup>th</sup> April 1898

*Accident. On Monday afternoon Mr. William Pankhurst, corn merchant, of Quay Street, was, with Mr. H. Clark, driving on the Portchester Road, when the horse attached to the vehicle swerved to avoid some sheep that were passing, with the result that Mr. Pankhurst was thrown on to the road and beside injuries to his head and face he fractured one of his ribs. Mr. Pankhurst was conveyed to his home, where surgical assistance was rendered by Dr. Brook*

William died in 1899; registered at Fareham in the September quarter.<sup>134</sup>

At the 1901 census Emma was living in Fareham.<sup>135</sup>

#### 1901 Census

*20 Quay Street, Fareham*

*Emma Pankhurst, Head, Widow, age 54, Own means, born Blackfriars, London*

*Gertrude Pankhurst, Daughter, single, age 25, born Dartford*

*Jessie Pankhurst, Daughter, single, age 20, born Dartford*

*Madeline Pankhurst, Daughter, single, age 19, Chemist Clerk, born Dartford*

*Clara Pankhurst, Daughter, single, age 17, born Dartford*

*Emily Pankhurst, Daughter, single, age 16, born Dartford*

*Violet Pankhurst, Daughter, single, age 14 born Dartford*

Emma died in 1904; registered at Fareham in the September quarter.<sup>136</sup>

The death was reported in a local paper.<sup>137</sup>

#### Hampshire Advertiser 10<sup>th</sup> September 1903

*Pankhurst. On the 27th ult., at Fareham, Emma widow of Wm. Pankhurst, aged 58.*

Emma and William had nine children: Percy Pankhurst (1874-1950), Gertrude Blanche Pankhurst (b.1876), Edith Florence Pankhurst (b.1877), Arthur Vincent Pankhurst (b.1879), Jessie Mary Pankhurst (b.1881), Madeline A. Pankhurst (b.1882), Clara E. Pankhurst (b.1884), Emily A. Pankhurst (b.1885), Violet E. Pankhurst (b.1887).

**Kathleen Oxley (1847-1909).** The daughter of Henry Oxley and Eliza. She was born in 1847 and baptised at Ombersley on the 12<sup>th</sup> December. Her father was Henry Oxley and her mother was Eliza.<sup>138 139</sup>

At the 1851 census, age 3, she was living at home at Ombersley.  
At the 1861 census, age 13, she was living at home at Ombersley and working as a Milliner.  
At the 1871 census, age 24, she was living at home at Miskin Road, Dartford.  
At the 1881 census, age 28, she was at home at Lowfield Street, Dartford.

At the 1891 census, age 34, Kathleen was living with her brother Frank in Leyton.<sup>140</sup>

At the 1901 census, age 43, Kathleen was living with her brother Frank in Leyton. She was 'living on her own means'.<sup>141</sup>

Her age on the census is not always correct - she would have been about 54 in 1901.

Kathleen died, age 61 in 1909; registered at West Ham in the June quarter.<sup>142</sup>

**Harold Oxley (1851-1929).** The son of Henry Oxley and Eliza. He was born in 1850; registered at Evesham in the September quarter. He was baptised at Evesham on the 29<sup>th</sup> December 1854. His father was Henry Oxley and his mother was Eliza.<sup>143 144</sup>

At the 1851 census, age 6 months, Harold was at home in Ombersley.  
At the 1861 census, age 10, Harold was at home in Lowfield Street, Dartford.

Harold married Charlotte Bolt (1847-1913) on the 13<sup>th</sup> October 1868 at St. Dunstan, City of London.<sup>145 146 147</sup>

He was described as, of full age, a bachelor, a Brewer, Resident at St. Dunstan, Fleet Street. His father was Henry Oxley, Gentleman.

She was described as, of full age, a spinster, Resident at Dartford, Kent. Her father was George Bolt, Gentleman.

The witnesses were: George [Mackie], William Clarke.

Harold was a brewer and later was described as a gauger – which was the technical job of estimating the value of beer and wine in casks – which were of various sizes and shapes. It might be he was in the North East working for the Blyth and Tyne Brewing company. Blyth was also a port exporting and importing beer and wine.

Harold is listed in a directory for Northumberland in 1879.<sup>148</sup>

*Oxley Harold, 33 Waterloo Road, Blyth*

At the 1881 census Harold and Charlotte were living with her brother Charles Bolt in Dartford.<sup>149</sup>

#### 1881 Census Form

*15 Deptford Road, Dartford, Kent*

*Henry Bolt, Head, Widower, age 37, Plasterer and Rate collector, born Dartford*

*Charles Bolt, Brother, Unmarried, age 30, Plasterer, born Dartford*

*Charlotte Oxley, Sister, Married, age 34, born Dartford*

*Mary Anne Harvey, Sister, Married, age 26, born Dartford*

*Henry Cecil Harvey, Nephew, age 9, Scholar, born Dartford*

*Lottie Mary Oxley, Niece, age 2, born Blyth, Kent*

*Harold Oxley, Brother in law, Married, age 34, Brewer, born Ombersley, Worcestershire*

In 1884 Harold was running the Portobello Inn, Kingsdown, Dartford.<sup>150</sup>

#### Severn Oaks Chronicle and Kentish Advertiser 31<sup>st</sup> October 1884

*Dartford. At the Petty Sessions on Saturday, Thomas Wakeman, a labourer, was fined £5 and costs for riotous conduct, and refusing to quit the Portobello Inn, Kingsdown, when requested by the landlord, Harold Oxley, to do so. Defendant did not put in an appearance.*

A summons for Harold for not sending his children to school was dismissed by Reigate Magistrates on the 26<sup>th</sup> October 1889.<sup>151</sup>

At the 1891 census Harold and Charlotte were living in Reigate, Surrey.<sup>152</sup>

#### 1891 Census

*The Villa, Doods Road, Reigate, Surrey*

*Harold Oxley, Head, Married, age 40, Commission Agent, born Holborn London*

*Charlotte Oxley, Wife, Married, age 36, born Ombersley*

*Harold Oxley, Son, age 14, born, Dartford*

*Lottie Oxley, Daughter, age 10, born Blyth, Northumberland*

*George Oxley, Son, age 7, born Blyth, Northumberland*

Harold was born in Ombersley not Holborn.

Their son George was 'deaf and dumb'.

Harold was running the Eagle pub, Croydon Road, Reigate in 1891.<sup>153</sup>

Harold attended the wedding of his daughter Lottie on the 17<sup>th</sup> February 1899.<sup>154</sup>

At the 1901 census Harold and Charlotte were living in Reigate.<sup>155</sup>

#### 1901 Census

*52 Doods Road, Reigate, Surrey*

*Harold Oxley, Head, Married, age 50, Gauger Accountant (Brewing) – own account, born Ombersley*

*Charlotte Oxley, Wife, Married, age 46, born Dartford*

*Harold Oxley, Son, Single, age 23, born Blyth, Northumberland*

In later years Harold had his own accountancy business and advertised frequently in the local papers.<sup>156</sup>

#### Surrey Mirror 7<sup>th</sup> November 1905

*Advertisement*

*Income Tax and Rating Appeal. Harold Oxley, Accountant, Reigate, conducts appeals and claims for Repayment, for all trade, property, and agricultural purposes. Fixed terms on application. Distance no object.*

At the 1911 census Harold and Charlotte were living in Reigate.<sup>157</sup>

#### 1911 Census

*The Villa, 52 Doods Road, Reigate, Surrey*

*Harold Oxley, Head, age 60, Married, Valuer & Gauger – own business, born Ombersley*

*Charlotte Oxley, Wife, age 55, Married, born Dartford*

*Harold Oxley, Son, age 32, Single, Tobacconist Confectioner – own, born Blyth Northumberland*

*George Edmund Oxley, Son, age 24, Single, Harness Maker, born Edinbro', Scotland*

On the census return it says that Charlotte had Eight children with three still living. There are two we have not yet identified.

Charlotte died in a freak accident on the 31<sup>st</sup> March 1913 – she was struck by lightning in her own home. There was an inquest reported in the paper.<sup>158</sup>

#### Dorking and Leatherhead Advertiser 5<sup>th</sup> April 1913

*Inquest at Reigate*

*The somewhat mysterious death of a Reigate lady was inquired into at the Cemetery Chapel on Wednesday morning, before the Coroner, Mr. F.J. Nightingale, when an inquest was held on the*

body of Mrs. Charlotte Oxley, of Doods Road.

Harold Oxley, a valuer, said deceased was his wife. She was 65 years of age. On Good Friday morning, while out, he was sent for and went home, to find his wife in bed, in great agony. She complained of pain in her head and back. On the following Monday she was able to converse, but could not call the events of Friday to mind, except that she was upstairs preparing to go to church. She had been particularly well.

Harold Oxley, jun., said he was at home on Good Friday morning. His mother was upstairs at 10.30 preparing for church. There was a flash of lightning and he heard a fall. He went upstairs, and found his mother on the floor. He carried her into another room, and sent for the doctor. His mother fell three feet away from the fireplace, which was broken.

The fire bars were produced, and Mr. Oxley sen., recalled, said they were not broken prior to Good Friday. He noticed that the bars were broken when he reached home on that day. The window was always open.

Dr. C.H.J Watson deposed to being called on Friday morning, when he saw the deceased. She was in bed and complained of a pain in her head and back. In a few days she was better, except for the pains complained of. He attended her until she died. A black eye revealed itself on Monday following Good Friday. A post mortem revealed no external injuries at all. He found several bruises on the skull bone. The whole brain was congested and there were small haemorrhages on the surface of the brain and a larger one at the base. The haemorrhage was not enough to kill her. He thought the lightning must have caused death, passing through her without injuring the skin.

The Coroner suggested that the current came down the chimney, broke the fire place bars, and created a vacuum which was filled by air rushing through the window. He thought the inrush of air might have knocked deceased down. The doctor said the current must have passed through her body. Similar conditions obtain in electrocuted criminals in America. He said death was due the current passing through her brain. A verdict was returned in accordance with the medical evidence.

Probate was granted on the 17<sup>th</sup> May 1913.<sup>159</sup>

Oxley Charlotte of 52 Doods Road, Reigate Surrey (wife of Harold Oxley) died 31<sup>st</sup> March 1913. Administration London 17<sup>th</sup> May to the said Harold Oxley, valuer. Effects £188 5s. 6d.

The death was reported in a local paper.<sup>160</sup>

Dorking and Leatherhead Advertiser 5<sup>th</sup> April 1913

Oxley. On March 31<sup>st</sup>, at The Villa Doods Road, Reigate, Charlotte, the beloved wife of Harold Oxley, after a short but painful illness. Interment Reigate Cemetery. Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup> 2 p.m.

By 1920 Harold was working as general accountant and tax adviser and advertised in local papers.<sup>161</sup>

Surrey Mirror 12<sup>th</sup> November 1920

Miscellaneous

Income Tax, Accounts prepared. Appeals conducted; repayments obtained. Harold Oxley, 143 Brighton Road, Redhill.

At the 1921 census Harold was living in Reigate.<sup>162</sup>

1921 Census

143, Brighton Road, Redhill, Reigate, Surrey

Harold Oxley, Head, age 70, Accountant Own Account, born Ombersley, Worcs.

George Edmund Oxley, Son, age 37, Harness Maker Own Account, born Edinburgh

Harold died in July 1929 after being knocked down by a cyclist outside his home. There was an inquest reported in the local paper.<sup>163 164</sup>

Surrey Mirror 2<sup>nd</sup> August 1929

*Aged Resident's Death*

*Octogenarian in Cycle Mishap at Redhill*

*Verdict of 'Death by Accident'*

*A verdict of 'Accidental death' was returned at an inquest on Friday at the East Surrey Hospital on an octogenarian Redhill resident, Mr. Harold Oxley, an accountant, of 143 Brighton Road, who was knocked down by a cyclist outside his home on the previous Friday, and died subsequently in hospital. Mr. G. Lewis F. Greece, solicitor, appeared for the relatives.*

*Ethel Jessup, 46, Garibaldi Road, Redhill, said that in the evening of the previous Friday, about 7.30 p.m., she was walking in Brighton road and saw Mr. Oxley come out of his shop' As he passed, he spoke to her and walked on. Witness had only proceeded a few steps when she heard a terrific ringing of a bicycle bell, and, turning round, was just in time to see the old man knocked down by the cycle. He rolled over in the roadway and lay with his head on the kerb, while the cyclist was just getting to his feet. Mr. Oxley was removed to his home by the cyclist and another man. P.C. Dean said the road at the point in question was about 21ft. in width. In reply to Mr. Greece, witness said that he had examined the bicycle and ascertained that the brake blocks were in good condition, being almost new in fact. In view of the damage to the handlebars, it would be difficult for him to say, however, whether the brakes themselves were in working order, but he thought that they would be so.*

*Richard Gordon Gwynne, resident surgeon at the East Surrey Hospital said that Mr. Oxley was conscious at the time of his admission. He had several broken ribs, a fracture of the right collar bone, and other injuries, which must have been caused by a very severe blow. A post mortem examination revealed that several other ribs had been broken, and that the deceased had also sustained a fractured skull. The doctor agreed it would be possible for the injuries to have been caused by a fall. Jack Richard Bonwick, 27, Sincots road, Redhill, the cyclist in the case, expressed a desire not to give evidence.*

*Summing up, Mr. Lovell Hewett (Deputy Coroner) pointed out that there was no evidence upon which the jury could come to a decision that there was sufficient negligence on the part of the cyclist to warrant a verdict of manslaughter. Before such a verdict could be recorded, a jury must be reasonably sure that there had, in fact, been gross criminal negligence, and there was no indication of this in the evidence that had been given. He returned a verdict of 'Accidental death'.*

*The Funeral - The funeral took place at Reigate Parish Church on Friday of last week, the Rev. O.C. McD. Morgan officiating. The chief mourners were the deceased's two sons, Mr. Harold and Mr. George Oxley.*

*Amongst the floral tributes were those from Harold and George Oxley; 'Lottie and Percy'; 'Frank, Gertrude, Nellie, and Kathleen'; Mrs. Yeates and Pat; Mr. W.M. Grice and family; Staff of Messrs. W.M. Grice; Mr. and Mrs. Cooper and Bert; 'All at 102, Brighton road'; Mr. and Mrs. A. Knight and family.*

*The funeral arrangements were carried out by Messrs. G. Comber and Sons, Redhill. The family of the late Mr. Harold Oxley wish to thank all friends for their kind sympathy and for beautiful floral tributes sent.*

Harold was buried at St. Mary, Reigate on the 26<sup>th</sup> July 1929.<sup>165</sup>

Harold and Charlotte had eight children: Kathleen (bd.1873), Harold (1874-1939), Lottie (1879-1953), Alice (bd.1881), Douglas (bd.1884), George (1884-1962), two other children died as infants.



**Kathleen Oxley (bd.1873).** The daughter of Harold Oxley and Charlotte. She was born in 1873; registered at Tynemouth, Northumberland in the September quarter.<sup>166</sup>

Kathleen sadly died as an infant the same year; registered at Tynemouth in the September quarter.<sup>167</sup>

**Harold Oxley (1874-1939).** The son of Harold and Charlotte. He was born on the 10<sup>th</sup> November 1874, some records say 1871; registered at Tynemouth in the December quarter.<sup>168</sup>

At the 1881 census Harold, age 5, was living in Tynemouth and being looked after by a Jane Grieves.<sup>169</sup>

His parents had moved to Dartford and were staying with his uncle Henry Bolt.

#### 1881 Census

*33, Waterloo Road, Cowpen, Tynemouth, Northumberland  
Jane Grieves, Servant head, Married, age 58, Housekeeper, born Blyth, Northumberland  
Harold Oxley, Son, Single, age 5, born Blyth, Northumberland  
Alice Maud Oxley, Daughter, Single, age 0, born Blyth, Northumberland*

At the 1891 census Harold, age 14, was at home at Doods Road, Reigate.

At the 1901 census Harold was at home at Doods Road, Reigate.

At the 1911 census Harold was at home at Doods Road, Reigate. He was working as a Tobacconist, Confectioner.

Harold married Ellen Barney (1889-1953) on the 25<sup>th</sup> November 1918, at St. Mary. Reigate.<sup>170</sup>

Harold was described as a Tobacconist, living at 41 Effingham Road, Reigate; his father was Harold Oxley of Independent means. Ellen was living at Fonthill, Reigate Road, Reigate. Her father was Frederick Barney, a manager of a Brick and Tile works. The witnesses were A. E. Scott and Annie Humphrey.<sup>171</sup>

At the 1921 census Harold and Ellen were living in Reigate.<sup>172</sup>

#### 1921 Census

*12, Shrewsbury Road, Redhill, Reigate, Surrey  
Harold Oxley, Head, age 48, Tobacconist Own Account, born Edinburgh  
Ellen Oxley, Wife, age 31, Household Duties, born Bracknell, Berkshire  
Jeanne W. Oxley, Daughter, age 1, born Redhill, Surrey \**

\* Harold was born in Tynemouth

At the 1939 register Harold was incapacitated and staying in the Workhouse – possibly with mental health problems.<sup>173</sup>

#### 1939 Register

*Surrey County Council Public Assistance Institution Saint Annis, Redhill, Reigate  
Harold Oxley, b.10 Nov 1871, Tobacconist & Confectioner Now Incapacitated*

Harold died in 1939. He is referred to as the late Mr. Harold Oxley when his Gordon married on the 12<sup>th</sup> August.<sup>174</sup>

Ellen died, age 63, in 1953; registered at Lewes in the March quarter.<sup>175</sup>

Harold and Ellen had one child: Jeanne W. Oxley (later Harwood) (b.1920).<sup>176</sup>

**Lottie Oxley (1879-1953).** Lottie Mary. The daughter of Harold Oxley and Ellen. She was born in 1879; registered at Tynemouth in the June quarter.<sup>177</sup>

At the 1881 census, age 2, Lottie was at home in Deptford Road, Dartford.  
At the 1891 census, age 10, Lottie was at home in Doods Road, Reigate.

In 1898 Percy (Lottie's future husband) was appointed rector of Fraserburgh Academy.<sup>178</sup>

Aberdeen Press and Journal 9<sup>th</sup> March 1898

*The New Rector of Fraserburgh Academy*

*Mr Percy Pankhurst the new rector of Fraserburgh Academy, is the son of Mr William Pankhurst, of Farsham. Educated at Dartford Grammar School, he passed the Oxford and Cambridge Local Examinations, gained scholarships in classic and mathematics, and in 1888 obtained the title of Associate of Arts of the University of Oxford. Mr Pankhurst entered the University of Edinburgh in 1889. There he attended the full course for graduation in the Faculty of Arts, taking 5<sup>th</sup> place in senior Greek and 6<sup>th</sup> in senior Latin in 1891. Subsequently he gained the university diploma of Literate in Arts in Classics and Philosophy; and graduated as Master of Arts in mathematics, natural philosophy, logic and psychology, moral philosophy, rhetoric and English literature, Greek, and Latin. Mr Pankhurst is a certified teacher, holding the Scottish Education Department's parchment. During the past five years he has been engaged in important secondary work – from 1893-94 at the Croydon High School and from 1894 to the present time at Alva Academy. This latter school is fast coming to the front, and Mr Pankhurst's work has earned unqualified praise from the School Board and from Her Majesty's Inspectors, while the pupils have gained high distinctions at the university and other public examinations. These considerations made him the unanimous choice of the governors of Fraserburgh Academy from among the numerous applicants for the rectorship.*

Lottie married Percy Pankhurst (1874-1950) on the 13<sup>th</sup> February 1899 at Reigate Parish Church. The witnesses were Harold Oxley, William Pankhurst. Louisa E. Hodson.<sup>179 180</sup>

The marriage was reported in the local paper.<sup>181</sup>

Surrey Mirror 17<sup>th</sup> February 1899

*Marriage of Miss L.M. Oxley. A large congregation assembled at Reigate Parish Church yesterday (Monday) afternoon to witness the nuptials of Miss Lottie M. Oxley, the only daughter of Mr. Harold Oxley, of the Villa, Doods Road, Reigate, and Mr. Percy Pankhurst, M.A. (headmaster of Fraserburgh Academy). The ceremony was performed by the Rev. J. Newman Harrison, and the service was choral. Mr .J.W. Gritton presiding at the organ. The bride was given away by her father and Mr. Arthur Pankhurst acted as best man. After the ceremony a reception was held at the Villa, and late in the day the newly married pair left Paris, where the honeymoon will be spent.*

Percy and Lottie were first cousins. Percy was the son of Lottie's Aunt Emma Oxley.

At the 1901 census Lottie and Percy were living in Fraserburgh, Aberdeenshire.<sup>182</sup>

1901 Census

*Fraserburgh, Aberdeenshire*

*Percy Pankhurst, Head, Married, 27, Headmaster Of Academy (Educational)*

*Lottie M Pankhurst, Wife, Married, 20*

*Violet O Pankhurst, Daughter, 0, 1901, born Fraserburgh, Aberdeenshire*

*Elsbeth Strachan, Servant, Single, 20, 1881, Genl. Serv, born Fraserburgh, Aberdeenshire*

Lottie and Percy were in Swindon sometime after 1901 and by the 20<sup>th</sup> January 1906 had moved to Weymouth. Percy was a Master at the Swindon and North Wilts Secondary and Technical Institution.<sup>183</sup>

1911 Census, Weymouth

*Percy Pankhurst, Head, age 37, Married, Private Schoolmaster, born Dartford*

*Lottie Mary Pankhurst, Wife, age 29, Married, born Blyth, Northumberland*

*Violet Oxley Pankhurst, Daughter, age 10, born Fraserborough, Aberdeenshire*

*Madeline Emma Charlotte Pankhurst, age 6, born Swindon, Wiltshire*  
*Percy William Harold Pankhurst, age 1, born Weymouth, Dorset*  
*Donovan Lewis Barber, Assistant, age 22, Single, Assistant Schoolmaster, born Kettering, Northampton*  
*Florence Esther Harding, Assistant, age 25, Single, Assistant Schoolmistress, born Manchester*  
*Cecil Whillier Allen, Boarder, age 15, Single, Student, born Gravesend, Kent*  
*Minnie Florence Wallis, Servant, age 17, Single, Nurse (domestic), born Portland, Dorset*

In 1920 Percy and Lottie were at Rolls Court, 4 Royal Terrace, St. Mary's Street, Weymouth.<sup>184</sup>

At the 1921 census Lottie and Percy were living in Weymouth.<sup>185</sup>

#### 1921 Census

*4, Royal Terrace, Weymouth, Dorset*  
*Percy Pankhurst, Head, age 48, Technical Schoolmaster Dorset County Council Education Committee, born Dartford, Kent Council*  
*Lottie Mary Pankhurst, Wife, age 40, Home Duties*  
*Violet Oxley Pankhurst, Daughter, age 20, Home Duties, born Fraserburgh, Aberdeenshire*  
*Madeline Emma Charlotte Pankhurst, Daughter, age 16, Home duties, Swindon, Wiltshire*  
*Percy William Harold Pankhurst, Son, age 12, born Weymouth, Dorset*  
*Arthur John Peter Pankhurst, Son, age 7, born Weymouth, Dorset*  
*Ronald Morton Oxley Pankhurst, Son, age 5, born Weymouth, Dorset*  
*Rosaline Mary Oxley Pankhurst, Daughter, age 3, born Weymouth*  
*Maud Mary Cook, Servant, age 16, General Domestic Servant, born Portland, Dorset*

At the 1939 register Lottie and Percy were living in Weymouth with their son Arthur Pankhurst.<sup>186</sup>

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*11A Chickerell Road, Weymouth and Melcombe Regis, Dorset*  
*Arthur Peter Pankhurst, b.27 March 1914, Single, Motor Mechanic*  
*Mary Rosalind Oxley Pankhurst (later Brown), b.13 July 1917, Single, Domestic work*  
*Ronald Morton Oxley Pankhurst, b. 21 Nov 1915, Single, Managing Clerk & Cashier*  
*Percy Pankhurst, b.18 May 1873, Married, Schoolmaster retired*  
*Lottie Mary Pankhurst, b.10 April 1881, Married, Unpaid domestic duties*  
*Madeline Emma Charlotte Pankhurst (later Skerrit), b.12 Aug 1907, Single, Unpaid domestic duties.*

Percy died, age 77, in 1950; registered at Weymouth in the March quarter.<sup>187</sup>

Lottie died, age 72, in 1953; registered at Weymouth in the December quarter.<sup>188</sup> Probate was granted in December 1952.<sup>189</sup>

*1961. Pankhurst Lottie Mary of 31 Ullswater Crescent, Radipole, Weymouth, Dorset Widow died 29<sup>th</sup> December 1952. Probate London 16<sup>th</sup> February 1953 to Arthur John Peter Pankhurst, Company director, Effects. £3004*

Lottie and Percy had six children. Violet Oxley Pankhurst (b.1901), Madeline Emma Charlotte Pankhurst (b.1906), Percy William Harold Pankhurst (b.1910), Arthur Peter Pankhurst (b.1914), Ronald Morton Oxley Pankhurst (b.1915), Mary Rosalind Oxley Pankhurst (b.1917).

**Alice Oxley (bd.1881).** Alice Maud. The daughter of Harold Oxley and Charlotte. She was born in 1881 in Tynemouth.

At the 1881 census Alice was living in Tynemouth and being looked after by a Jane Grieves.

Sadly Alice died only a few months old; registered at Tynemouth in the June quarter.<sup>190</sup>

**Douglas Oxley (bd.1884).** Douglas Clarence. The son of Harold and Charlotte. He was born in

1884; registered at Dartford in the September quarter.<sup>191 192</sup>

Sadly Douglas died as an infant only a few months old; registered at Dartford in the September quarter.<sup>193</sup>

**George Oxley (1884-1962).** The son of Harold Oxley and Charlotte. He was born in 1884 in Edinburgh or perhaps Tynemouth. George was born deaf and dumb.

At the 1891 census, George, age 7, was at home in Doods Road, Reigate.

At the 1911 census George was at home in Doods Road, Reigate. He was working as a Harness Maker.

At the 1921 census George was at home in Reigate and working as a Harness Maker.

George married Lucy Talmey (1897-1932) on the 24<sup>th</sup> April 1924 at St. John, Redhill, Surrey.<sup>194</sup>  
<sup>195</sup>

He was described as, age 42, a bachelor, resident at 143 Brighton Road, Redhill. His father was Harold Oxley an Accountant.

She was described as, age 28, a spinster, resident at 143 Brighton Road, Redhill. Her father was William Talmey a labourer.

The witnesses were William Talmey, Emily Yates.

After only 4 months of marriage George and Lucy were living separately.<sup>196</sup>

Surrey Mirror – Reigate Surrey 29<sup>th</sup> August 1924

*Married Four Months. Redhill Couple's Troubles*

*Married at Redhill only four months ago, Mrs. Oxley, at Croydon County Police Court on Wednesday, alleged that her husband, George Edmund Oxley, of 143 Brighton Road, Redhill, who is deaf and dumb, deserted her on June 23<sup>rd</sup>.*

*Complainant was represented by Mr. E. Gowen, who stated that the parties were married on April 26<sup>th</sup>, at St. John's Church, Redhill, and lived with Mr. Oxley's father and brother, at 143, Brighton road, Redhill. On June 15<sup>th</sup>, in consequence of her condition, Mrs. Oxley, with the consent of her husband, went for a short holiday to Crawley. Mr. Oxley saw her off and promised to bring her home the following Sunday. Instead of meeting her as arranged he wrote a letter in which he said, 'I cannot promise to go to Crawley on Sunday, as I have some work I want to get done. What money do you want? I think you have enough to go on with. I am leaving here, but don't know where I shall go'. Defendant, Mr. Gowen alleged, had made no provision for his wife's maintenance, and as her mother could no longer entertain her at Crawley, she went to live with a former mistress at Heathfield Drive, Coulsdon, where she was now staying.*

*Complainant confirmed her solicitor's statement, and added that defendant had offered to pay her 17s. 6d. a week. Cross examined by Mr. A. Redfern (Messrs. Bacon. Phillips and Pringle, Redhill), who appeared for the husband, witness denied that she had packed up her things with the intention of leaving her husband on the day she went away to Crawley. As she was leaving, her father in law asked her what she was taking away in a small brown paper parcel under her arm, and she refused to tell him. He had previously told her to 'clear out', and she had told him that she would not go until her husband took her away. A note in her handwriting, stating, 'I shall leave you on Monday, and shall go to the Police about you', was probably written to her father in law, 'who is always interfering in our affairs'.*

*Defendant, through an interpreter, said the note referred to was found by his brother after his wife had fainted. He did not wish to have his wife back.*

*Mr. Harold Oxley, defendant's father, denied that he had ever interfered with the parties except*

on one occasion, 'when she (complainant) was drunk, and I carried her indoors'.

When she left the house, on June 15<sup>th</sup>, she was very saucy and, thinking that it was her intention to leave her husband, he warned her of the consequences. Answering Mr. Gowen, defendant said he was a saddler, earning £5 a week. The Bench, after hearing further evidence, concluded that there was desertion, and made an order for £1 a week to be paid to the wife, and the costs of those proceedings.

In May 1925 George applied for a change in the maintenance order.<sup>197</sup>

Surrey Mirror 8<sup>th</sup> May 1925

*Maintenance Order. Redhill Defendant's Unsuccessful Defence*

*Deaf and Dumb, George Edmund Oxley, harness maker, of 143, Brighton Road, Redhill, failed in his defence to the application of his wife, Lucy, at Croydon County Police Court on Wednesday, for an increase of a maintenance order made against him on April 22<sup>nd</sup> last year for the payment to her of £1 a week. The wife based her application on the statement that since the order was obtained she had given birth to a male child. She needed an increased amount to provide for the child as she was now unable to work.*

*The Clerk informed the Bench (Sir Arthur Spurgeon presiding) that the defendant had not made a payment without a warrant being issued, and that he was now £5 in arrears under the order. Defendant, whose evidence was interpreted stated that his average weekly earnings were now only about £3, including the takings of the saddler's shop at 143, Brighton Road, Redhill.*

*Harold Oxley, of 143, Brighton Road Redhill, father of the defendant, and a retired accountant, said his son was employed as a saddler at a training stable at Epsom. Witness assisted him looking after the shop, but the takings were negligible – less than £1 a week. The business was 'a thing of the past', being practically insolvent. His son's total earnings did not average more than £3 a week.*

*Mr. Johnson submitted on defendant's behalf that in the altered circumstances the order should be reduced and not increased. When the order of £1 a week was made against him his gross earnings were £5 a week. He was now receiving only £3 a week. His saddlery trade had dwindled away since the heavy increase of motor traffic. He had to pay 10s. rent, 8s. rates and travelling expenses to and from Epsom, which were considerable. In fact they had been thinking of applying to the Bench for a reduction of the amount of the existing order in consideration of the altered circumstances. The Bench decided to increase the amount of the order by 7s., and allowed 10s. 6d. costs. Mr. Jackson: The order is made subject to the formal proof of the birth of the child?*

*The Clerk: Do you dispute that?*

*Mr. Jackson: No.*

*Sir Arthur Spurgeon: You don't want this woman to go to the expense of getting a certificate as formal proof of birth? (The wife had stated she did not get a birth certificate because she had not the money to get one).*

*Mr. Jackson. Very well, then. I will not press that.*

In February 1927 George was summoned for arrears of maintenance.<sup>198</sup>

Surrey Mirror 18<sup>th</sup> February 1927

*Wife Maintenance. When summoned before the Croydon County Bench on Wednesday in respect of maintenance arrears due to his wife, George Edmund Oxley, of Brighton Road, Redhill, who is deaf and dumb, admitted default and applied, through his father, for a variation of the order made in favour of his wife in August, 1924, for the payment to her of £1 7s. weekly. The arrears amounted to £14 7s. 6d. Defendant's father said he had been advised by his solicitor to make the application. The Chairman (Sir Arthur Spurgeon): We agree to grant your application, but why has your son not paid more than £2 of the amount, £14 7s. 6d., which is due? 'It is a matter of procrastination', explained witness. The Chairman: Well, do not procrastinate any longer. Why have you not paid the arrears? 'It is a matter of impecuniosity', was Mr. Oxley's further explanation. 'Well', remarked Sir Arthur, 'Your impecuniosity will have to*

*be taxed to the extent of paying £12 7s. 6d., which amount is due. The Clerk to the magistrates said the son had that morning paid £1 15s. off the arrears. The Chairman: The case will be adjourned for a month to enable your son to pay the arrears amounting to £11 12s. 6d. When you have paid that the Bench will grant you a summons and consider whether they should vary the order.*

George and Lucy seem to have reconciled as a daughter was born in 1929.

Lucy died in 1932; registered at Croydon in the March quarter.<sup>199</sup>

At the 1939 register George was living with the Thomas family. He was working as a saddler.<sup>200</sup>

#### 1939 Register

*21 Carters Road, Epsom and Ewell, Surrey  
William E. Thomas, b.4<sup>th</sup> March 1888, Married, General Labourer  
Rosina E. Thomas, b.1<sup>st</sup> Sep 1903, Married, Unpaid domestic duties  
George E. Oxley, b.24 Jan 1883, Widowed, Saddler  
Patrick Power, b.10<sup>th</sup> Apr 1890, Single, Groom in Racing Stables  
Brenda Thomas (later Haskett), b. 31<sup>st</sup> Oct 1929, Single, At School*

George died, age 80, on the 29<sup>th</sup> April 1962; registered at Surrey Mid Eastern in the June quarter.<sup>201</sup>

Probate was granted on the 20<sup>th</sup> June 1962.<sup>202</sup>

*Oxley George Edmund of The Chalet 89 Burgh Heath Road, Epsom, Surrey. Died 28<sup>th</sup> April 1962. Probate Lewes 20<sup>th</sup> June to Ernest Francis Oxley Air ministry police constable. Effects £2258 7s. 8d.*

George and Lucy had two children: Ernest F. Oxley (b.1925), Mary J. Oxley (b.1929).<sup>203 204</sup>

**Frank Oxley (1854-1938).** The son of Henry Oxley and Eliza. He was born in 1854; registered at Evesham in the December quarter.<sup>205</sup>

At the 1861 census, Frank, age 6, was living at home in Ombersley.

At the 1871 census, Frank, age 16, was living at home in Miskin road, Dartford.

At the 1891 census Frank was living with his sister Kathleen in Leyton, Essex.<sup>206</sup>

At the 1901 census Frank was living with his sister in Leyton.<sup>207</sup>

#### 1901 Census

*Sunnyside, Clare Road, Leyton, Essex  
Frank Oxley, Head, age 41, single, Artist, working on own account at home, born Evesham  
Kathleen Oxley, Sister, age 43, single, Living on own means, born Ombersley, Worcestershire*

At the 1911 census Frank was living in Leyton.<sup>208</sup>

#### 1911 Census

*9 Claude Road, Leyton  
Frank Oxley, Head, Single, Painter (Artist), Own Account, born Evesham, Worcs.*

Frank attended the funeral of his brother Harold in 1929.

Frank died, age 83, in 1938; registered at Epping in the September quarter. He was at the Infirmary in Epping. He was buried at Nazeing, Essex on the 27<sup>th</sup> July 1938.<sup>209 210</sup>

**Alice Oxley (b.1861).** The daughter of Henry and Susannah. She was born in 1861; registered at Dartford in the September quarter.<sup>211</sup>

At the 1871 census, age 9, Alice was at home at Miskin Road, Dartford.  
At the 1881 census, age 18, Alice was at home at Lowfield Road, Dartford.

Alice married Alfred Spiers (b.1847) on the 24<sup>th</sup> August 1881 at Holy Trinity, Dartford.<sup>212 213</sup>

Alice was described as, age 20, a spinster. Her father was Henry Oxley a brewer. Alfred was described as, age 34, a bachelor, working as a shirt maker. His father was a silk manufacturer.

The witnesses were George Rice Rix and Kathleen Oxley. George was Alice's brother in law and Kathleen was her sister.

At the 1921 census Alice was living in Hendon.<sup>214</sup>

#### 1921 Census

*7, Graham Road, Hendon, Middlesex*

*Edward Spiers, Head, age 76, Retired Builder Now Director Of Spiers & Sons Ltd Builders, born Spitalfields, London*

*Jane Spiers, Wife, age 77, Home duties, born Walworth, Middlesex*

*Hannah Jessie Winter, Sister-in-law, Single, age 67, Home duties, born Finsbury, Middlesex*

*Alice Spiers, Sister-in-law, age 58, Widow, Visitor, born Dartford, Kent*

**Ellen Oxley (1822-1896)**. The daughter of John Oxley and Elizabeth. She was baptised on the 10<sup>th</sup> February 1822 at St. Cuthbert, Wells. Her father was John Oxley and her mother was Elizabeth. The family were living in St. John Street. Her father was described as an Inn Holder.<sup>215</sup>

At the 1841 census she was at home in Southover, Wells and working as a Straw Bonnet maker.

At the 1851 census Ellen was living in St. Mary Newington, London.<sup>216</sup>

#### 1851 Census

*2 Mary's Cottages, St. Mary Newington*

*Charles Oxley, Head, Married, age 25, Professor of Music, born, Strand, Middx.*

*Ellen Oxley, Wife, age 25, born Bath*

*Catherine Oxley, Daughter, age 4, born Surrey*

*Frederick Oxley, Son, age 3, born, born Surrey*

*Mary Oxley, Daughter, age 2, born, Camberwell*

*Maria Oxley, Sister, Unmarried, age 25, born Wells*

*Jane Oxley, Sister, Unmarried, age 21, born Wells \**

\* We do not know who 'Charles Oxley' is – this may not be his correct name. We have not found a marriage for Ellen Oxley to a Charles Oxley.

\* Frederick Oxley is Jane's son.

At the 1861 census Ellen was living in Deptford. The head of the household is given as 'Joseph Oxley' but we think this is Joseph Morton and Ellen and Joseph were living as man and wife but not yet married. They may have been together for some time because when she was baptised, in 1849, Ellen's daughter Mary was given the first names 'Mary Morton' and her mother's surname was given as Oxley.<sup>217</sup>

#### 1861 Census

*1, Upper Road, St. Paul, Deptford, Greenwich, London & Kent*

*Joseph Oxley, Head, Married, age 48, Clerk to a grocer, born Sheffield*

*Ellen Oxley, Wife, Married, age 39, born Wells, Somerset*

*Catherine Ada Oxley, Daughter, age 14, Scholar, born Newington, Surrey*

*Mary Oxley, Daughter, 12. Scholar, born Camberwell, Surrey*

*Annie Maria Oxley, Daughter, age 7, Scholar, born Newington, Surrey*

*Emma Eugenie Oxley, Daughter, age 4, born Greenwich, Kent*

*Clara Jane Oxley, Daughter, age 2, born Deptford, Kent*  
*Infant, Daughter, age 0, born Deptford, Kent*  
*Maria Oxley, Visitor, Unmarried, age 36, Dressmaker, born Wells, Somerset*  
*James Morton, Visitor, Unmarried, age 42, Traveller drapery, born Doncaster \**

\* James Morton may be the brother of 'Joseph Oxley' (Joseph Morton).  
\* Maria Oxley is Ellen's sister.

Ellen married Joseph Morton (1813-1892) on the 25<sup>th</sup> March 1863.<sup>218</sup>

### Marriage

*St. Mary Lambeth, 25<sup>th</sup> March 1863*  
*Joseph Morton, of full age, bachelor, Commercial Traveller, Resident: Albert Terrace, Father: Anthony Morton, deceased, Farmer*  
*Ellen Oxley, of full age, spinster, Resident: Albert Terrace, John Robert Oxley, deceased, Saddler.*  
*Witnesses. John Thorn, Jane Oxley \**

\* Jane Oxley was Ellen's sister and John Thorn was her future brother in law.

This is an early photo of Ellen Morton (née Oxley) perhaps on her wedding day.



Ellen Morton c.1863

At the 1871 census Joseph and Ellen were living in Burton upon Trent which was a town well known for the brewing trade. Joseph may have moved there for the job. The children who had been named Oxley have taken the surname Morton and Annie Morton married under that name in 1877.<sup>219</sup>

### 1871 Census

*Winshill Road Bearwood Cottage, Winshill, Burton upon Trent, Derbyshire*  
*Joseph Morton, Head, age 56, Brewers Manager Hop Dept, born Sheffield*  
*Helen Morton, Wife, age 49, born Bath, Somerset*  
*Catherine Morton, Daughter, age 24, born Newington, Surrey*  
*Mary Morton, Daughter, age 22, born Camberwell, Surrey*  
*Annie Morton, Daughter, age 17, born Greenwich, Kent*  
*Emma Morton. Daughter, age 14, Scholar, born Greenwich Kent*  
*Clara Morton, Daughter, age 11, Scholar, born Deptford, Kent*  
*Helena Morton, Daughter, age 9, Scholar, born Deptford, Kent*  
*Henry J. Morton, Son, age 7, Scholar, born Peckham, Surrey*  
*William T. Morton, Son, age 5, Scholar, born Peckham, Surrey \**

\* Ellen's name is entered as Helen and her birthplace is Bath.



At the 1881 census Joseph and Ellen were living in Burton upon Trent.<sup>220</sup>

#### 1881 Census

29 Bearwood Hill Road, Burton

Joseph Morton, Head, Married, age 67, Brewer's Clerk, born Sheffield

Ellen Morton, Wife, Married, age 59, born Wells

Mary Morton, Daughter, Unmarried, age 32, born Camberwell

Clara Morton, Daughter, Unmarried, age 22, born, New Cross, Surrey

Helena Morton, Daughter, Unmarried, age 20, born New Cross, Surrey

Henry J. Morton, Son, Unmarried, age 17, Brewer's Clerk, born Peckham, Surrey

Anne M. Bramell, Daughter, Widow, age 27, born Surrey

Arthur M. Bramell, Grandson, age 2, born Burton

Charles E. Bramell, Grandson, age 1, born Burton \*

\* Annie Morton married Charles Bramell in 1877.

Joseph was mentioned in a local paper as taking part in the Burton Floral and Horticultural show.<sup>221</sup>

#### Burton & Derby Gazette 22<sup>nd</sup> June 1881

Floral & Horticultural Show

Mr. Joseph Morton, Bearwood House, Winshill. 2<sup>nd</sup> for Cherries.

At the 1891 census Joseph and Ellen were living in Burton.<sup>222</sup>

#### 1891 Census

183, Bearwood Hill Road, Winshill, Burton upon Trent, Derbyshire

Joseph Morton, Head, Married, age 77, Brewers hop manager, born Sheffield

Ellen Morton, Wife, Married, age 68, born Wells, Somerset

Mary Morton, Daughter, Single, age 41, Governess, born Peckham, Surrey

Annie M. Bramell, Daughter, Widow, age 37, born New Cross, Kent

Emma E. Morton, Daughter, Single, age 33, born New Cross, Kent

Clara J. Morton, Daughter, Single, age 31, Governess, born New Cross, Kent

Helena Morton Daughter, Single, age 29, born New Cross, Kent

Henry J. Morton, Son, Single, age 27, Brewers clerk, born New Cross, Kent

William Morton, Son, Single, age 25, Brewers traveller, born New Cross, Kent

Arthur M. Bramell, Grandson, age 12, Scholar, born Winshill, Derbyshire

Charles E. Bramell, Grandson, age 11, Scholar born Winshill, Derbyshire

Joseph died, age 78, in 1892; registered at Burton upon Trent in the March quarter.<sup>223</sup>

The death was reported in a local paper.<sup>224</sup>

#### Burton Chronicle 17<sup>th</sup> March 1892

On March 11<sup>th</sup> instant, at Bearwood House, Winshill, Joseph Morton, in his 78<sup>th</sup> year.

Ellen died, age 75, in 1896; registered at Burton in the December quarter.<sup>225</sup>

Ellen was buried in Burton cemetery.

Ellen and Joseph had eight children. The first six were registered as Oxley on their birth certificates but all of them changed to using Morton after 1863.

The children were: Catherine Ada Morton (b.1846), Mary Morton (1849-1918), Annie Jane Morton (1853-1914), Emma Eugenie Morton (1856-1934), Clara Jane Morton (1860-1939), Helena Morton (1861-1924), Henry Joseph Morton (1864-1899), William Tiler Morton (1866-1938).<sup>226</sup>

**Maria Oxley (1824-1900).** The daughter of John Oxley and Elizabeth. She was baptised on the 19<sup>th</sup> November 1824 at St. Cuthbert, Wells. Her father was John Oxley and her mother was Elizabeth. The

family were living in Grope Lane. Her father was described as a Sadler.<sup>227</sup>

At the 1841 census, age 16, she was at home in Southover, Wells.

At the 1851 census she was living with her sister Ellen at '2 Mary's Cottages' St. Mary Newington, Surrey.

At the 1861 census, age 36, Maria was visiting her sister Ellen in Deptford. She was working as a dressmaker.

Maria married Richard Boyle on the 16<sup>th</sup> August 1866, at St. Paul, Deptford. He was a widower of full age, a commercial traveller, not living in the parish. His father was Richard Boyle, Esquire. She was a spinster, of full age, not living in the parish. Her father was John Robert Oxley, a saddler.<sup>228</sup>

The witnesses were: Joseph Dawkins, Rebecca [Masters].

Robert (1802-1887) was previously married to Jane Botterill in 1831 at Sculcoates, Yorkshire. They had one daughter Marianne Boyle.<sup>229</sup>

At the 1871 census Maria and Richard were living in Kensington.<sup>230</sup>

#### 1871 Census

*Richmond Road, St Mary Abbott Kensington, Kensington, London & Middlesex  
Richard Boyle, Head, age 69, Commercial traveller to a brewery, born Sulcoates, Yorkshire  
Maria Boyle, Wife, age 47, born Wells, Somerset  
Marian Boyle, Daughter, age 38, born Sulcoates, Yorkshire*

At the 1881 census Richard and Maria were living in Hull.<sup>231</sup>

#### 1881 Census

*Listers Hospital, 94, Park Street, Kingston upon Hull Holy Trinity and St Mary, Hull, Yorkshire  
Caroline Liddell, Matron, head, Widow, age 71, Matron (hosp), born Hull  
Richard Boyle, Inmate, Married, age 79, Annuitant, born Hull  
Maria Boyle, Inmate, Married, age 56, Annuitant, Wells, Somerset*

Lister's hospital was a group of Almshouses in Hull built by Sir Robert Lister in 1642 – intended for elderly residents.

Richard died in 1887; registered at Hull in the November quarter.<sup>232</sup>

At the 1891 census Maria was living in Burton upon Trent. This was close to her sister Ellen and her family.<sup>233</sup>

#### 1891 Census

*64, Bearwood Hill Road, Winshill, Burton upon Trent, Derbyshire  
Maria Boyle, Head, Widow, age 64, born Wells, Somerset  
William C. Jones, Lodger, Married, age 22, Upholsterer, born Herefordshire  
Emily E. Jones, Wife, Married, age 21, born Herefordshire*

Maria died, age 77, in 1900; registered at Scarborough in the December quarter.<sup>234</sup>

**Jane Oxley (1829-1872).** The daughter of John Oxley and Elizabeth. She was baptised on the 9<sup>th</sup> January 1829. Her father was given as John Oxley and her mother was Elizabeth. The family were living in Grope Lane. Her father was a Saddler.<sup>235</sup>

Jane had a son Frederick Oxley, born in 1848. She was not married and we think that the father was Hardy Wells.

At the 1851 census Jane was living with her sister Ellen at '2 Mary's Cottages', St. Mary Newington,

Surrey.

At the 1861 census Jane was living in Lambeth.<sup>236</sup>

1861 Census

*22 Hanover Place, Lambeth*

*Jane Oxley, Head, Married, age 32, not known, born Wells*

*Fred Oxley, Son, Unmarried, age 13, Scholar, born Newington, Surrey*

*Rhoda Meerst, Servant, Unmarried, age 23, House servant, born Lambeth, Surrey*

Although she is listed as married we do not think she was.

On the 25<sup>th</sup> March 1863 Jane was a witness to the marriage of her sister Ellen in Lambeth.

Jane married John Thorn (1809-1874) on the 2<sup>nd</sup> April 1868 at St. Mary, Lambeth.<sup>237 238</sup>

He was described as, of full age, Widower, Builder, Resident at Albert Terrace. His father was John Thorn (deceased) a Builder.

Jane was described as, of full age, Spinster, Resident at Albert Terrace. Her father was John Robert Oxley (deceased) a Saddler.

The witnesses were: George Theobald, Elizabeth Theobald

The banns were read on the 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> March 1868.

At the 1871 census Jane and John were living in Deptford.<sup>239</sup>

1871 Census

*275 Queens, Road, St. Paul, Deptford*

*John Thorn, Head, Married, age 61, Gentleman, born Paddington*

*Jane Thorn, Wife, Married, age 43, born Wells*

*Frederick C. Thorn, Son, Unmarried, age 23, Merchant Clerk, born Camberwell, Surrey*

*Mary Johnson, Servant, Widowed, age 47, Domestic servant, born Deptford \**

\* Fred Oxley and Frederick Thorn are the same person - he has taken his stepfather's surname.

Jane died, age 44, on the 19<sup>th</sup> January 1872; registered at Greenwich in the March quarter. Probate was granted on the 20<sup>th</sup> April.<sup>240</sup>

*Thorn formerly Oxley, Jane. 20<sup>th</sup> April. Administration of the effects of Jane Thorn (Wife of John Thorn) (formerly Oxley, Spinster) late of 275 Queen's Road Peckham in the County of Surrey who died 10<sup>th</sup> January 1872 at 275 Queen's Road was granted at the Principal Registry to the said John Thorn of 275 Queen's Road, Builder.*

John died on the 5<sup>th</sup> July 1874. Probate was granted on the 23<sup>rd</sup> July.<sup>241</sup>

Thorn John, 23<sup>rd</sup> July. The Will of John Thorn late of 3 Little Stanhope Street, Mayfair in the Parish of St. George Hanover Square in the County of Middlesex Builder who died 5<sup>th</sup> July 1874 at 275 Queen's Road in the Parish of St. Paul Deptford in the County of Kent was proved at the Principal Registry by Frederick Oxley of 275 Queen's Road and George Allsop Theobald of 11 Chapel Street East St, George Bootmaker the Executors. \*

\* George Theobald was a witness at their wedding.

Jane had one child: Frederick Hardy Wells Oxley (1847-1912).

**Frederick Oxley (1847-1912).** Frederick Hardy Wells Oxley-Boyle. Also Fred, Frederick C., Frederick Oxley-Boyle, Frederick Thorn. The son of Jane Oxley and Hardy Wells.

Frederick was born on the 2<sup>nd</sup> July 1847 at Southwark. He was not baptised until the 3<sup>rd</sup> July 1872 at Christ Church, Mayfair. His father was given as Hardy Wells (1821-1889) on his birth certificate. Hardy Wells, from Huntingdon, was a designer and engineer working in London.<sup>242 243</sup>

Some time after his divorce in 1892 Frederick seems to have information his father was Rear Admiral Courtenay Edmund William Boyle (1800-1859). When his son Eric Oxley is born Eric's father's name is given as 'Frederick Hardy Wells Oxley-Boyle'. Courtenay is used as a first name for some of the children. Frederick's use of the names is the only evidence for this.

At the 1851 census, age 3, Frederick was living with his mother at his Aunt's house at 2 Mary's Cottages. St. Mary Newington.

At the 1861 census, age 13, Frederick was living with his mother in Lambeth.

At the 1871 census, age 23, Frederick was living in Deptford with his mother and stepfather. He used his stepfather's surname on the census. He was working as a merchant clerk.

Frederick married Adelaide Frances Davis (1854-1928) in 1872; registered at St. George, Hanover Square in the September quarter.<sup>244</sup>

Adelaide was born on the 25<sup>th</sup> August 1853 at Battle. Her father was John Davis (1817-1908) and her mother was Jane Pelling (1819-1863).

Frederick and Adelaide were involved in a court case in November 1876 when some money was stolen from them.<sup>245</sup>

#### Surrey Advertiser 11<sup>th</sup> November 1876

*Charge of Stealing Money. On Thursday, Edward Pagden, a lad of about 14, residing at Kingswood, was charged before Colonel Goulburn and Sir Valentine Fleming, at the Magistrates' Clerk's office, with stealing 1 sovereign, 2 half sovereigns, 3 five shilling pieces, 10 shillings and 1 sixpence, amounting in all to £3 5s. 6d., the property of Frederick Oxley, of Kingswood.*

*Adelaide Frances Oxley (wife of the prosecutor) said that on Saturday evening she went to a box in her bedroom in which the money was kept, when she found it was all gone. The coins produced she believed to be the same as she had lost. She had seen the prisoner painting the door of her room of the previous day.*

*Inspector Gray said upon charging the prisoner with the theft, he admitted having stolen the money from the box which he broke open, and he afterwards directed witness to a certain spot in the garden of his uncle, with whom he lived, where he (witness), discovered the coins now produced, buried about four inches under the surface of the ground. The prisoner pleaded guilty and was sentenced to one month's imprisonment with hard labour.*

In April 1877 and March 1878, according to the local paper, Frederick and Adelaide sadly had a son and then a daughter who died at birth or shortly after.<sup>246 247</sup>

At the 1881 census Frederick and Adelaide were living in Paddington.<sup>248</sup>

#### 1881 Census

*23, Gloucester Crescent, Paddington, Kensington, London & Middlesex*

*Fred Oxley, Head, Married, age 33, American merch, born Middlesex*

*Adelaide Oxley, Wife, Married, age 27, born Battle, Sussex*

*Fred Oxley, Son, Single, age 2, born Paddington, Middlesex*

*William Morton, Cousin, Single, age 15, born Commission clerk, born Peckham, Surrey*

*Martha Thomas, Servant, Single, age 40, Cook, born Oxford*

*Charlotte Barkin, Servant, Single, age 22, Nurse, born Huntingdon*

*Emma Stayes, Servant, Single, age 22, Housemaid, born Kent*  
*Henry Thomas, Visitor, Single, age 27, Guard metropolitan raily com, born Oxford*

In 1882 it may be Frederick who is a partner in Thomas and Oxley Merchants and Ship Insurance Brokers at 12 Great Winchester Street, City of London. Frederick Oxley and Francis Rashleigh Burnside were made bankrupt on the 24<sup>th</sup> June 1882.

At the 1891 census Frederick was running a small Hotel in Brighton.<sup>249</sup>

#### 1891 Census

*Pier Hotel, 10, Marine Parade, Brighton, Sussex*  
*Frederick Oxley, Head, Married, age 42, Wine Merchant, born London*  
*Frederick E. Oxley, Son, age 12, Scholar, born Paddington*  
*Cecil G. F. Oxley, Son, age 9, Scholar, born Paddington*  
*Francis D. Oxley, Son, age 7, Scholar, born Croydon, Surrey*  
*Percy G. Oxley, Son, age 6, born Croydon*  
*Graham B. Oxley, Son, age 2, born Brighton, Sussex*

At the 1891 census Adelaide was lodging in Portsmouth.<sup>250</sup>

#### 1891 Census

*24, Emanuel Road, Portsea, Portsea Island, Hampshire*  
*Frances Field, Lodger, Widow, age 72, Living on own means, born London*  
*Adelaide F. Oxley, Lodger Married, age 34, born Battle, Sussex*  
*Hubert Oxley, Lodger, age 1 month, born Brighton*  
*Lucretia A. Speer, Lodger, Single, age 25, Nurse domestic servant, born London*

Frederick and Adelaide were divorced in 1892.<sup>251</sup>

By 1892 Frederick had a new partner Mary Keating (1865-1945) and although on the census they are reported as married – we have not found a marriage for them.

At the 1901 census Adelaide was living with the children in Lambeth.<sup>252</sup>

#### 1901 Census

*(Flats), 4, Ackworth Street, Lambeth, London & Surrey*  
*Adelaide F. Oxley, Wife, Married, age 46, born Battle*  
*Frederick E. Oxley, Son, Single, age 22, Stockbrokers clerk, born Paddington*  
*Cecil G. F. Oxley, Son, Single, age 20, Pte imperial yeomanry, born Paddington*  
*Francis D. Oxley, Son, Single, age 17, Stockbrokers clerk, born Thornton Heath, Surrey*  
*Percy G. Oxley, Son, Single, age 15, Stockbrokers clerk, born Selhurst, Surrey*  
*Graham B. Oxley, Son, Single, age 12, born Brighton, Sussex*  
*Hubert H. Oxley, Son, Single, age 10, born Brighton, Sussex*  
*Lionel J. Twort, Nephew, Single, age 22, Stockbrokers clerk, born Camberley, Surrey \**

\* Susan Mary Davis, Adelaide's sister, had married William Twort in 1845

At the 1901 census Frederick and Mary were living in Maidenhead.<sup>253</sup>

#### 1901 Census

*12, Norfolk Road Street, Lukes Terrace, Maidenhead, Berkshire*  
*Frederick Oxley, Head, age 50, Living on own means, born Mayfair, London*  
*Mary Oxley, Wife, Married, age 36, born Sussex*  
*Edith Hope Oxley, Daughter, age 8, born Lancashire*  
*Rupert Oxley, Son, age 4, born Peckham, Surrey*  
*Eric Oxley. Son, age 2, born Stroud, Gloucestershire*

In July 1902 Frederick was manager of the Cheltenham Corporation Amusements and gave evidence in a civil case. He claimed to have a lot of experience in the business of theatre bookings

but that seems to be an exaggeration.<sup>254</sup>

In 1904 Frederick and Mary were convicted of fraud in Cleethorpes and sentenced to 12 months imprisonment. As the articles below show the Lincoln quarter sessions treated them very harshly but other authorities saw them as a couple in a dire situation perhaps not of their own making.<sup>255</sup>

Grimsby News 26<sup>th</sup> February 1904

*Grimsby County. Tuesday. Before E. Bannister, Esq. (in the chair), and G. L. Bennett Esq. Remarkable Case of False Pretences.*

*Frederick H. Oxley, a native of London, who describes himself as a stage manager, and Mary Oxley, native of Brighton, his wife, were charged with obtaining £3 and £2 respectively by means of false pretences from William E. Pearce, fish merchant, of 74 Allington Street, Cleethorpes. Mr. Wrainwright appeared for the prosecution, and in opening the case he said Mr. Pearce let three rooms to prisoners early in October of last year for 15s. a week. Prisoner and his wife took up their quarters on October 19<sup>th</sup>, and at the end of the first week they paid for the week's board. After the first week, however, they paid nothing. Whilst they were there prisoner made various statements. Among other things Mr. Oxley said his daughter Edith was a ward in chancery, and entitled, on coming of age, to £4,000 a year, and that there was an application pending to the Lord Chancellor for the purpose of appointing new trustees, the old trustees having neglected to contribute towards the child's maintenance. Moreover prisoner represented himself as a man of means, and as having lost as much as £15,000 through the failure of a bank in America; that he had property in Hull, and other sources of income which were controlled by his solicitor. He borrowed £3 in order to make a journey to London to see the Lord Chancellor, and this was the £3 which was the subject of the charge. He made the journey, and afterwards another journey to London, when his wife borrowed £2, and on this second occasion he stayed away for one month.*

*William E. Pearce was called, and he deposed to letting apartments to Mr. and Mrs. Oxley. Mr. Oxley made various statements, one about his daughter being a ward in chancery, and entitled on coming of age to £4,000. He told witness his wife had a private fortune of her own; also that he had been very unfortunate, having lost a large fortune by a bank failure in America. There was a lawsuit pending he added, which had cost him several hundred pounds. These statements were made to him by defendant on various occasions. On the 10<sup>th</sup> November witness had gone across to his shop when Mrs. Pearce came and fetched him. He went home and defendant said: 'Mr. Pearce, I am compelled to go to London to-morrow with my daughter Edie before the Lord Chancellor to appoint new trustees.' Prisoner borrowed £3, promising to get a cheque changed. He went to London the next day, taking his daughter with him, and returned the following night, stating that things had not been quite satisfactorily arranged, and he might have to go again without the child. He went away again on the 19<sup>th</sup> November, when Mrs. Oxley borrowed £2, and he did not return until the 19<sup>th</sup> December, staying from then until January 19<sup>th</sup>. For three months the witness and his wife had kept the prisoners and he had been induced to keep them by the prisoner's representations. On January 19<sup>th</sup> the prisoner left without any notice; he went out and did not come home to tea. Witness had endeavoured to obtain the names to the trustees, but without success; and he had also been unable to get prisoner's address until a certain date, and then the address at a post office. He wrote asking for the names of his solicitors, and the people who owed him money, and the letter in reply was produced. It did not give the desired information, but asked whether witness wanted to know this in a friendly or hostile spirit. Later witness placed the matter in the hands of a solicitor with the result that the present proceedings were taken.*

*Mrs. Pearce was called and gave evidence similar to that given by her husband. She said prisoner stated he had come to Grimsby to look after his property at Hull, and that he had last year's rents to collect yet.*

*William Dunlop Cunningham. Solicitor, of London, stated that he had known prisoner some ten or eleven years, and during that time he believed his firm had acted as solicitor for the prisoner. Witness had no knowledge of any lawsuit pending in America, or of the daughter being a ward in chancery, or of any property in Hull. Replying to the Magistrates' Clerk witness said that he had no knowledge of any proceedings in the High Court or any other court in which the prisoner, his wife, or his children were interested. So far as witness knew prisoner had no means of income. About*

two years ago his firm lent prisoner a small sum of money which had not been repaid. As to prisoner's occupation, the only knowledge he had was prisoner's own statement that he had been managing theatrical companies for some time.

Police Inspector Bowles stated that on the 9<sup>th</sup> of the present month he received the warrant for the apprehension of prisoner, and on the 12<sup>th</sup> received him in custody from the Portsmouth police. On being charged prisoner made no reply. On the 15<sup>th</sup> inst., after the case was adjourned, the female prisoner said to the male prisoner; 'You must now call witnesses to corroborate all you have said; you know you had money and expectations when you borrowed that money, but you have lost it all since.' The prisoner replied 'I will call witnesses and have counsel but the unfortunate part of the business is I don't know what you have said.'

The Chairman said the Magistrates were sorry to see the prisoner in such a position that day. They committed him to take his trial at the Quarter Sessions. Evidence was next given against Mrs. Oxley and she too was committed to the Quarter Sessions. Mr. Oxley declared that he should bring witness forwarded at the Quarter Sessions. \*

\* £5 in 1904 is equivalent to about £750 in 2023.

The case went forward to the Lincoln quarter sessions.<sup>257 258</sup>

#### Lincolnshire Chronicle 15<sup>th</sup> April 1904

##### *How Hull Magistrates and Lincoln Prison Authorities were Deceived*

Frederick Hardy Oxley (aged 54), manager, and Mary Oxley (38), his wife both pleaded guilty to false guilty to false pretences, the man to obtaining £3 from William Exon Pearce, at Cleethorpes, on the 10<sup>th</sup> November, and the woman to obtaining £2 from Emma Pearce, at Cleethorpes, on the 19<sup>th</sup> November. Mr. Walker, for the prosecution, said the prisoners were entitled to money and property at Hull, and even gave the names of Hull solicitors who had the affairs in hand. Inspector Bowles said at Cheltenham 18 months ago the prisoners' two boys and a girl were placed in the custody of Mrs. Johns, a tale being told as to the great expectations. The three children were left there for twelve months, and a bill of £140 run up. The same thing occurred at Rochester, and indebtedness of £12 being incurred. At Hull the woman was arrested on the charges of obtaining money by false pretences. She, however, got a great amount sympathy from the Court, and was discharged. The Chairman said the Court was very much indebted to the police for their investigations, because he had it from the prison authorities that they believed to a certain extent the prisoners were more sinned against than sinning. How the prison authorities could arrive at that conclusion without having heard the case he was at a loss to understand, except from the tale told them by the prisoners, and by accepting that they showed a foolishness which did more credit to their hearts than their heads. They were disposed to think that the prisoners were two wretched individuals being prosecuted by the law. He hoped they would read the newspapers and understand that was not so. The Court would place them in the care of the prison authorities, who had such a tender wish for their welfare for a period of 12 calendar months with hard labour.

#### Sleaford Gazette 16<sup>th</sup> April 1904

##### *False Pretences at Cleethorpes*

Frederick Hardy Oxley, 54, manager, was charged with unlawfully and knowingly, by false pretences, obtaining from Wm. Evan Pearce £3, with intent to defraud at Cleethorpes on March 10<sup>th</sup>, and Mary Oxley, 38, was charged with obtaining £2 from Emma Pearce, with intent to defraud, at Cleethorpes. Mr. T. H. Walker was for the prosecution, and the prisoners, who pleaded guilty, were each sentenced to 12 months' hard labour. Police Inspector Bowles, of Cleethorpes, told the Court that the prisoners had run up a bill of £140 at Cheltenham for the maintenance of their children. The Chairman remarked that the prisoners were two dangerous members of society and had managed to live pretty well by plundering their fellow creatures. The magistrates were much indebted to the police for the investigations they had made, for he had received a pitiable tale from the prison authorities to the effect that the prisoners had been more sinned against than sinning.

At the 1911 census Frederick and Mary were living in Ealing.<sup>259</sup>

### 1911 Census

22 Durham Road, Ealing, Middlesex

Frederick Oxley, Head, Married, age 60, Private means, born Mayfair, London

Mary Oxley, Wife, Married, age 46, born Chilmington, Sussex

Edith Oxley, Daughter, Single, age 18, Student-art, born Leicester

Rupert Oxley, Son, age 14, School, born Peckham, Surrey \*

\* Although on the census their surname is Oxley they had started using the name Oxley-Boyle on their children's birth certificates and this is the name they used from 1912 onwards. Frederick does not seem to have any link to the 'Courtney Boyle' family who are descendants of the Earls of Cork.

Frederick died in 1912; registered at Brentford in the June quarter. He was buried on the 31<sup>st</sup> May at Ealing and Old Brentford cemetery.<sup>260</sup>

At the 1911 census Adelaide was living in Streatham.<sup>261</sup>

### 1911 Census

12a Leigham Vale Streatham, Wandsworth Borough, London & Surrey

Adelaide Francis Oxley, Head, Married, age 51, Private means, born Battle, Sussex

Herbert Harold Oxley, Son, Single, age 20, Invoice clerk, born Brighton

In 1912 Adelaide re-married, to David White, registered at Reading in the September quarter.<sup>262</sup>

At the 1921 census Adelaide and David were living in Chieveley.<sup>263</sup>

### 1921 Census

Kiln House, Oare, Chieveley, Berkshire

David White, Head, age 68, Auctioneer Own Account, born Greywell, Hampshire

Adelaide Frances White, Wife, age 62, Home duties, born. Battle, Sussex

Jane Smith, Servant, age 27, Domestic service, born Beedon, Berkshire, Domestic Service

Adelaide died on the 1<sup>st</sup> November 1928. Probate was granted in March.<sup>264</sup>

White Adelaide Frances of Bedford House Newbury Berkshire (wife of David White) died 1<sup>st</sup> November 1928. Administration Oxford 15<sup>th</sup> March to the said David White auctioneer. Effects £115 10s.

At the 1921 census Mary was living in Shepperton.<sup>265</sup>

### 1921 Census

3, Laleham Road, Shepperton, Middlesex

Mary Oxley-Boyle, Head, age 56, Home duties, born Sussex

Edith Hope Brooks, Daughter, age 28, Home duties born Leicester

Violet Grace Oxley-Boyle, Daughter-in-law, age 19, born Darjeeling, India

Gordon Charles Beresford Brooks, Son-in-law, age 27, Automobile Engineer Ashpods Steam Laundry Ltd, born Kilburn, Middlesex

Beryl Hope Brooks, Granddaughter, age 5, born Ealing, Middlesex

Catherine Martha Keatley, Sister, age 72, Home duties, born Paddington, Middlesex

Alice Spruce, Servant, age 18, General domestic servant, born Richmond, Surrey

At the 1939 register Mary was living in Staines.<sup>266</sup>

### 1939 Register

Riversleigh Thames Side, Staines-Upon-Thames, Middlesex

Mary Oxley-Boyle, b Mar 1865, Private Means, Widowed

Catherine M. Keatley, b.2 Feb 1849, Private Means, Single

Dora F. Duke, b.11 Jul 1879, Private Means, Single



Mary died, age 79, in 1945; registered at Staines in the March quarter. Mary was buried at Ealing and Old Brentford cemetery on the 5<sup>th</sup> March.<sup>267</sup>

Frederick and Adelaide had six children: Frederick Ernest (1879-1943), Cecil George Firth (1881-1937), Francis Dering (1884-1950), Percy Gordon (1886-1979), Graham B. (b.1889), Hubert H. (b.1890)

Frederick and Mary had five children: Edith Hope (b.1893), Rupert Frederick (1896-1981), Eric (b.1899), Reginald Aubrey (1904-1908), Hugh A. (bd.1909).

**Frederick Oxley (1879-1943).** Frederick Ernest. The son of Frederick Oxley and Adelaide. He was born on the 16<sup>th</sup> February 1879; registered at Kensington in the March quarter. He was baptized on the 14<sup>th</sup> March at Holy Trinity, Paddington.<sup>268 269</sup>

At the 1881 census, age 2, Frederick was at home in Paddington.

At the 1891 census, age 12, Frederick was at home in Brighton.

At the 1901 census, age 22, Frederick was at home in Lambeth and working as a Stockbroker's clerk.

Frederick married Ada Emily Beer (1882-1960) on the 4<sup>th</sup> September 1906 at Christ Church North Brixton; registered at Lambeth in the September quarter.<sup>270</sup>

He was described as age 26, a bachelor, working as a Clerk, resident at 4 Cranworth Gardens. His father was Frederick Oxley (dec.), a Wine merchant. She was described as, age 23, a spinster, resident at 4 Cranworth Gardens. Her father was William Beer an Antique dealer.

The witnesses were: Sophia Beer, Adelaide Frances Oxley

In 1910 Frederick was listed on an electoral register at 36 Auckland Road, Kingston upon Thames.<sup>271</sup>

At the 1911 census Frederick and Ada were living in Kingston upon Thames.<sup>272</sup>

#### 1911 Census

*31 Auckland Terrace Kingston-On-Thames, Kingston on Thames, Surrey, England  
Frederick Ernest, Oxley. Head, Married, age 32, Stock brokers clerk, born London, Stock  
Ada Emily Oxley, Wife, Married, age 28, born St. Giles, London  
Frederick Harold Oxley, Son, age 2, born Kingston on Thames*

At the 1921 census Frederick and Ada were living in Kingston upon Thames.<sup>273</sup>

#### 1921 Census

*33, Auckland Terrace, Kingston upon Thames, Surrey  
Frederick E. Oxley, Head, age 41, Clerk Vinian Gray & Co Stock Brokers, born London  
Ada E. Oxley, Wife, age 39, born London  
Frederick H. Oxley, Son, age 13, born Kingston upon Thames, Surrey  
Adelaide M. Oxley, Daughter, age 8, born Kingston upon Thames, Surrey*

At the 1939 census Frederick and Ada were living in Worthing.<sup>274</sup>

#### 1939 Register

*30 Warwick Road, Worthing, Sussex  
Frederick Oxley, b.16 Feb 1879, Clerk To Wholesale Fruit & Potato Merchants, Married  
Ada E. Oxley, b.16 Sep 1881, Unpaid Domestic Duties, Married*

Frederick died on the 5<sup>th</sup> October 1943 at Worthing; registered at Worthing in the December quarter.<sup>275</sup>

The death was reported in the local paper.

Worthing Gazette 13<sup>th</sup> October 1943

*Deaths. Oxley – On October 5<sup>th</sup>, at 30 Warwick Road, Worthing. Frederick Ernest Oxley, dearly loved husband of Ada Oxley, aged 65 years.*

Ada died, age 77, in 1960; registered at Worthing in the September quarter.<sup>276</sup>

Frederick and Ada had two children: Frederick Harold Oxley (1908-1986), Adelaide Maude Oxley (married name Foster) (1912-2000).

**Cecil Oxley (1881-1937).** Cecil George Frith. The son of Frederick Oxley and Adelaide. He was born on the 2<sup>nd</sup> December 1881; registered at Kensington in the March quarter 1882. He was baptized on the 31<sup>st</sup> December at Holy Trinity, Paddington.<sup>277 278</sup>

At the 1891 census, age 9, Cecil was at home in Brighton.

At the 1901 census, age 20, Cecil was at home in Lambeth. He was a private in the Imperial Yeomanry.

Cecil joined the Imperial Yeomanry on the 14<sup>th</sup> March 1901. This was a volunteer force created during the Boer war (1901-1902). This was the second contingent raised. Cecil signed up for a 1 year term.<sup>279</sup>

On signing he was described as: age 20 years 3 months, working as a clerk. Height 5ft 6-1/2 inches with a fresh complexion and grey eyes. His mother was listed as Frances Adelaide Oxley, 19 Cranbrook Mansions, Stockwell.

Cecil was in the UK for a few weeks from 8<sup>th</sup> March 1901 to the 11<sup>th</sup> April 1901. He then served in South Africa from 12<sup>th</sup> April 1901 to 31<sup>st</sup> August 1902. He had the rank of a Private. He was discharged from service on 7<sup>th</sup> September 1902.

Cecil was awarded the Queen's Gallantry Medal in 1902.

Cecil married Alice Maude Harrison (b.1883) on the 3<sup>rd</sup> December 1904 at Emmanuel Church Margate.<sup>280</sup>

He was described as, age 23 years, a bachelor, working as a Stockbrokers' Clerk, resident at 4 Cranworth Gardens, Brixton. His father was Frederick Oxley (deceased) a shipping and insurance merchant. Alice was described as, age 21 years, a spinster, resident at 7 Fort Crescent, Margate. Her father was Frederic Walter Harrison an Admiralty Surveyor.

The witnesses were: Frederick Walter Harrison, Adelaide Frances Oxley.

At the 1911 census Cecil and Alice were living in Brixton.<sup>281</sup>

1911 Census

*16 Gresham Road Brixton, Lambeth, London & Surrey*

*Cecil George Firth, Oxley, Head, Married, age 29, Stock exchange clerk, born Hyde Park, London*

*Alice Maude Oxley, Wife, Married, age 27, born Birmingham*

*Frederick Cecil Oxley, Son, age 5, born Brixton, London*

In 1915 Cecil had a short term of service in the Army in World War 1. He joined the Army Service Corps which dealt with the provision of supplies for the army.<sup>282</sup>

In 1917 Cecil petitioned for divorce which was granted on the 21<sup>st</sup> March 1918. He was described as a commercial traveller living at 28 Turney Road, West Dulwich.<sup>283</sup>

At the 1921 census Cecil was visiting the family of Anne Smith in Lambeth.<sup>284</sup>

#### 1921 Census

*44, Kemerton Road, Lambeth, London & Surrey*

*Anne Smith, Head, Widow, age 52, born Notting Hill, Middlesex*

*Florence C A Smith, Daughter, Single, age 22, Waitress restaurant, Southwark, Surrey*

*Gertrude B E Smith, Daughter, Single, age 20, Waitress restaurant, Southwark, Surrey*

*Violet R S Smith, Daughter, Single, age 11, Southwark, Surrey*

*Cecil Oxley, Visitor, Single, age 20, Stock brokers clerk, born Lambeth, Surrey*

Cecil remarried in 1924 to Doris May Wheatley (b.1885); registered at Conway in the June quarter.<sup>285</sup>

George died, age 55, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> May 1937; registered at Chester in the June quarter.<sup>286</sup>

Probate was granted in June.<sup>287</sup>

*Oxley Cecil George Firth of Red Walls Churton near Chester died 2<sup>nd</sup> May 1937 at Chester Royal Infirmary. Chester Administration (with Will). Chester 23<sup>rd</sup> June to Doris May Firth Oxley widow and Frederick Cecil Oxley estate agent. Effects. £1461 0s. 2d.*

Cecil and Alice had two children: Frederick Cecil (b.1905), Derek Harcourt (1912-1989).

**Francis Oxley (1884-1950).** Francis Dering. The son of Frederick Oxley and Adelaide. He was born in 1884; registered at Croydon in the March quarter.<sup>288</sup>

At the 1891 census, age 6, he was at home in Brighton.

At the 1901 census, age 16, Percy was at home in Lambeth and working as a Stockbroker's clerk.

Percy married Florence Drury (1885-1961) in 1910; registered at Lambeth in the September quarter.<sup>289</sup>

At the 1911 census Francis and Florence were living in Lambeth.<sup>290</sup>

#### 1911 Census

*60 Romola Road, Lambeth, London & Surrey*

*Francis [D] Oxley, Head, Married, age 27, Stockbroker's clerk, born Thornton Heath, Surrey*

*Florence Oxley, Wife, Married, age 26, born Willesden, Middlesex*

At the 1921 census Frances and Florence were living in Hampton, Middlesex<sup>291</sup>.

#### 1921 Census

*Brasted 6 Acacia Rd, Hampton, Midx.*

*Frances Dering Oxley, Head, age 37, Stock Jobbers Manager Smith Frist Co. Stock Jobbers, born Surrey*

*Florence Oxley, Wife, age 37, Home duties, born Willesden, Middlesex*

*Malcolm Dering Oxley, Son, age 3, born Teddington, Middlesex*

*Ada Drury, Sister-in-law Female, age 34. Clerk Williams Co. Ltd., born Willesden, Middlesex*

Francis died, age 66, in 1950; registered at Barnet in the September quarter.<sup>292</sup>

Florence died, age 78, on the 21<sup>st</sup> May 1961; registered at Surrey North Western in the June quarter.<sup>293</sup>

Probate was granted on the 16<sup>th</sup> June 1961.<sup>294</sup>

*Oxley Florence of Clock House Byfleet Surrey widow died 21<sup>st</sup> May 1961. Administration*

*London 15 June to Malcolm Dering Oxley stockjobber. Effects £318 3s.*

Francis and Florence had one child: Malcolm Dering Oxley (1918-2017).<sup>295</sup>

**Percy Oxley (1885-1979).** Percy Gordon. The son of Frederick Oxley and Adelaide. He was born on the 13<sup>th</sup> October 1885; registered at Croydon in the December quarter. He was baptised at St. John, Croydon on the 6<sup>th</sup> February 1886.<sup>296 297</sup>

At the 1891 census, age 6, he was at home in Brighton.

At the 1901 census, age 15, Percy was at home in Lambeth. He was working as a Stockbroker's clerk.

At the 1911 census Percy was living in Worthing with the Briggs family. The family of his future wife Nora.<sup>298</sup>

#### 1911 Census

*14 Richmond Road, Worthing, Sussex*

*Herbert George Briggs, Head, Married, age 51, Joiner, born St. Peters, Islington, London*

*Jane Briggs, Wife, Married, age 51, born Broadwater, Worthing, Sussex*

*Nora Evelyn Heath Briggs, Daughter, Single, age 23 born Heene, Worthing*

*William Lucas, Father in law, Widower, age 77, Retired boat owner, born Broadwater, Worthing*

*Percy Gordon Oxley, Visitor, Single, age 25, Clerk stock exchange, born East Croydon, Surrey*

Percy married Nora Briggs (1887-1970) on the 16<sup>th</sup> September 1911 at St. Peter, Streatham; registered at Lambeth in the September quarter.<sup>299</sup>

He was described as, age 25, a bachelor, working as a clerk. He was resident at 12a Leigham Vale, Streatham. His father was Frederick Oxley and Wine Merchant. Nora was described as age 23, a spinster, resident at 14 Richmond Road, Worthing. Her father was Hubert George Briggs as Contractor.

The witnesses were: Adelaide Frances Oxley, Jane Briggs.

At the 1921 census Percy and Nora were living in Norbury.<sup>300</sup>

#### 1921 Census

*70, Ederline Avenue, Norbury, Croydon, Surrey*

*Percy G Oxley, Head, age 35, Stock Exchange Authorised Clerk Tatham & Quick Stock Jobbers, born Thornton Heath, Surrey*

*Nora E. Oxley, Wife, age 33, born Worthing, Sussex-*

*Nora G. Oxley, Daughter, age 8, born Worthing, Sussex*

*Cecil G. Oxley, Son, age 6, born Worthing, Sussex*

At the 1939 Register Percy and Nora were living in West Norwood.<sup>301</sup>

#### 1939 Register

*34 Greenhurst Road, West Norwood, Lambeth*

*Percy G. Oxley, b.13 Oct 1885, Manager Stock Jobbers Office, Married*

*Nora E. H. Oxley, b.19 Nov 1887, Unpaid Domestic Duties, Married*

*Nora Gwendoline Andrews (Oxley), b.01 Aug 1912, Bank Clerk, Single*

Nora died in 1970; registered at Worthing in the March quarter.<sup>302</sup>

Percy died on the 22<sup>nd</sup> June 1979; registered at Worthing in the June quarter.<sup>303</sup>

Probate was granted in August.<sup>304</sup>

*Oxley Percy Gordon of 57 Mill Road Avenue Angmering West Sussex died 22<sup>nd</sup> June 1979.*

*Probate London 2<sup>nd</sup> August. £31,002*

Percy and Nora had two children: Norah Gwendoline Oxley [married name: Andrews] (1912-1998), Cecil Gordon Francis Heath Oxley (1915-2002).

**Graham Oxley (1888-1989).** Graham Burrell. The son of Francis Oxley and Adelaide. He was born on the 15<sup>th</sup> August 1888; registered at Brighton in the September quarter.<sup>305</sup>

At the 1891 census, age 2, he was at home in Brighton.  
At the 1901 census, age 12, Graham was home in Lambeth.

Graham married Elizabeth Muriel Doy (1888-1951); registered at Lambeth in the September quarter.<sup>306</sup>

Graham had several terms of service in the Army from 1909 when he joined the London Regiment (21<sup>st</sup> Battalion). This was a volunteer part time force. He was in the infantry and left as Corporal.<sup>307</sup> He may also have served in the Territorial Army when he was in Sussex in 1908.

On joining the London Regiment he was described as age 20 years and 8 months, height 5ft 6 inches with a fresh complexion, brown eyes, dark hair. At the end of his service on the 11<sup>th</sup> March 1916 he was described as of 'very good character'.

*This man is sober, honest and trustworthy and has proven himself a good soldier*

In 1911 he was awarded the King George V Coronation medal. The coronation was on the 22<sup>nd</sup> June 1911 and the medal was only given to those troops having some role in the Coronation itself and to selected dignitaries and officials.

At the start of the war the Territorial forces joined the British Expeditionary Force to France and Graham was there from the 15<sup>th</sup> March 1915 to 1<sup>st</sup> October 1915. He was back in the UK from the 2<sup>nd</sup> October to the 29<sup>th</sup> November 1915 and back in France until 2<sup>nd</sup> March 1916. His voluntary service was due to end on the 11<sup>th</sup> March 1916.

During the war the London Regiment expanded from 26 battalions to 88 and most of them saw action in the trenches in France and several were at Gallipoli and several served in Salonica.

Graham re-enlisted, as a Private, on the 24<sup>th</sup> September 1916, age 28 years 1 month. Regimental Number No. 622636. He served in the Labour Corps. This Corps provided all the skilled workers required to support the Army. His skills are listed as Clerk – so he may have had an administrative role.

He embarked from Southampton for Salonica on the 16<sup>th</sup> January 1917 and served there until the 15<sup>th</sup> January 1918. He was then posted to Alexandria in Egypt and embarked from Port Said back to the UK on 28<sup>th</sup> May 1919. He left the service later in 1919.

During his time in Egypt he suffered from several bad bouts of Malaria and eventually was awarded a modest disability pension.

Graham was awarded the 1914-1915 Star, British War Medal, Victory Medal.

At the 1921 census Graham and Elizabeth were living in Norbury.<sup>308</sup>

### 1921 Census

*10, Norton Gardens, Norbury, Croydon, Surrey  
Graham Burrell Oxley, Head, age 32, Assistant Traffic Department London County Council  
Tramways Dept, born Brighton, Sussex.  
Elizabeth Muriel Oxley, Wife, age 32, Household duties, born Havering, Essex  
Evelyn Vera Frances Oxley, Daughter, age 6, born Lambeth, London.  
Hubert Harold Oxley, Brother, age 31, Invoice Clerk Peek Frean & Co, Biscuit Mfrs, born*

Brighton, Sussex.

At the 1939 register Graham and Elizabeth were living in Ilford.<sup>309</sup>

1939 Register

*52 Morrab Gardens, Redbridge, Ilford, Essex*

*Graham B. Oxley, b. 15 Aug 1888, Clerk London Passenger Transport Board, Married*

*Elizabeth M. Oxley, b. 6 Oct 1888, Unpaid Domestic Duties, Married*

Elizabeth died on the 31<sup>st</sup> October 1951; registered at Ilford in the December quarter.<sup>310</sup>

Probate was granted in November.<sup>311</sup>

*Oxley Elizabeth Muriel of the Rosery 52 Morrab Gardens Seven Kings Sussex (wife of Graham Burrell Oxley) died 31<sup>st</sup> October 1951 at King George Hospital Ilford Essex. Probate London 30<sup>th</sup> November to the said Graham Burrell Oxley transport clerk. Effects £2467 3s. 2d.*

Graham re-married in 1953 to Louisa Alice Berry (1903-1992) at Brentwood.

In May 1954 went on a trip of Canada and the USA, sailing from Liverpool on the 21<sup>st</sup> May on the 'Mistress of Australia'. They arrived in Quebec on the 29<sup>th</sup> May 1954.

They returned to Liverpool on the 26<sup>th</sup> October 1954.<sup>312</sup>

Graham died, age 100, on the 22<sup>nd</sup> August 1989; registered at Colchester in the June quarter.<sup>313</sup>

Louisa died in 1992; registered at Colchester in the March quarter.<sup>314</sup>

Graham and Elizabeth had one child: Evelyn Vera Frances Oxley (1914-2001).

**Hubert Oxley (1891-1946).** Hubert Harold. The son of Francis Oxley and Adelaide. He was born on the 20<sup>th</sup> February 1891; registered at Brighton in the June quarter. He was baptised at New Shoreham on the 27<sup>th</sup> August; his father was described as a Hotel Keeper.<sup>315 316</sup>

At the 1891 census, age 1 month, Hubert was lodging with his mother in Portsmouth.

At the 1901 census, age 10, he was at home in Lambeth.

At the 1911 census, age 20, Hubert was living with his mother in Streatham and working as an Invoice clerk.

At the 1921 census, age 31, Hubert was living with his brother Graham and his family in Norbury. He was working as an invoice clerk at Peek Frean & Co. Biscuit Manufacturers. This was a well known company and brand, their main factory was in Bermondsey, and the area around the factory was known as 'Biscuit town'.

Hubert served in the Labour Corps and the Royal Engineers in the First World War. He had the rank of Private. He was awarded the British War Medal and Victory Medal. This suggests he joined up after 1915.<sup>317</sup>

Hubert married Dorothy Josephine Matthews (1896-1983) on the 22<sup>nd</sup> December 1923 at St. Columba, Leytonstone. Her father was Henry Matthews.<sup>318</sup>

At the 1939 register Hubert and Dorothy were living in Redbridge, Essex.<sup>319</sup>

1939 register

*17 Coniston Gardens, Redbridge*

*Hubert H. Oxley, b. 20 Feb 1891, Telephone Operator & Calculating Clerk (Biscuit Mfgrs),*

*Married*

*Dorothy J. Oxley, b.31 May 1896, Female, Unpaid Domestic Duties, Married  
Florence E. Pihen, Nurse*

Hubert died on the 19<sup>th</sup> May 1946 at Ilford. Probate was granted in August.<sup>320</sup>

*Oxley Hubert Harold of 17 Coniston Gardens Ilford Essex died 19 May 1946 at King George Hospital Ilford. Administration London 8<sup>th</sup> August to Dorothy Josephine Oxley widow. Effects £1323 5s 2d*

Dorothy died on the 29<sup>th</sup> April 1983; registered at Redbridge in the June quarter.<sup>321</sup>

Probate was granted in September.<sup>322</sup>

*Oxley Dorothy Josephine of 4 Greenwood 12 Grange Av Woodford Green Esses died 29<sup>th</sup> April 1983. Probate London 28<sup>th</sup> September. Not exceeding £40,000*

Hubert and Dorothy had one child: Doreen J. Oxley [married name Barritt] (b.1926).

**Edith Oxley (1892-1983)**. Edith Hope. Also Oxley-Boyle. The daughter of Frederick Oxley and Mary Keatley. Edith was born on the 1<sup>st</sup> September 1902; registered at Leicester in the December quarter. She was baptised on the 7<sup>th</sup> October at the Garrison Church, Aldershot.<sup>323</sup>  
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\* There seems to be confusion between the Public record and the Army record.

At the 1901 census, age 8, Edith was at home in Maidenhead; her place of birth was given as Leicester.

At the 1911 census, age 18, Edith was at home in Ealing and was an Arts Student.

In 1915, Edith married Gordon Charles Beresford Brooks (1893-1983); registered at Brentford in the June quarter.<sup>325</sup>

Gordon was born in 1893; registered at Hendon in the June quarter 1984.<sup>326</sup>

Gordon was in the Army Service Corps in World War 1. He was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory medal so it looks as though he joined up in 1916.<sup>327</sup>

At the 1921 census Edith and Gordon were living with Edith's mother in Shepperton.<sup>328</sup>

#### 1921 Census

*3, Laleham Road, Shepperton, Middlesex*

*Mary Oxley-Boyle, Head, age 56, Home duties, born Sussex*

*Edith Hope Brooks, Daughter, age 28, Home duties, born Leicester*

*Violet Grace Oxley-Boyle, Daughter-in-law, age 19, born Darjeeling, India*

*Gordon Charles Beresford Brooks, Son-in-law, age 27, Automobile Engineer Ashpods Steam Laundry Ltd, born Kilburn, Middlesex*

*Beryl Hope Brooks, Granddaughter, age 5, born Ealing, Middlesex*

*Catherine Martha Keatley, Sister, age 72, Home duties, born Paddington, Middlesex*

*Alice Spruce, Servant, age 18, General domestic servant, born Richmond, Surrey*

At the 1939 register Edith was living in Ealing with her father in law.<sup>329</sup>

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*16 Mount Pleasant Road, Ealing, Middlesex*

*Charles Brooks, b.14 May 1865, Counting House Manager, Married*

*Edith H. Brooks, b.1 Sep 1893, Unpaid Domestic Duties, Married*

Charles died in 1983; registered at Ealing in the March quarter.<sup>330</sup>

Edith died in 1983; registered at Ealing in the June quarter.<sup>331</sup>

Gordon and Edith had one child: Beryl Hope Brooks [married name Ashford] (b.1915).

**Rupert Oxley (1896-1946).** Rupert Frederic Courtney. Also Oxley-Boyle. The son of Frederick Oxley and Mary Keatley. He was born in Peckham on the 4<sup>th</sup> August 1896; registered at Camberwell in the September quarter.<sup>332</sup>

At the 1901 census, age 4, he was at home with his father and his mother Mary Keatley. The family were living in Maidenhead.

At the 1911 census, age 14, Rupert was at home in Ealing.<sup>333</sup>

In the First World War Rupert joined the Army in 1915 and was commissioned into the York and Lancaster Regiment in May 1915. He transferred to the Machine Gun Corps in 1916. He served in France and Belgium from 1916 to 1918, He was awarded the Military Cross for gallantry in 1916.<sup>334</sup>

*The London Gazette Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 1916*

*Military Cross - Temp. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Lt. Rupert Frederic Courtney Oxley-Boyle, M.G. Corps. For conspicuous gallantry during operations. He displayed the greatest coolness under heavy shell fire, and though severely wounded, stuck to his duty till again wounded. He refused to be removed till he had seen his men go over the parapet into action.*

The military award was also reported in a local paper in Ealing.<sup>335</sup>

*Ealing and West Middlesex Observer 16<sup>th</sup> September 1916*

*Second-Lieutenant R.F.C Oxley-Boyle, who has been awarded the Military Cross, was at the outbreak of war employed as a junior clerk at the Ealing Branch of the London City and Midland Bank, and lived at 44 Clovelly Road, Ealing. He joined the Army in September 1914, and obtained a commission last year in the York and Lancaster Regiment.*

At the end of the War he joined the Regular Army and was in The Queen's Royal Regiment.

Rupert served in Russia in 1919 and in the campaigns in Waziristan between 1919 and 1924. The novel 'The Widow's Husband' by Tamim Ansary, published in 2009, has a Rupert Oxley as one of the characters. Although the book is set in 1841 this may be a vague reference to Rupert Oxley's, much later, service in Waziristan (now Bangladesh).

Rupert married Violet Grace O'Malley (1901-1952) at Calcutta on the 16<sup>th</sup> December 1920. This was reported in the local paper.<sup>336</sup>

*Civil & Military Gazette (Lahore) 18<sup>th</sup> December 1920*

*A Calcutta Wedding*

*Calcutta. Dec. 16. The first society wedding of the season in Calcutta took place this afternoon at St. Paul's Cathedral, when Major Rupert F.C. Oxley-Boyle. M.C., Queen's Regiment, now attached to the Machine Gun Corps, was married to Miss Violet Grace O'Malley, daughter of Mr. L.S.S. O'Malley, Secretary, Bengal Government. The bride was given away by her father. Canon R.G. Stokes, Senior Chaplain, St. Paul's Cathedral, conducted the service. Lord Ronaldshay, Sir Henry Wheeler, Major General Robinson, Sir Charles Stevenson Moore and practically every one in Calcutta society attended the service.*

This was seen as a 'Society' wedding because Violet was the daughter of the Secretary to the Bengal Government; Lewis Sydney Steward O'Malley. This was a major part of the British Administration in India.

From 1926 to 1930 Rupert was adjutant of 24th London Regiment and from 1934 to 1937 adjutant of the 1st Battalion.



At the 1939 Register Violet was living in Bisley, Bagshot.<sup>337</sup>

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*Bisley, Surrey*

*Violet Oxley-Boyle, b.25 Sep 1901, Unpaid Domestic Duties, Married*

Rupert had already left for Egypt and it looks as though two of the children are also on the register entry but the details are not shown because their dates of birth are within 100 years of the date when the 1939 Register was made generally available.

In 1940 Rupert served with the 2nd Battalion in the Middle East and commanded that Battalion from June 1941 to February 1942 when he was appointed Commandant of the Middle East OCTU (Officer Cadet Training Unit).

There is a picture of Rupert which seems to be from about this time.



Rupert Oxley-Boyle c.1942

In 1941 Rupert received the DSO medal for his work in the Middle East.<sup>338</sup>

*Description Name Oxley - Boyle, Rupert Frederic Courtney. Rank: Major. Regiment: 2 Battalion The Queen's Royal Regiment. Theatre of Combat or Operation: Middle East (Syria, Iraq and Iran). Award: Distinguished Service Order*

Rupert was involved in the Battles around Tobruk in Libya notably Operation Crusader in November 1941.

Rupert was an Officer at Al Alamein (23<sup>rd</sup> October – 4<sup>th</sup> November 1942) and was part of the Staff organising the battle.

In 1943 and 1944 Rupert was Assistant, to the Commander of 185th Infantry Brigade and from 1944 to 1946 was with the Military Government in Germany and retired from the Army on 8th September 1947.

Violet died, in Cornwall, on the 15<sup>th</sup> May 1952 and probate was granted in October.<sup>339</sup>

*Oxley-Boyle Violet Grace of Gorse Cottage Scorrier St. Agnes Cornwall (wife of Rupert Frederic Courtney Oxley-Boyle) died 15<sup>th</sup> May 1952 at Womens Hospital Redruth Cornwall Administration Bodmin 16<sup>th</sup> October to the said Rupert Frederic Courtney Oxley-Boyle retired colonel H.M. army. Effects. £1,000.*

Rupert re-married in 1956 to Elizabeth Courtney (b.1922); registered at Plymouth in the September quarter.<sup>340</sup>

Rupert died on the 16<sup>th</sup> April 1981; registered at Exeter in the March quarter.<sup>341</sup>

Rupert and Violet had four children: Desmond Eric Courtney (1923-2010), Brian Keppel Courtney (1924-1950), Terence Aubrey Courtney (1926-1956). Jennifer C. [Married name Bragg] (b.1938).

**Eric Oxley (1899-1983).** Eric Hardy. Also Oxley-Boyle. The son of Frederick Oxley and Mary Keatley. He was born in Stroud on the 6<sup>th</sup> February 1899; registered at Stroud in the March quarter.<sup>342</sup>

On this birth certificate his father's name is given as Frederick Hardy Wells Oxley Boyle. The family were living at 19 Nelson Street, Stroud.

At the 1901 census, age 2, Eric was at home in Maidenhead.

Eric was at South Parade mixed school in Grimsby from 30<sup>th</sup> May to 28<sup>th</sup> December 1904. He left school because his family moved. The record gives his father as 'Union' which suggests he was in the care of the local authority (Workhouse) – this was the period when his parents were due to serve a prison sentence.

At the 1911 census, age 12, Eric was a pupil at Wykeham Hall, Lee on the Solent, Crofton. The family were living in Ealing.<sup>343</sup>

By 1917 Eric was a cadet in the Royal Flying Corps (the World War I precursor to the RAF).

He as part of a Training Squadron based in Lincolnshire.

Eric attended the funeral, at Northfleet, of an RFC colleague, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant F.J. Tolhurst, who was killed in a flying accident in October 1917.<sup>344</sup>

In 1920 he received a short service commission for four years in the RAF.<sup>345 346 347</sup>

*The London Gazette, 17 December 1920*

*Short service commissions*

*Flying Officer*

*Eric Hardy Oxley Boyle 26 Nov 1920 for four years on the active list.*

Here is a photograph of Eric from about this period.



Eric Hardy Oxley-Boyle c.1920

Eric received another four year commission in 1924. During this period his reports from training courses were very complimentary. This second service may have been on the active reserve list – the records are not clear.

During this period his reports from training courses were very complimentary.

*Handles this machine well and is very reliable  
A good pilot reliable under all conditions  
Very reliable pilot with good judgement*

Eric married Madge Annie Berrington (1899-1978); registered at Staines in the March quarter.<sup>348</sup>

In the period from 1925 to 1927 there are some air accident reports involving Eric; these suggest he was doing commercial work at this time.<sup>349</sup>

*Date: 30-Dec-1926  
Time: day  
Type: de Havilland DH.50J  
Owner/operator: North Sea Aerial & General Transport  
Registration: G-EBOP  
MSN: 281  
Fatalities: Fatalities: 0 / Occupants: 4  
Other fatalities: 0  
Aircraft damage: Substantial  
Location: Kisumu, Nyanza - Kenya*

*Phase: Taxi*

*Nature: Passenger - Scheduled*

*Destination airport: Kisumu, Kenya (KIS/HKKI)*

*First civil registered (C of R 1280) 05/07/1926 as G-EBOP to North Sea Aerial & General Transport Ltd., Leeds, West Yorkshire (although usually based at Brough, East Yorkshire) and named "Pelican".*

*Overtaken and badly damaged taxiing during engine test, Blue Nile, Khartoum; repaired and returned to service. The three persons on board (pilot and two passengers) were uninjured: Eric Hardy Oxley-Boyle unhurt (pilot, Flying Officer, RAFO)  
N. Blacklock (passenger, unhurt)  
Mr Crall (passenger, unhurt)*

*Written off in a later accident on 17 October 1927 and Registration G-EBOP cancelled by the CAA due to "destruction or permanent withdrawal from use of aircraft" 23/01/1928*

*13.3.27 Fairey III D Seaplane G-EBPZ, North Sea Aerial & General Transport  
Undercarriage failed on attempted take-off, Lake Victoria, Kisumu, Kenya  
Fg Off Eric Hardy Oxley Boyle unhurt (pilot, RAFO)*

In 1930 Eric and Madge were living in Nottingham.<sup>350</sup>

Madge died in 1978; registered at Surrey North Western in the June quarter.<sup>351</sup>

Eric died on the 20<sup>th</sup> December 1983 at St. Peter's Hospital, Chertsey; registered at Surrey North Western in the December quarter.<sup>352</sup>

Probate was granted in January.<sup>353</sup>

*Oxley-Boyle Eric Hardy of Heath Lodge St. Georges Av Weybridge Sy. Died 20<sup>th</sup> December 1983, Administration London 7<sup>th</sup> January. Not exceeding £40,000*

**Reginald Oxley (1903-1908).** Reginald A. Oxley-Boyle. The son of Frederick Oxley and Mary Keatley. He was born in 1903; registered at Grimsby in the December quarter.<sup>354</sup>

Reginald died as a child in 1908; registered at Brentford in the September quarter,<sup>355</sup>

He was buried at Ealing and Old Brentford Cemetery on the 25<sup>th</sup> September 1908.

**Hugh Oxley (1908-1909).** Hugh Amor Oxley-Boyle. The son of Frederick Oxley and Mary Keatley. He was born in 1908; registered at Brentford in the September quarter.<sup>356</sup>

Hugh died as an infant in 1909; registered at Brentford in the March quarter.<sup>357</sup>

He was buried at Ealing and Old Brentford Cemetery on the 2<sup>nd</sup> April 1909. \*

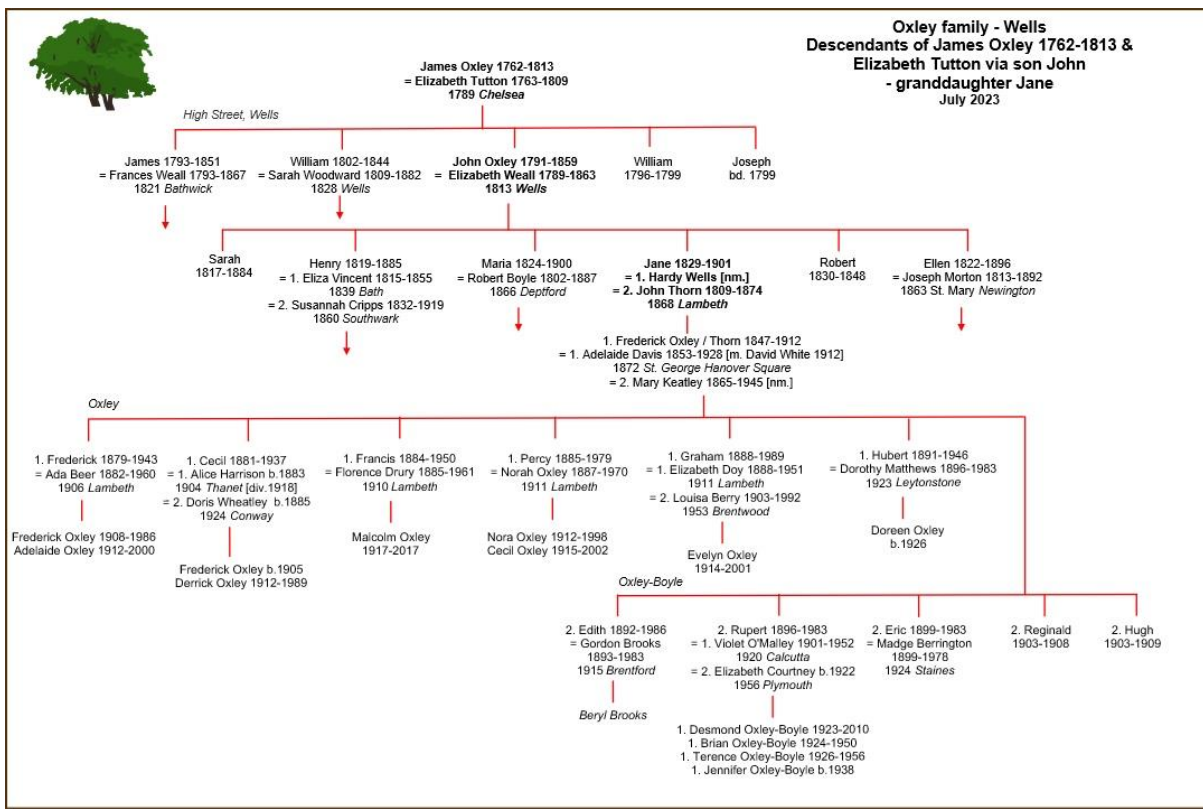
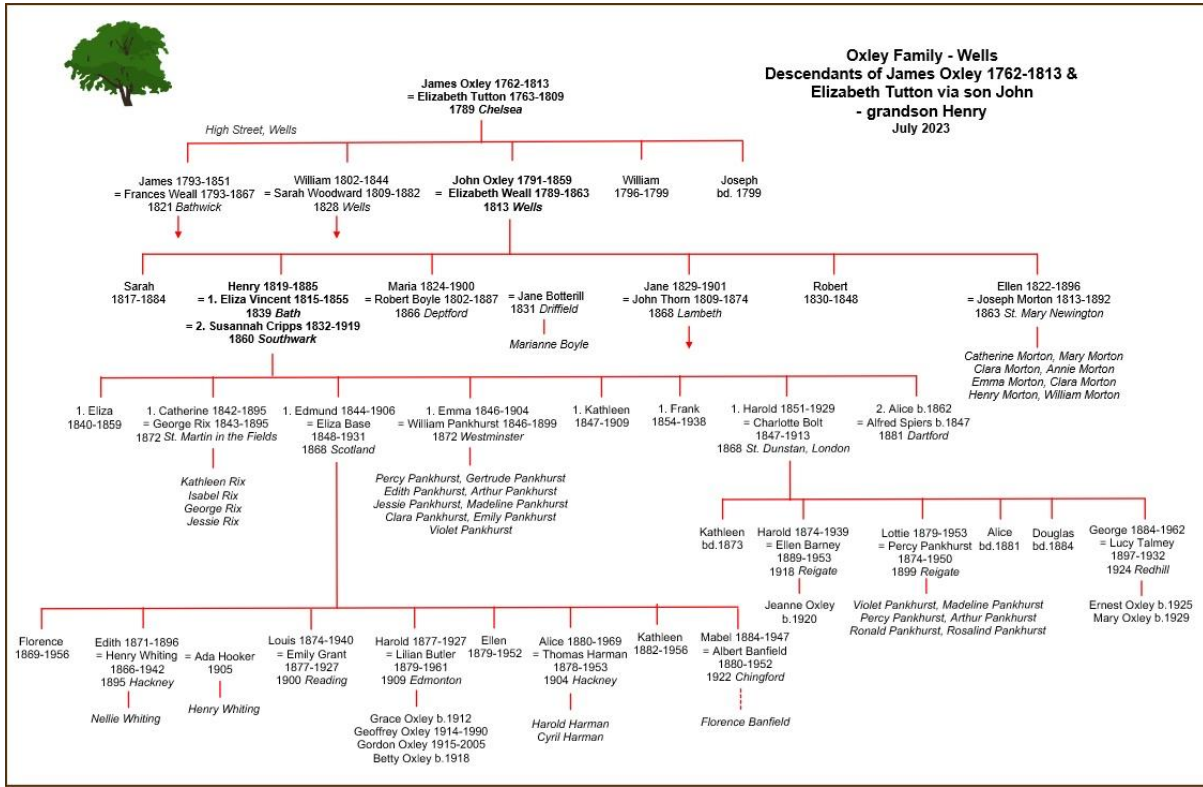
**Robert Oxley (1830-1848).** The son of John and Elizabeth. He was baptised on the 12<sup>th</sup> February 1830 at St. Cuthbert, Wells. His father was John Oxley and his mother was Elizabeth. The family were living in Grope Lane. His father was described as a Saddler.<sup>358</sup>

At the 1841 census, age 11, he was at home in Southover, Wells.

At the 1851 census, age 21, he was at home at Water Lane, Wells and working as a Brushmaker's Journeyman .

Robert died in 1848; registered at Wells in the December quarter.<sup>359</sup>

Family Tree 360



<sup>1</sup> London Metropolitan Archives. St. Luke. Chelsea. 1791.P74/LUK/165  
<sup>2</sup> Somerset Banns Index 1799-1821 D/P/W ST C 2/1/10 p.110

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  - <sup>4</sup> Pigot's Directory 1844, Somerset
  - <sup>5</sup> 1851 Census, Wells. HO107/1934/352/61
  - <sup>6</sup> GRO: Deaths, Oxley John Robert, Jun 1859, Wells, Vol. 5c 407
  - <sup>7</sup> Somerset, Church of England Burials, 1813-1914
  - <sup>8</sup> GRO: Deaths. Elizabeth Oxley, Mar 1863, Wells Vol. 5c 505
  - <sup>9</sup> Somerset Baptism Index. 1813-1837. D/D/RR 439 A p.90
  - <sup>10</sup> 1871 Census. Wells, RG10/2446/63/29
  - <sup>11</sup> GRO: Deaths. Sarah Oxley, Jun 1884, age 67, Dartford, Vol. 2a 255
  - <sup>12</sup> Somerset Baptism Index 1813-1837. D/D/RR 439 A p.145
  - <sup>13</sup> GRO: Marriages, Henry Oxley, Dec 1839, Bath, Vol. 11 1
  - <sup>14</sup> 1841 Census. Wells. HO107/962/11/11/14
  - <sup>15</sup> Worcester Journal 26<sup>th</sup> August 1847
  - <sup>16</sup> 1851 Census, Ombersley, Droitwich. HO107/2046/281/24
  - <sup>17</sup> GRO: Deaths. Eliza Jane Oxley, Sep 1855, St. Saviour, Southwark, Vol. 1d 3
  - <sup>18</sup> London Metropolitan Archives, St. George, The Martyr, Register of Marriages, P92/GEO Item 202.
  - <sup>19</sup> 1861 Census, Dartford. RG9/467/111/23
  - <sup>20</sup> Gravesend Reporter, North Kent and South Essex Advertiser 26<sup>th</sup> December 1863
  - <sup>21</sup> Maidstone Journal and Kentish Advertiser 16<sup>th</sup> February 1864
  - <sup>22</sup> South Eastern Gazette 22<sup>nd</sup> December 1863
  - <sup>23</sup> 1871 Census, Dartford. RG10/884/67/12
  - <sup>24</sup> 1881 Census, Dartford. RG11/865/105/4
  - <sup>25</sup> Electoral Registers 1832-1932. Dartford 1883. British Library. SPR.Mic.P.4/BL.K.18/3 i.94
  - <sup>26</sup> GRO: Deaths. Henry Oxley, Mar 1885, age 65, Dartford, Vol. 2a 288
  - <sup>27</sup> Kent Burials. Dartford, Holy Trinity. Jan 1885
  - <sup>28</sup> NPC: Probate 1858-2019. 1885
  - <sup>29</sup> GRO: Deaths, Susan E Oxley, Mar 1919, age 85, Vol. 2a 959
  - <sup>30</sup> Somerset Baptism Index 1839-1860. D/P/W ST C 2/1/20A p.35
  - <sup>31</sup> GRO: Deaths. Eliza Oxley, Sep 1859, Dartford, Vol. 2a 172
  - <sup>32</sup> Somerset Baptism Index 1839-1860 D/P/W ST C 2/1/20A p.69
  - <sup>33</sup> GRO: Births. Catherina Louisa Oxley, Mar 1842, Wells Vol. 10 537
  - <sup>34</sup> GRO: Marriages. Catherine Louisa Oxley=George Rice Rix, Sep 1872, Strand, Vol. 1b 941
  - <sup>35</sup> City of Westminster. Westminster Marriages. St Martin in the Fields, 1872
  - <sup>36</sup> 1881 Census, Acton. RG11/1354/12/17
  - <sup>37</sup> 1891 Census, Acton. RG12/1036/43/23
  - <sup>38</sup> GRO: Deaths. Catherine Louisa Rix, Jun 1895, age 53, Strand, Vol. 1b 346a
  - <sup>39</sup> Middlesex Independent 19<sup>th</sup> June 1895
  - <sup>40</sup> Burial or Cremation Place: Acton, London Borough of Ealing
  - <sup>41</sup> GRO: Deaths. George Rice Rix, age 51, Dec 1895. Brentford Vol. 3a 74
  - <sup>42</sup> England Births & Baptisms 1538-1975. Dudley, 1844
  - <sup>43</sup> 1861 Census, Dartford. RG9/467/34/8
  - <sup>44</sup> Scotland Marriages 1561-1910
  - <sup>45</sup> 1871 Census, Walsingham. RG10/1859/40/46
  - <sup>46</sup> Norfolk News 2<sup>nd</sup> September 1871
  - <sup>47</sup> Norfolk News 5<sup>th</sup> September 1874
  - <sup>48</sup> Norfolk News 1<sup>st</sup> May 1875
  - <sup>49</sup> Norfolk Chronicle 10<sup>th</sup> April 1875
  - <sup>50</sup> 1881 Census. Kirkliston. ED: 1; Page: 8; Line: 4
  - <sup>51</sup> 1891 Census. Hackney. RG12/192/120/51
  - <sup>52</sup> 1901 Census, Hackney. RG13/217/117/9
  - <sup>53</sup> GRO: Deaths, Edmund Oxley, age 62, Hackney, Vol. 1b 313
  - <sup>54</sup> NPC: Probate 1858-2019. 1906
  - <sup>55</sup> 1921 Census, Chingford. RG15/08739/104
  - <sup>56</sup> NPC: Probate 1858-2019
  - <sup>57</sup> Norfolk Baptisms 1837-1882. PD 204/159 p.163
  - <sup>58</sup> GRO: Births. Florence Eliza Oxley, Sep 1869, Walsingham, Vol. 4b 288
  - <sup>59</sup> National School Admission Registers & Log-Books 1870-1914. Berkshire Record Office. R/ES3/4
  - <sup>60</sup> Essex Burial Index 1530-1994., 1956. WF/C83/2RBu4
  - <sup>61</sup> GRO: Births. Edith Sarah Oxley, Mar 1871, Walsingham Vol, 4b 309
  - <sup>62</sup> Norfolk Baptisms 1837-1882. PD 204/159 p.167
  - <sup>63</sup> National School Admission Registers & Log-Books 1870-1914. Berkshire Record Office. R/ES3/4
  - <sup>64</sup> 1891 Census, Reading. RG12/991/98/7
  - <sup>65</sup> GRO: Marriages. Edith Sarah Oxley=Henry James Whiting, Sep 1895 Hackney, Vol. 1b 876
  - <sup>66</sup> GRO: Deaths. Edith Whiting, age 24, Sep 1896, Bath Vol. 5c 331
  - <sup>67</sup> GRO: Births. Henry James Whiting, Dec 1867, Wandsworth Vol. 1d 503
  - <sup>68</sup> 1901 Census, Croydon. RG13/637/19/29
  - <sup>69</sup> GRO: Marriages. Henry James Whiting=Ada Ethel Walker, Dec 1905, Croydon Vol. 2a 547
  - <sup>70</sup> 1911 Census, Croydon. RG14/3346/24
  - <sup>71</sup> 1921 Census, Croydon. RG15/03436/423
  - <sup>72</sup> 1939 Register, Croydon. RG101/13001/010/29
  - <sup>73</sup> GRO: Deaths. Henry J Whiting, age 75, Dec 1942, Croydon Vol. 2a 906
  - <sup>74</sup> GRO: Births. Louis William Oxley, Dec 1874, Walsingham, Vol. 4b 284
  - <sup>75</sup> National School Admission Registers & Log-Books 1870-1914. Berkshire Record Office: R/ES3/4
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79 1921 Census, Leytonstone. RG15/08625/201  
80 Berkshire Burial Index. London Road Cemetery. 1927  
81 NPC: Probate. 1927  
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83 1939 Register. Reading. RG101/2029C/020/41 Letter Code: DSBE  
84 GRO: Deaths. Louis W Oxley, Jun 1940, age 65, Reading, Vol. 2c 855  
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86 NPC: Probate. 1940  
87 Berkshire Record Office. National School Admission Registers & Log-Books 1870-1914. R/ES3/4  
88 GRO: Marriages. Harold Oxley=Lilian Tracey Butler, Jun 1909, Edmonton, Vol. 3a 807  
89 1911 Census, Sewardstone, Essex. RG14/7450/66  
90 Electoral Registers 1832-1932. The British Library SPR.Mic.P.394/BL.L.71  
91 1921 Census, Bexhill. RG15/04673  
92 Chelmsford Chronicle 2<sup>nd</sup> October 1925  
93 Essex Burial Index 1530-1994. D/P 166/1/22  
94 NPC: Probate 1961.  
95 GRO: Births. Geoffrey H Oxley, Jun 1914, Mother: Butler, Edmonton, Vol. 3a 1478  
96 GRO: Births. Gordon R Oxley, Jun 1915, Mother: Butler, Edmonton, Vol. 3a 1381  
97 GRO: Births. Grace Oxley, Mar 1912, Mother: Butler, Edmonton, Vol. 3a 1423  
98 Berkshire Record Office. National School Admission Registers & Log-Books 1870-1914. R/ES3/4  
99 Electoral Registers 1920-1932. The British Library. SPR.Mic.P.309/BL.E.21. North Chingford. 1931.  
100 GRO: Deaths. Ellen M Oxley, Dec 1952, age 74, Essex South Western, Vol. 5a 158  
101 Essex Burial Index 1530-1994. WF/C83/2RBu4  
102 NPC: Probate. 1953  
103 Berkshire Record Office. National School Admission Registers & Log-Books 1870-1914. R/ES3/4  
104 GRO: Marriages. Thomas Alexander Harman=Alice Kate Oxley, Hackney, Vol. 1b 753  
105 1911 Census, Hackney. RG14/1062  
106 1921 Census, Hackney. RG15/01131/14  
107 1939 Register, Brentwood. RG101/1488A/011/22  
108 NPC: Probate. 1953  
109 GRO: Deaths. Alice Kate Harman, Jun 1969, Brentwood Vol. 4a 1033  
110 Brentwood Gazette 2<sup>nd</sup> May 1969  
111 GRO: Births. Cyril O Harman, Mar 1912, Mother: Oxley, Hackney. Vol. 1b 804  
112 GRO: Births. Harold Alexander Harman, Mar 1906, Hackney, Vol. 1b 415  
113 GRO: Births. Kathleen Oxley, Sep 1882, Mother:Base, Reading, Vol. 2c 351  
114 Electoral Registers 1920-1932. North Chingford. British Library. SPR.Mic.P.309/BL.E.21  
115 1939 Register, Chingford, Esses. RG101/1064A/013/39 Letter Code: CCHA  
116 GRO: Deaths. Kathleen Oxley, age 74, Epping, Vol. 5a 63  
117 Essex Burial Index 1530-1994. WF/C83/2RBu4  
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