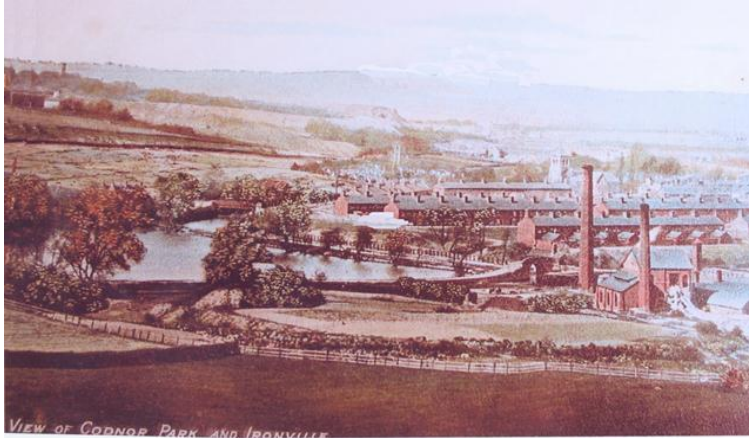


Greaves and Beastall

November 2020

The Greaves and Beastall families lived in Derbyshire in the 19th century in the villages of Codnor Park and Ironville on opposite sides of the Cromford canal. Both were industrial villages and most of the employment was in the Codnor Ironworks/Forge works and local collieries. Ironville was a model village built in the early 19th century by the Butterley company for workers in the Ironworks. Derby is about 14 miles to the South West.

The postcard below is of Codnor Park and Ironville in the 1900's.



Greaves Family

John Anthony's great great grandfather was Abraham Greaves (1816-1896). He married Mary Jephson (1821-1855) in Alfretton in 1839. He was married a second time to Margaret Newton (1829-1896) in Belper in about 1856. There were thirteen children from these two marriages.

William Samuel Greaves (1843-1904) – *John Anthony's great grandfather*

Jane Greaves (b.1847)

Frederick Greaves (b.1848)

Mary Greaves (b.1848)

Abraham Walter Greaves (1850-1925)

Ann Greaves (b.1852)

Rose Greaves (b.1853)

Catherine Marie Greaves (1857-1928)

Anne Margaret Elizabeth Greaves (1859-69)

Florence Greaves (1860-1862)

Sarah Alice Greaves (bd.1862)

Frederick Greaves (1863-1866)

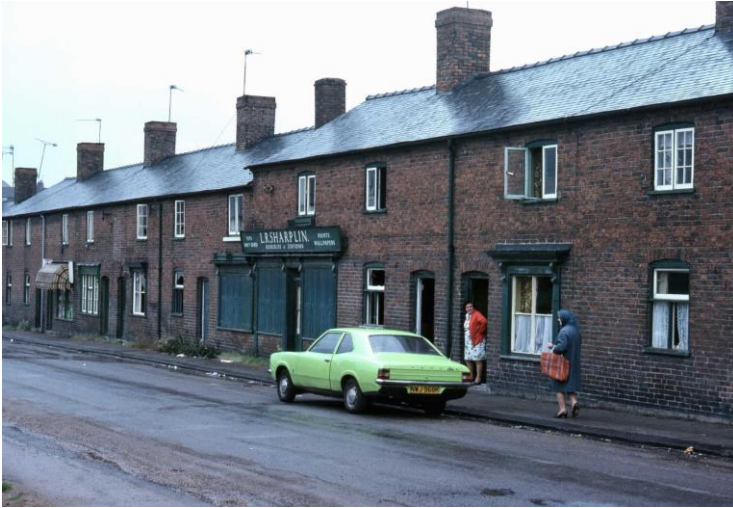
Dora Greaves (b.1868)

It was a large family, as well as the children Abraham had several brothers and sisters – many of them living locally.

Chemists

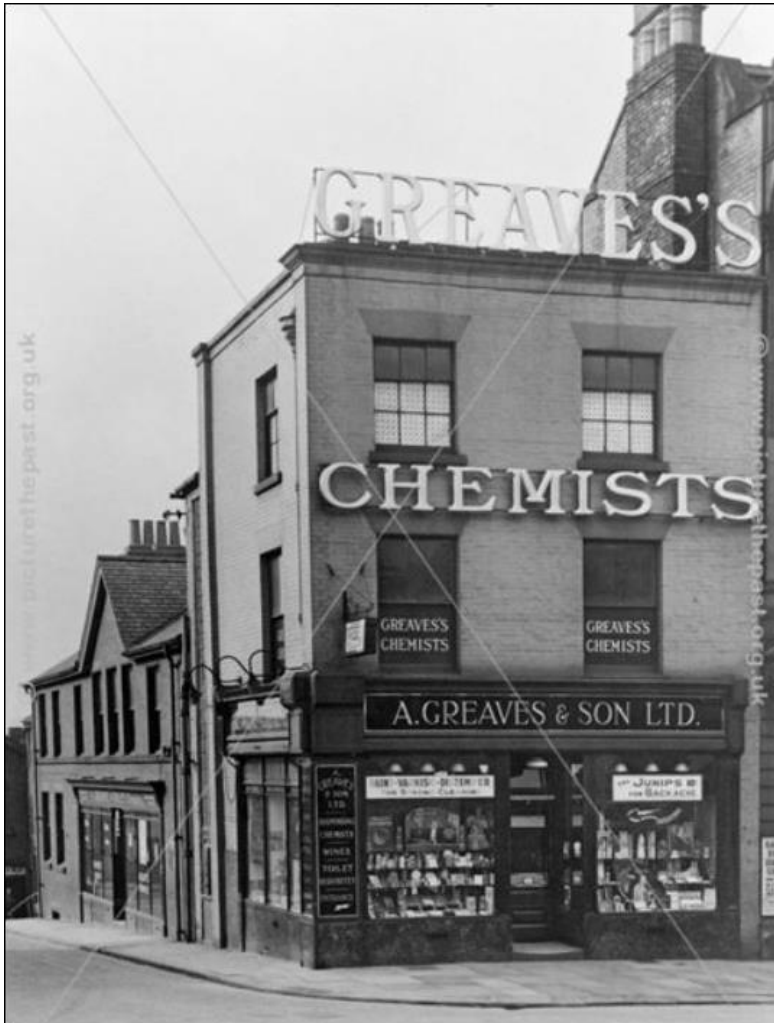
Abraham was a qualified Pharmaceutical Chemist (registered in 1853) and started a Chemist's business in 1836 in Ironville. There were also shops in Clay Cross, Pilsley, Tibshelf and Jacksdale. There is a story they also ran the local post office in Ironville.

In 1852 Abraham was living in King William Street, Ironville (now demolished) at No.52. In the following picture from the 1960's No.52 is possibly towards the left of the picture.



In 1864 Abraham bought Cloughton's a large business of wholesale druggists and oil and paint sales based in Chesterfield. Chesterfield became the headquarters and Abraham moved to Chesterfield and lived at Rye Hill House.

The following picture is of the shop at 35 Low Pavement Market Place, Chesterfield which came into the business in 1870. This was demolished in the 1980's.



The business was named A. Greaves & Son Ltd. The son involved was Abraham Walter Greaves (1850-1925) who was a full partner in the business. His son Sydney Charter Greaves took charge of the business in the 1920's.

The original business in the Ironville area was run by the eldest son William Samuel Greaves (1843-1904) – John Anthony's great grandfather. In 1903 this became a completely separate business called W.S. Greaves Ltd. It included a wholesale drugs business.

This is explained in an advert from a local paper.

*A Greaves & Son, Ironville, Near Alfreton, Established by Abraham Greaves in 1836
reconstructed in 1903 as.*

W S Greaves Ltd

The Sole Proprietors of

Greaves's Purifying Stomach and Liver Pills

Greaves's Female Pills

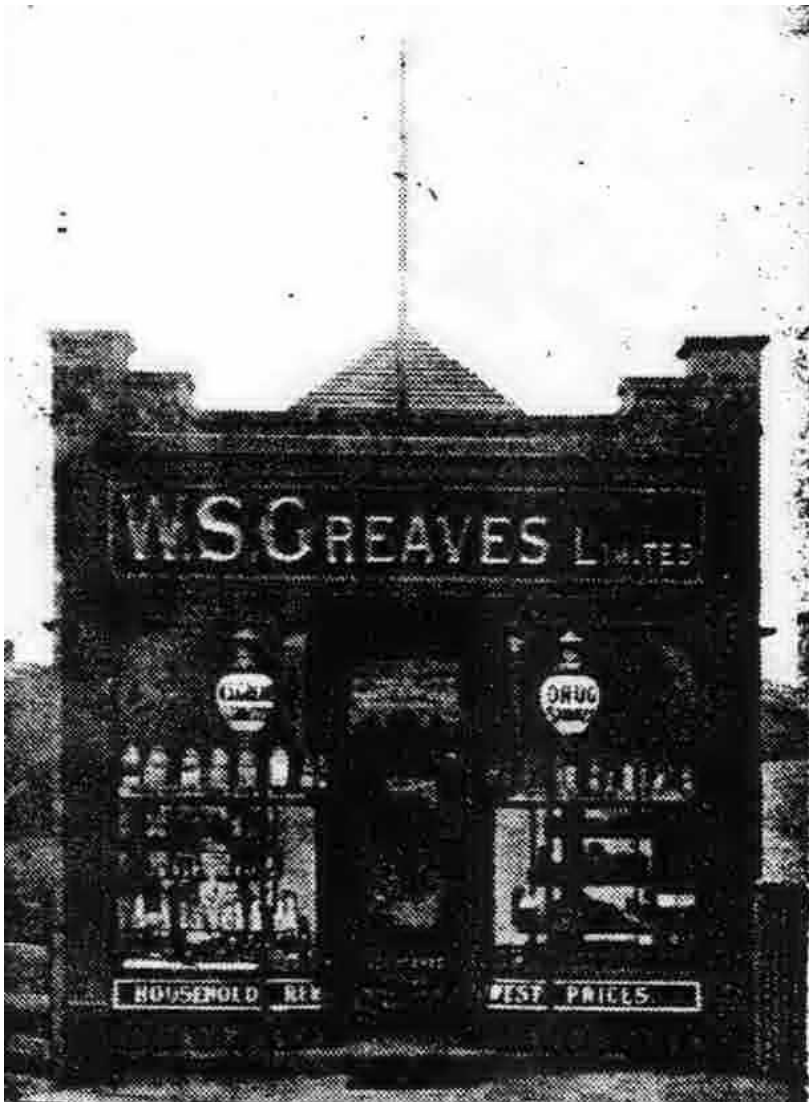
Greaves's Teething Powders

Wholesale Agents for this District

A Greaves & Son, Chemists

35 Market Place, Chesterfield

The following picture is of the original shop in Ironville, from about 1903. This was in Selston Street.



William Samuel Greaves

John Anthony's great grandfather William Samuel Greaves (1843-1904) lived all his life in Codnor Park and Ironville running the Chemists shops and wholesale operation.

He married Louisa Miller on the 24th May 1866 at Christ Church, Ironville. The parish of Ironville includes Codnor Park, Butterley Park, Ironville, and part of Jacksdale.

The witnesses were: Abraham Greaves, John Miller, A Miller, M Greaves, Abraham W Greaves.

The following picture is of Christ Church, Ironville which was built in the 1840's.



William's first wife Louisa died in 1887 and he re-married two years later, in 1889, to Margaret. He lived initially in King William Street, Ironville, where his father had lived, and later at Laurel Bank, Codnor Park,

It was a very large family – there were 15 children from the two marriages.

Abraham William Greaves 1868-1958
Alice Louisa Greaves b.1869
Henry Eldred Greaves 1870-1903
Ernest Walter Greaves 1872-1896
Horace John Greaves 1874-1953
Leslie George Greaves 1875-1922
Ethel Mary Greaves b.1878
Gertrude Elizabeth Greaves 1879-1918
Frederick Hedley Greaves 1880-1911 – *John Anthony's grandfather*
Margaret Gwendoline Greaves 1886-1966

Philip G Greaves b.1890
Annie Sybil Greaves b.1892
Eric Miller Greaves 1894-1969
Mary E Greaves b.1896
Kenneth M Greaves b.1899

John Anthony's grandfather Frederic Hedley Greaves was the ninth child.

The 1901 census shows a snapshot of the family in Laurel Bank.

1901 Census

Laurel Bank, Codnor Park, Derbyshire

William S. Greaves, Head, Married, age 58, Pharmaceutical Chemist Drug, born Ironville

Margaret S. Greaves, Wife, Married, age 44, born Melton Mowbray

Henry E. Greaves, Son, Single, age 30, Chemist Drug, born Ironville

Frederick H. Greaves, Son, Single, age 20, Chemist's Assistant, born Ironville

Margaret G. Greaves, Daughter, age 14, born Ironville

Annie S. Greaves, Daughter, Single, age 8, born Ironville

Eric M. Greaves, Son, age 7, born Ironville

Mary E. Greaves, Daughter, age 5, born Ironville

Kenneth M. Greaves, Son, age 2, born Ironville

Sybilla Miller, Aunt, Single, age 78, Retired Schoolmistress, born London

Sarah A. Grant, Servant, Single, age 28, Lady Help Domestic, born Burton on Trent

Annie Robinson, Servant, Single, age 21, Cook Domestic, born Ilkeston

Louisa Watts, Servant, Single, age 16, Housemaid Domestic, born Ilkeston

William died in 1904 and was buried at Christ Church on the 1st July. He is buried with his first wife Louisa and her Aunt, Sybilla Miller. There was a short obituary in the local paper.

Funeral of Mr. Greaves of Codnor Park

The funeral of Mr. William Samuel Greaves chemist and druggist, of Ironville, of the firm of Messrs. Greaves and Son, who died on Tuesday morning at Laurel Bank, Codnor Park, from an attack of pneumonia, took place yesterday in the Ironville Cemetery, in the presence of a large and sympathizing attendance, an impressive service being conducted by the Rev. F.E. Hooper, vicar. The deceased who was 61 years of age, had resided in Codnor Park the whole of his life, being one of the most esteemed residents. There was a large number of floral tributes.

Beastall family

John Anthony's great great grandfather was William Beastall (1824-1893). He married Elizabeth Minter (b.1827) in London in 1847. William was born in Ripley, Derbyshire. Ripley is a small town a few miles to the west of Codnor Park. William was a boiler maker and probably worked in the Ripley ironworks for the Butterley Company.

The Butterley Company was founded in the 1790's to exploit the iron and coal found in the area when the Cromford Canal was being built. It was named after a local 18th century mansion called Butterley House; this eventually became the company headquarters. There was a large ironworks in Ripley and large Iron forge and foundry to produce wrought iron and steel in Codnor Park. There were also Butterley Company collieries. The company became Butterley Engineering and ceased to trade in 2009.

The 1861 census gives a snapshot of the Beastall family in Ripley, including John Beastall (1849-1926), John Anthony's great grandfather.

1861 Census

Church Street, Ripley, Derbyshire

William Beastall, Head, age 37, Boiler maker, born Ripley

Elizabeth Beastall, Wife, age 34, born Deptford, Kent

John Beastall, Son, age 12, born Ripley

Charlotte Beastall, Daughter, age 10, born Poplar New Town

William Beastall, Son, age 8, Scholar, born Bromley

Thomas Beastall, Son, age 6, Scholar, born Greenwich

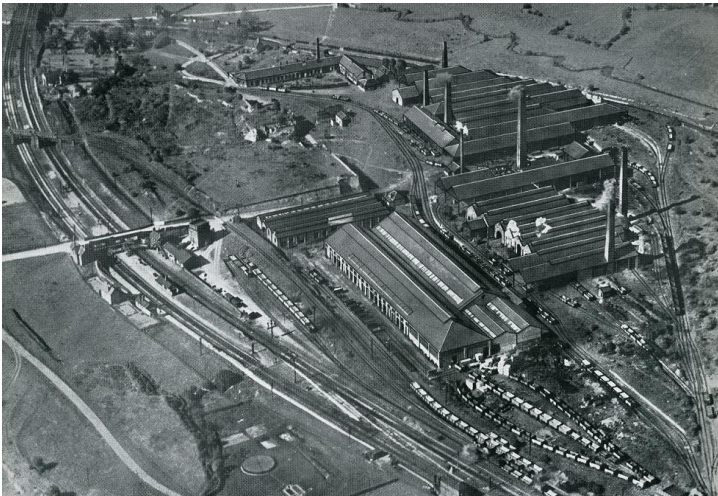
Elizabeth Beastall, Daughter, age 3, born Battersea

John Beastall

John Anthony's great grandfather was John Beastall (1849-1926) who lived most of his life in Codnor Park and worked for the Butterley company for 62 years – many of them as their Commercial Manager at the Codnor Ironworks/Forge works.

There was a period in the 1850's when the family were living in Poplar, London – perhaps William had gone there for an engineering job and that is where he met his wife Elizabeth. By 1861 they had moved back to Ripley.

The picture shows the Codnor Ironworks in the 20th Century.



John married Harriet Haynes in about 1874. There were nine children including John Anthony's grandmother; Emma Beastall (1882-1965).

Marion Agnes Beastall (1875-1943)

Margaret Beastall (1876-1952)

Charles Beastall (1878-1959)

John Beastall (1878-1939)

William Lawrence Beastall (1881-1939)

Emma Florence Beastall (1882-1965) – *John Anthony's grandmother*

Mary Elizabeth Beastall (1885-1966) – *Ron's Aunt Mary*

Frederick Harry Beastall (1887-1956)

Lilian May Beastall (1889-1981) – *Ron's Aunt Lily*

Emma was born in Codnor Park on the 3rd December 1882.

The 1901 census gives a view of Beastall family.

1901 Census

Forge House, Codnor Park, Derbyshire

John Beastall, Head, Married, age 52, Clerk Iron and Steel Works, born Ripley

Harriet Beastall, Wife, Married, age 52, born, Ripley

Maggie Beastall, Daughter, Single, age 24, born, Ripley

Charles Beastall, Son, Single, age 22, Engineer's Draughtsman, born Ripley

William A. Beastall Son. Single, age 19, Clerk (Timekeeper's clerk Iron Works, born Codnor Park

Emma F. Beastall, Daughter, age 18, Single, Pupil Teacher–National Schools, born Codnor Park

Mary E. Beastall, Daughter, age 15, Single, born Codnor Park

Frederick H. Beastall, Son, age 13, born Codnor Park

Lilian M. Beastall, Daughter, age 11, born Codnor Park

We think that Emma's younger brother F.H. Beastall (in Army uniform) was the photo that Emma kept on the Sideboard at 30 Bromfield Road, Redditch.

John Beastall died on the 6th August 1926 and this was reported in the local paper.

Derbyshire Advertiser and Journal 13th August 1926

Death of Mr. J. Beastall, Chorister and Cricketer.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. John Beastall, which took place at his residence, Forge House, Codnor Park, on Sunday last, at the ripe age of 77 years.

Deceased had led a remarkably active life of great usefulness and his passing will recall many incidents in the annals of the district for the past 60 years. He was commercial manager to the Butterley's Codnor Park Iron Works for nearly half a century, and was associated with the company for 62 years. In politics he was an ardent Conservative and was chairman of the Conservative Club. He was also a parish councillor, and the oldest member on the register and senior trustee of the Ripley Branch Loyal Order of Shepherds, in addition to many other offices.

It may, however, be safely said, that it was in singing he had the greatest delight. He was the possessor of a fine alto voice and was many years ago a chorister in Ripley Parish Church and for many years after in the Codnor Park Parish Church Choir. On many occasions he took part in musical festivals, and assisted in musical services at Southwell Cathedral.

Harriet died in 1937. Both Emma and Ron attended the funeral.

Ripley and Heanor News and Ilkeston Division Free Press 19th February 1937

Ironville Funeral

Mrs. Harriet Beastall, widow of the late Mr. John Beastall, of Codnor Park, who predeceased her eleven years previously, died at Margate (where she has been residing with her son, Capt. F.H. Beastall, for the past seven years, on Tuesday in last week, at 88 years of age, after a short illness. Her passing loses yet another long association with Codnor Park and the locality, and brings back to the minds, particularly of the older residents, the well-known and highly respected family of the name of Beastall.

It is now several years ago since the family removed from Codnor Park, following the death of Mr. John Beastall, who had such a fine record of service with the Butterley Co., Ltd., extending over a period of 62 years.

Sincere sympathy is extended to the remaining members of the family in their sad bereavement.

The interment took place in Ironville Churchyard on Saturday last. The Vicar of Ironville (Rev. I.O.

Evans) conducted the service, at which were present: Mr. C. Beastall, Capt. F.H. Beastall, sons; Mrs. H.E. Tatlow, Mrs. H.R. Rudge, Mrs. R. S. Cuttall, and Mrs. G.G. Hanbury, daughters; Mr. W.E. Barrett, Mr. G.G. Hanbury, sons in law; Misses D.M. Barrett and Joan Beastall, and Messrs. J. Beastall, S.B. Barrett, and R. Rudge. Grandchildren.

Floral Remembrances were from: Charlie and family; Walter and Marion; Em. and family, Mary and Richard; Arthur and family; Maggie, Emmie and Vera; Lily, Don., and family; Fred; Grandchildren at Lincoln; Misses Twigg, Redditch; Mr. and Mrs. Scott and family, Eastbourne; Molly and Beryl, Tankerton; Emily (housekeeper at Margate); Mrs. S.A. Cattell, Margate; Mrs. Gore, Margate. The bearers were Messrs. F. Keep, E. Gee, J. Waplington, and J. Jackson.

The 'Misses Twigg' ran a general shop in Evesham Street in Redditch – they must have had some link to Emma and the Beastall family.

Frederick Hedley Greaves and Emma Florence Beastall

Both the Greaves and Beastall families lived in Codnor Park and according to Aunty Mary the families lived close to each other and often met at church and frequently got together for a 'Tea dance'. A Greaves-Beastall marriage was therefore quite likely

The 19th century Ordnance survey shows 'Laurel Bank' (circled) the home of the Greaves family and just a short distance away 'Forge House' (circled) the home of the Beastalls.



You can see the Codnor Ironworks/Forge works to right of Forge House.

Laurel Bank is now known as the 'Old Vicarage, Ironville' as it was sold to the Church in the early 20th Century. The picture below is likely to be Laurel Bank.



Laurel Bank is a Georgian House. The picture below of a house on the Cromford Canal is just possibly Forge House built in the early 19th century which was a brick house with stone work and was originally two houses for the Codnor Forge works Managers. Only the rubble foundations of Forge House remain today because when the Ironworks closed the area was used as a quarry.



The first Greaves-Beastall marriage was between Emma's brother Charles and Frederick's sister Gertrude in 1906.

Wedding. Yesterday (Thursday) an interesting wedding took place at Ironville Parish Church, when Miss Gertrude Elizabeth Greaves, daughter of the late Mr. W.S. Greaves, of Laurel Bank, Codnor Park, of the firm of Messrs. W.S. Greaves and Sons, chemists, was married to Mr. Charles Beastall, eldest son of Mr. John Beastall, Forge House, Codnor Park. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Francis E. Hooper (vicar). The bride, who was given away by her brother, Mr. F.H. Greaves, wore a dainty gown of white Indian muslin, with large white hat trimmed with pink roses and white tulle. Attending her were two bridesmaids, Miss E.M. Greaves (sister of the Bride), who wore a dress of blue muslin and large black chiffon hat, and Miss Mary Elizabeth Beastall (sister of the bridegroom), who as attired in a dress of blue crepoline, and wore a crinoline hat trimmed with velvet and shaded roses. The best man was Mr. F.H. Beastall (brother). Mr. W. Carter Pegg presided at the organ, and played the Wedding March. A wedding breakfast was afterwards served at Forge House. Later in the day the happy pair left en route for Scotland, where the honeymoon is to be spent.

A year later on the 7th July 1907 Emma and Frederick were married.

1907. Marriage solemnized at the Parish Church in the Parish of Ironville in the County of Derby							
No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.
331	July 17 th 1907	Frederick Hedley Greaves	26	Bachelor	Wholesale Druggist	The Pharmacy Ironville	William Samuel Greaves (deceased)
		Emma Florence Beastall	24	Spinster		Forge House, Codnor Park	John Beastall Clerk

Married in the Parish Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church, by _____ or after _____ by me,

This Marriage was solemnized between us
 Frederick Hedley Greaves in the presence of John Beastall
 Emma Florence Beastall in the presence of Francis Hooper

Sheffield Daily Telegraph 18th July 1907

A wedding took place yesterday at the Ironville Parish Church, the contracting parties being Mr. Frederick Hedley Greaves, managing director of Messrs. W. S. Greaves, Limited, chemists, etc., and sixth son of the late Mr. William Samuel Greaves, of Laurel Bank, Codnor Park, and Miss Emma Florence Beastall, third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Beastall, Forge House, Codnor Park. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Francis E. Hooper, M.A. (vicar). The bride, who was given away by her father, looked charming in a gown of white satin museline over glace silk, trimmed with lace. Her veil covered a wreath of orange blossom, and she wore a gold bangle set with diamonds and sapphires, which, with a travelling chatelaine were the gifts of the bridegroom. The bridesmaids were the Misses Mary Elizabeth and Lilian May Beastall, sisters of the bride, who wore pastel green voile dresses trimmed with Paris lace and insertion, and hats of cream straw trimmed with black velvet and pink roses. The bride was also attended by Miss Doris and Master Leslie Barratt (Lincoln), nephew and niece, the latter wearing a cream silk dress trimmed with lace, with picture hat trimmed with cream silk and apple blossom. The former wore a navy blue suit trimmed with poplin. Mr. F.H. Greaves officiated as best man. Selections were given on the organ by Mr. W. Carter Pegg and Mr. Brinning. A reception was afterwards held in a marquee at the bride's parents'. There were many valuable. The honeymoon is being spent at Oban (Scotland).

'F.H. Greaves as best man' must be a mistake in the newspaper.

Frederick Ronald Greaves was born on 26th December 1910, at Condor Park; this was registered in Ripley in 1911.

Sadly Frederick Hedley Greaves died, on the 18th December 1911, before Ron was one year old. At the time, as the 1911 census shows, they were living in Eynesbury, Huntingdonshire.

1911 Census

Berkeley Street, Eynesbury, Huntingdonshire
 Frederick Hedley Greaves, Head, age 30, Chemist's Assistant
 Emma Florence Greaves, Wife, age 28, Married
 Frederick Ronald Greaves, Son, age 3 months, born Alfreton

Eynesbury is the district in the centre of St. Neots, Huntingdonshire. The family story is that Frederick Hedley was taken ill on a trip to St. Ives, Cambridgeshire, about 10 miles way. They were travelling to see Ron's godparents who lived there.

The census was in April 1911 so it looks as though they had moved to St. Neots permanently, perhaps to start a new branch of Greaves Chemists or maybe Frederick was moving to work for another Chemists.

Ron always said that though he remembered being at School in Derbyshire he never recalled being called Greaves and only found out about his early history when he had to provide his birth certificate for the Civil Service exam when he was 17 or 18. He then formerly became 'Greaves

Rudge' as we can see from the report of his first appointment in the London Gazette in 1928.

July 10, 1928.

AFTER OPEN COMPETITION.

Writing Assistant, Florence Annie Rockell.

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Inland Revenue: Tax Clerk, Douglas Jones.

Ministry of Labour: Departmental Clerical Class, Frederick Ronald Greaves Rudge.