

## **John Rushgrove & Elizabeth Bowen and their descendants**

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There are branches of the family in England, Wales, USA, and Australia. All present day Rushgroves are descended from the children of Joseph Rushgrove (1788-1852) and Hannah Walker (1792-1857) who were Nail makers and lived in the small town of Kington in Herefordshire where most of their children were born; George, Hannah, Joseph, Abraham, Edmund, and John.

This document covers the descendants for their youngest 'son' John b.1832; although he is represented as their son he is probably an illegitimate child and his parents are not known.

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### **1. John Rushgrove & Elizabeth Bowen and their descendants**

**John Rushgrove (1832-1905).** The 'son' of Joseph and Hannah. He was born in about 1832.

At the 1841 census, age 8, he was living with Joseph Rushgrove and Hannah.<sup>1</sup> We do not think he was their son as on his marriage certificate he referred to his father as: *John Rushgrove*.

We do not have any other reference to a John Rushgrove (born about 1805) who could be John's father and he does not appear on a later census.

It is not clear where John was born; on his marriage certificate he says he was born in Kington, Herefordshire but he has also said Old Swinford and Rowley Regis. He may have been an illegitimate child of Joseph or Hannah, or of one of their older children, or perhaps he was an 'orphan' from another Rushgrove family.

A *moulder* probably refers to an Iron moulder; someone who makes moulds for casting iron or other metals.

At the 1851 census, age 18, John was living in Castle Street, Ludlow with a family called Foster who ran a Chemist's shop and was described as an 'errand boy'.<sup>2</sup>

#### **1851 Census**

*Castle Street, Ludlow, Shropshire*

*Edward Foster, Head, married, age 44, Druggist, born Maidenhead, Berkshire*

*Emma Foster, Wife, married, age 32, Druggist's wife, born Ludlow*

*Henry Foster, Son, age 4, Scholar, born Ludlow*

*Hubert Foster, Son, age 7, born Ludlow*

*William Henry Herin, Apprentice, age 14, Druggists Apprentice, born Pershore, Worcs.*

*Thomas Dyer, Apprentice, age 18, Druggists Apprentice, born Corfton, Shropshire*

*Frederick W Smith, Nephew, age 14, Druggists Apprentice, born Ripley, Surrey*

*Jane Lockley, Servant, age 23, House Servant, born Hyssington, Shropshire*

*John Rushgrove, Servant, age 18, Errand boy, born Old Swinford, Worcs.*

John married Elizabeth Bowen (1836-1916) on the 4th August 1856 at All Saints, Birmingham.<sup>3</sup>

*John Rushgrove, 24, Batchelor, Blacksmith, Residence: Cumberland Street*

*Elizabeth Bowen, 20, Spinster, Residence: Cumberland Street*

John's father was John Rushgrove, Moulder and Elizabeth's father was John Bowen, Labourer. The witnesses were Mary Ann Hodgetts and Ann Jeff.

Elizabeth Bowen was born in Ludlow on the 28th January 1836.<sup>4</sup> Her father was John Bowen a

Labourer who was born in Stanton Lacey, Shropshire, in 1792, *the illegitimate son of Anne Bowen a pauper.*<sup>5</sup> Her mother was Sarah Hargest from Bucknell (b.1801) and her maternal grandparents were William and Margaret Hargest.

At the 1841 census the Bowen family were living in Ludlow.<sup>6</sup>

#### 1841 Census Ludlow

*Broad Street, Lower, St. Lawrence, Ludlow, Shropshire*  
*John Bowen, age 40, born Shropshire*  
*Sarah Bowen, age 40, born Shropshire*  
*Caroline Bowen, age 12, born Shropshire*  
*Margaret Bowen, age 9, born Shropshire*  
*Elizabeth Bowen, age 5, born Shropshire*  
*John Bowen, age 3, born Shropshire*  
*Eliza Bowen, age 2, born Shropshire*  
*Thomas Tongue, age 82, born Shropshire*  
*Thomas Tongue, age 40, born Shropshire*

Elizabeth was living at home at the 1851 census.<sup>7</sup>

#### 1851 Census

*Frog Lane, Ludlow*  
*John Bowen, Head, married, age 56, Haulier, born Stanton Lacey, Shropshire*  
*Sarah Bowen, Wife, married, age 46, Laundress, born Bucknell, Shropshire*  
*John Bowen, Son, age 12, Scholar, born Ludlow*  
*Eliza Bowen, Daughter, age 11, Scholar, born Ludlow*  
*Sarah Owen, Servant, age 14, Servant, born Birmingham*  
*Thomas Longrie, Lodger, age 47, Ag. Labourer, born Stanton Lacey*

In 1860 when his son Alfred was born John was described as an Engine Smith.

At the 1861 census John and Elizabeth were living in Harborne.<sup>8</sup>

#### 1861 Census

*Grove Lane, Harborne*  
*John Rushgrove, Head, married, age 29, Bolt Forger, born Stourbridge*  
*Elizabeth Rushgrove, Wife, married, age 25, born Ludlow*  
*Alfred G Rushgrove, Son, age 1, born Birmingham*  
*James Jones, Boarder, married, age 22, Iron Moulder, born Gloucestershire*  
*Julia Pitt, Visitor, Unmarried, age 25, Sempstress, born Cheltenham*

In 1862 John was involved in a strike at the Watkins & Keen Bolt and Nut factory at the 'London Works', Smethwick. He was later charged with threatening behaviour and fined along with others.<sup>9 10</sup>

#### Smethwick

*Important cases arising from the Strike at the London Works. At the West Bromwich Petty Sessions on Saturday, before T. Jesson, T. Boddington, and T.G. Round, Esqrs., Thomas Hardwick, George Farr, Thomas Rogers, Peter Aston, and John Rusgrove, were placed in the dock charged with intimidating and using threatening language.*

*Mr. Motteram, instructed by Mr. Travis, in opening the prosecution, said the five men were charged with intimidating and using threatening language, on Tuesday last, to Joseph Neale, the foreman of Messrs. Watkins and Keene, bolt and nut manufacturers, of the London Works. The case arose out of a strike, in consequence of the prosecutors reducing the wages of some of the 'Oliver men' 3d. per gross, when the prisoners and others refused to work at the reduced scale, and were endeavouring to prevent others from continuing at their employment.*

*Joseph Neale, the foreman, deposed that last Tuesday the prisoners Hardwick and Rogers, with others, came to the entrance gates, and said that as soon as they could get him out they would kick*

his ----- ribs in, and serve him as they had done the other -----, and used other threats, so that he was afraid to go home until two policemen were fetched to protect him. When he got home, the prisoner Hardwick, as soon as the police had gone, came to the house and said he was a pretty ----- to have the police to protect him but they would wait upon him yet, and he wouldn't mind serving two years for him.

The reason of these threats was that he had to fix the rates at which the men were paid, and his employers having taken a large contract at a reduction of 50s. per ton, they were compelled to reduce the wages of the men 3d. per gross, although at that price they could earn £2. 10s. per week. In consequence of this reduction, however, about sixty of the men had struck work.

Joseph Fenton, timekeeper at the works, substantiated the evidence of the previous witness, as he was standing with Neale at the entrance gates at the time. He also deposed that on the day following the strike they had put on four fresh hands, but the prisoners Rusgrove and Aston, with others not in custody, lurked round the works, and had prevented three out of the four hands from coming to their work, and he had seen nothing of them since.

Robert White, a clerk at the works, deposed that on the evening in question the prisoner Aston came up to him as he was going home, and said that they meant to give Neale as d-----d good licking, and that they had subscribed money among themselves to pay the men who were going to do the job to abscond.

There was no evidence offered against Farr in this case.

The other four prisoners were required to find sureties in £20. each to keep the peace for six months, as the Bench said they were not quite satisfied with the evidence respecting the intimidation. Mr. J. T. Bayley, of Wednesbury, defended the prisoners.

George Farr and Thomas Rogers, two of the prisoners in the last case, were then charged with assaulting John Fay, on the 26<sup>th</sup> instant, one of the men in the employ of Messrs. Watkins and Keen, who refused to join the strike.

Fay deposed that as he was leaving his work at dinner time Rusgrove came up to him and asked him if he was going to make those b---- bolts and when he said 'Yes', he said he would knock his b----- brains out with a brick. When he left work in the evening Farr called to him and, when he went to him, he called out to Rogers, 'This b----- is going to make them;' whereupon Rogers rushed at him, struck him a blow on the mouth and knocked him down, and then Farr and a man named Jones, who has absconded, kicked him on the forehead and on the ribs, so severely injuring him that he had been unable since to follow his employment. Mr. Bayley, for the defence, cross-questioned the witness to prove that he began the row by stooping to pick up a stone to throw at the prisoner Farr, but the witness said he did not attempt to pick up the stone until after he had been struck on the mouth, and then only to use it in self-defence.

The next witness, Joseph Fenton, the time-keeper, said that he was in his office writing, and, hearing someone groan, he looked out and saw both Farr and Rogers kicking Fay, who was on the ground, and when he ran out they walked away, and he assisted Fay into the works.

There were some hundreds of people about. John Colley, foreman of the screw making shop, saw the two prisoners and Jones brutally kicking Fay as he was on the ground.

Mr. Sutton, the surgeon, Smethwick, deposed that he was sent for on the following day to attend Fay, whom he found dreadfully bruised and ill-treated, and one of his ribs was fractured, and that he was still under his care.

Mr. Bayley made an able defence, and called several witnesses to endeavour to show that it was the two men Gee and Jones who had absconded, who committed the assault, and not the prisoners; but the magistrates said they had no doubt that the prisoners had committed a very unprovoked and serious outrage, and they should therefore fine them £5. each, and in default to be committed for two months.

*Mr. Motteram then said he should prefer a further charge against the two prisoners and Hardwick and Rusgrove, for combination and for specific threats against Fay; but the bench considered the justice of the case had been fully met by their previous decisions, and declined to hear anything further in the matter.*

The London Works was the start, and eventually the headquarters, of the large engineering firm GKN (Guest, Keen, Nettlefolds).

In 1864 when son James was born they were living at Heath Street, Birmingham.

At the 1871 census they were living in Ladywood, Birmingham.<sup>11</sup>

#### 1871 Census

*Birmingham Ladywood*

*134 Ickniel Street. No.3 Back of 134*

*John Rushgrove, Head, married, age 38, Smith, born Rowley, Staffordshire*

*Elizabeth Rushgrove, Wife, married, age 35, born Ludlow*

*Alfred Rushgrove, Son, age 11, Errand boy, born Birmingham*

*William Rushgrove, Son, age 9, scholar, born Harborne*

*James Rushgrove, son, age 7, scholar, born Birmingham*

John and Elizabeth were involved in an argument in Coventry in 1879.<sup>12</sup>

*Coventry City Police. Thursday*

*Before F. Wyley and W.H. Hill Esqrs.*

*Adjourned – Elizabeth Rushgrove, 9, Adelaide Street, summoned her husband, John Rushgrove for having assaulted her on the 17<sup>th</sup> inst. The complainant did not appear, and the case was adjourned for a week.*

At the 1881 census John and Elizabeth were living at Back 42 Winson Green Road in the parish of All Saints, Birmingham.<sup>13</sup> The Back and Front rows of houses formed a single block of houses with a side entry to get to the Back of the same street. The opposite side of the street to the Front had a different street name.

#### 1881 Census Birmingham

*Bk 42 Winson Green Road, Birmingham*

*John Rushgrove, Head, Married, Age 49, born Kingston, Hereford*

*Elizabeth Rushgrove, Wife, Married, Age 45, born Ludlow*

*Alfred Rushgrove, Son, Unmarried, Age 21, born Birmingham*

*William Rushgrove, Son, Unmarried, Age 19, Striker At Edge Tool Works, born Birmingham*

*Elizabeth Rushgrove, Daughter, Age 9, Scholar, born Birmingham*

*Louisa Rushgrove, Daughter, Age 7, born Birmingham*

At the 1891 census, age 60, John was living in Coventry.

#### 1891 Census

*Holy Trinity, Coventry, 9 Cope St*

*Caroline Bayliss, Head, Widow, age 42, Living On Her Means, born Birmingham*

*Harry Bayliss, Son, married, age 32, Machinist (Cycle), born Birmingham*

*Caroline Bayliss, Daughter, single, age 20, Machinist (Cycle), born Birmingham*

*Percy Bayliss, Grandson, age 2, born Birmingham*

*John Rushgrove, Lodger, married, age 60, Machinist (Cycle), born Ludlow*

*John Ingram, Lodger, single, ,21, Machinist (Cycle), born Birmingham*

At the 1891 census Elizabeth was living in Winson Green, Birmingham.<sup>14</sup>

#### 1891 Census - Birmingham All Saints

*41 Winson Green Road*

*Eliz. Rushgrove, head, age 55, married, ?Hairdresser, b. Ludlow*

*Louisa Rushgrove, daughter, age 17, single, born Birmingham, Blind from childhood*

At the 1901 census Elizabeth was living at 5 Thomas Buildings, Cape Street, Birmingham.<sup>15</sup>

1901 Census Birmingham

*5 Thomas Buildings, Cape St*

*Eliza Rusgrove, Head, married, age 66, born Ludlow*

*Alfred Rusgrove, son, single, age 40, Cycle maker, born Birmingham*

*Eliza Rusgrove, daughter, single, age 29, Button carder, born Birmingham*

*Louisa Rusgrove, daughter, single, age 27, born Birmingham*

John died, aged 72, at the Workhouse Coventry, on the 18th August 1905; registered in the September quarter.<sup>16 17</sup> He was described as a Cycle Machinist of the Parish of Coventry. He died of Cancer and Exhaustion. The informant was Annie Burton, Niece, of 15 Godiva Street Coventry.

At the 1911 census Elizabeth was a patient in the Birmingham Union Infirmary (now Dudley Road Hospital).<sup>18</sup>

1911 Census

*Birmingham Union Infirmary, Western Road, Birmingham*

*Elizabeth Rushgrove, Patient, widow, age 81, born Ludlow*

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Elizabeth died, aged 85, at the Temporary Infirmary Western Road, Birmingham on the 9th August 1916.<sup>19 20</sup> The cause of death was Senile decay. The informant was E Cooper, her daughter, of 50 Richmond Road, Bearwood. Elizabeth's home address was still 5 Cape Street. Although the age is not quite correct this is probably Elizabeth.

John and Elizabeth had seven children.

**John Rushgrove (1857-1902).** The son of John and Elizabeth. He was christened at St. Thomas, Broad Street, Birmingham on the 22nd February 1857.<sup>21</sup>

At the 1861 census, age 5, he was living at Lower Mill Street, Ludlow with George and Margaret Davies and was described as their nephew.<sup>22</sup> Margaret was Elizabeth Bowen's sister; John's aunt..

1861 Census

*Lower Mill Street, Ludlow*

*George Davies, Head, married, age 28, Tailor, born Ludlow*

*Margaret Davies, Wife, married, age 29, born Ludlow*

*John Rushgrove, Nephew, age 5, born Birmingham*

In 1867 John, aged about 10, was involved when his grandfather (John Bowen) disappeared and his body was later found in the river.<sup>23</sup>

### Ashford Carbonel - Body Found

*On Tuesday last as James Turbeville, a gamekeeper in the employ of Richard Turner, Esq., at Ashford Court, was going his rounds, he saw something in the river Teme, and thought it resembled a human body. He approached nearer to the side, and discovered a body in the river, which was afterwards identified as the body of the missing man, John Bowen, who has been in the water since the 30<sup>th</sup> January last.*

*The body was taken from the river and conveyed on a hurdle to the Bridge Inn, Ashford Carbonel, in this village. An inquest was held on the following day (Wednesday) at the Bridge Inn, Ashford Carbonel, before Thomas Weyman Esq., coroner, and a respectable jury, on the body of the deceased.*

*The jury were sworn, and after viewing the body the following evidence was taken.*

*Margaret Davies said: I am daughter of the deceased, and live in Lower Mill Street, Ludlow. My father was about 72 years of age. I saw him last alive on the 30<sup>th</sup> of January last, about half past eight or a quarter to nine. He was sitting by the fire. He went out, and I thought he was gone into the garden, and I sent a nephew of mine to see if he was there, as we had had the ashes cleared away out of the garden, and thought he may have fell in the hole. He was not in the garden, and nothing had been said to him to cause him to go out, neither did he say what he was going to do. He had complained very much lately of his head being bad. He said he would throw his tobacco box away, because he had not got any tobacco. I afterwards found his tobacco where he had placed it himself. I have seen the body this morning, and identify it as the body of my father, by his clothes.*

*A little lad name John Rushgrove, a grandson of the deceased, gave corroborative evidence.*

*Charles Archibald said: On Tuesday, the 12<sup>th</sup> inst., I was in Mr Towers's orchard in company with another young man, and on going down the river side I saw something caught in the root of a tree. I pulled it out, and washed the sand off, and then I saw something else caught in the bushes. I took it out. They proved to be a jacket and waistcoat, both turned inside out and buttoned. I took them to George Davis's house in Mill Street, Ludlow, when Mrs Davis identified them as her father's.*

*James Turbeville said: I am gamekeeper to R Turner, Esq. As I was going up the side of the river yesterday morning, about 10.30, I saw something in the river. I could not make out what it was. I went back and could discern the body of a man in the water, which was afterwards identified by George Davies, a son in law of the deceased. I then went to Ludlow and gave information to the police to the police. I also assisted to get the body out of the water some time.*

*Police constable Thomas said: Between two and three o'clock yesterday I received information that a body had been found in the River Teme, near Ashford Bridge. I went down and searched the body and found a silver watch and 1-1/2d. in money. The watch had stopt at two minutes to two. The watch was identified by the first witness.*

*After a short deliberation the jury returned a verdict. 'That the deceased destroyed himself while in a state of temporary insanity'.*

At the 1871 census John was still living at Lower Mill Street; for some reason he does not seem to have ever lived at home.<sup>24</sup>

### 1871 Census Ludlow, St. Lawrence

*No 1 Lower Mill Street*

*George Davies, Head, age 39, born Ludlow*

*Margaret Davies, Wife, age 39, born Ludlow*

*Clara Potts, Servant, age 15, born Ludlow*

*John Rushgrove, Nephew, age 15, born Birmingham*

At the 1881 census, age 25, John was lodging at the Provision Shop, Hamall Lane, Coventry. The Household were John Milligan, 26, a watch finisher and his wife Anne, age 29; with their children

Anne and Ellen, and another boarder Abiashar Williams, age 37, Engine tuner and fitter and Emma Gunn, age 24, a visitor. John was described as an Oliver Smith.<sup>25</sup>

An 'Oliver' was the name of the large hammer for making nails and bolts.

John married Emily Bradley (1859-1933) at St. Cuthbert's, Birmingham on the 5th June 1881. John was described as age 25, Batchelor, Occupation; Smith, Residence: Winson Green Road, Birmingham. His father was John Rushgrove an Engine Smith, Journeyman. Emily was described as, age 23, Spinster, Occupation; Domestic Servant, Residence: Winson Green Road, Birmingham. Her father was John Bradley a Miller. The marriage was by Banns. The witnesses were: William Rushgrove and Eliza Jones.<sup>26 27</sup>

Emily was born in 1859 at Ludlow.

At the 1891 census they were living at 7 Winchester Street Coventry.<sup>28</sup>

In 1888 John had a bad accident on his bicycle.<sup>29</sup>

*On Saturday evening, as Singers' Bicycle Club was returning from a run, a serious accident befel Mr. J. Rushgrove, one of the members. In turning the corner in to Cox Street the wheel of Mr. Rushgrove's bicycle 'skidded' on the wet stones, and both the machine and rider fell heavily. Mr. Rushgrove was assisted to his feetm and it was then found that he had sustained such serious injuries that his friends at once took him to the Hospital. There it was found that one of his legs was Broken*

Singer Motors Limited started as a bicycle manufacture in 1874 and later became a motor car and commercial vehicle manufacturer based in Coventry. John was probably employed at Singer.

#### 1891 Census - Coventry Holy Trinity

7 Winchester Street

John Rushgrove, head, age 35, married, Oliver Smith, born Birmingham

Emily Rushgrove, wife, age 31, married, born Ludlow

Ethel Richards, niece, age 6, single, born Ludlow

'Richards' may be a mistake for Rushgrove.

At the 1901 census they were still living at 7 Winchester Street, Coventry.<sup>30</sup>

#### 1901 Census Coventry

7 Winchester Street

John Rushgrove, Head, married, age 44, Smith, born Birmingham

Emily Rushgrove, Wife, married, age 42, born Ludlow

Ethel Rushgrove, Niece, single, age 15, Printer's assistant, born Ludlow

John died, aged 44, on the 24th July 1902 at 7 Winchester Street; registered at Coventry in the September quarter.<sup>31 32</sup> He was described as an Oliver smith. He died of Liver cancer. The informant was his widow Emily who was present at the death.

At the 1911 census Emily was living in Coventry.<sup>33</sup>

#### 1911 Census

7 Winchester Street, Coventry

Rushgrove Emily, Head, widow, age 46, Charwoman, born Ludlow

Grindley Henry Herbert, boarder, age 26, Motor Painter, born Shifnal, Shropshire

Emily died, aged 74; registered in Coventry in the June quarter 1933.<sup>34</sup>

**George Rushgrove (bd.1859)**. The son of John and Elizabeth. He died from scarlet fever as an infant only four months old. His death was registered on the 13th January 1859 and he had died on

11th January 1859 at Back 82 Holliday Street, Birmingham. The informant was Sarah Anne Whitehouse of 38 Back Cumberland Street who was present at the death.<sup>35</sup>

**Alfred Rushgrove (1860-1933).** Alfred George known as Fred. The son of John and Elizabeth. He was born on the 8th January 1860, at Providence Place, Lower Essex Street, Birmingham. His father was John Rushgrove an 'Engine Smith Journeyman' and his mother was Elizabeth Rushgrove formerly Bowen. The birth was registered on 18th February.<sup>36 37</sup>

At the 1861 census, age 1, Alfred was at home in Birmingham

At the 1871 census, age 11, Alfred was at home in Birmingham and working as an Errand boy.

Alfred was living at home at the 1881 census, age 21, not married.

At the 1901 census, age 40, single, he was living or staying with his mother Elizabeth at 5 Thomas Buildings, Cape Street, Birmingham. His occupation was given as a Cycle maker.

Alfred married Annie Gertrude Canadine (1869-1949) at the Register Office in Alcester on the 17th December 1906; registered in the June quarter.<sup>38 39</sup> Fred was aged 44 and described as a Cycle maker and his father was John Rushgrove, deceased, Blacksmith. Annie was aged 37. The witnesses were Thomas Canadine and Ada Canadine; Annie's brother and his wife.

At the 1911 census they were living at 2 Parson's Row, Mount Pleasant, Redditch.<sup>40</sup>

#### 1911 Census

*2 Parson's Row, Mount Pleasant, Redditch, Worcs.*

*Alfred George Rushgrove, Head, age 50, married 5 years, Cycle fitter, born Birmingham*

*Annie Gertrude Rushgrove, Wife, age 42, married, Press worker, born Crabbs Cross, Worcs.*

Fred was later a Sales Manager or Sales Engineer with the Royal Enfield company in Redditch. Annie and Fred probably first met around 1890 when he moved to Redditch with R.W Smith the founder the Royal Enfield. The original Royal Enfield factory was at Hunt End, Redditch.

Nancy remembered meeting Queen Victoria in Scotland, possibly in about 1897, when she was at a trade exhibition with Alfred.

In later years Fred and Nancy lived in a cottage at the top of Parson's road in Redditch. The cottage became derelict and was pulled down during the Second World War.

Alfred died, aged 72, at 4 Parson's Road, Redditch on the 23rd September 1933; registered at Bromsgrove in the September quarter.<sup>41 42</sup> He was described as a Motor Cycle Builder. He died of cancer of the mouth. The informant was his widow Annie who was present at the death.

Their children were Alfred Leonard Canadine (1892-1946) and Victor Clarence Canadine (1894-1959). *See separate document for details.*

**William Rushgrove (1862-1883).** The son of John and Elizabeth. He was christened at All Saints, Birmingham on the 9th January 1863.<sup>43</sup>

At the 1871 census, age 9, William was living at home in Birmingham.

He was living at home at the 1881 census, age 19. His occupation was described as a Striker at Edge Tool Works. A striker was a metal Smith's assistant who wielded the heavy hammer.

It was probably William who was a witness at his brother John's wedding in 1881.

William died, aged 21, on the 20th December 1883; registered at Birmingham in the December quarter.<sup>44</sup> The cause of death was Typhoid fever. He was at Back 42 Winson Green road and the informant was Margaret Palmer, present at the death, of Back 43 Winson Green road.<sup>45</sup>

William is buried at Witton cemetery, Birmingham.<sup>46</sup>



**James Rushgrove (1864-1874).** The son of John and Elizabeth. He was born, at Heath Street, Birmingham on the 22nd March 1864; registered at Birmingham in the June quarter.<sup>47 48</sup>

At the 1871 census, age 7, he was at home in Birmingham

James died, aged 10, at Icknield Street, Birmingham on the 4th December 1874; registered at Birmingham in the December quarter.<sup>49 50</sup> The cause of death was Kidney failure. The informant was his mother Elizabeth who was present at the death.

**Elizabeth Rushgrove (b.1872).** Also Evelyn. The daughter of John and Elizabeth. She was born in 1872; registered at Birmingham in the June quarter.<sup>51</sup>

Elizabeth was living at home at the 1881 census, age 9, and was described as a scholar.

At the 1901 census, age 29, she was living with her mother and sister Louisa and was described as a Button Carder.

Elizabeth married Frank Cooper in 1903; registered in Birmingham in the June quarter.<sup>52</sup> The registration stated 'Evelyn' but this was definitely Elizabeth.

In 1912 she registered her sister Louisa's death. They were living at 50 Richmond Road, Bearwood.

In 1916 she registered her mother's death. They were living at 50 Richmond Road, Bearwood.

**Louisa Rushgrove (1874-1912).** The daughter of John and Elizabeth. She was born in 1874; registered at Birmingham in the June quarter.<sup>53</sup> Louisa was baptised on 26<sup>th</sup> March 1877 at St. John, Ladywood. Her father John was described as a Blacksmith; they lived at Icknield Square, Birmingham.<sup>54</sup>

Louisa was living at home at the 1881 census, age 7.

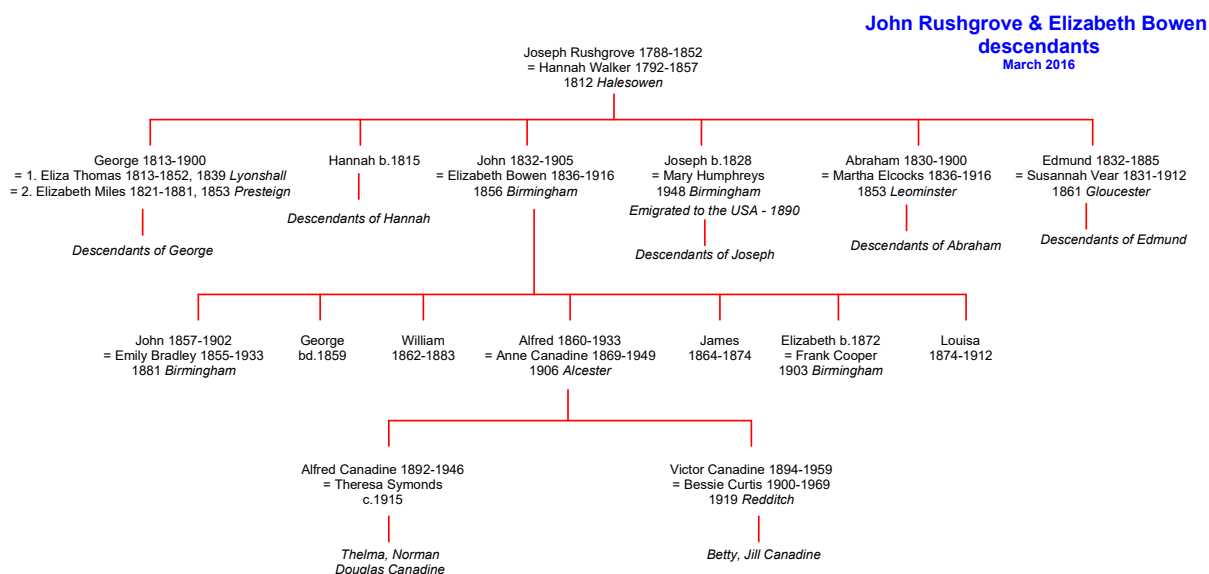
At the 1891 census she was living with her mother in Winson Green, Birmingham. On this census she was described as: 'Blind from Birth'.

At the 1901 census, age 27, she was living with her mother and sister at Cape Street Birmingham.

At the 1911 census she was a patient at the Birmingham Union Infirmary.<sup>55</sup>

Louisa died, age 38, in 1912; registered at Birmingham in the June quarter.<sup>56</sup>

## 2. Family Tree



- 1 1841 Census, Kington, Herefordshire
- 2 1851 Census, Ludlow. HO107/1982/189/11
- 3 GRO: Marriage certificate. John Rushgrove=Elizabeth. 4 Aug 1856
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- 16 GRO: Deaths. John Rushgrove, aged 72, Sep 1905, Coventry 6d 289
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- 28 1891 Census, Coventry. RG12/2454
- 29 Coventry Herald 20 April 1888. British Newspaper Archive
- 30 1901 Census, Coventry. RG13/2912/126/1
- 31 GRO: Deaths, John Rushgrove, aged 44, Sep 1902, Coventry 6d 285
- 32 GRO: Death certificate. John Rushgrove. 24 July 1902 Coventry
- 33 1911 Census, Winchester Street, Coventry. RG14 PN18561
- 34 GRO: Deaths, Emily Rushgrove, aged 74, June 1933, Coventry 6d 694
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- 44 GRO: Deaths. William Rushgrove, aged 21, Dec 1883, Birmingham, 6d 139
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<sup>50</sup> GRO: Death certificate. James Rushgrove. Birmingham. 4 Dec 1874  
<sup>51</sup> GRO: Births. Rushgrove Elizabeth, June 1872, Birmingham 6d 2  
<sup>52</sup> GRO: Marriages. Rushgrove Evelyn. June 1903, Birmingham 6d 173  
<sup>53</sup> GRO: Births. Rushgrove Louisa, June 1874, Birmingham 6d 13  
<sup>54</sup> IGI: Baptism. Louisa Rushgrove 26 Mar 1877, St. John, Ladywood, Birmingham  
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PRO: Public record office  
GRO: General registry office  
IGI: International Genealogical Index  
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