

Hannah Rushgrove and her 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.

This document covers one of their children; Hannah b.1815 and her descendants.

We do not include information about those born after 1920. Most of the information comes from public sources.

Hannah Rushgrove (1815-1902). Also Susan or Susanna. The daughter of Joseph and Hannah. She was baptised in Kington on the 13th January 1815.¹

At the 1841 census Hannah, age 25, was living at home in Kington.²

1841 Census

Nailshops, Kington

Joseph Rushgrove, age 50, Nailer

Hannah Rushgrove, age 45

Joseph Rushgrove, age 13, Nailer

Abraham Rushgrove, age 10, Nailer

John Rushgrove, age 8

Edmund Rushgrove, age 8

Susan Rushgrove, age 25

William Rushgrove, age 1

At the 1851 census Hannah, age 36, was at home in Ludlow.³

1851 Census

57 Lower Broad Street, Ludlow

Joseph Rushgrove, Head, age 63, Nailer, born Clent, Staffordshire

Hannah Rushgrove, Wife, age 59, born Kington, Herefordshire

Edmund Rushgrove, Son, age 18, born Kington

Hannah Rushgrove, Daughter, age 36, born Kington

William Rushgrove, Grandson, age 11, born Kington

Ann Rushgrove, Granddaughter, age 2, born Ludlow

William and Ann are Hannah's children. At the 1861 census Hannah was living with her son William and his family.⁴

At the 1871 census Hannah was living in Harborne.⁵

1871 Census

Wills Street, Harborne

Hannah Rusgrove, Head, widow, age 58, Laundress, born Kington, Herefordshire

Albert Rusgrove, Son, unmarried, age 18, Bolt Forger, born Ludlow

Hannah married John Edkins in 1872; registered at King's Norton in the December quarter.⁶

At the 1881 census they were living in King's Norton.⁷

1881 Census, Harborne

96 Wills Street. King's Norton, Harborne
John Edkins, Head, age 68, married, labourer, born Gloucester
Hannah Edkins, 2nd Wife, age 67, married, born Kington
Sarah A Edkins, daughter, age 25, married, no occupation, born Smethwick
Albert Rusgrove, stepson, age 28, married, Blacksmith, born London
Sarah Rusgrove, step daughter in law, age 20, born Smethwick
W A Rusgrove, step grandson, age 5 months,
Eliza Warwick, Niece, age 4, Scholar, born Birmingham

She may be the Hannah Edkins who died, age 88, in 1902; registered at Birmingham in the September quarter.⁸

Hannah had three children.

William Rusgrove (1840-1914). The son of Hannah. He was baptised in Kington on the 15th March 1840. Hannah was described as a spinster and the address was Nailshops, Kington.⁹

William's father may be the William Thomas listed in Kington on the 1851 census at Bridge Road Kington; described as unmarried and a 'dealer in eggs'.¹⁰

*William Thomas. Age: 37
Estimated Birth Year: abt. 1814
Where born: Kington, Herefordshire, England*

At the 1841 census William, age 1, was at home in Kington
At the 1851 census William, age 11 was at home in Ludlow

By the 1861 census William, age 21, was married and living in Birmingham.¹¹

1861 Census

*Gt. North Street?, Birmingham
William Rusgrove, Head, married, age 21, Black Smith, born Birmingham
Mary Rusgrove, Wife, married, age 20, Button Draper, born Birmingham
Hannah Rusgrove, Mother, married, age 46, Charwoman, born Birmingham
Anne Rusgrove, Sister, age 13, Scholar, born Birmingham
Albert Rusgrove, Brother, age 9, Scholar, born Birmingham*

William married Jane Sadler (1842-1911) on the 27th November 1865; registered at Birmingham in the December quarter.¹² On the marriage certificate he was described as a bachelor; this does not match the 1861 census where his wife is described as Mary. His age was given as 25, Occupation: Black Smith, Residence: Grosvenor Street, Birmingham. His father was named as William Rusgrove, a Carpenter (presumably William Thomas).

Jane was described as a Spinster, age 23, Gold chain maker, Residence: Grosvenor Street, Birmingham. Her father was William Sadler a house painter. The witnesses were: William Warwick and Hannah Sadler.¹³

William Warwick was probably his sister Anne's future husband.

At the 1871 census they were living in Birmingham.¹⁴

1871 Census

*Back of Winson Street, Birmingham
Rusgrove, William, Head, married, age 31, born Herefordshire
Rusgrove, Jane, Wife, age 28, born, Warwickshire*

At the 1881 census William, age 41, and Jane, age 38, were living at Beach Street 14, Court 5, in

Birmingham. William was described as a Blacksmith and Jane as a Burnisher. There were no children living with them.¹⁵

At the 1901 census, age 61, William was living in Leominster.¹⁶

1901 Census

GoldersField?, Puddestone, Leominster

William Rushgrove, Head, married, age 61, Blacksmith, born Kington, Herefordshire

At the 1901 census Jane was living in Birmingham.¹⁷

1901 Census

2/12 Prescott Street, All Saints, Birmingham

John James Green, Head, married, age 22, Brass founder, born Birmingham

Florence Mary Green, Wife, married, age 21, born Birmingham

James Walter Green, Son, age 4 months, born Birmingham

George Green, Brother, age 17, Silversmith and Gold engraver, born Birmingham

Jane Rusgrove, Boarder, married, age 58, Electro Plate Burnisher, born Birmingham

At the 1911 census Jane was at the Aston Union Workhouse.¹⁸

1911 Census

Aston Union Workhouse

Union road, Erdington, Warwickshire

Rushgrove Jane, age 68, inmate

At the 1911 census William was living in Aston.¹⁹

1911 Census

72 Thomas Street, Aston Manor

Johnson Walter, head, married, 21 years, age 44, Press worker, born Cheltenham

Johnson Mrs, wife, married, 21 years, age 43, born Meriden

Johnson Miss Elsie, daughter, single, age 19, Leather platter, born Aston

Johnson Miss Maud, daughter, single, age 18, Press girl, born Aston

Johnson Miss Ethel, daughter, age 10, born Aston

Johnson Miss Edith, daughter, age 8, born Aston

Johnson Miss Ada, daughter, age 6, born Aston

Rushgrove Mr William, boarder, married, age 72, Blacksmith, born Birmingham

Jane died, aged 68, in 1911; registered at Aston in the September quarter.²⁰

William died, aged 73 (or 75) in 1914; registered at Birmingham in the March quarter.²¹

Anne Rusgrove (b.1848). The daughter of Hannah. She was christened in Ludlow on the 29th July 1848.²²

At the 1851 census, age 2, she was at home in Kington

At the 1861 census, age 13, she was living with her older brother William in Birmingham

Anne married William Warwick in 1866; registered at King's Norton in the June quarter.²³

At the 1871 census they were living in Birmingham with William's mother.²⁴

1871 Census

4 Back 38 Bell Barn Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham

Luke Ann, Head, age 64

Warwick William, Son, age 23,? Filer

Warwick Annie, Granddaughter, scholar, age 4

Warwick Evaline, Granddaughter, age 1

Warwick Ann, Daughter-In-Law, age 22, Cleaner of Tin ware, born Ludlow

By the 1881 census there were three further children, Roseline (b.1873), William Albert (b.1875), and Harry (b.1881).

Albert Rusgrove (1852-1937). The son of Hannah. He was christened on the 8th September 1852; registered at Ludlow in the December quarter.^{25 26}

At the 1861 census, age 9, he was at home in Birmingham

At the 1871 census, age 18, Albert was living with his mother in Harborne, working as a Bolt Forger.

At the 1881 census, age 28, Albert was living at home in King's Norton and working as a Blacksmith.

Albert married Sarah Elizabeth Blount (1862-1913) on the 29th March 1880 at St. Michael's Church, Handsworth; registered at West Bromwich in the March quarter.²⁷ He was described as a Bachelor, age 27, Blacksmith, Resident: Handsworth. His father was named as Joseph Rusgrove, a moulder; this may not be correct. Sarah was described as a Spinster, age 18, Resident: Handsworth. Her father was James Blount a Carter. The witnesses were: Joseph Smith and Elizabeth Smith.²⁸

On his son Frederick's birth certificate in 1882 Albert is described as a Smith at the Midland Bolt Works. These were probably large bolts for use on the Railways.

At the 1891 census they were living in Birmingham.²⁹

1891 Census

Christ Church Summerfield, Birmingham

4 Back, 155 Icknield Port Road

Albert Rusgrove, Head, married, age 39, Blacksmith, born, Ludlow

Sarah Rusgrove, Wife, married age 29, born Smethwick

William Rusgrove, Son, age 10, born Smethwick

Fred Rusgrove, Son, age 9, born Smethwick

Frank Rusgrove, Son, age 7, born Smethwick

At the 1901 census they were living in Birmingham.³⁰

1901 Census

336 Monument Road, Birmingham

Albert Rusgrove, Head, married, age 48, Mechanic (Blacksmith), born Ludlow

Sarah Rusgrove, Wife, married, age 39, born Smethwick

William Rusgrove, Son, single, age 20, Mechanic, born Smethwick

Alfred Rusgrove, Son, single, age 19, Mechanic, born Smethwick

Frank Rusgrove, Son, single, age 17, Mechanic, born Smethwick

At the 1911 census they were staying with their son William in Smethwick.

Sarah died, age 52, in 1913; registered at King's Norton in the September quarter.³¹

Albert died, age 84, in 1937; registered at Smethwick in the June quarter.³²

Albert and Sarah had four children.

William Rusgrove (b.1880). William Albert. The son of Albert and Sarah. He was born on the 11th November 1880; registered at King's Norton in the December quarter.^{33 34}

At the 1891 census, age 10, he was living at home in Birmingham.

At the 1901 census, age 20, he was living at home in Birmingham, working as a Mechanic.

William married Elsie Gertrude Upton in 1909; registered at King's Norton in the December quarter.³⁵

At the 1911 census they were living in Smethwick. William's parents Albert and Sarah were living with them.

1911 Census

17 Bowden Road, Smethwick, Staffs.

Rusgrove William, head, married, age 30, Blacksmith, born Smethwick

Rusgrove Elsie, wife, married, age 29, born Smethwick

Rusgrove Albert, boarder, married, age 59, Blacksmith, born Ludlow

Rusgrove Sarah, boarder, married, 31 years, age 50, born Smethwick

Rusgrove Edith, visitor, age 5, born Birmingham

Edith was William's niece.

On the 8th July 1911 William and Elsie sailed to Durban in South Africa on the Union Castle ship Kildonian Castle. William was described as a mechanic.³⁶

Name: Mr & Mrs W A Rusgrove

Date of departure: 8 July 1911

Port of departure: Southampton

Passenger destination: Durban (Port Natal), South Africa

Marital Status: Married

Kildonian Castle

Elsie returned to England (perhaps for a visit) in March 1936.³⁷

Mrs Elsie Rusgrove, age 60, b. abt. 1876

Dept: Beira Mozambique

Arrival: Southampton 19 Mar 1936

Ship: Watussi (Woermann Line)

Address in England: 12 Holly St. Smethwick, Birmingham

Occupation: Bookkeeper

Permanent residence: South Africa

Travelling with: Gwendoline Rusgrove, age 24, Occupation. Bookkeeper

Elsie is listed again on the 6th August 1936 sailing to Durban with Bertha, aged 20, and Gwen, aged 24. They sailed on the USS Ukama.³⁸

Name: Elsie Rusgrove

Date of departure: 6 August 1936

Port of departure: Southampton

Passenger destination: Durban (Port Natal), South Africa

Age: 53

Gwendoline Rusgrove (b.1912). Possibly the daughter of William and Elsie. She returned to England in 1936 and travelled back to Durban a few months later.

Bertha Rusgrove (b.1916). Possibly the daughter of William and Elsie. She returned to England in 1936 and travelled back to Durban a few months later.

Frederick Rusgrove (1882-1917). Also Alfred or Fred. The son of Albert and Sarah. Frederick was born on the 30th May 1882, at Grove Lane, Smethwick; registered at King's Norton in the September quarter.^{39 40}

At the 1891 census, age 9, he was at home in Birmingham

At the 1901 census, age 19, he was living at home in Birmingham, working as a Mechanic.

Frederick signed up for the Army on the 6th January 1902 and was then in the Royal Garrison Artillery from the 28th February 1902. He left the army on the 31st March 1903.

Frederick married Florence Edith Sadler (b.1883) in 1904; registered at Birmingham in the June quarter.⁴¹



Florence Rusgrove (née Sadler) 1883-1958

At the 1911 census they were living in Birmingham.

1911 Census

12 Southwick Rd, Blackheath, Birmingham

Rusgrove Frederick, head, married, age 28, Blacksmith's striker, born Smethwick

Rusgrove Florence Edith, wife, married, 5 years, age 28, born Walsall, Staffs.

Rusgrove Edith Minnie, daughter, age 5, born Birmingham

Rusgrove Elsie, daughter, age 3, born Cakemore, Worcs.

Rusgrove Harry, son, age 6 months, born Cakemore, Worcs.

Frederick re-enlisted in the Army on the 14th May 1915 in the Special Reserve; a part time organisation. He was called up from there probably after January 1916 and would have been drafted into a regular unit. He was awarded the British War and Victory medals.⁴²



Frederick Rusgrove 1882-1917

Frederick was killed at Athiers in France in action with the 230th Siege Battery (83rd Brigade, 68th Heavy Artillery Group, Fourth Army) of the Royal Garrison Artillery. He died of his wounds on 4th May 1917.

*In affectionate Remembrance of
My Dear Husband
Bombardier Frederick Rusgrove
Royal Garrison Artillery
Who died of Wounds in France
May the 4th 1917
Aged 35 Years*

The Siege Batteries were the heavy, fairly immobile, guns and typically consisted of four 6 inch guns. This was perhaps part of the second battle of Arras (April-May 1917) which began with a massive bombardment.

His service record was one of those destroyed in the Blitz in 1940 so we do not have much more information. He is buried in the Commonwealth War Graves Cemetery at Faubourg D'Amiens, Arras.

*Regiment, Corps etc.: Royal Garrison Artillery
Rusgrove Frederick
Birthplace: Smethwick, Staffs
Enlisted: Birmingham
Rank: BDR (Bombardier)
Number: 2593
Date died: 04 May 1917
How died: Died of wounds
Theatre of war: France & Flanders*

On the 30th July 1921 Florence, aged 38, and the children departed from Liverpool for Quebec in Canada on the ship Metagama.^{43 44}

Name: Florence Rushgrove
Date of departure: 30 July 1921
Port of departure: Liverpool
Passenger destination: Quebec, Canada
Age: 38
Occupation: H Wife

She was working as a cook in a logging camp.

They are recorded as returning to England in October 1923.⁴⁵

Florence Rusgrove, age 41, Housewife
Dept: New York
Arrival: Southampton 29 Oct 1923
Ship: Majestic (White Star Line)
Address in England. 3 Back of 236 King Edward Rd, Birmingham
Travelling with:
Edith Rusgrove age 17, b. abt. 1906, Student
Elsie Rusgrove, age 16, Student
Frank Rusgrove, age 8, Child

Florence died, age 76, in 1958; registered at Birmingham in the December quarter.⁴⁶

Frederick and Florence had five children.

Frederick Rusgrove (bd.1904). Frederick A. The son of Frederick and Florence. He was born in 1904; registered at Birmingham in the December quarter. He died in the same quarter; registered at Birmingham.^{47 48}

Edith Rusgrove (b.1906). Edith Minnie. The daughter of Frederick and Florence. She was born in 1906; registered at Birmingham in the June quarter.⁴⁹

At the 1911 census, age 5, she was at home in Birmingham.

Edith sailed, age 15, to Quebec, Canada with her mother on 30th July 1921. She returned to England, age 17, in October 1923.



Edith Harris (née Rusgrove) 1906-2002

Edith married Howard Harris in 1930; registered at Birmingham in the June quarter.⁵⁰

Elsie Rusgrove (1907-2002). The daughter of Frederick and Florence. She was born in 1907; registered at Stourbridge in the September quarter.⁵¹

At the 1911 census, age 3, she was at home in Birmingham.

Elsie sailed, age 13, to Quebec, Canada with her mother on 30th July 1921
She returned to England, age 16, in October 1923

Elsie married William James on the 25th July 1936 at St Peter's, Harborne; registered at Birmingham in the September quarter.



Elsie James (née Rusgrove) 1906-2002

Elsie died, age 94, in July 2002.⁵²

Harry Rusgrove (1910-1911). The son of Frederick and Florence. He was born in 1910; registered at Stourbridge in the December quarter.⁵³

At the 1911 census, age 6 months, he was at home in Birmingham.

Harry died, age 1, in 1911; registered at Stourbridge in the December quarter.⁵⁴

Frank Rusgrove (1915-1992). The son of Frederick and Florence. He was born on the 21st March 1915; registered at Birmingham.⁵⁵

Frank sailed, age 6, to Quebec, Canada with his mother on 30th July 1921.
He returned to England, age 8, in October 1923

Frank married Eileen M Cooper in 1941; registered at Birmingham in the June quarter.⁵⁶

Frank died, age 77, in 1992; registered at Birmingham in the December quarter.⁵⁷

Frank and Eileen had two children.

Frank appears on the Birmingham electoral register in 1939, 1945, 1950 and 1955.

Frank Rusgrove (1884-1909). The son of Albert and Sarah. He was born in 1884; registered at King's Norton in the June quarter.⁶⁵

At the 1891 census, age 7, he was at home in Birmingham

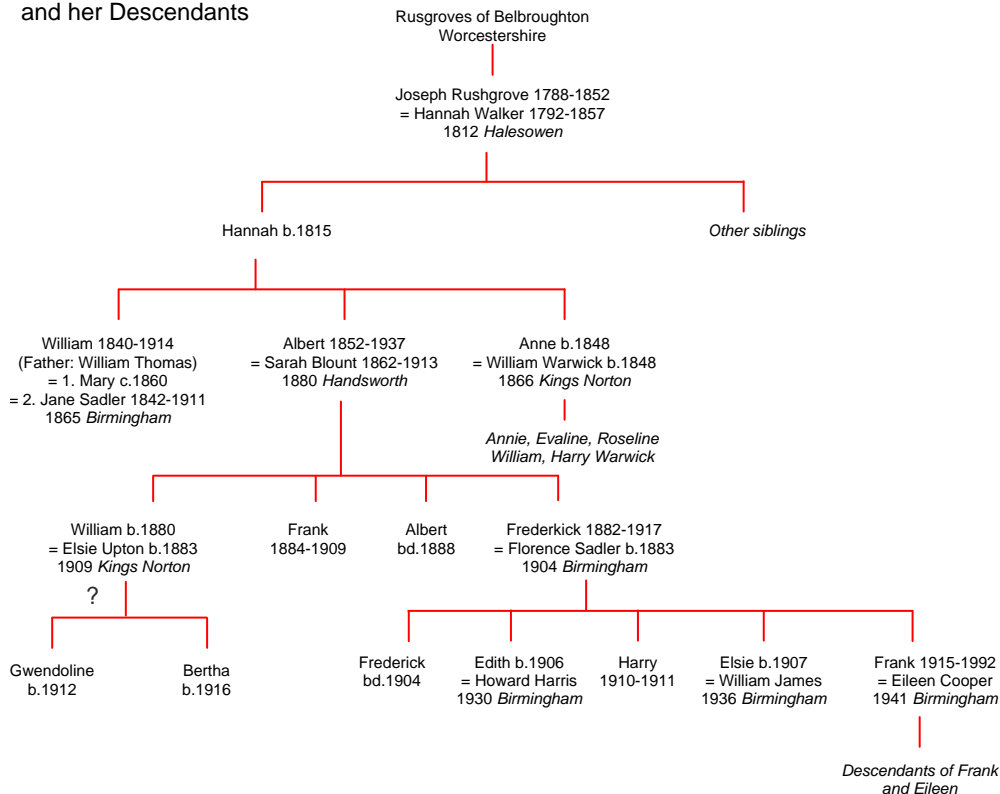
At the 1901 census, age 17, he was living at home in Birmingham, working as a Mechanic.

Frank died, age 25, in 1909; registered at Pembroke in the March quarter.⁶⁶

Albert Rushgrove (bd.1888). The son of Albert and Sarah. He was born on the 17th January 1888 and christened on the 18th February. He died later in 1888; registered at Birmingham in the June quarter.^{67 68}

Family Tree

Hannah Rusgrove
and her Descendants



¹ IGI: Susanna Rusgrove, ch. 13 Jan 1815, Kington
² 1841 Census, Kington
³ 1851 Census, Kington
⁴ 1861 Census, Broad Street, Ludlow. RG9/2137/86/33
⁵ 1871 Census, Wills Street, Harborne. RG10/3806/92/54
⁶ GRO: Marriages. Hannah Rusgrove = John Edkins, Dec 1872, King's Norton Vol. 6c 891
⁷ 1881 Census. RG11; Piece: 2960; Folio: 24; Page: 42
⁸ GRO: Deaths. Hannah Edkins, age 88, b.abt. 1814, Sep 1902, Birmingham Vol. 6d Page 28
⁹ Kington Parish Registers. 1840
¹⁰ 1851 Census. HO107; Piece: 2492; Folio: 267; Page: 42
¹¹ 1861 Census. Gt North Street, Birmingham. RG9/2137/86/33
¹² GRO: Marriages. William Rusgrove, Birmingham, 6d 350, Dec 1865 (Jane Sadler)
¹³ GRO: Marriage Certificate, William Rushgrove = Jane Sadler, 27 Nov 1865
¹⁴ 1871 Census, All Saints, Birmingham. RG10/3130/24/42
¹⁵ 1881 Census, Winson Green, Birmingham
¹⁶ 1901 Census, Puddestone, Leominster. RG13/2492
¹⁷ 1901 Census, All Saints, Birmingham. RG13/2848/93/1
¹⁸ 1911 Census, Erdington, Warwickshire
¹⁹ 1911 Census, Aston, Birmingham
²⁰ GRO: Rushgrove Jane, 68, Sep 1911, Aston 6d 538
²¹ GRO: Rushgrove William, 73, Mar 1914, Birmingham 6d 246
²² IGI: Anne Rushgrove, ch. 29 Jul 1848, Ludlow
²³ GRO: Marriages. Rushgrove Ann Kings Norton.6c 688 Marriage 2 1866
²⁴ 1871 Census, Birmingham. RG10 / 3083 / 134 / 43
²⁵ GRO: Births. Rushgrove Albert, Dec 1852, Ludlow 6a 471
²⁶ IGI: Albert Rushgrove, Ch. 8 Sep 1852, Ludlow. Mother: Susanna Rushgrove
²⁷ GRO: Marriages. Rusgrove Albert West Bromwich.6b 850 Marriage 1 1880 (Sarah Blount)
²⁸ GRO: Marriage certificate. Albert Rusgrove = Sarah Blount, Mar 29 1880
²⁹ 1891 Census, Christ Church, Summerfield, Birmingham.
³⁰ 1901 Census. Monument Road, Birmingham. RG13/2825
³¹ GRO: Deaths. Sarah E Rusgrove. Sep 1913. King's Norton 6d 116
³² GRO: Deaths. Rusgrove Albert, 84, Jun 1937, Smethwick 6b 859
³³ GRO: Births. William Albert Rusgrove, Dec 1880, King's Norton 6c 480
³⁴ IGI: William Albert Rusgrove b. 11 Nov 1880, Albert/Sarah
³⁵ GRO: Marriages. William Albert Rusgrove, Dec 1909, King's Norton 6c 731 (Elsie G Upton)
³⁶ PRO: Outward departure lists. BT 27
³⁷ PRO: UK Incoming Passenger lists 1978-1960
³⁸ PRO: Outward departure lists. BT 27
³⁹ GRO: Births. Fred Rusgrove, Sep 1882, King's Norton 6c 447
⁴⁰ GRO: Birth certificate. Frederick Rusgrove, 30 May 1882, Smethwick
⁴¹ GRO: Marriages. Frederick Rusgrove = Florence Edith Sadler, June 1904, 6d 148 Birmingham
⁴² WWI Deaths. Frederick Rusgrove d. 4 May 1917
⁴³ PRO: Outward departure lists. BT 27
⁴⁴ : Library and Archives Canada; Form 30A Ocean Arrivals (Individual Manifests), 1919-1924; Rolls: T-14939 - T-15248.
⁴⁵ PRO: UK Passenger Lists 1878 - 1960
⁴⁶ GRO: Deaths. Florence E Rusgrove, b.abt 1882, Dec 1958, age 76, Birmingham Vol. 9c 574
⁴⁷ GRO: Births. Rusgrove Frederick A Birmingham.6d 19 Birth 4 1904
⁴⁸ GRO: Deaths. Frederick A Rusgrove, d. aged 0, Birmingham, 6d 13, Dec 1904
⁴⁹ GRO: Births. Rusgrove Edith Minnie Birmingham.6d 159 Birth 2 1906
⁵⁰ GRO: Marriages. Edith M Rusgrove=Harris, Birmingham S, 6d 779, June 1930 (Howard Harris)
⁵¹ GRO: Births. Rusgrove Elsie, Stourbridge 6c 137, Sep 1907
⁵² James Family Tree. Ancestry.co.uk
⁵³ GRO: Births. Rusgrove Harry, Stourbridge.6c 135 Birth 4 1910
⁵⁴ GRO: Deaths. Rusgrove Harry, Stourbridge.6c 142 Death 4 1911
⁵⁵ GRO: Births. Rusgrove Frank, Mother=Sadler, Birmingham 6d 407, Mar 1915
⁵⁶ GRO: Marriages. Frank Rusgrove=Eileen M Cooper, Jun 1941, Birmingham 6d 914
⁵⁷ GRO: Deaths. Frank Rusgrove, Dec 1992, Birmingham 32, page 800
⁶⁴ GRO: Births. Rusgrove Angela J, Dec 1947, Mother: Cooper, Birmingham Vol. 9c 817
⁶⁵ GRO: Births. Frank Rusgrove, Jun 1884, King's Norton 6c 485
⁶⁶ GRO: Deaths. Frank Rusgrove, age 25, Mar 1909, Pembroke 11a 794
⁶⁷ IGI: Albert Rushgrove, b. 17 Jan 1888, ch. 18 Feb 1888, Birmingham, Albert/Sarah
⁶⁸ GRO: Deaths. Albert Rushgrove, aged 0, Jun 1888, Birmingham 6d 91
 IGI – International Genealogical Index
 GRO – General Record Office
 PRO – Public Record Office