

The Osgood Girls

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1901 census		
Isoult	10	Daughter
Minnie	7	Daughter
Ethel	5	Daughter
Linda	3	Daughter
Mary	1	Daughter

Isoult, the eldest, studied music and was awarded an L.R.A.M Teaching Diploma from the Royal Academy of Music. She was listed, in the commercial section of Kelly's Directory of Kent 1927, as being a music teacher in Pratts Bottom; she never married.

Minnie married Joe Sheffield; they had three sons and a daughter. They raised their family in Hastings. Claire has been told that Joe worked as a baker on cruise liners.

Ethel had an 'Eton' haircut, rode a motorbike and never married.

In 16th June 1934 George Sales of Beech Cottage made a will and appointed Ethel May Osgood of Oakdene, Rushmore Hill, his representative (George Osgood's daughter).

On the 27th July 1934 George Sales died. He bequeathed his daughter, Kate Malyan née Sales, the land formerly known as Jackey's Field together with the bungalow (formerly known as cottage). The will was executed by Ethel May Osgood.

She died in a house fire in 1941; Claire understands that the fire was started by paraffin leaking from an oil lamp.

Linda, known to the family as 'Tommy', married Clifford Gates. They had one daughter whom they called Mary. She became a Jehovah's Witness, married Ernie Sims and had 12 children. Mary is now in her eighties and lives on the Isle of Wight; she has quite a number of grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Mary, the youngest daughter, was Claire's Grandmother. She married Cyril Goddard in 1920; they had two sons, Denzil in 1921 and Peter (Claire's father) in 1927. Mary died in 1960 after many years of ill-health.