

Appendix 1 An Introduction to four families

Dibdin Family

Joan's father, **Lionel Aglio Dibdin**, was born the eldest son of **William Joseph Dibdin** and **Marian nee Aglio**. Marian's father, Augustine Aglio, was a polymath artist and her grandfather **Agostino Aglio** had immigrated from Italy in 1803 with the intention of making a living as an artist in this country which he did with a certain degree of success. Before coming to England he had fought in Italy for Napoleon until after the battle of Venice. He went to Rome to train as a landscape artist meeting up with Angelica Kaufman and Canova who introduced him to Mr Wilkins of Cambridge University who needed an artist to tour with him while studying antiquities. It was through working for Wilkins that he came to England but soon broke out on his own.

William Joseph Dibdin was the son of **Thomas Colman Dibdin**, an artist, who in turn was the son of **Thomas John Dibdin**, playwright, dramatist and theatre owner, following in the footsteps of his father, **Charles Dibdin**, songwriter, playwright dramatist and theatre owner.

William could have followed on from his father as an artist but his eyesight was not good enough and correction for astigmatism was prohibitively expensive at the time. He joined the railway in North London, but became disenchanted with the down to earth language of the staff there so he emigrated to Australia for a number of years before returning and marrying his childhood acquaintance, Marian Aglio.

His son **Lionel Dibdin** was one of a large family with 10 siblings most of whom were creative in the field of science, engineering, art and music. Sadly two died young, one at birth. All were very proud of their Dibdin roots and their creative heritage.

Having said that **Charles Dibdin** did have a wife and at least three mistresses and numerous children. There is available a family tree with about 1500 names as descendants and connected families of **Charles Dibdin**.

Lionel and two of his brothers were active in WW1 and after the war two siblings went to America, one sister to Australia and one to India but both returned to England before WW2.

There was always a very good relationship within the family so that although members of the family did not contact each other much and lived far apart there was an immense family bond expressed at times of disaster. Letters at the time of death's in the family indicate this and as is seen in the later narrative all concerns eventually turn towards Joan and her son.

Lionel married **Cecily** a member of the local Haycraft family and had three children but sadly their first born, **Stanley** died at the age of six during WW1. Their other two children **Peter** and **Joan** are the subject of this book. Because Lionel was the oldest male in the family, he was seen as **Head of the Family**. On his death the role was passed on to **Peter** and on his death to **Joan**. And so the immense family archive is now available to me.

William J. DIBDIN
 b: 09 Dec 1850 in St Pancras, London, England.
 d: 09 Jun 1925
 Occupation: Engineer & Analytical Chemist for London Council

Sophia DIBDIN
 b: 19 Jul 1880 in St Stephen's Ave Shepherd's Bush
 d: 19 Jul 1880 in St Stephen's Ave

Ethel M. DIBDIN
 b: 23 Jun 1879 in St Stephen's Ave Shepherd's Bush
 d: Jul 1960 in New Orleans, Louisiana, United States.

George E. MOORE
 b: 01 Jul 1872 in Serena, Chile.
 m: 01 Jul 1902 in Christchurch Sutton (div by 1930) or 2nd J.
 d: 17 Apr 1960 in New Orleans, Louisiana, United States.

Lionel Aglio DIBDIN
 b: 14 Jun 1881 in St Stephen's Ave Shepherd's Bush
 d: 28 Mar 1933 in Dixmude
 Occupation: Engineer - Property Developer

Cecily Grace HAYCRAFT
 b: 08 Sep 1882 in Reg. Islington East
 m: 31 Aug 1909 in Christchurch Sutton
 d: 28 Mar 1933 in Dixmude
 Occupation: Musician

Marian Alice DIBDIN
 b: 26 Jun 1882 in St Stephen's Ave Shepherd's Bush
 d: 06 Apr 1969 in Brighton
 Occupation: Artist

Paul Raphael MONTFORD
 b: 01 Nov 1868
 m: 11 Sep 1912 in All Saints Finchley Rd
 d: 17 Jan 1938 in Melbourne
 Occupation: Sculptor

Reginald A. DIBDIN
 aka: Rex
 b: 07 Nov 1883 in 18 Union Rd Tuffnell Park
 d: 12 Jul 1957 in Forest Hill
 Occupation: Analytical Chemist

Elsie Millicent MARVIN
 b: Unknown
 m: 14 Feb 1912 in St Mary's Hamilton Terrace Marylebone
 Divorced abt 1928
 d: Unknown
 Occupation: A nurse

Stanley Lionel Aglio Dibdin
 b. 1910
 d. 1917

Peter Haycraft Dibdin
 b. 1913
 Estate Management and soldier
 d. 1943

Joan Mary Dibdin
 b. 1920
 Musician
 Artist
 d. 2008

**Marian
AGLIO**
b: 14 Jan 1851 in
Bapt. 29 Aug 1852
Old Church St Pancras
m: 05 Sep 1878 in All
Souls Hampstead
banns 11,18,25, Aug
78 St Pauls St Pancras
d: 17 Aug 1928

**Augustine L.
AGLIO**
aka: ? Lewis Gaetano ?
b: 14 Oct 1816 in
Mon. 9 pm Bapt 16
Oct 1816 RC
Hammersmith and 25
may 1821
d: 1885

**Margaret
ABSOLON**
b: 1813 in Baptised 5
Sept 1813
m: 07 Feb 1846 in
Parish Chapel St
Pancras
d: 1906 in Epsom 4th
qtr

**Augustine J.
AGLIO**
b: Mar 1847
d: Feb 1848 in Buried
5 Feb 1848

**Letitia M.
AGLIO**
aka: Great Aunt Letitia
b: Sep 1848 in Bapt. 8
Feb 1850 St Pancras
d: 1938 in 3 quarter

**Frederick H.
Pape**
b: Abt. 1845 in
Hamburgh
m: 28 May 1888 in
Epsom Banns at St
Pauls 6,13, 20 May
d: 08 Oct 1899 in
Epsom 4 quarter

**Marian
AGLIO**
b: 14 Jan 1851 in
Bapt. 29 Aug 1852
Old Church St Pancras
d: 17 Aug 1928

**William J.
DIBDIN**
b: 09 Dec 1850 in St
Pancras, London,
England.
m: 05 Sep 1878 in All
Souls Hampstead
banns 11,18,25, Aug
78 St Pauls St Pancras
d: 09 Jun 1925
Occupation:
Engineer & Analytical
Chemist for London
Council

**Mysie E.
AGLIO**
aka: Elizabeth Mary
b: 10 Nov 1852 in
Bapt 14 Oct 1853 ALI
Saint Camden Town

**Laetitia F.
DIBDIN**
aka: Letty
b: 15 Nov 1886 in
Mayfield, Grange Rd
Sutton
d: 25 Sep 1948 in
Ruislip
Occupation:
Opera Singer

**Thomas H.
FREWIN**
b: 1865
d: 25 Sep 1948
Occupation:
Conductor of Carl
ROsea Opera Co

**Fredrick J.
DIBDIN**
b: 28 Jun 1888 in
Mayfield, Grange Rd
Sutton
d: 1956 in Woodworth
Cemetery Rapides
Parish Louisiana
Occupation:
Engineer

**Garnett E.
FOWLER**
b: 09 Feb 1898
m: 23 Aug 1925 in
New Orleans First
Methodist Church
d: Jun 1985 in
Alexandria, Louisiana,
United States.

**Christine
DIBDIN**
b: 29 Nov 1889 in
Mayfield, Grange Rd
Sutton
d: 1967

**Captain R.
THOMAS**
m: 26 May 1922 in St
Lukes West Norwood
d: Nov 1942

**Margaret M.
DIBDIN**
b: 27 May 1896 in
Mayfield, Grange Rd
Sutton Surrey
d: 1978
Occupation:
Vicar's Wife

**Arthur G.
COWHAM**
b: 27 Oct 1895 in
Wandworth Common
London
m: 24 Jun 1922 in All
Saints West Dulwich
d: 1977
Occupation:
Anglican Clergyman

**Augustus A.
DIBDIN**
b: 08 May 1885 in 18
Union Rd Tuffnell
Park
d: 17 Aug 1909 in
Maybe Purleybury
Occupation:
Poultry

**The Dibdin
clan in the
First World
War.**



Lieut. Montague Dibdin Severn - Reginald Aglio Dibdin - Major Heseltine - Captain Ernest Severn
Major Edward John Dibdin - William Joseph Dibdin - Joseph Frederick Dibdin
Lieut. Lionel Aglio Dibdin - Lieut. Arthur Coleman Dibdin

Haycraft Family

From what is known this family had its roots in Deptford in gun manufacture having moved up from Devon.

Samuel Willetts was a contemporary of William Joseph Dibdin living very near to the Dibdin Family and the two families were well acquainted. His father **Dr. William Tutin Haycraft** was involved in the design of steam engines as well as acting as a medical practitioner

Samuel had the following children,

Bernard who knew Lionel well from the age of 15, and in the period between the two world wars moved with his family to 2 Brunel Terrace, Nottingham

The family there were well known to Joan Dibdin and she was grateful for the friendship and support during some of her bleak years after 1933. Two names, particularly, crop up from Nottingham family **Don Haycraft** and **Laura Haycraft**.

Edith

Edith was four years older than Cecily and her name crops up a lot in Cecily's early twenties and then has a significant role to play later as Joan's guardian in the 1930s. In 1901, when she was 22 years old, she was a teacher at the Towers in Saltburn and Cecily was a student there, Later she took over as Joint Head of the school with Laura L.J.Gerrand

Percy was on active service in WW1 but died at the end of the war

Ethel Gertrude (Gertie)

Known as Gertie, she was the young sister of Cecily and both spent much time together before and after the time that both got married in 1909 within six months of each other.

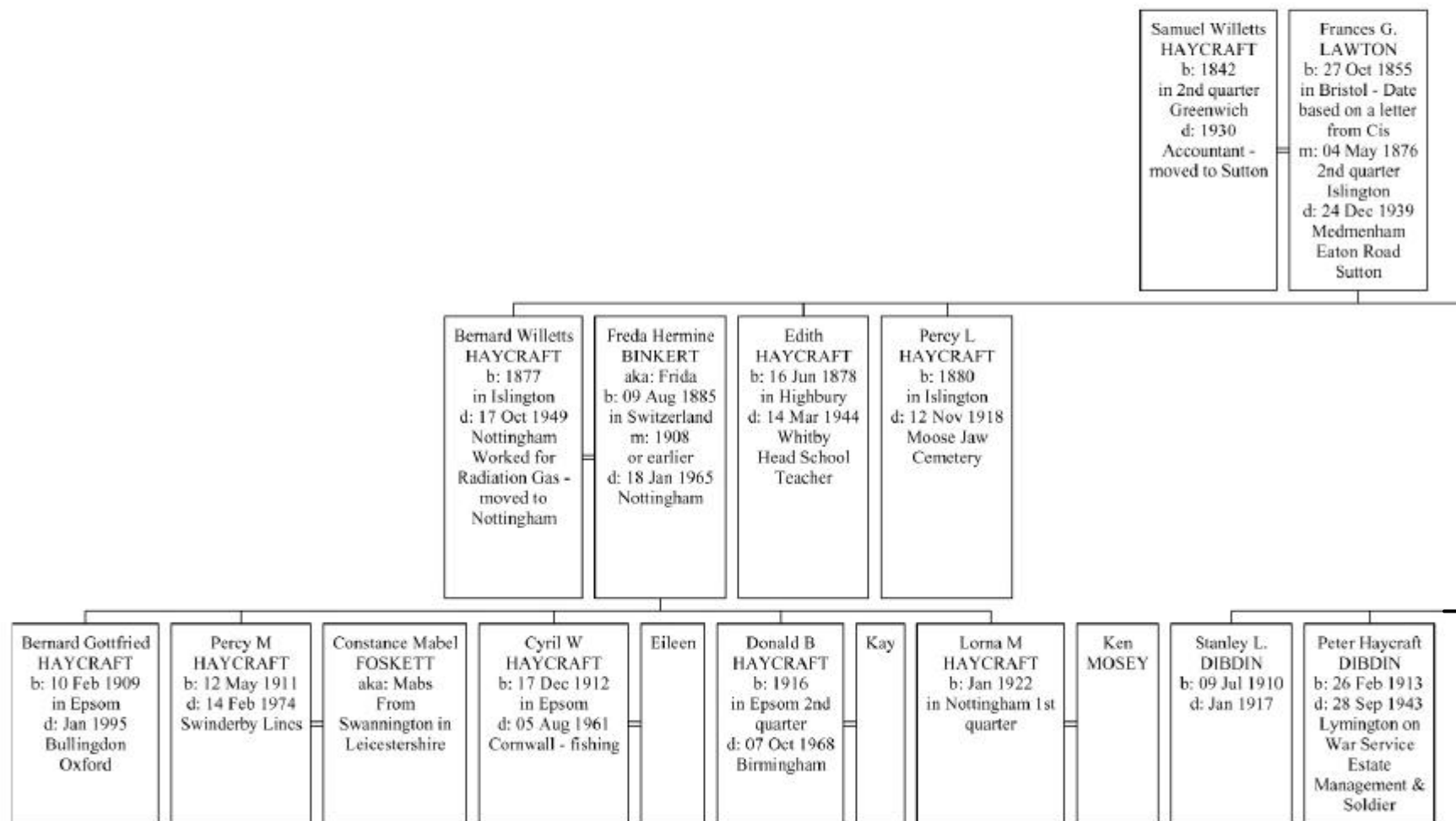
Gertie married **Lewis Davis** who worked as a bank manager and they had three sons. The family lived in the local area, Gertie and Lewis settling in Reigate.

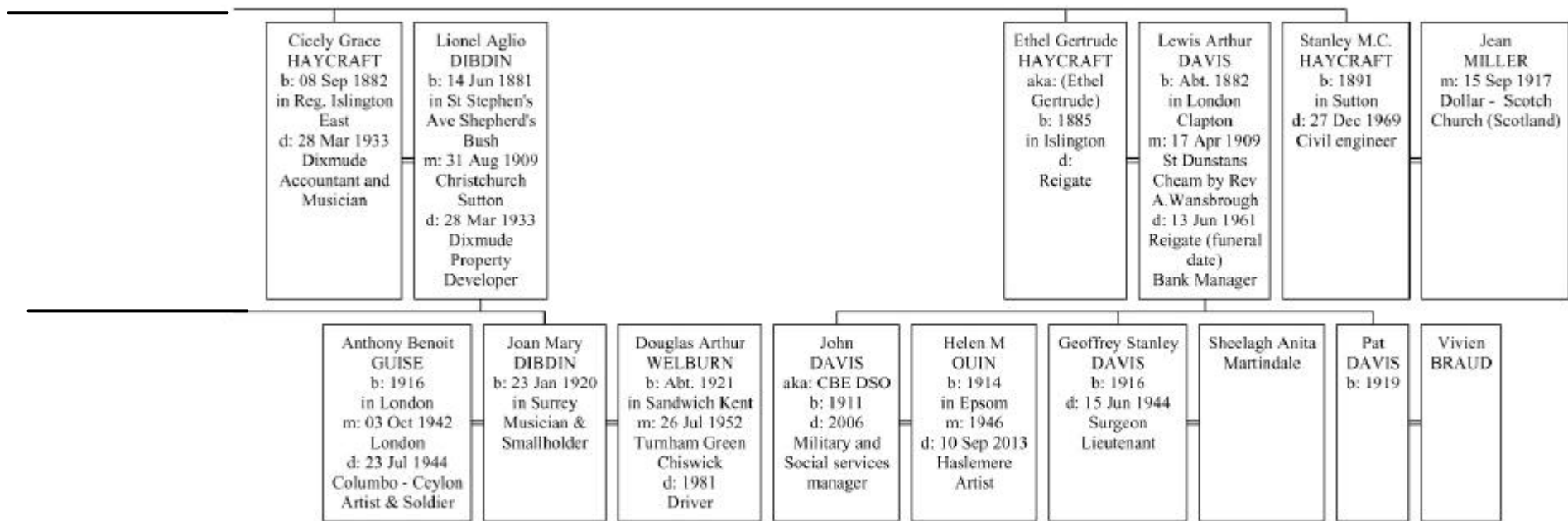
Gertie's three sons, **John, Pat and Geoffrey** were known well to Joan. John who worked and fought in Malaya before and during WW2 was very supportive of her before and after the war. Pat helped over a difficult period when her brother was killed and sadly Geoffrey, a doctor, drowned at sea on active service.

Stanley Muirhead, Gertie's younger brother, was an energetic engineer working in Egypt before WW1 and then in the Royal Engineers during the war. He married, Jean, in 1917 and later lived in the Midlands until about the 1970s.

Cecily Grace a talented pianist, married **Lionel Dibdin** and was Joan and Peter's mother until the plane crash in 1933. The connection between the Haycrafts and Dibdins particularly before and during the First World War are explored in detail in another book "W.J.Dibdin and Family".

An insight into lives of **Lionel Dibdin** and **Cecily Haycraft** is developed through a study of about 200 letters from the early part on the 20th century.





Guise Family

Contrary to the myth about descending from the Duc de Guise in fact the **Jules Carl Guise**, Tony's Grandfather, came from Denmark with the name **Giese**. He was a theatre and circus agent and through this work met and married **Therese Caroline Alexandrine Tourniaire** of the French Tourniaire Circus which had a family member working for the Russian Czar and who initiated the Moscow State Circus. On marriage **Jules Carl** changed his name to Guise because his wife felt that it was more appropriate for someone working as a theatrical and circus agent.

Jules Carl had 6 children **Emile, Louis, Evangeline, Jules, Benoit, and Carl** who sadly died in infancy.

Jules Guise married **Vera Fleuss** and they settled in the Brixton / Streatham area of London, and had three children, **Tony, Yvonne and Marie**.

Of particular interest is **Evangeline** who was the mother of **Therese**, Tony's special cousin whom he introduced to Vincent Poole a friend at college and to whom she got married.

Details of the life of **Tony** as there are known are well documented in this book and as is appreciated he married to **Joan Dibdin**, a few months after his sister **Yvonne** who married **Neil Callow**. **Marie** never married and lived a full life in the business world and as a carer for her mother. Further details of the Fleuss and Guise Family can be found in the book produced in 2015 called "Aspects of the Fleuss and Related Families."

In that book are Eulogies for **Marie** and **Yvonne** giving some further insights into their lives after the war, however, it is interesting to mention the story that when the young Neil asked his mother, referred to as **Auntie Toto**, if he could go to a party,

Auntie Toto said 'Yes', as long as you don't fall in love with **Yvonne**. As it turned out, a case of "Forbidden Fruit".

There are often references in letters from **Tony** to **Yvonne** about **Neil** and possible marriage and he followed Neil's progress through the war writing to him a few times. In 1940 he wrote that he was about to write to Neil over his sad loss of **Yvonne** to **James**. Now, which **James** that was is a mystery but judging how that family interrelated it could have been **Jiminy Cricket**, a cousin on the **Fleuss/Frankland** side.

By 1945, it is apparent that **Neil** was out of the army and working in Sierra Leone and there are two letters from **Yvonne**, one on the boat going to Africa and a second one settled there. This second letter gives us considerable insight into life in a British Colony.

The adjacent Photograph taken in about 1933 show a Christmas party in the **Guise/Fleuss** household.

Sadly both **Jules Guise** and his father **Jules Carl** died in 1939 one in January and the other in June.

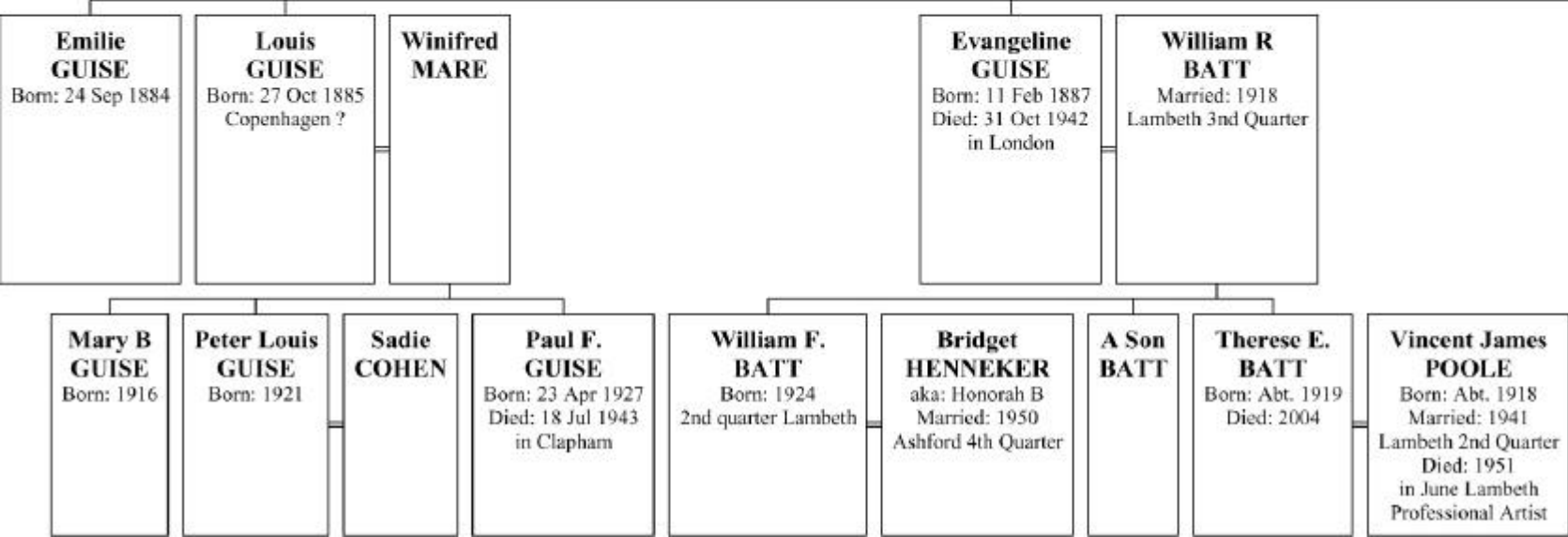
It is interesting to note that **Jules Guise**, that is the son of **Jules Carl Guise** who came to England from Denmark, is also referred to in official record as **Jules C Guise** and also surprisingly is in the marriage register under the name of **Jules Giese** as well as **Guise**. It is no wonder that Tony had difficulty getting clearance to train as an Officer in the British Army because of his mother's name ie. **Guise, Giese nee Fleuss**.



Tony, Jules Snr., Marie, Therese, Vera, Yvonne, Jules Jr.

Photograph from about 1932 showing Jules Carl Guise (ie Snr. nee Giese) and his wife Therese Caroline Alexandrine TOURNIAIRE, their son Jules Guise (Jnr) and his wife Vera and their offspring Anthony Benoit Guise, Marie and Yvonne. Tony's younger cousin Therese may also be in the picture but it is more likely that the rest of the people are Fleuss family.

**Jules Carl
GUISE**
 Born: 06 Nov 1857
 Copenhagen Bapt 13 Dec
 1857
 Died: 1939
 Art & Theatrical , Circus
 & Vaudeville Agent



Therese C. TOURNIAIRE
 Born: Abt. 1856
 maybe Chantilly
 Married: 22 Nov 1880
 St Thomas' Lambeth
 Died: 06 Feb 1949
 in Age 93- Reg in March
 Wandsworth
 Came from a circus
 background

Jules GUISE
 Born: 11 Oct 1889
 Copenhagen ?
 Died: 29 Jun 1939
 Electrical Engineer

Vera Agnes FLEUSS
 Born: 11 Dec 1892
 Reg Lambeth
 Married: 18 Jul 1916
 St Mary's Clapham
 Died: 19 Dec 1981
 in South London Hosp (4
 Pinfold Rd)
 Commercial Traveller

Benoit GUISE
 Born: 05 Nov 1894
 Copenhagen bapt
 Frederikaberg
 Died: 02 Oct 1948
 in Beckenham

Dorothea Ella EVANS
 Married: 10 Oct 1928
 St Edmund's RC
 Beckenham

Carl GUISE
 Died:
 in Died in infancy

Anthony Benoit GUISE
 Born: 05 Apr 1917
 London
 Died: 23 Jul 1944
 in Columbo - Ceylon
 Artist , Soldier

Joan Mary DIBDIN
 Born: 23 Jan 1920
 Surrey
 Married: 03 Oct 1942
 London
 Died: 29 Dec 2008
 in Carlisle

Yvonne M GUISE
 Born: 16 Feb 1919
 Wandsworth 1 quarter
 Died: 09 Apr 2015
 in 9.50 Islington

Neil CALLOW
 Born: Abt. 1917
 Married: Jun 1942
 Wandsworth

Marie Amelia GUISE
 Born: 02 Oct 1922
 London
 Died: 29 Jan 2004
 in Streatham
 Company Secretary

Benson G GUISE
 Born: 1930
 Bromley Kent

Edna Ruth CURRELL
 Married: 02 Jun 1962
 Chertsey



Yvonne Marie Tony about 1922/3

Fleuss Family

Any eccentricity that existed in the Dibdin family can well be matched that in the **Fleuss** family that was descended from **Henry Fleuss** a artist and teacher who immigrated from Prussia in a about 1830.

Henry and his wife **Charlotte Sophie nee Kolbach** settled in the south of England and he taught art at Marlborough College as the schools first “drawing teacher”

His oldest child **Henry Otto** again settled in the south of England and had eight children the youngest of whom was **Vera Fleuss** who married **Jules Guise** and begot Tony and his two sisters. A full account of the known details of this family is documented in another book “Aspects of the Fleuss and related Families”, which has been produced only through the immense amount of work done by **Richard Michael Stenning**, a descendant of **Henry Otto**.

It is worth mentioning some interesting snippets about this artistic and dramatic family so that the relationships with **Vera Guise** and the Pinfold Road clan can be appreciated.

Katherine the eldest daughter married a gentleman **Frank Wilson** but is reported to have left him and her five children, some whose fathers were unknown, to run off with a Russian or Prussian Count.

I am delighted to now be in touch with his granddaughter Celia.

Dorothy was, as was Vera, a very theatrical member of the family and both girls performed in the 1911 production of Max Reinhardt's "The Miracle". Just before WW1 she met up with Arthur Heinrich, had his child whom she had adopted at birth. Within two years she married Arthur but because of the war and

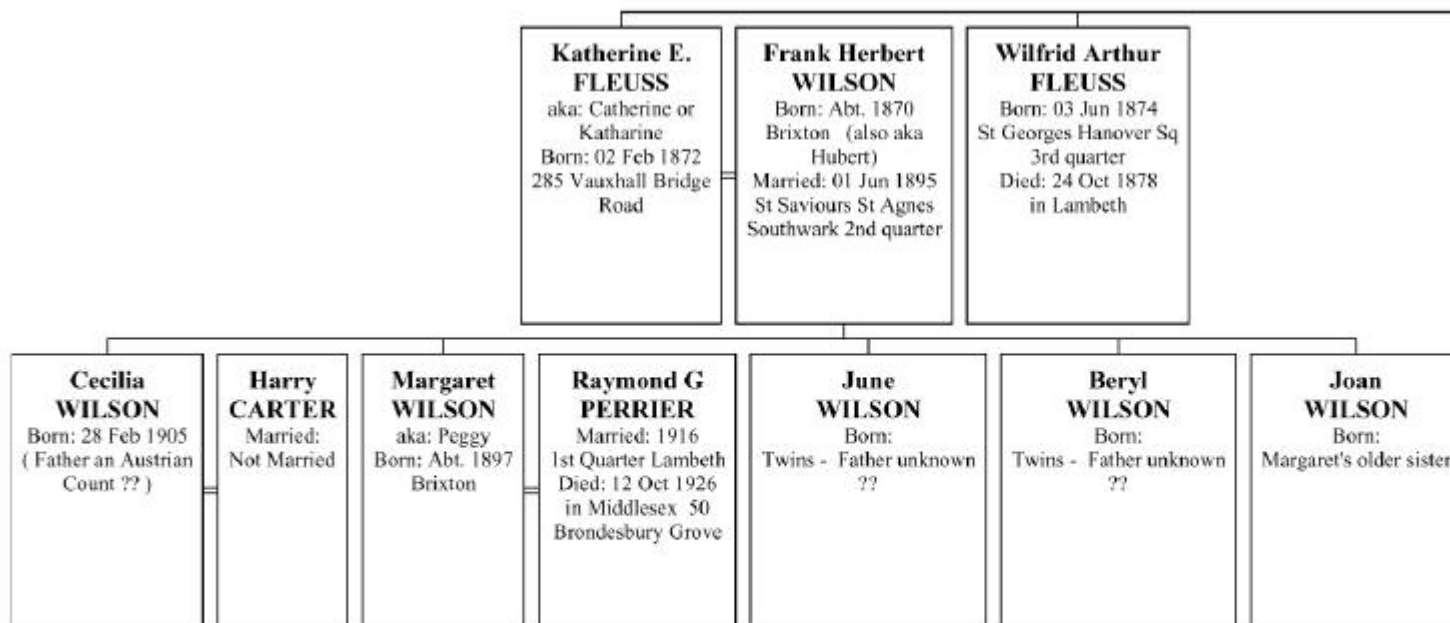
their alien status they were deported to America where he then changed their name to **Rich**.. There is evidence that she kept in touch with **Vera** from America.

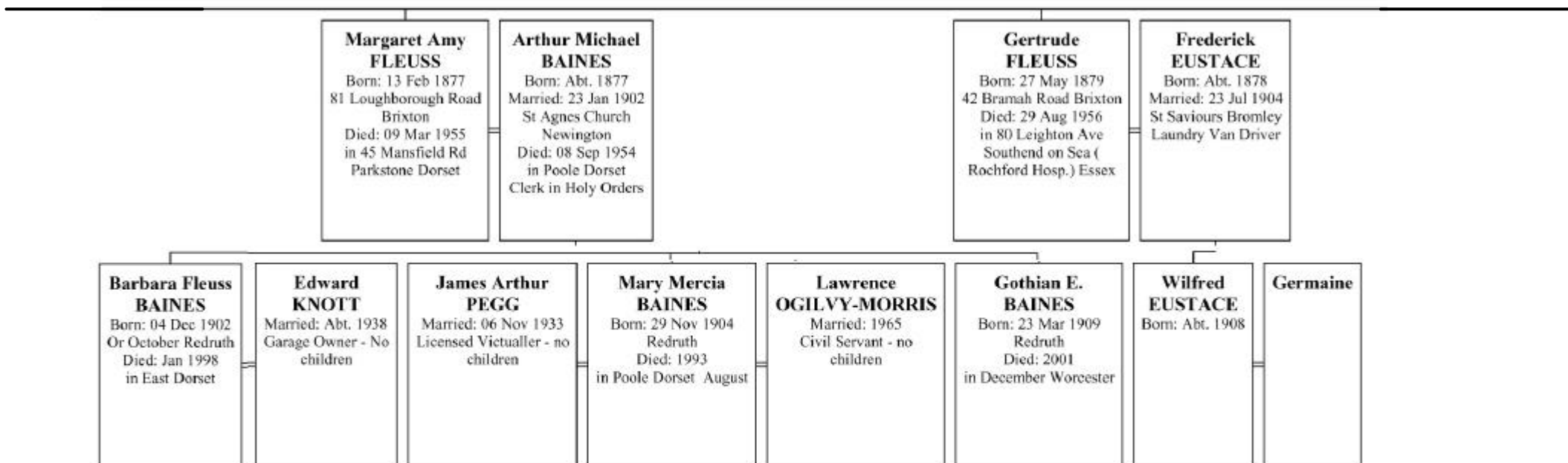
Audrey married **Charles Arthur Frankland** and seemed to have kept closely in touch with **Vera**. She had 6 children one of whom, **Paul Frankland, Paulos**, features in some of the life of the Pinfold Road friends and family. He married his cousin once removed, **Doreen Perrier**, the very stunning granddaughter of **Katherine Wilson nee Fleuss** who had apparently run off with the Count. Doreen was in fact only two years younger than Paul. The photograph of Tony's wedding which was at about the same time at Paul and Doreen's shows them as it does the couple Therese and Vincent Poole mentioned earlier.

Gerald Fleuss settled in Cambridge with his Family and acted as sanctuary for **Vera** (Mater) during the second blitz of WW2. She and maybe one of her lodgers from Pinfold went to stay in Cambridge leaving her two daughters in Streatham working for the war effort.

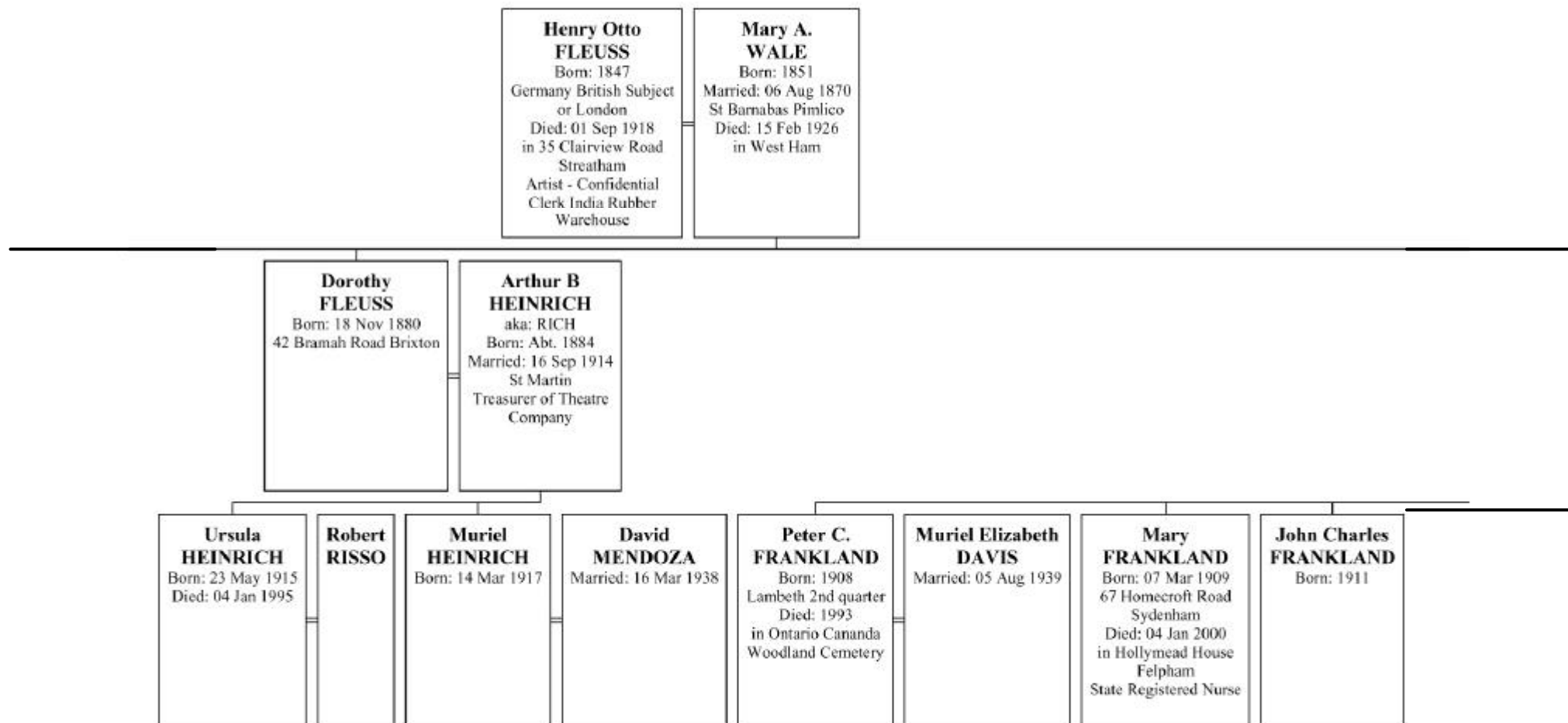
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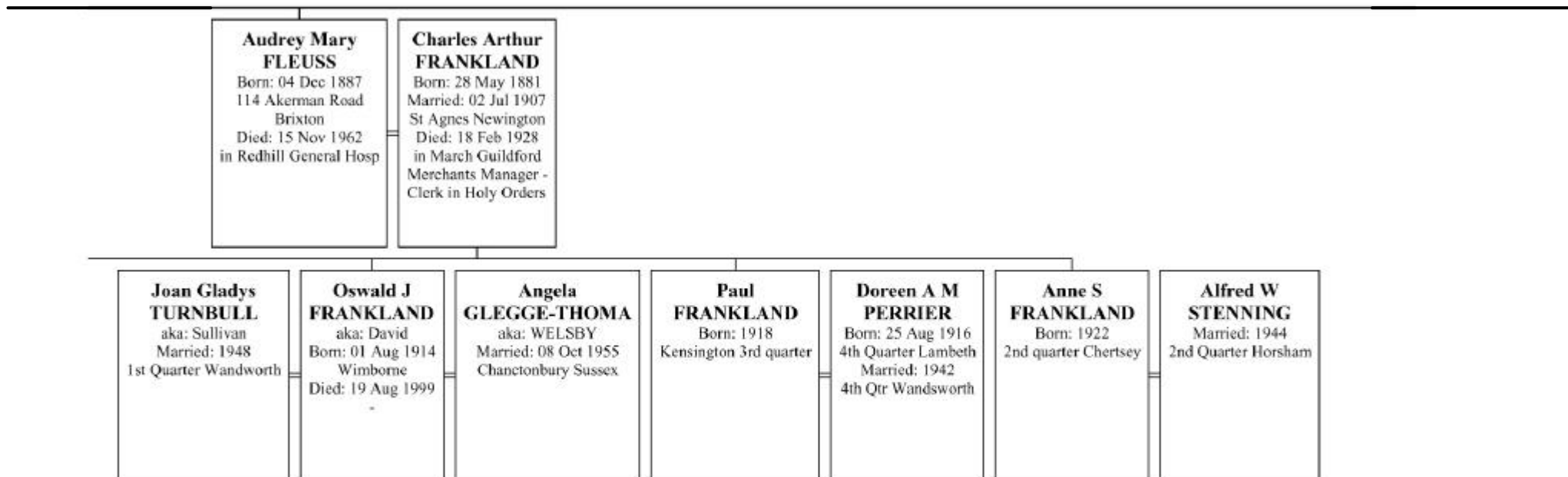
Vera, was widowed just before the war and although the youngest of the siblings, became known as Mater by all who knew her. She obviously fulfilled the role of the Matriarch within a community that included not only her 3 offspring, but also their generation within the family and many of the local community in Streatham.

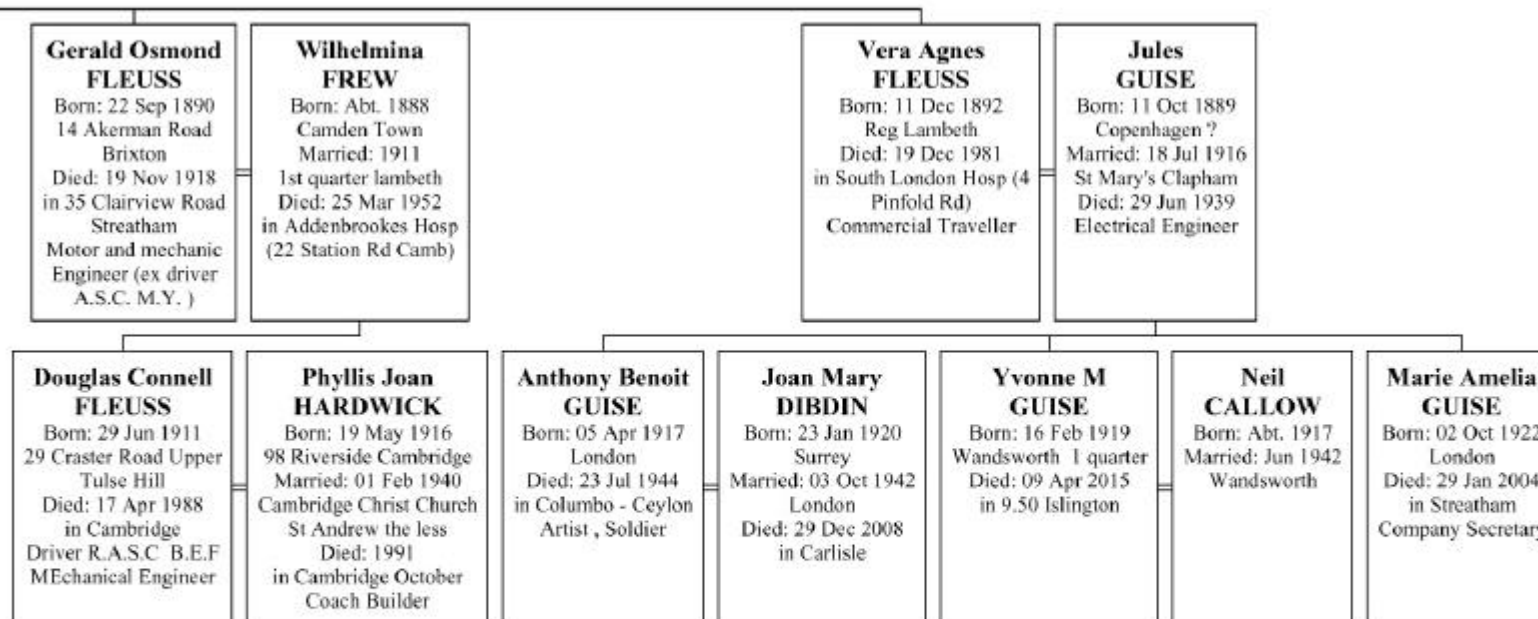




Descendants of Henry Otto FLEUSS







Members of the Fleuss Family Descended from Katherine Fleuss
 Katherine Edith Levine Fleuss was a daughter of Henry Otto Fleuss

