

ADA's story

Ada (Mary)Mixer Brown nee Brown

Born 3 July 1870 Braintree

Died 15 Jan 1957 West Ham, Essex

Married William (Peter) Brown in Dec qtr 1892 and they had two children Milly (Lily). (she was meant to be Lily but the Registrar misheard and refused to change the records) and William (Bill).



As recalled by her granddaughter Olive Gallington nee Hill (1924-2013)

“Ada was married to William Brown (usually called Peter)
She lived with my parents (Henry and Lily Hill) until she died. I think that during the war the old age pension was still only ten shillings per week, so my parents kept on in the same house as the one my mother lived in before she was married. So my grandmother was always part of my life. I can still remember going back again to say goodbye to her when we left for NZ although my parents came to the station with us.

Ada left school at nine years but even so, she could read and write and my mother used to get her library books for her. She used to help us with our spelling. Her own mother had been a teacher but died of TB when about 28 yrs, leaving four small daughters. My great grandfather married again and started a new family of seven daughters and one son who was killed in WW1.

My grandmother worked at a mill from quite young possibly Cortauld. I don't know how she came to know my Grandfather but she used to write letters for his mother as he had left White Notley to work on the Railway at Stratford.”