

20 Horsefair Kidderminster – the Postings, Dudley & Cosson Family

Clara Maud Dudley was born 1878 in Fleetwood in Lancashire where her dad **Jesse Harry Dudley** was based with the army. She was baptised on 29 September 1878 in St Peter's Fleetwood, Lancashire in St Peter's Parish, Father: Jesse Dudley Sergeant Regiment Mother: Julia Address: Euston Barracks.

She travelled with the family all around the country and to Gibraltar in 1882 with her parents and the regiment and was the eldest of 13 children.

On the 5th April 1891 census night the family were together. **Jesse Harry Dudley** 42 is still in the army Sergeant Instructor 1st Vol Battalion Worcester Regiment and he and wife **Julia Clara Dudley** 34 and children **Clara Maud Dudley** 12, **Ernest William Dudley** 11, **Jessie Gertrude Dudley** 10, **Lionel Albert George Dudley** 9, **Mildred Julia Dudley** 7, **William Harry Dudley** 5 were all in school and **Mabel Edith Dudley** 3 & **Dorothy Dudley** 1 were at Mulbury House, Austcliffe Row, Cookley, Wolverley, Kidderminster, Worcestershire with **Clara Cossons** born 1835 in London Middlesex, Clara was 56 years old, a widow and was a nurse and the mother of Julia Clara Dudley née Cossons so maternal grandmother to the children.

Brother **Ernest William Dudley** joined his father's regiment aged 20 and in 1900 went to fight in the Boar War from **18 Horsefair**.

By the census on 31st March 1901 **Clara Maud Dudley** was single and working as a family governess. She was with her maternal grandmother **Clara Cossons** 66 still a widow and a nurse at Shrubbery Row, Wolverley, Kidderminster, Worcestershire. There was also a border George Crannage, who was single and working as a Water Pipe Layer.

At this point her father **Jesse Harry Dudley** 52 had left the army and was the publican at **The Cock Inn, 18 Horsefair, Kidderminster**.

Later in 1901 **Clara Maud Dudley** aged 23 married **Edgar Charles Postings** aged 22 in Kidderminster.

There were two **Edgar Charles Postings** born in 1879 in Kidderminster but Clara's husband seems to have been with his parents aged 2 at the back of 5 Pleasant Arbour, Kidderminster. The other died in WWI.

They had three children **Lionel Edgar Postings** born 1903, **Dorothy Julia Postings** born 21st July 1905 and **Marjorie Evelyn Postings** born 1907 all three children were born in Cookley, Worcestershire very probably born at her maternal grandmothers.

By the 2nd April 1911 census the family were living at **20 Horsefair**, Kidderminster. **Edgar Charles Postings** 31 born Kidderminster, warehouse man at carpet works, **Clara Maude Postings** 30 born Fleetwood, married 9 years 3 children born and all living. Wife, **Lionel Edgar Postings** 7 son, **Dorothy Julia Postings** 6 dtr, **Marjorie Evelyn Postings** 4

At this point **Clara Maud Postings** née Dudley's parents had moved to London to live with seven of her unmarried brothers and sisters.

Her maternal grandmother **Clara Cossons** was 76 a widow and 'Old Age Pensioner' living alone at **17 Hurcott Road**, Kidderminster a 3 minute walk from **20 Horsefair** where her granddaughter and family were living. She died in Kidderminster in Spring 1913.

We do not know when the Postings family moved from **20 Horsefair** but by 1925 they were living at 253 Essex Road, Islington, London and in 1926 they were living at 1 Aberdeen Lane, Islington, London, N5 and Clara Maud, Edgar Charles and son **Lionel Edgar Postings** were all registered on the voting list for both addresses. Aberdeen Lane is less than 2 miles from the address her parents had moved to in London.

In summer 1927 daughter **Dorothy Julia Postings** aged 22 married **William Edward Kyne** 25 in Islington, London. William Edward Kyne Record Type: Baptism Baptism Date: 29 Jun 1902 Birth Date 29 May 1902 Father's name: William Kyne occupation Bed-making Mother's name: Martha Kyne 6 Flower and Dean Street Spitalfields, London.

In autumn 1928 son **Lionel Edgar Postings** aged 25 married **Adelaide Elsie Butler** in Islington, London

By 1930 they were at 36 Highbury Hill, Islington, London and Clara Maud, Edgar Charles and daughter **Marjorie Evelyn Postings** were registered to vote. They remained there and in 1936 Clara Maud, Edgar Charles and an **Edgar William Postings** were registered to vote. Their son **Lionel Edgar Postings** and his wife **Adelaide Elsie**

Postings née **Butler** were close by in 15 Dunford Road, Islington, London N7 from 1930 to 1932 and in the same road as his parents at 15 Highbury Hill from 1933 to 1937.

Daughter **Marjorie Evelyn Postings** died in summer 1933 aged 26 in London.

By 1939 **Lionel Edgar Postings** and his wife **Adelaide Elsie** were living at 43 Derwent Road, Wood Green, London N8

In 1945 **Clara M Postings née Dudley** died aged 66 and her death was registered in March 1945 at Islington, London.

In 1945 **Adelaide Elsie** is the sole voter registered at 64 The Larches, Wood Green, London N13 but the following year 1946 she and **Lionel Edgar Postings** are on the electoral register for that address.

In 1947 and 1948 **Edgar Charles Postings** widower was the sole person registered to vote at 15 Highbury Hill, Islington, London, N5 his son and daughter in law's former address.

I cannot find a death or electoral register for him from then unless he had moved by 1956 aged 77 to 83 Queen Drive, Hackney, London N4 and by 1959 aged 80 to 89 Wightman Road, Stroud Green, Haringay, London N4 but we cannot be sure that this is him without checking his possible death certificate Edgar C Postings Birth Date: abt 1879 Date of Registration: Dec 1961 Age at Death: 82 Registration district: Essex South Western Inferred County: Essex Volume: 5a Page: 260 to see who reported his death. Given where daughter Dorothy was living this seems a highly likely match.

I also have not been able to trace yet our **Edgar Charles Postings** war record for WWI. To do this we would need to apply for his marriage and birth certificates to be sure because of their being another Kidderminster man of the same name and age.

Son in law **William Edward Kyne** died in late 1970 aged 68 in Southend on Sea, Essex

Daughter **Dorothy Julia Kyne née Postings** died on 8th November 1975 Probate Date: 2 Feb 1976 Registry: London Address: 48 Cliffsea Grove Leigh-On-Sea Essex Administration granted of £18,105

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