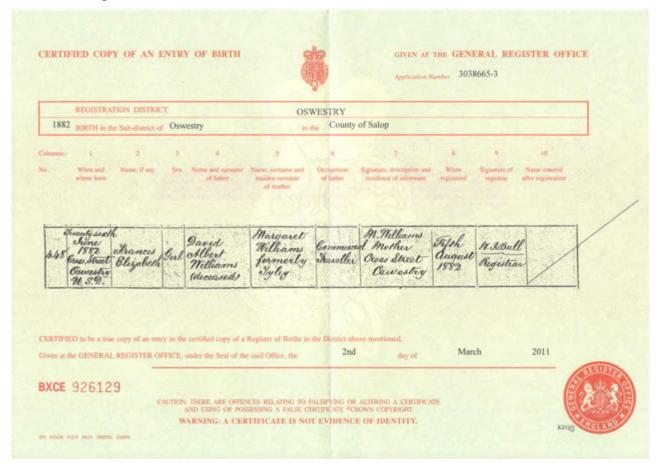
Chapter One



Margaret Tyley

1847 - 1898

argaret had to carry on regardless of how she felt over the loss of David and it was possibly a bitter sweet moment when, at Cross Street on Monday 26th June 1882, she gave birth to what would have been their seventh child, Frances Elizabeth Williams, who sadly was to grow up never knowing her father.



Copy of Frances Elizabeth's Birth Certificate

A t some point between the birth of Frances in 1882 and 1891 the family moved to Margaret's mother's house in Roft Street. Now shown in the Census as Trinity House

Here in the 1891 Census taken on Sunday 5th April it shows the family with Margaret's mother, Elizabeth Tyley and Margaret's Sister, Eleanor Tyley.

Several members of the Tyley family were plumbers and here we can see my Grandfather, Alfred Williams, learning the skills of a plumber through apprenticeship. Alfred's story can be read in Volume One Chapter Two.

The copy of the original Census form is shown on the next page.

1891 Census – Ward - East Address – Trinity House, Roft Street, Oswestry, Shropshire

Name	Relationship	Con	DoB	Age	Profession	Where Born
Elizabeth Tyley	Head	Widow	1810	81	Living on own means	Gresford
Eleanor Tyley	Daughter	Single	1834	57	Living on own means	Oswestry
Margaret Williams	Daughter	Widow	1849	42		Oswestry
Albert Edward	Grandson	Single	1869	22	Railway Clerk	Wigan
Alfred Williams	Grandson	Single	1875	16	Plumber Apprentice	Wigan
Alice May	Granddaughter	Single	1882	9	Scholar	Oswestry
Frances Elizabeth	Granddaughter	Single	1883	8	Scholar	Oswestry





Tyley's Cottages shown as Trinity Cottages on 1901 Census

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It can be noted that in the 1891 Census that Daughter's Margaret, Edith and Adeline are absent from the family home.

Margaret and Edith both married. Margaret married Francis Bowen in 1899 so I assume she was away working at the time of the 1891 Census.

Edith marries George Gordon in about 1906 but I can not find any trace of her in the 1891 Census but she is found in the Census of 1901 so I know she alive and well in 1891.

Adeline Williams can be found at the Pinner Commercial Travellers School aged 12 years.

Adeline was qualified to attend this school due to her father's death. The school was set up in 1845 initially to help children of Commercial Travellers who met an untimely death or who had became unable to earn their livelihood..

Although it may be strange sending a child to this school when the family had enough money to employ a Servant as the Census in 1881 shows and in 1891 Margaret was living with her mother and Sister who appeared wealthy, but being accepted to this school was an honour and a very difficult process had to be gone through before you were accepted.

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Main Building Front

Main Building Rear

The website for the history of Pinner shows many photographs and historical facts including the following; Mr John Robert Cuffley, an able and energetic traveller, was the founder of the Commercial Travellers' Schools. He inspired many of his colleagues with his vision of a school which would house, feed, clothe and educate the necessitous children of brethren "on the road" who met untimely death or became unable to earn their livelihood.

On 4th July 1845 Mr Cuffley headed the initial list of subscribers to the funds of the Institution.

1845 The Schools were founded by John Robert Cuffley. When they opened in Wanstead a total of 35 boys and girls were admitted. By 1854 the number had increased to 130.

1855 HRH Prince Albert opened the new Schools at Pinner with accommodation for up to 300 children.





Cookery Class

Sewing Class

E ach child had to be nominated to enter Pinner. Who done this I do not know but it may be Brewery in this case. They obviously had salesmen over the years and may even have been a subscriber to its funding?

Commercial travellers themselves were expected to pay a guinea a year out of their wages to support the charity, so I assume David also subscribed to this? It is a bit like today when companies take out a small amount of money for charities like benevolent funds and it is similar to an insurance should the worst happen.

The Tyley's family may also have been supporters of the charity as they were pretty influential at that time.

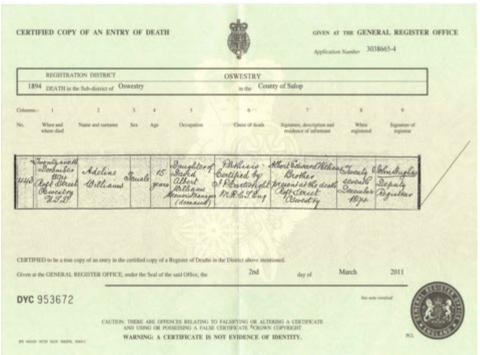
There was a lot of money donated to the school, it was a sought after place for children.

COMMERCIAL TRAVELLERS' SCHOOLS
Or COPPAN and NPCESSTOLES CHILDREN, Pinner.
PATRON.—His Royal Righters the Prince of WALLS.
VICE PATRON.—His Royal Righters the Duke of CAMBRIDGE.
At a Central Hair party Count of this Institution, held This
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Admittance to the School was by election, as there were always more candidates than places available. Most of the Charity's supporters were either Life Governors who had given ten guineas or Governors (i.e. ordinary Subscribers) who had paid an annual subscription of one guinea. This entitled them to vote at all elections.

Elections were by ballot on a specified day in June and December. Requests for admittance were forwarded to the Board of Management. Those which conformed to the criteria laid down were eligible for election and their names and particulars were added to the ballot paper. Supporters of particular candidates were free to canvas the support of other voters. The ballots took place at the London Tavern. They commenced at 12 noon and closed at 3pm. The doors of the ballot room were then locked and nobody was allowed to enter while the scrutinisers were counting the number of votes for each candidate.

You can see from the newspaper article shown above, extracted from The Standard (London) dated Tuesday 29th June 1886, which shows the results of the ballot accepting and rejecting pupils into the School. In the 'Girls' column in the left row, fourth down is Williams, Adeline with 452 votes. Quite respectable.



It is not known if Adeline had contracted Phthisis, or as it is now known, TB, whilst at this school but tragically at the age of 15, Adeline had returned to Trinity House in Roft Street where on Wednesday 26th December 1894 she died of the disease.

Present at her death was her Brother, Albert. It may have been his caring that was to lead to yet another unfortunate tragedy. Adeline was buried on Tuesday 1st January 1895.

Albert himself also contracted the disease and was admitted to the Cottage Hospital in Welsh Walls, Oswestry for treatment.



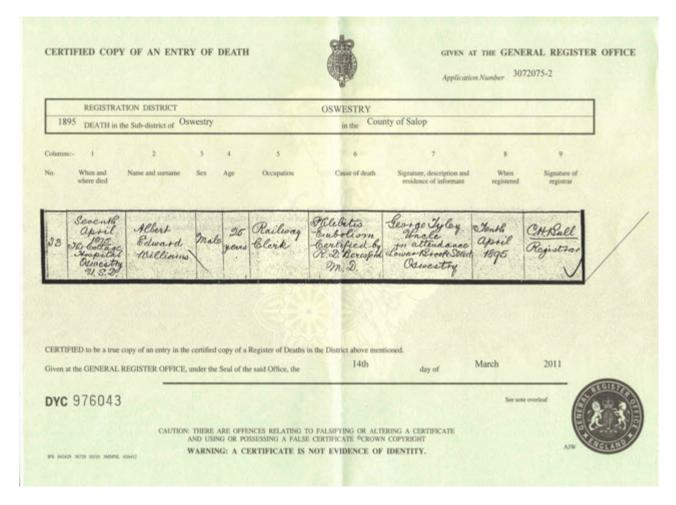


The Cottage Hospital has now been converted into private apartments. Back then it had just 30 beds to treat patients.

No doubt Albert had many visits from the family and it is probably one of these visits which I believe caused Alfred to contract the disease which eventually forced him to move to Brighton, Sussex.

Unfortunately the treatment Albert received was not to be good enough to save his life. Tragically on Sunday 7th April 1895, Albert died of TB. By his side was his uncle, George Tyley.



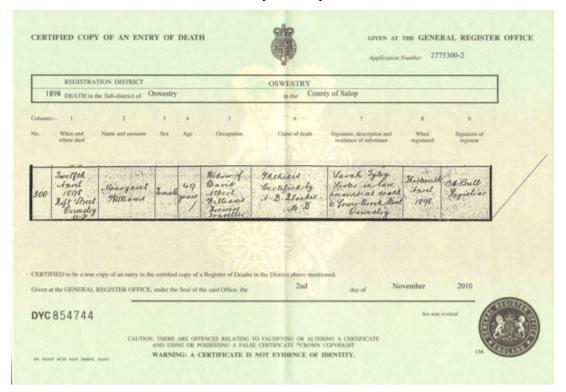


WILLIAMS-December 26th, aged 15 years, at Trinity Honse, Roft-street, Oswestry, Adeline (Lenie), reunited with their father, David. the dearly loved child of Margaret and the late Now all three of them lay in the same David Albert Williams.

oth Albert and Adeline, or Lenie Bas she was known, were to be grave in Oswestry.

s mentioned early it was shortly after this time that my Grandfather, Alfred, left the area to travel to Brighton, possibly for health reasons. Even this was the wrong move as he lost his leg in a tragic accident which was life changing for him and his family which ended in him working as an 'Organ Grinder' for a living.

Life for Margaret must have been devastating. She had lost her husband a few years earlier and now two of her children within just a few months of each other. I believe all this took its toll on Margaret's health and contributed to her death on Tuesday 12th April 1898 at Roft Street.



argaret's Sister-in-law, Sarah, was by her side when she died. Ironically this is the Sarah who was her childhood friend and was also by her side when she married David back in 1867.

Margaret, possibly pictured right in Liverpool, was buried in the Oswestry Graveyard but not with David. She was buried about 100 yards away in a separate plot but she was not buried alone.

Her grave inscription reads;-

'In Loving Memory of Margaret, dearly loved wife of DAVID ALBERT WILLIAMS. Died April 12th 1898, aged 49'

Whether Alfred had returned from Brighton to be either at his mother's side when she was ill or at her burial will never be known. He had only been newly married 3 months earlier.

Alfred's Sister's, Alice, Edith and Frances it seemed left to live with or near their older Sister, Margaret, in the Manchester area. Oswestry it seemed was no longer for them.



The first happy news for some time was the marriage of Margaret Eleanor Williams to Francis John Bowen in Everton, County of Liverpool on Sunday 18th June 1889. One of the Witnesses was Alice May Williams, Margaret's Sister.

No.	When Married	Name and Surname.	Age	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the time of Marriage.	Pather's Name and Surrama	Rank or Protonics of Park
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It was nice to read the certificate mentions her father, David Albert Williams as a Schoolmaster. Following the marriage the next documentation with have of David and Margaret's Daughters' is in the 1901 Census. In the shortened version below we see Edith and Frances Elizabeth living with their Sister and her new husband Francis Bowen and their son John Bowen.

<u>1901</u>	Census - Town	ı of Ma	ncheste	r War	d - Mislock Address	- Warde Street
Name	Relationship	Con	DoB	Age	Profession	Where Born
Francis J Bowen	Head	M	1875	26	Linen Drapers Asst.	Oswestry
Margaret	Wife	M	1875	26		Wigan
John E	Son	S	1900	1		Wigan
Edith	Sister-in-law	S	1878	23	Fancy Drapers	Oswestry,
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Copy of the 1901 Census Form

The 1901 Census finds Alice May Williams working as a Confectioners Assistant at 266 Liverpool Road, Patricroft, Eccles. A search could find no trace of the shop although the property probably still exists

Name	Relation to Head	Married	Sex	Age	Occupation	Where born
Margaret Field	Head	Widow	F	65	Confectioner	Manchester
Lilian Field	Daughter	Single	F	26	Confectioner	Salford
Margaret Ann Field	Daughter	Single	F	28	Confectioner	Salford
Alice May Williams	Servant	Single	\mathbf{F}	19	Confectioners	Salop
					Assistant	Oswestry



Shown on the left is a possible picture of Alice, taken at a Studio in Trafford Road, Eccles so there is a good chance this is Alice. There are also some features that are close to Alfred's and even Margaret's pictured earlier.

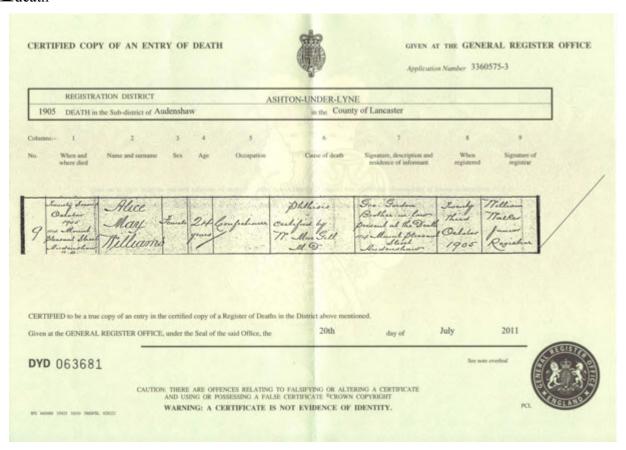
Sadly it can never be confirmed because Alice was never to

marry. Not surprisingly if you have read any of my other families stories as Alice was to became yet another victim of the dreaded T.B disease in 1905. Alice died on the Sunday 22nd October of that year, aged 24.

Alice died at 114 Mount Pleasant Street, Audenshaw, Manchester, pictured right.



Legieve this was the home of Sister Edith as her husband, George Gordon, was present at the death



Also in that grave would eventually be her nephew, Alan Bowen, who died when just a young baby and her Brother-in-law Francis John Bowen, Alan's father. Francis lived until 1956.

The full inscription reads;-

'In Loving Memory of MARGARET, dearly loved wife of DAVID ALBERT WILLIAMS. Died April 12 1898, aged 49 and their Daughter MAY died Oct 22 1905, aged 24. Also FRANCIS JOHN beloved husband of Margaret Bowen died Nov 2 1956 aged 82.

Baby ALAN BOWEN aged 6 months sons of Francis and Margaret Bowen'

I have yet to find the deaths of Margaret, Edith and Francis but it is hoped they lived long and happy lives.

They do all appear in the 1911 Census as shown below;-



1911 Census – Town of Knutsford Ward - Bucklow Address - 50 St John's Avenue

Name	Relationship	Con	Sex	DoB	Age	Profession	Where
Born							
BOWEN Francis John	Head	M	M	1875	36	Drapers Assistant	Oswestry
BOWEN Margaret Eleanor	Wife	M	F	1876	35	•	Wigan
BOWEN John Edgar	Son	S	M	1900	11	Juvenile	Garsto,
BOWEN Gilbert Stuart	Son	S	M	1903	8	Juvenile	Knutsford
BOWEN Phillip Wardman	Son	S	M	1905	6	Juvenile	Knutsford,
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Private House – 5 rooms – Census says Children Born 3, Children still living 3. This is obviously incorrect as we have Baby Alan who died aged 6 months.

1911 Census – Town of Knutsford Ward -Bucklow Address - 5 Middle Walk

Name	Relationship	Con	Sex	DoB	Age	Profession	Where Born
GORDON George	Head	M	M	1880	31	Stone Mason	Preston
GORDON Edith	Wife	M	F	1878	33		Oswestry
GORDON Adeline Mary	Daughter	S	F	1905	6	Juvenile	Morton Green
GORDON George Robe	rt Son	S	M	1909	2	Juvenile	Manchester
Private House 5 Room	s - Married 5 ye	ears					

1911 Census - Manchester Ward - South Manchester Address - 75 Wellington Street

Name	Relationship	Con	Sex	DoB	Age	Profession	Where Born
CROSS Charles Henry CROSS Frances Elizabeth	Head Wife	M M	M F	1881 1883	30 28	Warehouseman	Manchester
CROSS Frances Elizabeth CROSS Margaret Lowry	Daughter	S	F	1911		Juvenile	Oswestry Manchester
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And so this ends the story of David Albert Williams. His life, his career, his marriage, his family and finally his death. Of the nine family members, just four passed the 1911 Census. Alfred I know carried on until 1940. Whether the family ever met again I do not know. Sister's Margaret and Edith must have stayed close as they were living so near to each other? All we can do is leave it to our imagination.

Notes