

## Ethel Wainwright - some less well known facts.

My interest in Ethel Wainwright was triggered by the discovery that her daughter, Dorothy, was the same Dorothy Wainwright who figured significantly in my 1950s schooldays at Brunts School where she became Deputy Head. (See my item 'Brunts Grammar School Mansfield - some memorabilia from the 1950s' under the general topic heading Education). We all knew that she was a magistrate from the staff list which was always included in the annual Speech Day programme but I doubt that many, if any, were aware of her noteworthy descent.

Here are some details from a brief research into records relating to her.

Ethel was born **Eliza Ethel Hattee** in **Sheffield, 22 June 1877**.

She was the first child of **John Willmott Hattee & Annie Elizabeth (nee Matthewman)** who were married in the quarter ending **Sept. 30, 1876, Thorne Reg. Dist., (Yorks)**.

Her marriage is recorded as: **Ethel Hattee = Albert John Wainwright**  
quarter ending **Sept. 30, 1898, Chorlton Reg. Dist., (Lancashire)**.

Her **1959** obituary includes: **Eliza Ethel Wainwright, died 23 Jan., crem. 27 Jan., in Mansfield, (aged 81)**.

Ethel's **mother's death** is recorded in the **final quarter of 1883, aged 30**, when Ethel was six.

Her **father's second marriage** is recorded as: **John Willmott Hattee = Mary Frances Matthewman** in the quarter ending **Sept. 30, 1885, Westminster Reg. Dist., (London)**. The 1861 census for Crowle parish, Lincolnshire confirms that Annie & Mary were sisters. (At this period it was illegal to marry your deceased wife's sister which is why this ceremony took place where a degree of anonymity could be assured. Such marriages were sufficiently frequent to merit an Act of Parliament in 1910 which legitimated them and any offspring retrospectively.)

There are census returns which give 'snapshots' of Ethel's family in the early part of her life:

## 1881 England, Wales & Scotland Census

South End, Thorne, Yorkshire & Yorkshire (West Riding), England

### Household Members

First name(s)	Last name	Relationship	Marital status	Sex	Age	Birth year	Occupation	Birth place
Thomas	Matthewman	Head	Married	Male	63	1818	Station Master (Rail)	Hemingfield, Yorkshire
Rebecca	Matthewman	Wife	Married	Female	59	1822	-	Attercliffe, Yorkshire
Mary F	Matthewman	Daughter	Single	Female	23	1858	Dressmaker	Doncaster, Yorkshire
Wilfred P	Matthewman	Son	Single	Male	19	1862	Merchants Clerk	Crowle, Lincolnshire
Harry H	Matthewman	Son	Single	Male	17	1864	Railway Clerk	Crowle, Lincolnshire,
John W	Yallee	Visitor	Married	Male	31	1850	Railway Agent (Carter)	Barnby Dun, Yorkshire
Annie E	Yallee	Visitor	Married	Female	30	1851	-	Doncaster, Yorkshire
<b>Ethel E</b>	<b>Yallee</b>	<b>Visitor</b>	<b>Single</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1878</b>	-	<b>Sheffield, Yorkshire</b>
Constance A	Yallee	Visitor	Single	Female	2	1879	-	Sheffield, Yorkshire
Eva M	Yallee	Visitor	Single	Female	0	1881	-	Gunness, Lincolnshire

The original handwritten document is evidently difficult to read and the transcriber has misread the name *Hattee*. Ethel's parents were visiting her maternal grandparents - very possibly to show off Eva, their recent addition! It is also interesting to note that here Ethel's forenames are reversed; since she was only three it seems that her parents had changed their minds on their preference.

The next census extract shows Ethel's increased family after her father's second marriage:

**1891 Census for Mottram parish, Ashton under Lyne, Cheshire.**

First name(s)	Last name	Relationship	Birth year	Birth county
John W	Hattee	Head	1852	Yorkshire
Mary F	"	Wife	1857	"
<b>Eliza E</b>	"	<b>Dau.</b>	<b>1878</b>	"
Constance A	"	Dau.	1879	"
Eva M	"	Dau.	1881	Lincolnshire
Harold H	"	Son	1884	"
Annie E	"	Dau.	1887	Yorkshire