

Generation 3

Frank Edward Hoyle

The birth of Frank Edward Hoyle, son of William Fretwell Hoyle and his second wife Jane Grave Walker was registered at Rotherham for the Jan-Mar quarter of 1847. In fact he had been born on New Year's Day at Masbrough, and was baptised at Rotherham All Saints Church on 4th February 1847. He was at home for the 1851 and 1861 census nights and listed as a scholar both times. For the 1871 census he and his younger brother Ferham were sharing accommodation at Hooton when they were respectively aged 24 and 18 and both were students, with the butler no doubt keeping a close eye on the young men.¹

Frank Edward Hoyle	Head	U	24	Engineer Pupil	Rotherham
Ferham Arthur Hoyle	Brother	U	18	Law Student	Rotherham
Lew Pashley Wardley	Serv	U	25	Butler Domestic	Warsop, Notts

Just over four years later, in 1875, Frank, a mechanical engineer by profession, married Elizabeth Blaney Irving of Manchester who had been born on 10th March 1852, baptised exactly one year later at Manchester Cathedral, and who was a daughter of Charles and Marian Irving (née Maxwell). Her parents' marriage had been registered at Chorlton, for the Jul-Sep quarter of 1847. Charles Irving, who had been born in Messina, Sicily, was, for the 1861 and 1871 census returns, employed as a storeman and accountant with the railways in Lancashire. The full listing of the Irving family, living in Yew Tree House, in Yew Tree Place, Edge Lane, 1871 reads as follows.²

Charles Geo Irving	Head	M	55	Railway Storekeeper and Accountant	Island of Sicily, Messina, BS
Marian Irving	Wife	M	43		Worcester, Worcs
Lydia Gamble Irving	Daur	U	23		Manchester, Lancs
Edward Irving	Son	U	20	Loc Engineer Apprentice	Manchester, Lancs
Elizabeth B Irving	Daur		19	School Teacher	Manchester, Lancs
Jane A Irving	Daur		16	Scholar	Fairfield, Lancs
Ada Knight Irving	Daur		14	Scholar	Fairfield, Lancs
Charles Geo Irving	Son		12	Scholar	Droylsden, Lancs
Frederic J Irving	Son		6	Scholar	Droylsden, Lancs
Marriett Buck	Serv	U	24	General Servant	Leinster, Dublin

Frank and Elizabeth Hoyle were out of the country for much of the next 15 years in Brazil, with Frank putting his engineering skills to good use on the railways at Peri Peri, Bahia, and where the children Charles William, Frank Irving, Kenneth Maxwell, Dorothy Beatrice and Jeanie Kathleen were born.

Elizabeth and young son Kenneth Hoyle, at least, were in England in 1880 for the birth of Marian Hoyle, whose birth was registered at Chorlton for the Jul-Sep quarter and who had been named for her maternal grandmother. By the 1881 census, Elizabeth had returned to South America with the youngest Hoyle child, but Frederick, age 2, had been left in the care of his now widowed grandmother, at 1 Park Place, Ardwick. It is possible that neither Frank nor Elizabeth saw this young son again.³

Frank and Elizabeth and their family were in England by 5th April, 1891, when the census of that year was conducted. Together with two daughters (whose names are shown given below as transcribed) they were living at 10 Meadow Hall Road, Kimberworth.⁴

Frank E Hoyle	Head	M	43	Mechanical Engineer	Masbrough, Yorks
Elizabeth B Hoyle	Wife	M	38		Manchester
Marrian C Hoyle	Daur		9	Scholar	Ardwick, Manchester
Jeanie K Hoyle	Daur		5		Bahia, Brazil, S.A.

In fact, Frank Edward Hoyle was listed in the passenger manifest of the vessel 'Don' which sailed from the River Plate and arrived at Southampton on 6th January 1890. None of his family were travelling with him, so they had either arrived in England earlier or followed later, or perhaps Edward returned to South America and came back with all family members prior to the 1891 census – but I have found no shipping records to confirm or refute this.⁵

As we will see, sons Charles and Frank were staying with other families for the 1891 census. What the record above does not show is that the young son, Kenneth, who had been born at Bahia on the 9th January 1879, and who had been left in the care of his grandmother in 1881, had died, and his death had been registered just before the 1891 census, for the Jan-Mar quarter at Altrincham, Cheshire. Sometime between the 1881 and 1891 Marian

Irving had moved to Altrincham where, on 5th April, she was recorded at 3 Houghton(?) Mount, living on her own means, together with two of her daughters, the Misses Lydia and Ada. The 1891 census record also gives no clue to the fact that another daughter had been born at Peri Peri, Bahia, to Frank and Elizabeth on 5th June 1884 – Dorothy Beatrice Hoyle, who died the following year on 10th April 1885.⁶

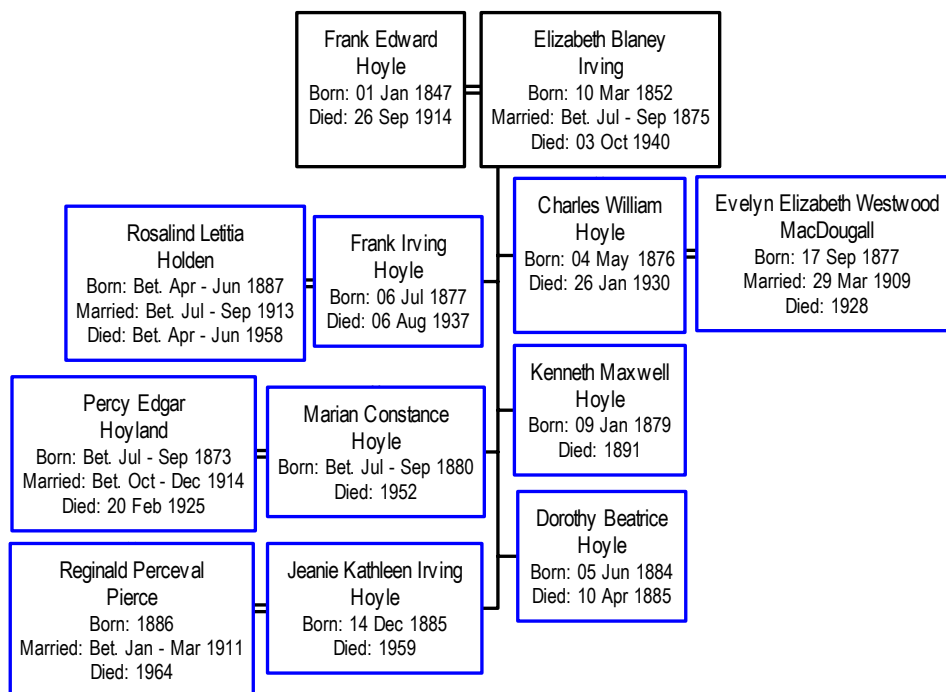
Digressing somewhat – Marian Irving would have moved at least once more because her death was registered for the Jul-Sep quarter at Eastbourne, East Sussex. She died at Ardoyne Jevington-gardens, on 18th August 1893 and had assigned the administration of her estate of £45 5s 10d to her daughter Lydia Gamble Irving. And it was at Eastbourne that the marriage between Lydia Gamble Irving and George Francis Morris was registered for the Jul-Sep quarter of 1898. Lydia became the second wife of George Francis Morris, the founder of one of the leading wineries in Victoria, Australia – Morris Wines. Lydia died in 1902 in Armadale, Victoria, and George remarried.⁷

For the 1901 census return Edward Irving was back with his family at 1 Mabel Street, Rotherham, and the Hoyles had a young visitor staying with them.⁸

Frank Edward Hoyle	Head	M	44	Mechanical Engineer	Rotherham
Elizabeth Blaney Hoyle	Wife	M	49		Fairfield, Manchester, Lancs
Frank Irving Hoyle	Son	S	23	Engine Turner and Fitter	Bahia, Brazil, Brit Subject
Marian Constance Hoyle	Daur	S	20		Ardwick, Manchester, Lancs
Jeanie Kathleen Hoyle	Daur	S	15	Pupil Teacher	Bahia, Brazil, Brit Subject
Thomas Henry Pearson	Bdr	S	22	Mechanical Engineer	Moss Side, Manchester

The composition of the Hoyle household for the 2nd April 1911 census was very much the same with three additional people. The family, still living at Rotherham, had moved to Cliftonville, Clifton Terrace. The presence of four school teachers in one house suggests that they may have all taught at the same school nearby.⁹

Hoyle, Frank Edward	Head	Mar	M	64	Colliery Lamp Examiner Above Ground	Rotherham, Yorks
Hoyle, Elizabeth	Wife	Mar	F	57		Fairfield, Lancs
Hoyle, Frank Irving	Son	Sing	M	34	Engineers Fitter	Brazil, S A
Hoyle, Marian Constance	Daur	Sing	F	30		Ardwick, Lancs
Hoyle, Jenny Kathleen	Daur	Sing	F	24	Elementary School Teacher	Brazil, S A
Holden, Rosalind Letitia	Visitor	Sing	F	24	Elementary School Teacher	Sudbury, Suffolk
Coles, Amelia Maria	Boarder	Sing	F	54	Elementary School Teacher	Leicester, Leics
Pope, Maria Sarah Ann	Boarder	Sing	F	55	Elementary School Teacher	Portsmouth, Hants



Frank Edward Hoyle died a few years after the 1911 census, with his death at the age of 67 registered at

Rotherham for the Jul-Sep quarter of 1914. He would have lived long enough to see at least three of his children married off. Elizabeth was another of the long-lived women who married into the Hoyle family. She died in October 1940 and was buried at Moorgate Cemetery, Rotherham on 3 October 1940. I have a Rotherham death registration for an Elizabeth B Hoyle for the Oct-Dec quarter of 1940. However the age at death is given as 81, which conflicts with Elizabeth Hoyle's birth year of 1852, which would put her at 88 in 1940.¹⁰

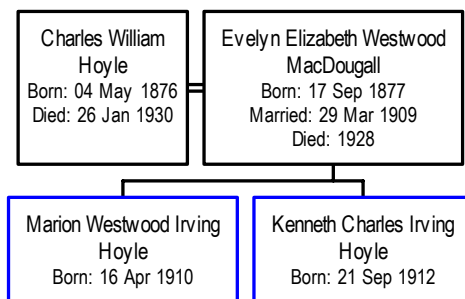


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Charles William Hoyle

According to a granddaughter, Charles William Hoyle was born on 4th May 1876 in Bahia, Brazil and baptised there four months later on 3rd September, was educated in England and travelled to Buenos Aires, Argentina, in 1897 on board the ship named Potosi.

For the 1891 census Charles, listed as a 14 year old scholar, was one of the a small group scholars boarding with widow Edith Tebb at 24 Radcliffe Road, Southampton. Although not clear from the census, Charles may have been attending a school in Southampton. He would have been about 21 when he left for Argentina. Charles was nearly 33 when he and Evelyn Elizabeth Westwood MacDougall were married at Bahia Blanca, Argentina, on 29th March 1909. Evelyn had been born in Lorne, Poverty Bay, New Zealand on 17th September 1877. Her father, Robert Douglas MacDougall, had been born in Argyll, Scotland on 7th August 1849. On 30th September 1873 he married Isabel Best, in New Zealand, who had been born in New Brentford, Middlesex on 27th February 1850, shortly after which her family emigrated to New Zealand where her father, William Best, had been Secretary to the National Treasury before his death in February 1889. At some stage, possibly in the 1880s the MacDougall family relocated to South America where, in 1900, Robert was recorded as being a Commission Agent in Argentina. Charles and Evelyn had two children, a daughter Marion Westwood Irving, born on 16th April 1910 and Kenneth Charles Irving, born on 21 September 1912. Both Charles and Evelyn Hoyle died at a relatively young age. Evelyn died at the age of 50 in 1928 at Cordoba, Argentina, and Charles just before his 54th birthday, suffering from a stomach ulcer, died at the Italian Hospital at Buenos Aires on 26th January 1930.¹¹



Frank Irving Hoyle

Frank, who had been born in Peri Peri, Bahia, Brazil on 6 July 1877 was, for the 1891 census, found as a visitor in the Pope household at Laylands Farm, at Fishers Pond, in the district of Winchester, Hampshire.¹²

Charles Pope	Wid	M	52	Mechanical Engineer	Binghams Melcombe, Dorset
Julia Pope	Sister	S	56		Kingscombe, Dorset
Ellen Pope	Sister	S	49		Binghams Melcombe, Dorset
Victor S E Pope	Son		13	Scholar	Steepleton, Dorset
Lionel E Pope	Son		15	Scholar	Steepleton, Dorset
Frank I Hoyle	Visitor		13	Scholar	Brazil, British Subject
Harry Meal	Serv	S	22	Cowman	Havant, Hants
Matilda E Blundell	Nurse	M	44	Sick Nurse	Winchester, Hants

Again, the census is not helpful in working out whether Frank was actually attending a school in the area, although two doors away is the School House, occupied by a William M Bennett, a certificated teacher, and his family. On the other hand, schools may have broken up for the Easter holidays – Easter Sunday in 1891 fell on 29th March, and the census was conducted on 5th April, and Frank may have been staying with family friends. This is speculative, but we have seen that a Miss Pope was visiting the Hoyles for the 1911 census.¹³

As note previously, Edward Irving Hoyle was at home with his family at 1 Mabel Street, Rotherham on 31st March 1901, and again, at Cliftonville, Clifton Terrace in 1911..¹⁴

I have shown the 1911 census listing again here because we now have some further information about the two boarders and the visitor.

The Hoyle Connections

Hoyle, Frank Edward	Head	Mar		M	64	Colliery Lamp Examiner Above Ground	Rotherham, Yorks
Hoyle, Elizabeth	Wife	Mar	36	F	57		Fairfield, Lancs
Hoyle, Frank Irving	Son	Sing		M	34	Engineers Fitter	Brazil, S A
Hoyle, Marian Constance	Daur	Sing		F	30		Ardwick, Lancs
Hoyle, Jenny Kathleen	Daur	Sing		F	24	Elementary School Teacher	Brazil, S A
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Coles, Amelia Maria	Boarder	Sing		F	54	Elementary School Teacher	Leicester, Leics
Pope, Maria Sarah Ann	Boarder	Sing		F	55	Elementary School Teacher	Portsmouth, Hants

I was intrigued with the Pope connection. I have not established any family link, but the Pope family of which Maria Sarah Ann was a member were all born in Hampshire (in contrast to the others mentioned before who came from Dorset – and I think there must have been some kinship here). For both the 1891 and 1901 census nights, Maria Pope was living in Rotherham and working as an elementary school mistress. In 1891 she was with her parents and her brother, Herbert Pope, and, in 1901 with Herbert and his family. Also included in Herbert's 1901 household was an Amelia M Coles, a school mistress. Both these women were boarders in the Hoyle household in 1911.¹⁵

From the 1911 census we can see that of the three non-Hoyle members of the household, all three of whom were elementary school teachers, two were boarders and one was a visitor, and I wondered about the significance, if any, of the difference in status. A search of the BMD Index explained reason for the difference. The marriage of Frank Irving Hoyle and Rosaline Letitia Holden was registered at Sudbury for the Jul-Sep quarter of 1913, at which time the groom would have been 36 years old.¹⁶

The birth of Rosalind Holden had been registered at Sudbury for the Apr-Jun quarter of 1887. She was a daughter of John Sinclair Holden and his wife Mary (née Andrewes) who had married in Sudbury in 1880. According to the 1881 census, John Holden had been born in Belfast, and was a Medical Officer of Health, and a Surgeon, MD, of Queens University, Belfast and a retired Lieutenant. In turn, John Sinclair Holden was a son of John Holden, merchant of Dublin and his wife Letitia Maguire, who had been married at St Peter's Church, Dublin, in November 1830. For the 1891 census Rosalind Holden was at home with her family at 57 Friars Street, Sudbury, and in 1901 was a 14 year old and one of the boarder/scholars at an establishment at Linden Road, Bedford. I thought it possible that she and Jeanie Hoyle attended the same teachers college sometime between 1901 and 1911 and subsequently were teaching at the same school. This has now been confirmed. Rosalind and Jeannie had both attended Cheltenham Ladies College and had qualified together as elementary teachers.¹⁷

It is probable that Frank and Rosalind continued to live in the Rotherham area after their marriage. They had two children, Peter Irving Hoyle born on 28th June 1914, with his birth registered at Aston, Warwickshire, and Rosalind Mary Irving Hoyle, born in 1918, whose birth was registered at Bristol for the Apr-Jun quarter. When WWI was declared Frank would have been 37. However he was not called up. Rather, during the war he worked in an ammunition factory, which was deemed to be 'war work' and he was provided with a badge to prove that he was engaged in a reserved occupation.¹⁸

Frank Irving Hoyle died at Rotherham, as confirmed by a death registration for the Jul-Sep quarter of 1937, when he had reached the age of 59, leaving a modest estate.¹⁹

HOYLE Frank Irving of Stoneleigh Godstone-road Rotherham Yorkshire died 3 August 1937 Administration London 8 September to Rosalind Letitia Hoyle widow. Effects £131.

What the above record does not show is that Frank Hoyle died actually died without leaving a will.²⁰

AND BE IT FURTHER KNOWN that as at the date hereunder written Letters of Administration of all the Estate by which the law devolves to and vest in the personal representative of the said intestate were granted by His Majesty's High Court of Justice at the Principal Probate Registry thereof to :

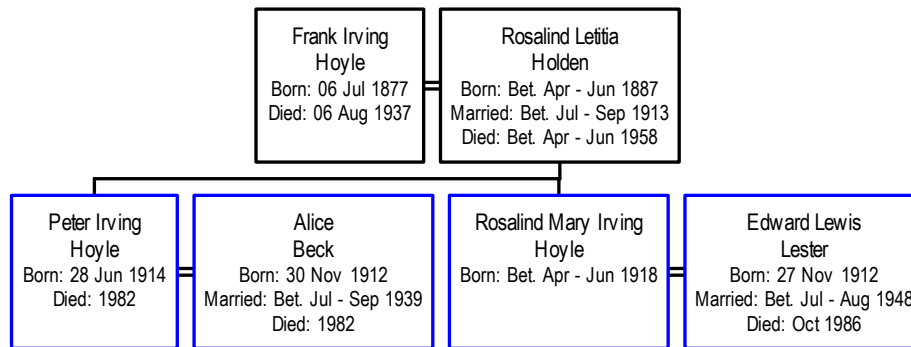
Rosalind Letitia Hoyle of Harmony House Weston Super Mare in the County of Somerset the lawful widow and relict of the said intestate.

The death of his widow, Rosalind L Hoyle, was registered at Colchester, Essex, for the Apr-Jun quarter of 1958. She was 71 when she died.²¹

Peter Irving Hoyle married Alice Beck in 1939, the event being registered at Pancras for the Jul-Sep quarter. Alice had been born on 30th November 1912. They had two daughters – Susan Peri and Felicity Jane. The family spent

some time in Sekondi-Takoradi, the capital of the Western Region of Ghana. Shipping records show that the family left Liverpool on 5th June 1952 on board the Elder Dempster ship Aureol. Peter Hoyle's occupation was given as cinema technician. Alice and the girls returned the following year, and their intended address was 162 Cowdray Avenue, Colchester, so they were going to the home of Alice's mother-in-law, Rosalind Hoyle. Peter made another journey, this time alone, to Sekondi-Takoradi, on board the Accra leaving Liverpool on 10th March 1954. This time he was listed as a sound engineer, and the last passenger listing I have found has him returning to England on 24th February 1958, again on board the Aureol. The ship's manifest has him listed as a Government employee. His intended address was Windmill Cottage, Hadleigh, in Suffolk which was the family home. Peter and Alice both died within a very short time of each other, with their deaths being registered at Sudbury in 1982.²²

Rosalind had just turned 30 when she married Edward Lewis Lester at Colchester in the summer of 1948. Edward has been born on 27th November 1912. They had two children, both births being registered at Colchester - Jeremy Peter I Lester for the Oct-Dec quarter of 1949 and Melanie R Lester for the Jan-Mar quarter of 1954. The death of Edward Lewis Lester, at the age of 73, was registered at Sudbury in Oct 1986.²³



Marian Constance Hoyle

Marian was the only child of Frank and Elizabeth Hoyle (née Irving) not born in South America. She was born in Ardwick, Manchester, the home town of her maternal grandparents, in 1880. I have assumed that she went to South America with her mother sometime before the 1881 census night, and we know that she was back in England by the 1891 census when she was with her family at 10 Meadow Hall Road Kimberworth, and remained at home for the next twenty years and was found at home at Cliftonville, Clifton Terrace in Rotherham as an unmarried 30 year old woman with no apparent occupation in 1911. She married shortly after the death of her father.²⁴

The marriage between Marian C Hoyle and Percy E Hoyland was registered at Rotherham for the Oct-Dec quarter of 1914. Marian would have been 33 and seven years younger than her husband. The birth of Percy Edgar Hoyland was registered at Rotherham for the Jul-Sep quarter of 1873. He was the son of Edwin and Elizabeth Hoyland (née Wordsworth). Together with his parents, his sister Maud Eleanor, and occasionally two cousins Frederick and Herbert Hoyland, Percy was at home for the 1881-1901 census collections at 20 Wharncliffe Road, Rotherham.²⁵

Elizabeth Hoyland died on 9th March 1909 and probate on her estate was granted to her two children.²⁶

HOYLAND Elizabeth of 20 Wharncliffe-street Rotherham Yorkshire (wife of Edwin John Hoyland) died 9 March 1909
 Probate Wakefield 17 April to Percy Edgar Hoyland veterinary surgeon and Maud Eleanor Hoyland spinster. Effects
 £1284 8s 6d.

Maud was only a spinster for a short time after her mother's death because she married 41 year old George Barker Radcliffe, a provision agent from Cheshire, in late 1909 and moved to Totley Rise, Ecclesall where the couple were found for the 1911 census and for which George was recorded as a provision agent – maybe for his older brother Walter who was, for the 1901 census, a grocer's manager. In fact, apart from his youngest siblings Harold and Ann, George and his other brothers and sisters were born in Cheshire. However, for the 1901 census George was living with his family at Cliffe Villa, Doncaster Road, Rotherham. George's father was a widower and listed as a retired pawnbroker and George was listed as a commercial traveller.²⁷

So for the 1911 census only Edwin and Percy were at home at 20 Wharnccliffe Street, with a housekeeper to look after them.²⁸

Hoyland, Edwin John	Head	Wid	M	74	Veterinary Surgeon	Wombwell, Yorks	
Hoyland, Percy Edgar	Son	Sing	M	37	Veterinary Surgeon	Rotherham, Lancs	
Hudson, Susan Mary		Mar	17	F	42	Housekeeper	Wheston, Yorks

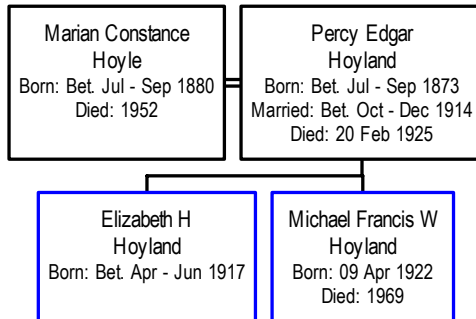
Edwin ran his veterinary practice from home and had overseen Percy's training in the same profession. By 1901 father and son, now fully qualified, probably ran the practice in partnership. Edwin died very soon after Percy's marriage, with his death at the age of 78 being registered at Rotherham for the Jan-Mar quarter of 1915. He left his estate in the hands his children, Maud (now a widow) and Percy.²⁹

HOYLAND Edwin John of 20 Wharnccliffe-street Rotherham Yorkshire died 7 February 1915 Probate Wakefield 7 April to Maud Eleanor Radcliffe widow and Percy Edgar Hoyland veterinary surgeon. Effects £13919 0s 3d.

Two children were born to Percy and Marian – Elizabeth H Hoyland, whose birth was registered at Rotherham for the Apr-Jun quarter of 1917 and Michael F W Hoyland, registered for the Apr-Jun quarter of 1922. Michael would have had only a fleeting memory of his father because the death of Percy E Hoyland, at the age of 50, was registered at Rotherham for the Jan-Mar quarter of 1925. According to the probate record he died on 20th February.³⁰

HOYLAND Percy Edgar of 3 Chatham-street Rotherham Yorkshire died 20 February 1925 Administration Wakefield 22 May to Marian Constance Hoyland widow. Effects £1960 15s.

I have located a death registration which may refer to Percy's widow, for a Marion C Hoyland, at Manchester for 1952. While the age at death – 72 – would fit, and perhaps the place of death, given that Marian was born in the Manchester area would provide an additional clue, but the spelling of the name Marion C Hoyland could discount this record. I have found nothing further for Elizabeth H Hoyland, but Michael Francis W Hoyland ended his days at Newquay. His death registration for the St Austell district for 1969 gives his birth date as 9 April 1922. Noting that these two records have not been followed up or verified, they are provisionally included in the chart below.³¹



Jeanie Kathleen Hoyle

Jeanie (or Jennie as she was called by the family), the youngest of the children of Frank and Elizabeth Hoyle, was born at Bahia, Brazil, on 14th December 1885 and baptised the following year on 4th February. Sometime before April 1891 she arrived in England with her parents, and was listed for the April 1891 as a five year old, together with Frank and Elizabeth, and her sister Marian, at 10 Meadow Hall Road, Kimberworth. When the 1901 census was conducted on 31st March, the family was living at 1 Mabel Street, Rotherham, and the household now included son Frank Irving Hoyle.³²

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Elizabeth Blaney Hoyle	Wife	M	49		Fairfield, Manchester, Lancs
Frank Irving Hoyle	Son	S	23	Engine Turner and Fitter	Bahia, Brazil, Brit Subject
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As we have seen, Rosalind Letitia Hoyle was to become Jeanie's sister-in-law. Both girls had attended Cheltenham Ladies College and had trained together to become teachers.

For the 1911 census, Jenny Kathleen Hoyle is listed as a single woman. However, we know that she was, by this time, married. The marriage between Jenny K I Hoyle and Reginald P Pierce was registered at Westminster for the Jan-Mar quarter of 1911. Before trying to explain this apparent anomaly, the following is some background information on Reginald Pierce.³⁴

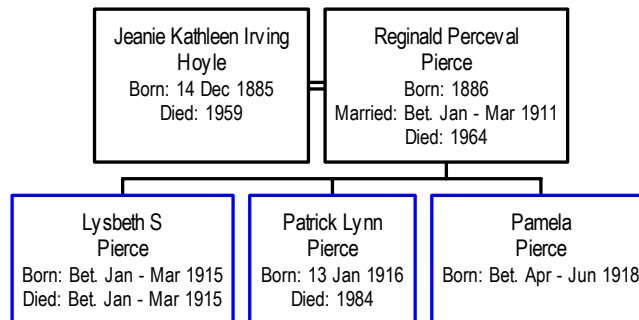
The birth of Reginald Perceval Pierce was registered at Croydon for the Apr-Jun quarter of 1886, the son of Harry and Gertrude Augusta Pierce (née Bury) who were married at Kensington in 1879. Reginald made his census debut in 1891, when he was living at home with his parents at Chiltern House, Luna Road, Croydon.³⁵

Harry Pierce	Head	M	34	Bank Clerk	London
Gertrude A Pierce	Wife	M	35		Burnsall, Yorks
Evelyn G A Pierce	Daur		11		London
Beatrice L Pierce	Daur		7		Thornton Heath, Surrey
Reginald P Pierce	Son		4		Thornton Heath, Surrey
Lilian K Oakshott	Serv	S	23	Nursery Governess School	London
Jane Boyle	Serv	S	20	Housemaid Domestic	Thornton Heath, Surrey
Ellen Boyle	Serv	S	16	General Servant Domestic	Thornton Heath, Surrey

Ten years later Reginald was enrolled at Cherborg preparatory school, Malvern, and presumably later graduated to Malvern College. And ten years further on finds him residing at Ely Grange, Frant, Sussex in the 1911 census.³⁶

Pierce, Reginald Perceval	Head	Sing	M	24	Land Agent and Private Secretary	Thornton Heath, Surrey
Voce, Mary	Serv	Sing	F	51	Housekeeper	Wetherby, Yorks
Clark, Albert John	Serv	Sing	M	15	Pantry Boy	Wadhurst, Sussex
Tavender, Esther	Serv	Sing	F	29	Housemaid	Leighterton Tetbury, Glos
Tilling, Emily Kate	Serv	Sing	F	24	Housemaid	Woodhay Newbury, Berks
Skinner, Grace	Serv	Sing	F	20	Kitchenmaid	Pluckley, Kent

In the absence of the owners/lessees of Ely Grange, Reginald was listed as head of the household, but only in his capacity as an employee. More significantly, he claimed to be single. So here we have two newly married people, living apart, and not divulging their true marital status. One possible reason may have been that, as a married woman, Jeanie would have had to give up her teaching position – but this is speculation.



Three children were born to Jeanie and Reginald. Their first child was Lysbeth S Pierce, whose birth was registered at Tonbridge for the Jan-Mar quarter of 1915. Sadly this child died very shortly after, with her death

being registered for the same quarter. Within a year or so Patrick Lynn Pierce arrived, and his parents registered his birth, again at Tonbridge, for the Jan-Mar quarter of 1916. From a later record we learn that his birthday was 13th January. A second daughter, Pamela, was born in 1918 with her birth being registered at Bromley for the Apr-Jun quarter. At what stage the marriage foundered is not known but by 1929 it was over as evidenced by Divorce Court File 3172.³⁷

Appellant: Jenny Kathleen Irving Pierce. Respondent: Reginald Percival Pierce. Type: Wife's petition for divorce[WD]

I have not followed up on the children, Patrick and Pamela, except to note that Patrick died at the age of 68, and his death was registered in April 1984 at Southampton. I have found a death registration for Reginald P Pierce for 1964 at Tonbridge. I am not sure if he remarried after the divorce. The only likely death record located for Jeanie is that for a Jenny K Pierce, aged 72, registered at Manchester in 1959. I have not followed up on this, but I think it is more than coincidental that a possible death record for her sister Marian was also registered at Manchester.³⁸

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Notes

- ¹ I have relied for much of the information on Frank Edward Hoyle and his descendents (eg dates, places etc of 'rites of passage') on Suzanne Paget and Elizabeth Cargill; FreeBMD Birth Index 1837-1915; Burke's Dictionary of the Landed Gentry; HO107/2344/171/p14; RG9/3507/54/pp14-15; RG10/4713/20/p33.
- ² FreeBMD Marriage Index 1837-1915; RG9/2873/58/p4; RG10/4076/102/pp26-27.
- ³ FreeBMD Birth Index 1837-1915; RG11/3895/71/p20.
- ⁴ RG12/3851/39/p10.
- ⁵ UK Incoming Passenger Lists 1878-1960 BT26/7/4.
- ⁶ FreeBMD Death Index 1837-1915; RG12/2823/73/p7; FreeBMD Marriage Index 1937-1915; information on Beatrice provided by Liz Cargill, granddaughter of Charles William Hoyle – note the consular death record of Dorothy Beatrice Hoyle having died in 1881 is incorrect.
- ⁷ FreeBMD Death Index 1837-1915; National Probate Calendar (Index of Wills and Administration) 1861-1941; FreeBMD Marriage Index 1937-1915; information on Lydia provided by Suzanne Paget, her gg-niece.
- ⁸ RG13/4392/45/p22.
- ⁹ RG14PN28051 RG78PN1603 RD511 SD2 ED9 SN208.
- ¹⁰ FreeBMD Death Index 1837-1915; England and Wales Death Index 1916-2005.
- ¹¹ RG12/915/31/p3; additional information provided by Liz Cargill and Susanne Paget.
- ¹² RG12/939/101/p18.
- ¹³ His daughter Rosalind thinks that Frank Irving Hoyle may have attended a school in Brighton – copy of letter from Rosalind Lester to Suzanne Paget.
- ¹⁴ RG14PN28051 RG78PN1603 RD511 SD2 ED9 SN208.
- ¹⁵ RG12/3846/109/p1; RG13/4392/147/p4.
- ¹⁶ FreeBMD Marriage Index 1837-1915.
- ¹⁷ FreeBMD Birth and Marriage Index 1837-1915; RG11/1828/5/p4; RG12/1441/105/pp4-5; RG13/1490/9/p10; information on Holden family from Suzanne Paget, email 4th September 2010.
- ¹⁸ Free BMD Index 1837-1915 –the birth date has been taken from the record of his death, but, according to Suzanne Paget, Peter I Hoyle was born on 28th June 1914; England & Wales Birth Index 1916-2005; copy of letter from Rosalind Lester to Suzanne Paget.
- ¹⁹ England & Wales Death Index 1916-2005; National Probate Calendar (Index of Wills and Administration) 1861-1941.
- ²⁰ Copy of probate document provided by Suzanne Paget.
- ²¹ England & Wales Death Index 1916-2005.
- ²² England & Wales Marriage and Birth Index 1916-2005; FMP Passenger lists leaving UK 1890-1960; UK Incoming Passenger Lists 1878-1960; British Phone Books 1960-1984; England & Wales Death Index 1916-2005.
- ²³ England & Wales Marriage Birth and Death Index 1916-2005.
- ²⁴ RG12/3851/39/p10; RG14PN28051 RG78PN1603 RD511 SD2 ED9 SN208.
- ²⁵ FreeBMD Birth and Marriage Index 1837-1915; RG11/4672/60/p44; RG12/3846/41/p6; RG13/4391/43/p3.
- ²⁶ National Probate Calendar (Index of Wills and Administration) 1861-1941.
- ²⁷ FreeBMD Marriage and Death Index 1837-1915; RG14PN27765 RD509 SD4 ED2 SN13; RG13/4393/49/p2.
- ²⁸ FreeBMD Marriage and Death Index 1837-1915; RG14PN27765 RD509 SD4 ED2 SN13; RG14PN28048 RG78PN1603 RD511 SD2 ED6 SN35.
- ²⁹ FreeBMD Death Index 1837-1915; National Probate Calendar (Index of Wills and Administration) 1861-1941; George Radcliffe died on 28th October 1913 at the age of 44, leaving his estate of £588 2s 4d to his widow; Maud did not remarry and died on 20th July 1939 at Boscombe, Hampshire, and probate on her estate of £119 2s 1d was granted to John Septimus Radcliffe, retired bank manager (and her brother-in-law) and Thomas Cecil Nicholson, solicitor (National Probate Calendar (Index of Wills and Administration) 1861-1941).
- ³⁰ Information from Liz Cargill; FreeBMD Birth and Death Index 1837-1915; England & Wales Death Index 1916-2005; National Probate Calendar (Index of Wills and Administration) 1861-1941.
- ³¹ England & Wales Death Index 1916-2005.
- ³² RG12/3851/39/p10; RG13/4392/45/p22.
- ³³ RG14PN28051 RG78PN1603 RD511 SD2 ED9 SN208.
- ³⁴ FreeBMD Marriage Index 1837-1915.
- ³⁵ FreeBMD Birth and Marriage Index 1837-1915; RG12/597/24/p42.
- ³⁶ RG13/2784/54/p40; RG14PN4921 RG78PN213 RD73 SD2 ED14.
- ³⁷ FreeBMD Birth and Death Index 1837-1915; The National Archives J77/2678, Divorce Court File 3172.
- ³⁸ England & Wales Death Index 1916-2005; Patrick may have married Gladys Ivy Baker in 1939, but this has not been checked out.