

## THE CHIGNELL FAMILY

**Arthur Chignell** born 7<sup>th</sup> July 1839 in Colchester, Essex. His parents were Thomas Chignell, a baker (1800-1888) and Elizabeth Slythe (1799-1879). In 1861 Arthur was living in Southampton and employed as an assistant chemist. On the 17<sup>th</sup> July. 1862 he married **Mary Scott** at St Andrew's, Chichester. Mary was born in Havant in 1839, her parents were Alexander Scott and Helen Purves both from Scotland. In 1851 Andrew was head gardener at Leigh Park but by 1861 the family had moved to Chichester where he was in business as a nurseryman.

1863. Birth of **May Chignell** in Wingham, Kent. Baptised on 1<sup>st</sup> June, she died shortly thereafter and was buried on 19<sup>th</sup> June. Her name is recorded on her mother's grave in the New Lane section of Havant cemetery.

1864. Birth of **Alfred Leigh Chignell** in Wingham, Kent.

1865. Birth of **Jessie Alexander Chignell** in Wingham, Kent, 7<sup>th</sup> June.

1867. Birth of **Hendrick Chignell** in Havant, 12<sup>th</sup> April.

1870. Birth of **George Street Chignell** in Havant, 23<sup>rd</sup> May. Baptised at St Faith's, 24<sup>th</sup> August 1872.

1871. Census. The family are living at 66 West St, Havant, next door but one to the Dolphin Hotel. Alfred's occupation, "Chemist and Stationer". Living with them are two apprentices/medical students and one servant.

1871. Baptism of Alfred, Jessie and Hendrick at St Faith's, Havant, 30<sup>th</sup> November.

1872. Birth of **Helen Isabella Chignell** in Havant. Baptised in St Faith's, 24<sup>th</sup> August.

1873. Birth of **Hugh Scott Chignell** in Havant. Baptised in St Faith's, 2<sup>nd</sup> December.

1875. Birth of **Mary Elizabeth Chignell** in Havant.

1878. Birth of **Gertrude Chignell** in Havant. Gertrude died shortly after her birth and was buried on August 29<sup>th</sup>. Her name is on her mother's grave.

1880. Birth of **Thomas Alexander Chignell** in Havant, 31<sup>st</sup> October.

1881. Census. 1) The family are still living in West Street, probably in the same property though no numbers are shown. Alfred's occupation is just listed as Chemist, while son Alfred is a Medical Student. Also living with them is Alfred's father, Thomas, a Retired Draper. His wife had died in Havant in 1879.

2) Hendrick Chignell was living in Salisbury where he was a Cathedral Chorister and attending the Cathedral School.

1891. Census. 1) Alfred and Mary still living at the same address in West Street, Havant along with six of their children. Alfred is now, somewhat surprisingly, a Registered Dentist and George is an Undergraduate at Cambridge University. Also listed are two Chemist's assistants and two servants. 2) Son Alfred is living with the family of Henry Bailey, a Doctor of Medicine, at 5 Vine St, Grantham and is listed as a Student of Medicine. 3) Hendrick is an Assistant School Teacher at The Isle of Wight College, St Helens, Isle of Wight, living in college premises.

1892. Death of Mary Chignell in Havant, 27<sup>th</sup> September. Buried in New Lane cemetery on 30<sup>th</sup> September.

1897. Marriage of Alfred Chignell and Ada Brooke in Fareham. Ada was born 12<sup>th</sup> December 1866 but where is a bit vague as the post marriage census forms just state London.

1897. Marriage of George Street Chignell and Emma Mary Chignell (born 1869 in Romsey, Hampshire) in Havant. Unlikely as it seems, Chignell was her maiden name.

1901. Census. 1) Alfred and Ada are living at 176 West St, Fareham with his son Thomas, a Medical Student and daughter Helen, no occupation listed. Alfred listed as a Dental Surgeon. 2) Alfred Leigh is living at an unnamed address on Leighton Rd, Wing, Bucks; occupation General Practitioner. Living with him is his sister Jessie, no occupation and a single servant. 3) Hendrick is living at Taylors Grange, Whitechurch, Dublin; occupation Clerk in Holy Orders, Church of Ireland. 4) George, no record found. 5) Hugh is living on his own at 19 Benson Rd, Croydon; occupation Priest, Church of England. 6) Mary, no record found.

1901. Marriage of Alfred Leigh Chignell to Ada Frances Heley (born Wing, Bucks; 30.12.1876) at St Mary's church, Wimbledon, 18<sup>th</sup> April.

1902. Birth of Guy Chignell, son of Alfred and Ada, in Fareham, 20<sup>th</sup> October.

1903. Marriage of Hugh Scott Chignell and Florence Margaret Peace in High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire. Florence born in High Wycombe about 1873.

1904. Marriage of Hendrick Chignell to Margaret Emma Thomson (born Walmer, Kent; 24.06.1875) in Kensington, London.

1907. Marriage of Thomas Alexander Chignell and Daisy Smith in South Stoneham, Hants. Daisy was born in Broomfield, Essex in 1879.

1908. Departure of Hugh and his wife Florence for South Africa, 15<sup>th</sup> January on the Aberdeen Line ship, Inanda.

1909. Death of Daisy Chignell (nee Smith) in Havant, 29<sup>th</sup> January not long after the birth of their son Thomas Hugh on 20<sup>th</sup> December 1908. Daisy was buried in the same grave as her mother in law on 3<sup>rd</sup> February.

1911. Census. 1) Alfred, Ada and Guy still living at Thelwall, 176 West St, Fareham with one servant. Alfred still a Dental Surgeon. 2) Alfred Leigh, General Medical Practitioner, is living with his wife Ada and their sons Thomas Leigh, 8 and Robert Alexander, 5 still at Leighton Rd, Wing. 3) Jessie, no record found. 4) Hendrick, Minor Canon, Headmaster Choir School, Chester Cathedral, is living with his wife Margaret, son Hendrick Dennis, 3 and daughter Alma Marion, 1 plus a Nurse and two servants at 13 Abbey St, Chester. 5) George, Organist and Teacher of Music, is living with his wife Emma and children, Tom, 12, Margaret Mary, 11, Ida Robena, 7 and Wilfred Rowland, 2 plus two servants at Breelands, 53 Comer Rd, Worcester. 6) Helen is a patient at St Luke's Home for Epileptics, Parkwood Rd, Boscombe. 7) Mary, Trainee Student Nurse at the Princess Christian College, 19/21 Wilmslow Rd, Withington, Manchester. 8) Thomas, now a Dental Surgeon, is living at Keppel Lodge, West St, Emsworth with his son, his mother in law, Ann, two of sisters in law, Elizabeth and Jane and one servant.

1919. Death of Alfred Chignell in Fareham, 6<sup>th</sup> February. He was still living at 176 West St at the time of his death.

1919. Death of Helen Isabella Chignell in Fareham. Death registered in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter.

1919. Death of Ann Smith, mother of Daisy in Emsworth, registered in the third quarter.

1921. Marriage of Thomas Alexander Chignell and Mildred Eleanor Wiskin in Bromley, Kent. Mildred was born in Greenwich, 26.10.1876, daughter of Edward John Wiskin and Eliza Mary Ann Job.

1921. Census. 1) Alfred Leigh, General Medical Practitioner, living on Aylesbury Rd, Wing with his wife Frances, children Thomas Leigh, 18, Richard, 10, Mary Frances, 8, Barbara Anne, 2, as well as his sister Jessie, a Matron of a Convalescence Home and sister in law Emma Mary Chignell. Their son Robert was a boarder at Dunstable Grammar School. 2) Hendrick, parish priest in Northenden, Cheshire (now Greater Manchester), living at The Rectory, Ford Lane with his wife Margaret, son Hendrick Dennis, 14 and daughter Margaret Aileen, nearly 3. Daughter Alma was a boarder at the home of a female music teacher in Chester. 3) George, Organist and Teacher of Music, living at 6 Bull Ring St, St Johns, Worcester with his daughter Margaret, 22, daughter Ida, 17, son Wilfred, 13 and two maids. Son Hugh had died in 1918 and wife Emma was listed at Wing see 1) above. 4) Hugh, Clerk in Holy Orders and wife Florence are visitors at the home of Eliza Skinner, 2 Lansdowne Rd, Croydon. They had arrived in England on May 2<sup>nd</sup> having travelled from Durban aboard the Union Castle ship, Balmoral Castle. 5) Mary, "Easy nurse/trained" which should perhaps be Baby nurse, for the Wolf family (parents and 17 month old daughter) of 42 Lower Belgrave St, London SW1 (Close to Victoria Station). 6) Thomas, Dental Surgeon and his wife Mildred are staying at the Cary Arms Hotel, Babbacombe, Devon (honeymoon?). Meanwhile, his sister in laws Elizabeth and Jane were listed at Keppel Lodge along with one maid. 7) Ada now a widow was still living at 176 West St, Fareham with son Guy a student at

Southampton University. Also living there (“sleeping only” written on the form) are three pupils from Price’s School, originally a private school on West St but by 1921 located in the Uplands area of Fareham. Interestingly, two of them are brothers from Petrograd, Russia.

1924. Marriage of Jessie Alexander Chignell to Tom Bateman Lawson (27.06.1863-?) at St Leodegarius, Old Basford, Notts.

1924. Death of Florence Margaret Chignell (nee Peace) in Pietermaritzburg, S Africa.

1925. Death of Alfred Leigh Chignell in Wing, Buckinghamshire, 18<sup>th</sup> December.

1929. Marriage of Guy Chignell and Julia Kathleen Joan Double in Edmonton, Essex.

1931. Marriage of Hugh Scott Chignell and Nora Kathleen McKenzie in Johannesburg, S Africa, 25<sup>th</sup> November. There is little information about Nora but she may have been the daughter of Sir Duncan McKenzie, see web link: <https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/McKenzie-8717>

1934. Hugh and Nora travelled to England aboard Arundel Castle, a Union-Castle ship, arriving in Southampton on June 11<sup>th</sup>. Their destination was Keppel Lodge, Emsworth.

1937. Death of Emma Mary Chignell in Warwick. Death registered in the first quarter.

1939. England and Wales Register. 1) Ada Frances Chignell (widow of Alfred Leigh) living with her daughter Barbara at Skyway Cottage, Askerwell, Bridport, Dorset. Both of Private Means. 2) Jessie and Tom Lawson living at 10 Seamill Park Avenue, Worthing. Tom “Clerk in Holy Order, retired”. 3) Hendrick, Clerk in Holy Orders (Retired), living with wife Margaret and daughter, Margaret, Private Secretary, Unemployed, at 15 Delaheys Rd, Hale, Cheshire. 4) George, now a widower and of Private Means, living, along with others, in what appears to be the home of a Mr & Mrs Milward on Warwick Rd, Stratford upon Avon. 5) Thomas, Dental Surgeon and Part Time ARP Warden, still living at Keppel Lodge along with his wife Mildred, her sister Winifred (Independent Means) and his sister Mary, Late Children’s Nurse and one servant. 3 of the names mis transcribed by Ancestry (luckily not his wife’s) and oddly on the form itself his wife is listed last of all, after the servant. 6) Ada Chignell (nee Brooke), P Means, living at 1 Guildhall Rd, Bournemouth along with Beatrice Moxon a Norland Nurse, Retired. 7) No record for Guy but he may already have been called up. His wife Julia, Private Means, was sharing a house in West Hartlepool with another married woman and two single women.

1943. Death of Jessie Alexander Lawson (nee Chignell) in Salisbury, 8<sup>th</sup> October.

1944. Death of Tom Bateman Lawson in St Helens Hospital, St Helens, Lancs, 22<sup>nd</sup> December.

1948. Death of Hendrick Chignell in Worsley, Barton, Lancashire, 21<sup>st</sup> June.

1949. Death of Mildred Eleanor Chignell (nee Wiskin) at the Victoria Cottage Hospital, Emsworth, 22<sup>nd</sup> April. Last address, Keppel Lodge, Emsworth.

1950. Death of Hugh Scott Chignell in Pietermaritzburg, South Africa, 19<sup>th</sup> September. (Unable to find when his wife Nora died).

1952. Death of Ada Chignell (nee Brooke) in Bournemouth, 2<sup>nd</sup> May.

1957. Death of Mary Elizabeth Chignell at Havant War Memorial Hospital, 9<sup>th</sup> February. Last address Keppel Lodge, Emsworth.

1958. Death of Margaret Emma Chignell (nee Thomson) in Worsley, Lancashire, 7<sup>th</sup> Dec.

1963. Marriage of Thomas Alexander Chignell and Bertha Constance Lyng in Poole, Dorset. Bertha born in Chelsea in 1901 was a widow whose first husband had died in 1955. Following Thomas's death, she married for a third time in 1967 before dying in Poole in 1983.

1972. Death of Guy Chignell in Henley on Thames, 22<sup>nd</sup> February.

1987. Death of Julia Kathleen Joan Chignell (nee Double) in Honiton.

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