

Emma LAST (1856-1940)

Emma LAST, daughter of Edgar LAST (c. 1833-) and Hannah UNKNOWN (-), was born on 5 December 1856 in Diss, Norfolk.^{1,2} She was baptised on 7 June 1857 in Diss - father Edgar, mother Hannah.³ Emma appeared in the census in 1861 at Park Field Road in Diss - age 4, scholar, living with parents Edgar (27, maltster) and Hannah (28), and brother Edgar (2).⁴ Emma appeared in the census in 1871 at Mount Street in Diss - age 15, general servant, living in the household of James K BRYANT (35, brewer's clerk) and his family.⁵ Emma appeared in the census in 1881 at Denmark Street in Diss - age 24, dressmaker, living with father Edgar (widower, 48, maltster) and sister Mary E (17, dressmaker).⁶ Emma and **James BULLEN** had marriage banns published on 16 March 1884 in Diss - other dates were 23.03.1884 and 30.03.1884.⁷ Emma married James BULLEN on 6 April 1884 in Diss. The marriage was witnessed by Walter SPINK and Mary Elizabeth LAST. The ceremony was conducted by Rev. C. R. Manning.⁸ She appeared in the census in 1891 at Shelfanger Road in Diss - age 33, living with husband James (34, grocer) and son Joe (1).⁹ Emma appeared in the census in 1901 at Shelfanger Road in Diss - age 44, living with husband James (45, grocer), and children Joe (11), Jessie (9) and Flora (6).¹⁰ Emma appeared in the census in 1911 at Shelfanger Road in Diss - age 54, living with husband James (55, general shopkeeper), and children Joe (21, assisting in business), Emma Jessie (19, pupil teacher) and Flora (16).¹¹ Emma was recorded on the 1939 Register living at 25, Shelfanger Road in Diss - widow, totally incapacitated, b. 05.12.1856.¹ Emma died on 2 August 1940 in Diss - reg: Depwade Norfolk; date from memorial.^{12,13} Emma had her estate probated on 11 November 1940 in Norwich, Norfolk - " BULLEN Emma of St. James Villa Shelfanger-road Diss Norfolk widow died 2 August 1940 Probate Norwich 11 November to Joe Bullen grocer and Emma Jessie Bullen spinster. Effects £6840 10s. 6d."¹³

James BULLEN, son of Robert BULLEN (-) and Mary COOTE (-), was born circa 1855 in Saham Toney, Norfolk.¹⁴ He was baptised on 15 November 1857 in Saham Toney. He appeared in the census in 1891 at Shelfanger Road in Diss - age 34, grocer, living with wife Emma (33) and son Joe (1).⁹ James appeared in the census in 1901 at Shelfanger Road in Diss - 45, grocer, living with wife Emma (44), and children Joe (11), Jessie (9) and Flora (6).¹⁰ James appeared in the census in 1911 at Shelfanger Road in Diss - age 55, general shopkeeper, living with wife Emma (54), and children Joe (21, assisting in business), Emma Jessie (19, pupil teacher) and Flora (16).¹¹ James died circa 1921 in Diss.¹⁵ He and Emma LAST had the following children:

Joe BULLEN (1890-1974). *Joe was born on 29 March 1890 in Diss.¹⁶ He appeared in the census in 1891 at Shelfanger Road in Diss - age 1, living with parents James (34,grocer) and Emma (33).⁹ Joe appeared in the census in 1901 at Shelfanger Road in Diss - age 11, living with parents James (45, grocer) and Emma (44), and sisters Jessie (9) and Flora (6).¹⁰ Joe appeared in the census in 1911 at Shelfanger Road in Diss - age 21, assisting in business (grocery), living with parents James (55, general shopkeeper) and Emma (54), and sisters Emma Jessie (19, pupil teacher) and Flora (16).¹¹ In 1914 the Electoral Register showed him living at Shelfanger Road - one room second floor furnished; landlord James Bullen [father], Shelfanger Road, Diss. Joe was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal Joe Bullen - Gunner - WO325 - Royal Garrison Artillery - 82493. Joe was on the in 1918 Absent Voters List for in Diss at 35 Shelfanger Road - 82493 Gnr., 72 A.A. Batty. R.G.A. Joe was on the in 1919 Absent Voters List for in Diss at 35 Shelfanger Road - 82493 Gnr., 72 A.A. Batty. R.G.A. [Spring 1919]. Joe was on the in 1919 Absent Voters List for in Diss at 35 Shelfanger Road - 82493 Gnr., 72 A.A. Batty. R.G.A. [Autumn 1919]. Joe was recorded on the 1939 Register living at 25 Shelfanger Road in Diss - b. 29.03.1890, grocery retail dealer and holder of off licence.¹ Joe died on 14 December 1974 in Great Yarmouth - reg: Great Yarmouth Norfolk.^{17,18} Joe had his estate probated on 6 March 1975 in Ipswich, Suffolk - " BULLEN, Joe of 81 Arundel Rd Great Yarmouth died 14 December 1974 Probate Ipswich 6 March - £34614 - 751801520J."¹⁸*

Emma Jessie BULLEN (1892-c. 1968). *Emma was born on 9 February 1892 in Diss.^{19,20} She appeared in the census in 1901 at Shelfanger Road in Diss - age 9, living with parents James (45, grocer) and Emma (44), and siblings Joe (11) and Flora (6).¹⁰ Emma was educated at Municipal Secondary Girls School in Norwich from 16 January 1906 to 22 July 1909 and granted exemption from tuition fees by Norfolk Education Committee for 3 years and took up a pupil teachership upon leaving. Emma was baptised on 15 January 1909 in Diss - baptised as an adult along with sister Flora, parents James and Emma, father a shopkeeper, living at Shelfanger Road in Diss.¹⁹ Emma appeared in the census in 1911 at Shelfanger Road in Diss - age 19, pupil teacher, living with parents James (55, general shopkeeper) and Emma (54), and siblings Joe (21, assisting in business) and Flora (16).¹¹ From 1913 to 1915 Emma was an assistant teacher in Outwell, Cambridgeshire. From 1915 to 1920 she was an assistant*

teacher in Coltishall, Norfolk. On 1 February 1918 she is recognised by the Teachers Registration Council. Her professional address is given as St. James Villa, Diss. From 1920 to 1925 Emma was a headteacher in Fersfield, Norfolk. From 1925 to 1926 she was a headteacher in Roydon, Norfolk. She was recorded on the 1939 Register living at 25 Shelfanger Road in Diss - b. 09.02.1892, domestic duties at home.¹ Emma married **William Robert WHITE** circa 1946 - reg: Staines Middlesex.²¹ Emma died circa 1968 - reg: Acle Norfolk.²²

Flora BULLEN (c. 1895-). Flora was born circa 1895 in Diss. She appeared in the census in 1901 at Shelfanger Road in Diss - age 6, living with parents James (45, grocer) and Emma (44), and siblings Joe (11) and Jessie (9).¹⁰ Flora was baptised on 15 January 1909 in Diss - baptised as an adult along with sister Emma, parents James and Emma, father a shopkeeper, living at Shelfanger Road in Diss.¹⁹ Flora married **Edward Miles HALES**.

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