

Roll: **19140702-0807**

Camera: **Monochrome Print: MPS**

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Subject:

The Hannett's in 1914.

Notes:

Stanford Hills is a farm on Rempstone Road, Normanton on Soar, Stanford Hills Cottages are at the same postcode. The postcard is signed Nell and addressed to Miss Hannett, 134 Queens Wall, Nottingham.

Elsie is the only one of the six surviving Hannett girls still at home in 1914, Nellie left for Winnipeg, Canada in 1913 so it would be a puzzle if she were to be staying at Stanford Hills in 1914, yet to me that postcard has the familiarity of one written by a family member.

There was a Nellie Louise Elson, a 24 year old dressmaker from Newark, staying at Stanford Hills at the time of the 1911 census (morals it seems were so lax at that time) but at first it seemed a bit of stretch to assume that this was the same Nell 4 years later but what do I know? Nellie Elson gets around to marrying Walter Roadley, six years her senior, by June 1912 so a pint to a taste postcard Nell is Nellie Louise Roadley.

The card is postmarked 2 July 1914. From the picture's content it is reasonable to assume that photograph was taken close to that date. Postcard size negatives and pre-printed, ready cut print stock was readily available to the amateur so there is no need to assume a long lead time.

The message on the card reads:

"Thanks very much for prescription. Will write later Love from Nell"

In 1917 we find that Elsie has a press cutting noting the death of Flight Commander S. Roadley. The press describes him as the son of J. H. Roadley of Stamford Hills. John Henry was in fact Stanley's brother, their father was George Roadley, the farm is called Stanford Hills.

Stanley may perhaps of been a friend of the family or perhaps the fiance of Elsie. Stanley had been educated at Mundella School, at the same time as Elsie and then at University College, Nottingham. After College, Stanley became a school teacher, he taught first at Old Radford and then Haydn Road schools.

Stanley enlisted in 1915 and in early 1916 joined the Royal Flying Corp. He was 27 when, on the 17th August 1917, he was shot down,

his corpse being burnt to a cinder', 'mutilated beyond recognition' and identifiable only by a 'ring with "M to S" engraved on it.'

Stanley's body was initially buried at Waldfriedhof Menin in Germany but moved in 1924 to Harlebeke New British Cemetery in Belgium.

So who wrote the "Cooling off" postcard? Elsie does not look immediately recognisable but that "your little girl" has to be her I think.

It could be that "her husband took us." refers to the taking of the photograph or it could be that he took them to the watering hole or it could be both.

The only boy to survive childhood is Albert so he must be "your little boy". Sadly this is the only picture of him that I have found to date.

I am pretty miffed that in coming to this study so late in life, I have missed yet another opportunity to experience some of the sights and sounds of those past times. This time it is the missed opportunity to visit an historically and architecturally significant Nottingham pub that was run for a time by Great Uncle.

Albert was born in February 1880 probably at 165 Arkwright Street in the Meadows. It was there that his father John Hannett was a China and General Dealer.

By 1901 the family had moved further down the road to 205 Arkwright Street where John returned to an earlier occupation as a Furniture Dealer. Albert, who had reached the age of majority, was living at home with Mum and Dad, two of his older sisters, Anne(26) and Beatrice(24) and the youngsters Nellie(16) and

Elsie aged 10,

Kate is not listed in the Census return but she may be away visiting as I believe she turns up again when at the age of 29 she marries Tom Barnes.

Annie is a Milliners Assistant, Beatrice, a Drapers Assistant and Nellie is working at home with her Father as a Furniture Dealers Assistant. Albert has a job as a Timber Merchants Clerk.

So far Albert looks to be a good lad, on the straight and narrow and earning his keep. Five years later, in 1906, Albert marries some baggage called Maude Rosalind Walker who claims to have been born in Wolverhampton in 1886. I can find no evidence that she was in fact born at all so the birth may have been unregistered or the census return may be inaccurate.

By the April of 1911 our sole surviving male child of the devoutly Methodist Hannetts, is running The Lion Hotel in Clumber Street. Maude and Albert have had two girls, Irene Maude in 1907 and Kathleen in 1910.

Living with them in the pub is Maude's unmarried elder sister, Edith Anne Walker(39) and her daughter, Doris Maude Walker, aged eight. Edith also works in the pub as a barmaid.

In addition to the family there are Florence Travers, married, 26 from Long Eaton, who is enumerated as a servant, and May Amanda Schools also working as a barmaid. May is 29 years old and from London.

By the time of the 1921 census Albert is back at home with his Mum and Dad and four years after that aged just forty five, he is dead.

The lady in the middle is wearing a wedding ring so she must be Hardy's Corsiüs wife (the possessive in Hardy's is a puzzle).

There was a heatwave in the South of England in July 1914 with temperatures reaching the lower 90s which would tie in with it being hard to cool off but the location is a mystery. It could be the river at Normanton or the sea at Skegness but I don't think either location was particularly hot.

The text on the reverse of the postcard is:

Sunday July 19th/14

Dear Moth

Don't you think this is very good of your little boy & girl paddling. The

other girl is Hardy's Consiüs Wife This was the only way to get cool.

Her husband took us. I do hope you like the other photos

See also: [Stanley Roadley](#)

Dates:

See above.

Frames:

MPS-0001 19140702 00:00:00 Stanford Hills.

MPS-0002 19140702 00:00:00 Reverse of "Stanford Hills".

MPS-0003 19140719 12:00:00 Cooling off.

MPS-0004 19140719 12:00:00 Reverse of "Cooling off".



MPS-0001.jpg



MPS-0002.jpg



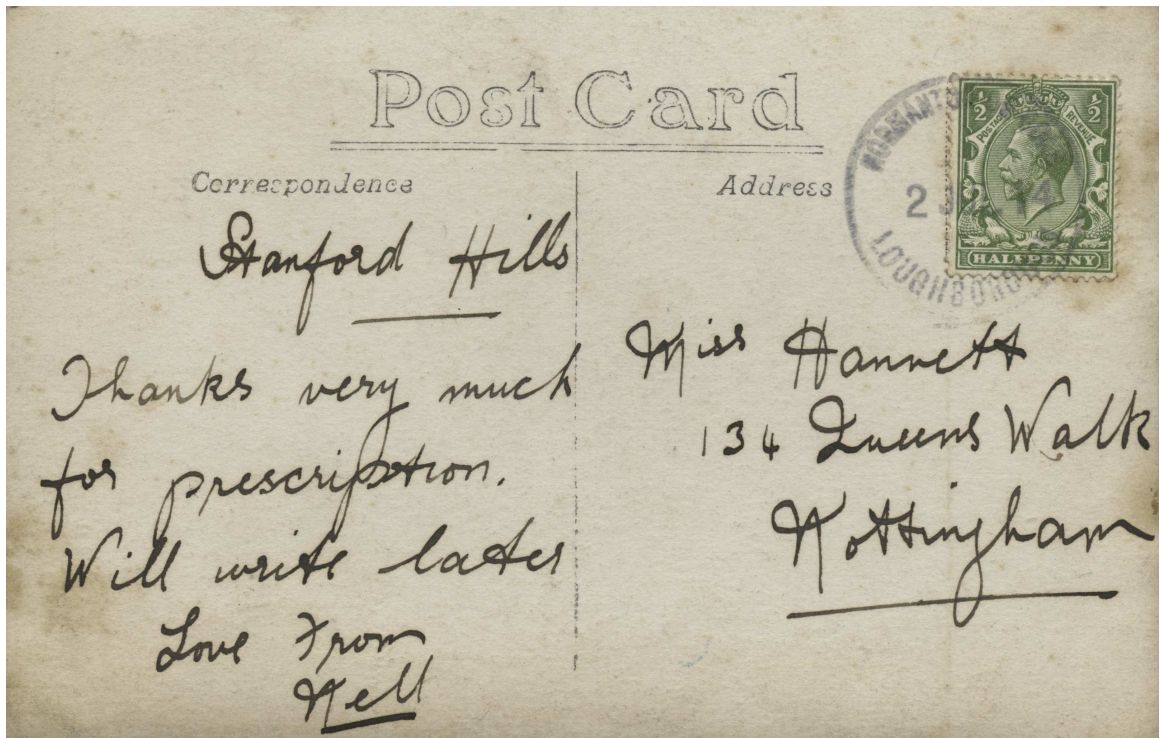
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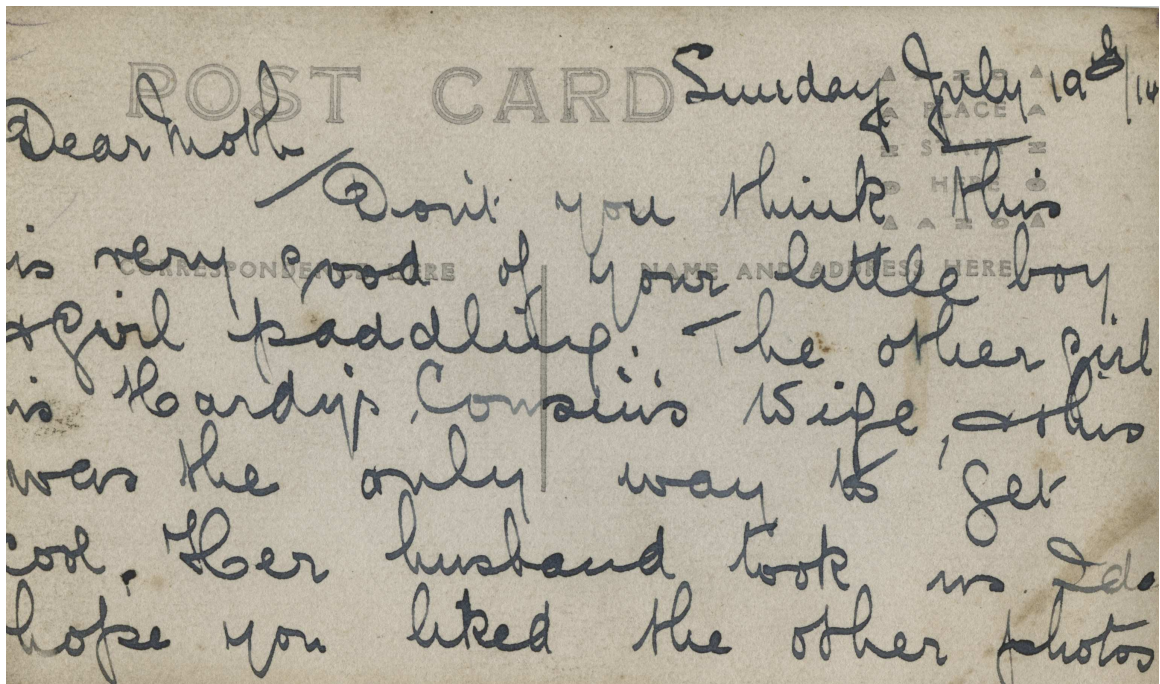
MPS-0001 - Stanford Hills.



MPS-0002 - Reverse of "Stanford Hills".



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