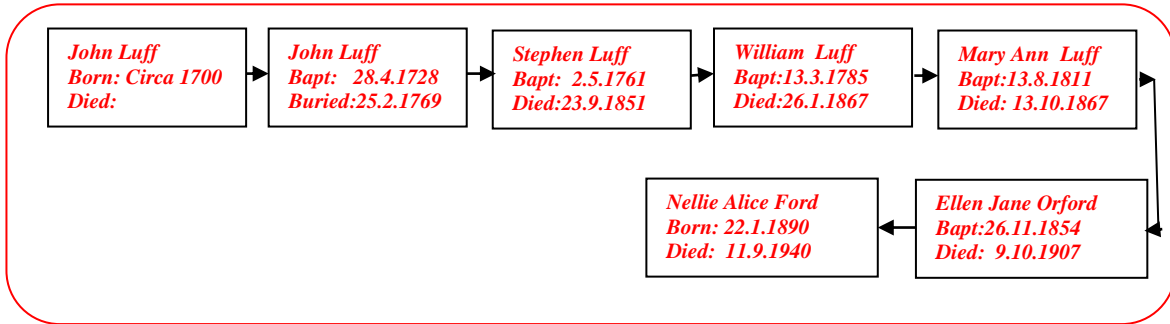


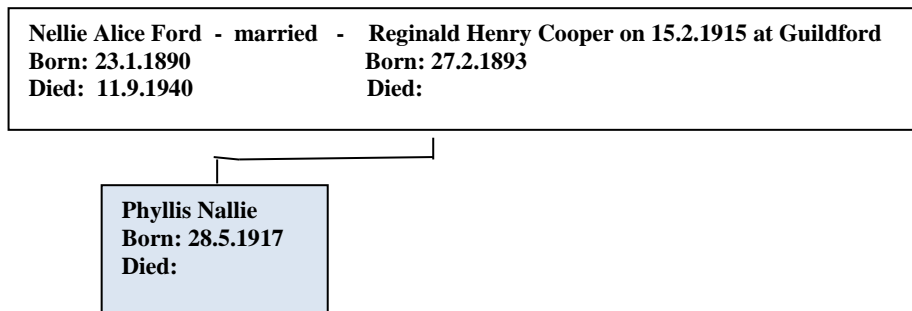
**Phyllis Nallie Cooper 1917 -**

*(The author's 3rd Cousin once removed)  
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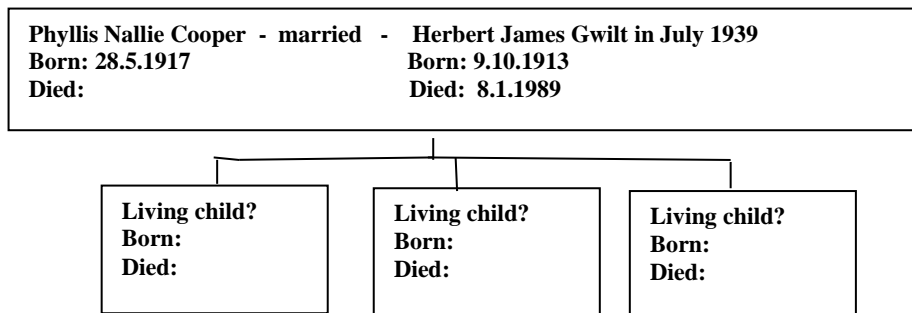
**Family Lineage:**



**Phyllis Nallie Cooper was born on 28<sup>th</sup> May, 1917. She is the daughter of Nellie and Reginald Cooper.**



**Phyllis Nallie Cooper married Herbert James Gwilt in July 1939 in Surrey.**



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The 1939 Registration shows Phyllis living with her husband at 22, Beech Grove, Guildford in Surrey. Phyllis was an assistant in a Tobacco shop. Her husband was a Butcher Cutter.

ADDRESS.		SCHEDULE.		SURNAME AND OTHER NAMES.		O. V. S. P. or I.	M. or F.	BIRTH.		S. M. W. or D.	PERSONAL OCCUPATION	See INSTRUCTIONS.			
1	2	No.	Sub. No.	3	4			5	6				Day.	Year.	7
				SCOTTLOV											
22		71	1	Phyllis	Phyllis		M	1906	15	11	Butcher Cutter				
			2	Phyllis	Phyllis			17	17	17	Shop Assistant Tobacco				

In December 1938 it was announced in the House of Commons that in the event of war, a National Register would be taken that listed the personal details of every civilian in Great Britain and Northern Ireland. This Register was to be a critical tool in coordinating the war effort at home. It would be used to issue identity cards, organise rationing and more.

On September 1<sup>st</sup>, 1939 Germany invaded Poland, putting the wheels in motion for Britain to declare war on the 3<sup>rd</sup>. On September 5<sup>th</sup>, the National Registration Act received royal assent and Registrar General Sir Sylvanus Vivian announced that National Registration Day would be September 29<sup>th</sup>. Having issued forms to more than 41 million people, the enumerators were charged with the task of visiting every household in Great Britain and Northern Ireland to collect the names, addresses, marital statuses and other key details of every civilian in the country, issuing identity cards on the spot.

The identity cards issued were essential items from the point the Register was taken right up until 1952, when the legal requirement to carry them ceased. Until that point, every member of the civilian population had to be able to present their card upon request by an official (children's cards were looked after by parents), or bring them to a police station within 48 hours. The reasons were numerous – it was essential to know who everyone was, of course, and to track their movements as they moved house, as well as to keep track of the population as babies were born and people passed away. The 1939 Register, then, represents one of the most important documents in 20<sup>th</sup> century Britain. The information it contains not only helped toward the war effort, it was also used in the founding of the NHS.

In addition, the 1931 census was destroyed during an air raid on London and the 1941 census was never taken. The 1939 Register is therefore the only surviving overview of the civil population of England and Wales spanning the period 1921-1951. It bridges a census gap that risked losing an entire generation, and is a fascinating resource for anyone interested in understanding 20<sup>th</sup> century Britain and its people.

Phyllis's mother died on 11<sup>th</sup> September, 1940 in Guildford, Surrey.

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**The 1948 Electoral Register for Nutfield Parish, Surrey, shows Phyllis and Herbert living at Little Cormongers Farm.**

ST. NUTFIELD "MM" (PARISH OF NUTFIELD). C

492	Gilbert, Martha A., Hadresham
493	Gilbey, Gertrude F., Braecroft
494	Giles, Emma E., 14 Ridge Cots.
495	Ginger, Frank A., 11 High St.—J
496	Ginger, Gladys, 11 High St.
497	Glass, Agnes J., The Bungalow, Holmesdale
498	Glass, Francis, The Bungalow, Holmesdale
499	Gocher, Millicent, 22 Ridge Cots.
500	Goddard, Edith K., 1 Barnridge Cots.
501	Goddard, James, 1 Barnridge Cots.
502	Goldsmith, Patricia A., N.A.A.F.I., Nutfield Priory
503	Goodger, Alice E., Canal Cots.
504	Goodger, Charles, Canal Cots.
505	Gooding, Olive P., 76 High St.
506	Gooding, Thomas, 76 High St.
507	Goodwin, Ada B., Woolborough Farm, Outwood
508	Goodwin, Harry L., 16 Mid St.
509	Goodwin, Muriel A., 16 Mid St.
510	Goodwin, Sidney W., Woolborough Farm—SJ
511	Goodwin, Winifred A., Woolborough Farm
512	Gowen, Eileen, Shaws
513	Gowen, Gerald W., Shaws—J
514	Gowen, Laurence G., Little Orchard—SJ
515	Gowen, Margaret E., Little Orchard
516	Granger, Rhoda, Little Cormongers Farm
517	Gray, Alice M., Laundry Cot., Philanthropic School
518	Gray, Richard J., Laundry Cot., Philanthropic School
519	Green, Jane W., Peytons Cots.
520	Greenhead, Fanny, Penhurst
521	Griffiths, Ellen A., Capenor Laundry
522	Griffiths, Herbert P., The Briars
523	Griffiths, Vida M., The Briars
524	Grimes, Beryl M., Barn Ridge
525	Grimes, Joseph, Barn Ridge
526	Gwilt, Herbert J., Little Cormongers Farm
527	Gwilt, Phyllis N., Little Cormongers Farm
528	Hackett, Eileen M., 1 Norfolk Villas
529	Hagger, Alfred E., The Tors—J
530	Hagger, Ethel M., The Tors
531	Hagger, Ronald S., The Tors
532	Hall, Beatrice, 9 Ridge Cots.



**It seems that Phyllis with her family emigrated to Australia in 1958.**

**Phyllis husband, Herbert died in Rye, Victoria, Australia on 8<sup>th</sup> January, 1989.**