

Mary Ellie Ainslie (nee Royse)

21 November 1871 - 7 March 1941

Mary Ellie Royse, baptised Eliza Mary, was born in Stonehouse, Devon on 21st November 1871.

Her parents were Vice Admiral Thomas Harvey Royse RN (1835-1909) and Georgianna Broadman (1836-1907).

Mary Ellie's maiden name Royse goes back to the Reverend George Royse (1654-1708) who was chaplain to William III of Orange. They landed in Carrickfergus, Ireland in 1690, so George Royse was the founder of the Royses in Ireland.

Mary Ellie married Colonel Clement Ainslie RE on 31st October 1895 at St. Marys, Walmer, Kent.

Clement Ainslie was born in Patna, Bengal, India, suggesting he came from an army family.

They had three children, Muriel Louisa Helen (1897-1996). Henry Harvey Clement (1898-1982) and Dorothy Royse (1903-1973).

All three children were born in India, and in 1908 they were recorded in Murree, a hill station in what is now Pakistan, but was then in the Punjab region of India.

Henry Harvey Ainslie joined the Royal Navy and served on the ship the George V at the Battle of Jutland in 1916. He was awarded the DSC.

At the time of her death on 7th March 1941, aged 69, Mary Ellie was living in Harestone Heights, Caterham. She died at Reapeyears Corner, Chelwood Gate. She was buried at Danehill cemetery on 12 March 1941.

Clement died shortly afterwards on 21st August 1941 in Brislington House, Brislington near Bristol.



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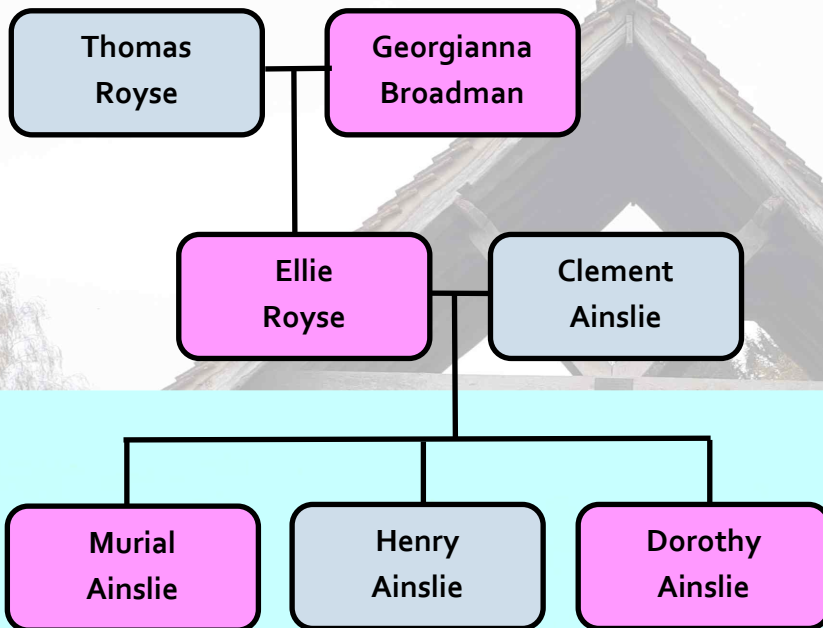


Brislington House was the earliest purpose-built private asylum. It was built in 1804 by Doctor E.L. Fox to pioneer a more humane treatment for the mentally ill. It cost around £35,000 to build and equip. Men and women were housed separately in opposite wings. Separate blocks reflected the social standing of the occupants who were mainly wealthy. The end house was built for the Fox family. It later became a nursing home and is now split up into apartments. This is where Clement Ainslie died in 1941.



Mary Ainslie is buried at
Danehill cemetery





If you have any more information about this family that you believe would be of interest please contact the Danehill Parish Historical Society dphs@outlook.com. We'd love to hear from you



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