

Ada Flora Isobel Nicholson (nee Gisborne)

1848 - 4 May 1896

Ada Gisborne was born in Nottingham in 1848. She was the daughter of Edward Sacheverell Gisborne, a surveyor, and Ellen?

Ada married Ralph Nicholson on 17th May 1871 at St. Peter's in Derby. Ralph was a solicitor and in 1871 they were living in Farnham, Surrey. Their daughter, Ada Flora Irene was born in 1872 and baptised in Manchester on 5th March 1872, and later married Joseph Edward Cockburn.

The 1891 census records the family living in Laton Road, Hastings.

On Friday 1st May 1896, Ada and her husband Ralph were returning from an evening dinner party in Nutley, travelling in a Ralli cart driven by the groom James Dubber, when the horse ran away. Turning into the gate of Ashdown House the driver tried to pull the horse up but the cart caught the back legs of the horse and he could not be controlled.

Ada had fallen from the cart and received injuries to her head and body. A doctor, Mr. George Noble, of Danehill, was sent for immediately but sadly Ada died from her injuries the following Monday., at Ashdown House, Danehill on 4th May 1896, aged 48. She was buried at Danehill cemetery on 7th May 1896.

An inquest was held and Mr. Joseph Edward Cockburn, owner of Ashdown House and the son-in-law of Ada and Ralph said he witnessed the tragic event. Joseph and Ada's daughter were travelling behind in a dog cart. Mr. Ralph Nicholson was also seriously injured but recovered. A verdict of accidental death was recorded.

A note on her burial record states "Coroners Order" which means that the Coroner accepts the cause of death given by the Doctor. A Coroner is required when a person dies suddenly, or within 24 hours of hospital treatment or medically prescribed or illicit drugs.

Source: The accident was reported in a Hastings newspaper, and this research is courtesy of Nicholas Coleman the present owner of Ashdown House.



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| 1871. Marriage solemnized at the parish church in the Parish of Derby, St. Peter's, in the County of Derby | | | | | | | | |
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| No. | When Married. | Name and Surname. | Age. | Condition. | Rank or Profession. | Residence at the time of Marriage. | Father's Name and Surname. | Rank or Profession of Father. |
| 65 | April 17 th 1871 | Ralph Nicholson Ada Florence Isabel Gisborne | Full 24 21 | Bachelor Spinster Spinster | Soldier — — | 10 Belmont St. London Road | James Robert Nicholson Edward Sackerville Gisborne | Farmer Surveyor |
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| | | Married in the <u>Parish Church</u> | | according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church, by | | | as after <u>Brans</u> | by me, |
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| | | This Marriage was solemnized between us, { <u>Ralph Nicholson</u> <u>Ada Florence</u> <u>Isabel Gisborne</u> | | in the Presence of us, { <u>Edward Sackerville Gisborne</u> <u>Ada Gisborne</u> | | | <u>George Fletcher Esq. F.R.A.C.S.</u> Master, <u>Tilly McAdam</u> <u>Isabella Emily Curshaw</u> | |

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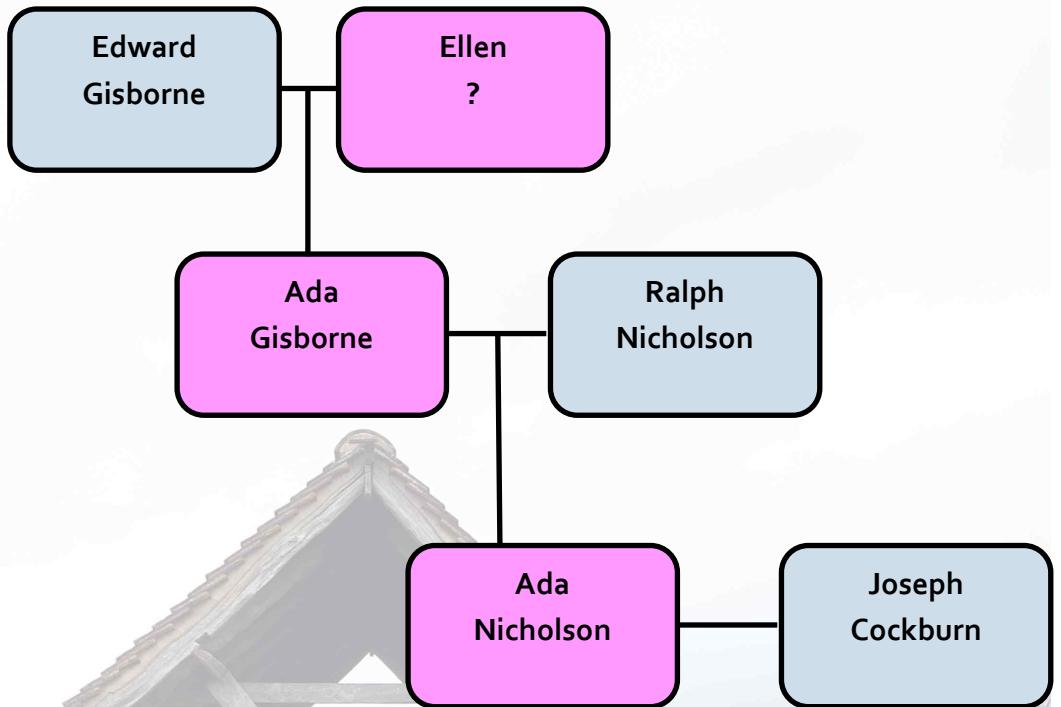
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| Adams Gates | Ashdown House. | May | 48 | Summer |
| Ada Flora Isabel Nicholson | Danehill | 7 | | |
| No. 579 | | | | |



Top: Ada and Ralph's marriage certificate. Middle: Ada and Ralph's daughter, Ada's, baptismal records. Bottom: Ada's burial records. Right: Ada Nicholson is buried in Danehill cemetery



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