Thomas 'Percy' Standing 14 December 1907 - 5 October 1951

Thomas Percy was born on 14th December 1907. His father, Thomas Standing, born 1885 in Petworth, was a railwayman. His mother was Annie Ellen Standing, born in 1885, (nee Tuck) of Petworth. He had a younger brother, James, (1910 - 1966, of a heart attack at Hove Town Hall) and two sisters Doris (Born in 1915) and Joan (born 1926). In 1946 Joan married James Lacey.

The family lived in Ellen Street, Hove. Thomas was known widely as Percy. In the 1911 census "Percy' aged 3 years, was living with his parents and brother James in 2 rooms at 10, Clarendon Road, Hove.



Percy Standing

In 1932 at the time of his marriage Percy was living at South View, Danehill. Doris and Joan were bridesmaids at Percy and Margery's wedding

Percy married Margery Winifred Edwards on 23rd July 1932 at the parish church in Colemans Hatch. They set up home at Waspsbourne Cottages, Chailey, but by 1939 they were living at 2, Greenways Cottages, Sliders Lane, Furners Green. Percy's occupation was a hospital orderly at Chailey Heritage

Percy and Margery had one daughter, Enid, who lived at Furners Green.

Percy and Margery lived the rest of their married life at Greenways where Percy died on 5th October 1951 aged 43 years. He was buried at Danehill cemetery on 10th October 1951.

It is not known why Margery was buried with the name Standing, but she chose to be laid to rest with her first husband Percy. She died on 5th October 1986 aged 84 years.



Margery Winifred Standing (nee Edwards) 22 April 1907 - 5 October 1986

Margery Winifred Edwards was born on 22nd April 1907 and baptised in Danehill on 21st July of that year.

The 1911 census records Margery, aged 3 years, living with her parents and sister Ethel, at Clay Cottage, Danehill.

Margery's father was Alfred Henry Edwards who was a bricklayer. Her mother was Frances Stace. Frances served in WW1 possibly as a VAD. This stood for Voluntary Aid Detachment, and the duties mostly consisted of menial tasks like scrubbing floors keeping the wards clean, washing patients and emptying bed pans. All essential work.

Margery Standing

In 1932 at the time of her marriage to Percy, Margery was living at 1, The Hollies, Colemans Hatch with her parents and sister Ethel May. Margery also had two brothers, Percy born in 1912 and Ronald in 1916.

Percy and Margery had one daughter, Enid, who lived at Furners Green.

Margery and Ethel had a double wedding at Colemans Hatch, perhaps to save money or because the sisters were very close.

Ethel married Harold Stanley Fletcher, a bus conductor from East Grinstead.

Percy and Margery continued to live at Greenways, in Sliders Lane until Percy's death in 1951. Two years later, in October 1953, Margery married again to Harold Thomas Black.

It is not known why Margery was buried with the name Standing, but she chose to be laid to rest with her first husband Percy. She died on 5th October 1986 aged 84 years.



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Top: Margery's baptismal record. Middle: Percy and Marjory's wedding certificate. Bottom: Percy's record of death

Percy Standing, with his mother, Annie, and his brother James





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