

## **Chapter 6.4**

# **George Franklin Bramhill**

By Douglas Bain

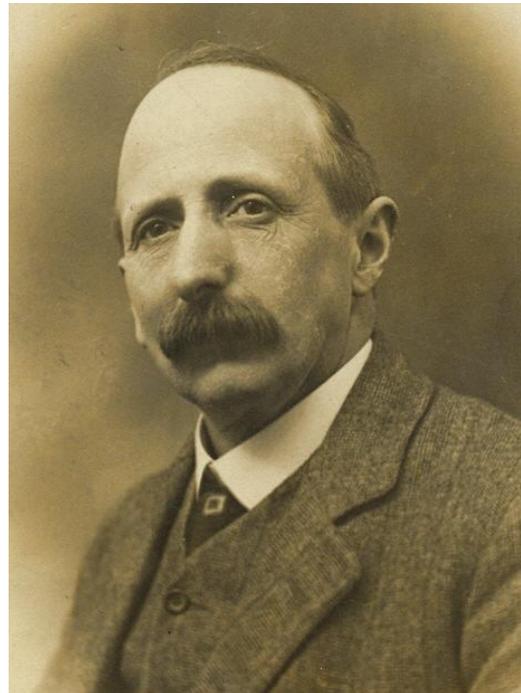
My great grandfather was George Franklin BRAMHILL, youngest son of Richard BRAMHILL & Harriet DEMPSTER (Richard the Druggist). Thanks to Dawn Gallagher I was able to find all about the Liverpool & Epworth Bramhill Families.

Douglas Bain  
Toronto, Ontario,  
Canada

George Franklin Bramhill was born Aug 17, 1859 in Epworth, Lincolnshire, England. He married Ada and they had one child, Ruby.

George was a solicitor's clerk

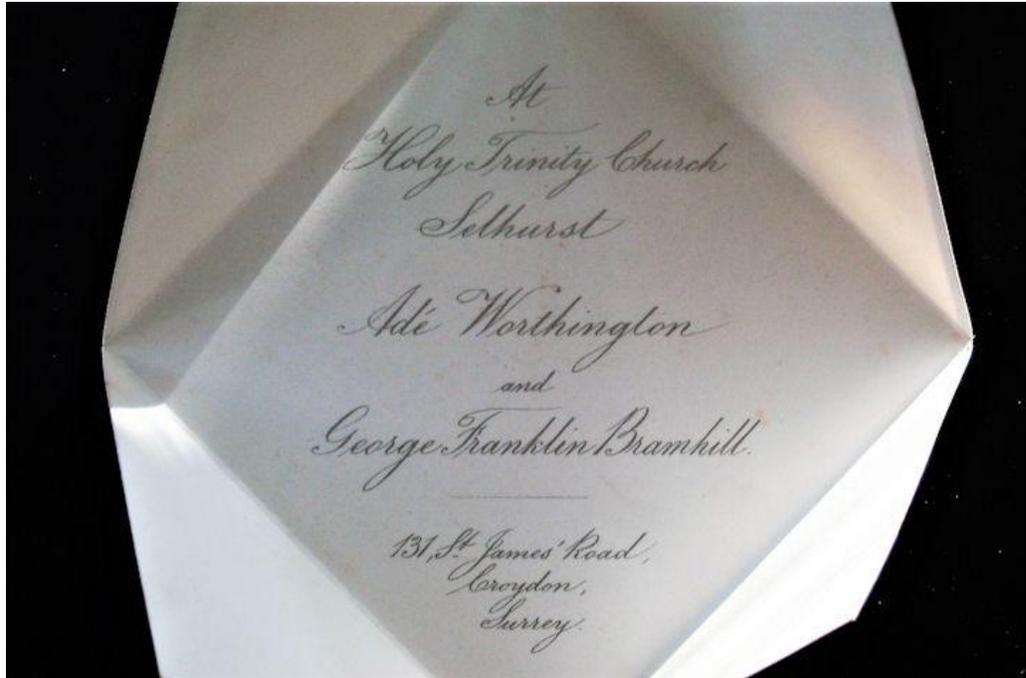
George Franklin Bramhill, born Aug 17, 1859 in Epworth, Lincolnshire, England



Ada Moore Bramhill, nee Worthington

## Wedding Invitation of George Franklin Bramhill and Ada Worthington.

The wedding was to take place "At Holy Trinity Church, Sethurst. - Ada Worthington and George Franklin Bramhill, - 131 St. James Road, Croyden, Surrey, October 19, 1889.



The outside cover for the invitation shows the Wedding date of 19<sup>th</sup> October 1889. The invitation folded down into a small square.



Wedding Photo  
of George Franklin Bramhill and  
Ade Moore Worthington  
(Mother was Louise Moore hence Moore in her name)

George Franklin Bramhill and Ade Moore Worthington  
spent their honeymoon (1889) in the Lake District.





Ruby Bramhill



Ruby Bramhill learning  
to play the harp



Ruby – a locket picture



Ruby's wedding dress



**Ruby's husband**  
Charles Beresford Painter later known as  
Leslie Beresford  
(Press photo)



Ruby and Pauline



Pauline Beresford  
Daughter of Ruby and Leslie Beresford



Ruby Bramhill

# Richard Bramhill Family Photo



Ade Bramhill nee Worthington  
Daisy Rayner nee Worthington  
George Franklin Bramhill  
Richard Bramhill  
Ruby Worthington Bramhill  
Peggy Rayner  
Harriet Bramhill nee Dempster



George on the left with friends or neighbours



George Franklin Bramhill



George Frank Bramhill Lawn Bowling (George is on the right)



John Henry Worthington, Esq.  
Ada Moore Bramhill's father

## Letters Received in Tribute to George Franklin Bramhill

***Received Mar. 1, 1989***

169 Locks Tree Crescent  
Hove BN3 6B9

**I/O Ref. 1WD/GM**

Feb. 25, 1989

Dear Mr. Ian,

Thank you for your letter with reference to Mr. Bramhill. I see that he died in 1938 aged 79. I cannot remember when he retired but I only knew him for a few years. I have no knowledge of his educational background or his social standing within the professional community.

He was an avid Lawn Bowler and I believe belonged to the Windlesham Club on Davigdor Road, Hove.

Sorry I cannot be much help.

Joan and I are very well and survive from the hazards of moving!!!

Yours sincerely  
Steve

15 Mitchell Way  
Woodley Berks  
23<sup>rd</sup> Feb. 1989

Dear Ian,

Thank you for your letter of the 20<sup>th</sup>. You certainly make me feel like the oldest inhabitant!

Yes, I certainly remember Mr. Bramhill. He was Managing Clerk when I joined the staff (as Office Boy) in October 1920.

He was a smallish man and I don't think he was very robust. He was a very likeable man, never unkind or aggressive. He was, I believe, concerned with the Probate and Conveyance side of the practise.

He was always very kind to we youngsters. We were a very happy company and got along together very well.

**Note: Name of the firm** - Griffith, Smith, Wade & Riley, Solicitors, Brighton

I remember that my duties as Office Boy included taking round tea in the afternoon and often he would call down to me in the Outer Office "Boy, fetch me a penny bun with no sugar". He never got anybody's name right and always called me "Miss Chivers".

I know he had a name for Bill Elliott, but I'm afraid I can't remember what it was.

I don't think I ever met Mrs. Bramhill, but I remember their daughter was married to Mr. Leslie Beresford who was I believe an author.

I knew he was fond of bowls because we sometimes played tennis next to the bowling greens in St. Anne's Well Gardens and we could hear his well known cough. Several times he took some of us youngsters to the café there and treated us to ice creams.

Yes, he was certainly a very likeable, kindly man, and very much liked by us all.

I hope this has given you some idea of him, and will help you to reply to Mr. Bain's letter.

Yes, thank you, my brother and I both keep well although we are not getting any younger!

Yours sincerely,  
Freda

*The following are the last Wills and Testaments of George and Ade.*

## **Last Will and Testament of George Franklin Bramhill**

Probated March 20, 1939



**GEORGE FRANKLIN BRAMHILL** of 17 Davigdor Road, Hove in the County of Sussex, Solicitor's Managing Clerk hereby revoke all my prior testamentary dispositions and declare this to be my Will which I make this Second day of January one thousand nine hundred and thirty three.

I appoint my wife **Ade Bramhill** to be sole Executrix of this my Will and in case she shall predecease me then I appoint Henry Obadiah Norman and William Elliott both of 47 Old Steyne, Brighton, Solicitors' Clerks Executors and Trustees of this my Will and for all the purposes of the Settled Land Acts and I declare that the expression of my Trustees or Trustee shall hereinafter be held to include my said Trustees or Trustee for the time being of this my Will I devise and bequeath to my wife Ade Bramhill all my estate both real and personal for own use and benefit

absolutely but should my said wife predecease me then I bequeath to each of them the said Henry Obadiah Norman and William Elliott the sum of ten pounds if he shall prove this my Will and act in the trusts hereof.

I devise and bequeath all the residue of my estate both real and personal unto my Trustees or Trustee Upon Trust to sell, get in and convert into money such part of my residuary estate as may be of a convertible nature with power to postpone such sale and conversion for such a period as they in their absolute discretion may deem expedient and after payment of my debts, funeral and testamentary expenses and all other payments thereout authorized by this my Will or any Codicil hereto to stand possessed of the proceeds of sale thereof and all the rest of my residuary estate and investments for the time being representing the same hereinafter referred to as my trust fund Upon the Trusts following that is to say:-

Upon Trust to pay or apply either the whole or such part or parts of income of my trust fund at such time or times as they in their absolute discretion shall think fit for or towards the maintenance or personal **benefit of my daughter Ruby Worthington Beresford.**

And I declare that until the death of the said Ruby Worthington Beresford or the expiration of twenty one years from the date of my death whichever event first happens any balance of the income derived from my trust fund shall, after providing for the payments to my said daughter, be accumulated in the way of compound interest by investing the same and the resulting income thereof from time to time in any of the investments in which my residuary estate is hereinafter authorised to be invested and shall add such accumulations to the capital of my trust fund.

And after the death of my said daughter my Trustees or Trustee shall hold both the capital and income of my trust **in trust for my granddaughter Pauline Beresford absolutely.**

I empower my Trustees or Trustee if requested in writing by my said daughter to do so but in their absolute discretion to raise out of the capital of my trust fund a sum not exceeding five hundred and advance it to my said daughter by way of loan free of interest for the purpose of purchasing a business for my said daughter and in her own name or for purchasing furniture for a home suitable for carrying on a small Private Hotel or Boarding House.

And I declare that my Trustees or Trustee shall not be liable to make good any loss (if any), which may occur in making such advance to my said daughter without any security. I direct my Trustees or Trustee to invest all moneys coming to the hands of my Trustees or Trustee by virtue of this my Will and not immediately distributable under the trusts hereof in the names or name or under the legal control of my Trustees or Trustee in any of the securities authorised for investment of Trust Funds.

In witness whereof I do hereunto set my hand to this and the two preceding sheets of paper on the date first above written

— . *Geo. F. Bramhill* — .

Signed by the Testator in the presence of us present at the same time and by us as witnesses in his sight and presence.

W. I B. Symons

Reginald C. Parsons

Clerks to Messrs. Griffith, Smith, Wade & Riley, Solicitors, Brighton

On the 20th day of March 1939  
Probate of this Will was granted at LEWES  
To Ade Bramhill

George Franklin Bramhill of 17 Davigdor Road, Hove, Sussex died on 29th October 1938.

# Last Will and Testament of Ade Bramhill

Probated January 15, 1948



ADE BRAMHILL of 17 Davigdor Road, Hove in the County of Sussex wife of George Franklin Bramhill of the same address hereby revoke all my prior testamentary dispositions and declare this to be my Will which I make this Second day of January One thousand nine hundred and thirty three.

I APPOINT my husband the said **GEORGE FRANKLIN BRAMHILL** to be SOLE EXECUTOR of this my Will and in case he shall predecease me then I appoint HENRY OBADIAN NORMAN and WILLIAM ELLIOTT both of 47 Old Steyne, Brighton, Solicitors' Clerk Executors and Trustees of this my Will, and for all the purposes of the Settled Land Acts, and I declare that the expression my Trustees or Trustee shall hereinafter be held to include my said Trustees and the survivors or survivor of them and other the Trustees or

Trustee for the time being of this my Will.

I DEVISE AND BEQUEATH to my said husband **George Franklin Bramhill** all my estate real and personal for his own use and benefit absolutely but should my said husband predecease me then I bequeath to each of them the said Henry Obadiah Norman and William Elliott the sum of Ten pounds if he shall prove this my Will and act in the trusts hereof.

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UPON TRUST to pay or apply either the whole or such part or parts of the income of my trust fund at such time or times as they in their absolute discretion shall think it fit or towards the maintenance or **personal benefit of my daughter Ruby Worthington Beresford.**

AND I DECLARE that until death of the said Ruby Worthington Beresford or the expiration of Twenty-one years from the date of my death whichever event first happens any balance of the income derived from my trust fund shall after providing for the payments to my said daughter be accumulated in the way of compound interest by investing the same and the resulting income thereof from time to time in any of the investments in which my residuary estate is hereinafter authorised to be invested and shall add such accumulations to the capital of my trust fund.

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IN WITNESS whereof I do hereunto set my hand to this and the two preceding sheets of paper on the date first above written

----- **Ade Bramhill** -----

Signed by the Testatrix in the presence of us present at the same time and by us as witnesses in his sight and presence.

**H. Robinson**                      24 Beaconsfield Villas, Brighton                      Gentleman

**J. Appleton**                      8 Chesham Street, Brighton                      Gentleman

On the 15th day of January 1948  
Probate of this Will was granted at LEWES  
To Ruby Worthington Beresford

Gross estate value 5296-8-3 pounds  
Net estate value 3607-7-10 pounds  
**Estate Duty and Interest 72-4-1 pounds**

Ade Bramhill, widow of 17 Davigdor Road, Hove, Sussex  
on the 3rd day of November 1947.

## Ruby Worthington Bramhill

Ruby Bramhill, born Jan. 22, 1891 in Southampton, Hampshire, England, was the only child born to George Franklin Bramhill and Ade Moore Worthington.

She went to St Winifred's School for Girls at Seaford, Sussex from about 1895-1910. Ruby played the concert harp (solo and orchestral harpist) and accompanied "Pavlova" (the world famous ballerina) in private salon performances in London [1910-1917].



Ruby learning to play the harp.

Ruby married Leslie Beresford in 1915. Leslie was a well-known fiction writer from 1910 to 1946. He died in 1946

Leslie Beresford was born Charles Beresford Painter in 1878. As a young man he spent several years in the British Army posted in India. After his return to England he became interested in writing. He assumed the name Leslie Beresford in 1910 as an author.

By 1912 he became a very successful author of fiction novels. Three of his books were made into silent movies in the United States.

[While Paris Sleeps](#) (1923) (story The Glory of Love)

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Their first daughter, Fiona, was born in 1914 but died in 1917 of the Spanish Flu at the age of 3 years old. Ruby became very distraught and thereafter lived a very party oriented or loose life-style. Ruby and Leslie lived in hotels for the rest of their lives.

Both Ruby and Leslie were heavy smokers! In the 1930's Leslie was in hospital for pneumonia and had checked himself out early. In the early 40's Leslie was told that a dark spot had shown up on an x-ray of his chest. He did nothing about it. Then Leslie discovered a sausage shaped lump on his chest near his heart. He didn't know what to make of it. He went to the doctors and was put in Dorking Hospital. My Mum (Pauline) told me that one day she and Ruby were sitting around the fire and her mum, Ruby, handed her a note stating that the doctors had told Leslie he only had three months to live. Leslie died in 1946.

Ruby died in October 1951.

# Miss Ruby Bramhill,

----- HARPIST. -----

**Engagements for**  
Concerts, At Homes,  
Church Services, etc.

## **CONCERTS ARRANGED. A FEW PUPILS TAKEN.**

Specially recommended by Mr. Joseph SAINTON (late Musical Director of the Brighton Municipal Orchestra) either as a HARP SOLOIST or for ORCHESTRAL WORK for Classical Concerts or otherwise.

## **A FEW PRESS OPINIONS**

### **" THE BRIGHTON HERALD."**

"The harp solos of Miss Ruby Bramhill (of the Municipal Orchestra) were received with great enthusiasm. Her exquisite touch and brilliant execution were displayed advantageously in Hassellman's stirring 'Patrol March' and the charming 'Sweet Memories.' As an encore she played 'Home, Sweet Home.'"

" More emphatically still did they encore the exquisite harp playing of Miss Ruby Bramhill, so empathically that they started applauding long before she finished playing. Altogether it was 'a jewel of a night.'"

" Miss Ruby Bramhill delighted the audience with an exhibition of her skilful, artistic playing in a 'Fantasia' by Saint-Saens. A muted passage, to rippling accompaniment in the high treble, was most engaging."

### **" BRIGHTON & HOVE SOCIETY."**

" A large and fashionable audience crowded the banqueting room of Hove Town Hall on Monday afternoon, much enjoyed the recital given by the gifted young harpist, Miss Ruby Bramhill. The atmosphere of old-world grace and simplicity that surrounds the harp was manifest on this occasion, and on the strings the young performer produced a golden tone. Her command over the instrument she leaves is indisputable; she seems to have mastered every phase of interpretative art and with easy elegance makes the harp sing, her low notes having a really magic beauty."

**“ SUSSEX DAILY NEWS.”**

" Miss Ruby Bramhill followed with a harp solo, Granville Bantock's 'Sapphic Dance,' and invested it with such grace, refinement, and charming shades of expression that she was enthusiastically encored. And even then she was honoured with another recall."

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" Miss Ruby Bramhill opened the enjoyable recital with two soles - Granville Bantock's 'Sapphic Dance' and Zabels ' Schone Errinerung' - in which she achieved complete success by her brilliant execution exquisite shades of graceful expression. Miss Bramhill contributed no fewer than five more solos to the programme, and the versatile and highly accomplished harpist, who was enthusiastically applauded, was superbly effective in John Thomas's 'Autumn' and Oberthur's 'The Nun's Prayer.'"

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" Miss Ruby Bramhill (Silver Medalist) evoked the heartiest of applause with the brilliancy and superb delicacy which characterized her splendid performance of Saint-Saens' harp 'Fantasia.' The solo was one of the gems of the evening."

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The combination of the harp, violin, and organ, is capable of interpreting music with the maximum of emotional eloquence, and Mr. Frederick Pickard with the bow, Miss Ruby Bramhill as harpist, and Mr. Josef Parkyn at the organ realized the highest possibilities their pieces afforded. The selections they treated embraced 'Andante Religioso' and 'Romance.' In response to repeated calls Miss Bramhill appeared alone, and for ten minutes she treated her admirers to a flow of music which seemed illimitable in its power and beauty. As she ran her fingers over the strings there poured forth, as though the instrument were the source from which sprang a never ceasing rill of scintillating sounds, most exquisite melodies.

**“THE DUNFERMLINE PRESS.”**

" Miss Ruby Bramhill, late solo harpist of the Brighton Municipal Orchestra is a young player with the accomplishments of the most experienced. In her hands the harp seemed a living thing, capable of expressing every emotion. Her performance was a musical treat of a kind which might stand repetition at some future date."

**“PERTHSHIRE COURIER.”**

" For many a long year such an instrument as a harp has never been heard at any of our great concerts, but Miss Ruby Bramhill in the latter half of her performance contributed harp solo 'Autumn' (Thomas), and so delighted her hearers with her skilful handling of a difficult instrument that she had to respond to a recall."

**“FORFAR ADVERTISER.”**

" A very impressive special was a harp solo by Miss Ruby Bramhill, which, we are sure, was a revelation to many of the wondrous beauties of harp music. There was a very noticeable straining of attention while this item was being rendered, and an encore was inevitable."

**“DUNDEE ADVERTISER.”**

" Miss Ruby Bramhill contributed a novelty to Forfar audiences in the shape of a harp solo, for which she was enthusiastically recalled,"

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" Miss Ruby Bramhill was solo harpist, and won high encomiums for her brilliant work."

For Terms apply Messrs. LYON & HALL, East Street, Brighton  
Messrs. POTTS & CO., North Street, Brighton; or  
Miss Ruby Bramhill, 4 Broad Street, Brighton.



Miss Ruby Bramhill  
Solo and Orchestral Harpist

## **Leslie Beresford**

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Leslie Beresford  
(Press photo)



An extract from an article by Champion editor at Amalgamated Press Ltd. (back in the early 1920s) F. Addington Symonds, who wrote in the Collectors' Digest, no.7 July 1947:

### **Leslie Beresford**

A keen, serious minded man, who listened very attentively to the Editor's remarks when discussing stories and gave the impression that he regarded his commissions as matters of great importance to be carried out with meticulous care. Turned in his stuff regularly and efficiently and was very easy to work with. A man with ideas, which frequently bubbled over and had to be sorted out. His best story for 'The Champion' was 'The War Of Revenge'.

.....  
'The War Of Revenge' was later known by the title of 'The Invasion of the IRON-CLAD ARMY ! Gripping Yarn of Warn Thrills in 1962 by Leslie Beresford. Published by The Boys' Friend Library No. 132 New Series 29/ 2 / 28.

## ***Pauline Fiona Ruby Beresford***

Pauline Fiona Ruby Beresford was born Oct 15, 1920 in Kensington, London, England.

Pauline had whooping cough as a child and galloping consumption. She had Tuberculosis of the Kidney - the kidney was removed in 1963-64.

Pauline married Thomas Welsh Bain. Thomas was born on Jan. 1, 1914 in Woodside Cottage, Galashiels, Selkirkshire, Scotland.



The children of Pauline Beresford and Thomas Bain were;

1. **Susan Ann Cook Beresford Bain** – born May 14, 1945 in Kensington, London, England.
2. **Douglas Stanley Bain** – born June 27, 1952 in Twickenham, Middlesex, London, England. Douglas did not marry.
3. **Andrew Thomas Bain** – born in Toronto, York, Ontario, Canada. Andrew married Yuko Watanabe and they had one child - Momo Pauline Bain.
4. **Scott Leslie Bain** – born in Pickering, Durham, Ontario, Canada. Scott did not marry.

Thomas Bain died on Jun. 16, 1990 in Oshawa, Durham, Ontario, Canada. Pauline died on April 13, 1993 in Toronto, York, Ontario, Canada.

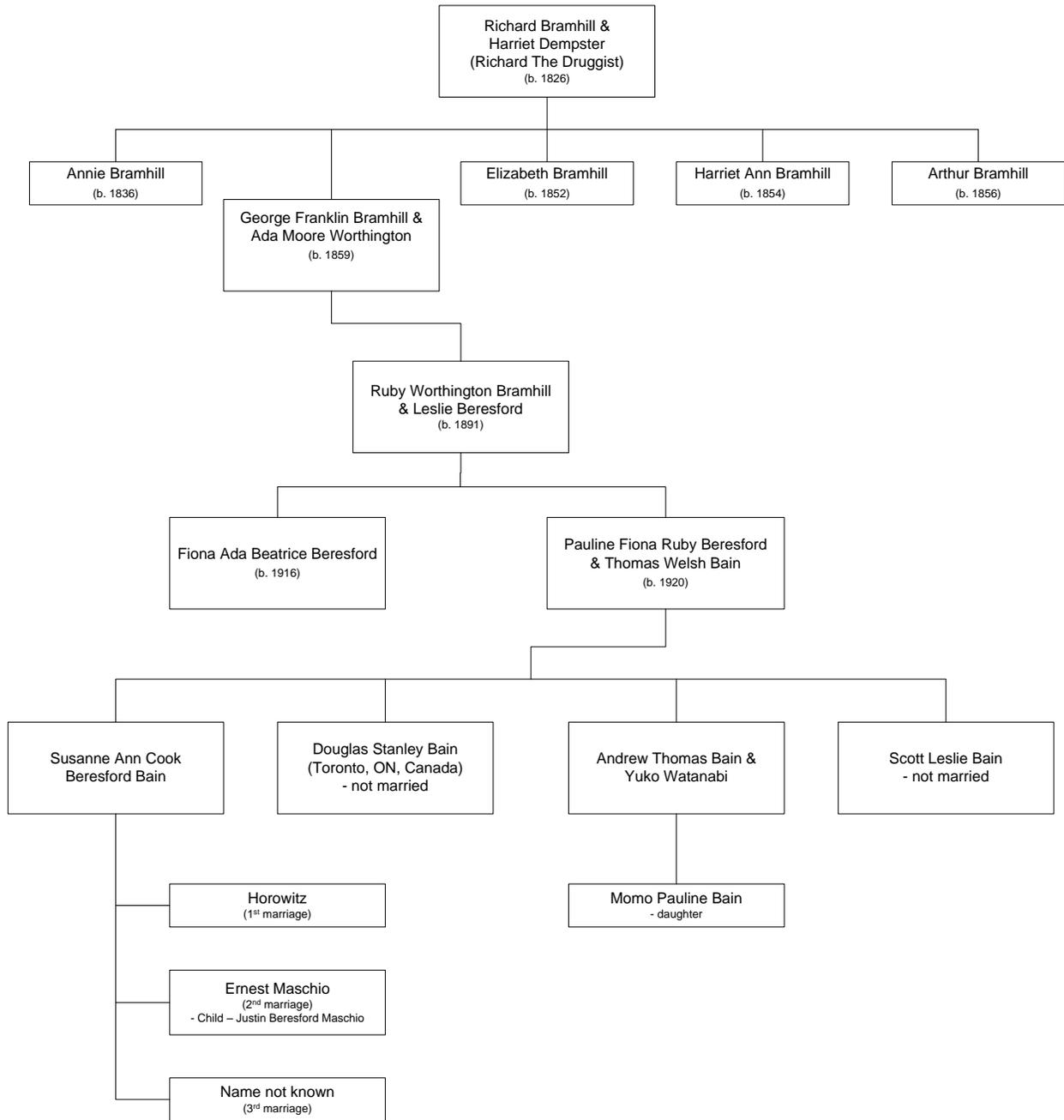


Pauline with her dog



Pauline and her daughter Susan  
(need to confirm that this is Susan)

# Family Line Chart – Richard Bramhill to Douglas Bain



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