

Sarratt Bottom Between the Wars

Betty Alma R Healing nee Simmonds

- Born 11 November 1923 – lived in Sarratt Bottom
- Parents
 - Gertrude May Odd
 - Alfred Thomas Simmonds
- Brother – Derek T Simmonds born 21 June 1929
- Education
 - Chenies primary school
 - heads Mr and Mrs Life
 - White Hill School for Girls Chesham
- Moved to Chipperfield in 1937
 - Alander, New Road, Tower Hill



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- Married James Healing in 1946
- Living at home in Chipperfield in 1939
- Occupation in 1939 – Numbering Machine - Duplicate Books, Trade Printers
- Died in 2001

Alfred Thomas Simmonds (father)

- Born 7 April 1894/1899 (conflicting sources), school Chenies
- Married Gertrude May Odd in 1922 – Chenies Parish Church
- Occupation – Painter and Decorator (1939 source)
- Occupation – Builders Labourer, H Neal Builder, Pinner Road Northwood (1921 census)
- Occupation – Bakers Assistant, Chenies (1911 census)

Gertrude May Odd – (Mother)

- Born 18 November 1898
- Married Alfred Simmonds 1922
- Occupation
 - Clark Ministry of Pensions Regents Park (prior to marriage 1921 Census)
 - Domestic in Loudwater when building trade slumped 1930s

Alfred Simmonds – Paternal Grandfather

- Born in 1866 in Buckinghamshire, school in Chenies
- Married Annie Margaret Elizabeth Norris (1892)
- Children – Alfred Thomas (1894), Edith Mary (home duties), Frederick John (builders Labourer) Corina Ethel (shop asst. S J Glasgow Boot Retailer) Charles Arthur, Bedford Arms, W Simmonds and Robert Simonds (8 in all)
- Occupation – Coachman, H Goodman Bedford Arms Hotel [and Lady Blandford]

Elizabeth Westell – Maternal Grandmother

- Proprietor/Licensee of the Red Lion Pub (and tea rooms)
- Second Marriage – Mr Westell

Other Characters from Betty's Memories - 1990

Smiths – Lived in the old Coach and Horses Pub (called Cart House in census), had gas and gas stove

James Corfield Smith (smallholder and publican), Elizabeth Smith, Constance Smith

Mr Saunders – Valley Farm, Daniel John (1857) and son, Percival Arthur (1889), and grandson Harold Percival (1916)

Great Grandma in Chenies and two daughters

Mr and Mrs Life – Head and Teacher at Chenies School

Other “older” children in the valley – 8 boys and 2 girls

Mr Tyler and his men at the water cress farm

5 cottages at the bottom of the Park by the white bridge – elderly lady served cups of tea, shed where cobbler did shoe repairs

Freeman family at the bottom of Dawes Lane – Noreen playmate, afternoon tea served by new residents

“Si” lived in a hut with his pig stys half way up Dawes Lane

“Brummy Young – Park Cottages

“Ships” lived at the Water works cottage, girls Betty and Jean

Miss Margaret Clutterbuck – who distributed gifts to valley families on Boxing Day

Mr Higgs from Rose Hall Farm

Mr Walter Stockely with whom they moved to Chipperfield

Arthur Freeman threshing at Bucks Hill in the 1950s

