Reginald Hugh REISS



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[2 Kings 4:26]

Born: 27 June 1876 Died: 7 September 1880

Aged 4 years



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the dearly loved child of
FRITZ & EDITH MABELLA
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This a weathered piece of stone, rough hewn at the base, with its face smoothly cut, bearing the inscription above. It clearly marks the burial site of a single person, a young boy aged 4 years. Neither his parents or any other member of the family were buried there. So, who was he? Who were his parents? And where did the family live?

The baptism record shows that **Reginald Hugh** was baptised at St. Luke, Weaste, on 5 August **1876** and that the family lived in that area. His baptism was conducted by Robert Birley, Rector of St. Philip's, Hulme.

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His burial took place at St. Mark's on 11 September 1880 and the service was again conducted by Robert Birley.

Reginald Hugh Reiss Pendleton Tept 11th guns. Rector of Straling.

The **1871** census shows that the family was living at that time at Park Field, Eccles Old Road. **Fritz** Reiss was the head of the household, aged 29, and he was born in Frankfurt. By this time, he was a British Subject. He was recorded as a Merchant. His wife was **Edith**, aged 22, born Manchester. They had a daughter, Mabella F., aged 1 year and a son, E. F. I., aged 1 month. Also at that address were 6 domestic servants.

Ten years earlier, in **1861**, **Fritz**, aged 19, and already a Merchant, was living with his siblings Emil Reiss, 25, a General Merchant, (also born Frankfurt), his wife Fanny, 23, born Manchester, all living at Fairleigh House, Hope, Pendleton.

1868: Paul Friedrich Emil Reiss married Edith Mabella Birley at Chorlton on 4 November 1868.

Mabella Fanny Reiss was baptised at St. Mary, Eccles, on 31 January **1870**. The home address was Park Field, Eccles, and the ceremony was performed by Robert Birley.

Alexander Emil Jacques Reiss was baptised at St. Luke, Weaste, on 20 May **1871.** The address was Eccles Old Road and the father was a Merchant. The minister was Robert Birley.

Charles Julius Reiss, born 7 September 1873, baptised at St. John the Evangelist, Pendlebury. Their address was Endsley, Pendlebury, and the minister was Robert Birley.

Reginald Hugh was born on 27 June **1876. R.I.P.**

Frida Pauline Reiss was baptised at St. Luke, Weaste, on 22 March 1882. The family was then at Weaste Lodge.

By **1891**, the family was still residing in Pendleton, at 14 Weaste Lane. **Fritz** was 49, a Merchant; **Edith** was 42; Mabel was 21; Alex (Merchant) was 20; Charles was 17 (Scholar); Frida was 9. Also at the house were 3 visitors - and 12 servants, including a coachman and a groom.

In the **1901** census, the family was now living at 42 Pont Street, Chelsea. Fritz was 59; Edith was 52; Mabella was 31; Frida was 19; and there were 11 domestics. **Fritz** was a General Merchant.

The **1911** census shows: 42 Pont Street, S.W. (20 rooms).

Fritz Reiss Head M 69 Merchant (Diamond)

Edith Wife M 62 (married 42 years; 5 children - 1 died)

Mabella F. Daur. S 41 Elizabeth Reiss G'daur. 4

+ 12 domestics.

REISS Edith Mabella of 204 Cromwell-road Kensington Middlesex (wife of Fritz Reiss) died 29 April 1925 Probate London 16 July to Alexander Emil Jacques Reiss retired lieutenant-colonel C.B.E. and Charles Julius Reiss merchant C.B.E. Effects £42188 5s. 11d. Resworn £42416 19s. 3d.

REISS Friedrich of 204 Cromwell-road Earls Court Middlesex died 31 October 1926 Probate London 13 December to Alexander Emil Jacques Reiss lieutenant-colonel R.A.F. Effects £7449 10s. 1d.

So who was Edith Mabella? And why was Robert Birley so involved in the ceremonies?

Edith Mabella Birley was born on 8 July **1848** and was baptised at St. James, Didsbury, on 16 August **1848**. Daughter of Hugh Hornby Birley and Mabella Baxendale.

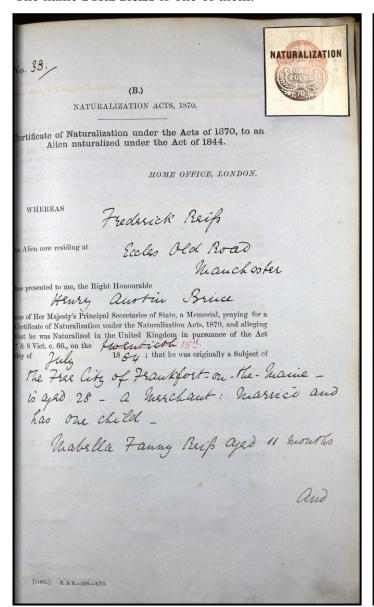
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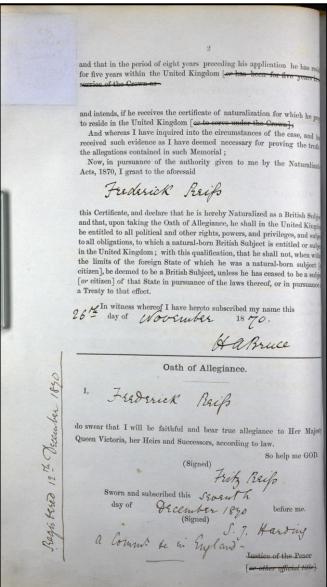
Paul Friedrich Emil Reiss was born in Frankfurt am Main, Germany, on 24 July 1841.

In a newspaper article on Thursday 13 May 1915, the following announcement appeared:

The following British citizens of German or Austrian extraction have now written affirming their allegiance to England and their abhorrence of our enemy ...

The name **Fritz Reiss** is one of them.





Robert Birley was born on 1 November **1825** (died 17 December 1897) and was educated at Balliol College, Oxford. He gained his M.A. there in **1852** and was ordained priest by the Bishop of Lincoln in **1852**. He was the brother of Edith's father, Hugh, of Didsbury, and therefore her uncle.

Robert Birley- Balliol College, Oxford. BA 1847; MA 1852; d. 1850; p. 1852. Rector of St. Philip, Hulme, 1860 - 1898+; b. 1 Nov 1825; d. 17 Dec. 1897; Father Joseph Birley, D.L., J.P. Mother Jane Hornby.

Hugh (Hornby) Birley married Mabella Baxendale on 7 July 1842 at St. Mary, Finchley, by special licence. Son of Joseph Birley. Of Didsbury, near Manchester.

The deceased Thomas Hornby Birley was born on the 11th of May, 1815. being the second son the late Mr. Joseph Birley, of Ford Bank, Didsbury, who was a deputy-lieutenant of the county. He was one of eight sons, and the only surviving brothers now are the Rev. Canon Birley, Rector of St. Philip's, Hulme; the Rev. Alfred Birley, Vicar of Bolton-le-Sands, near Lancaster; Mr. Herbert Birley, the respected chairman of the Manchester School Board, and also of Salford School Board; Mr. Henry Birley, and Mr. Arthur Birley.

