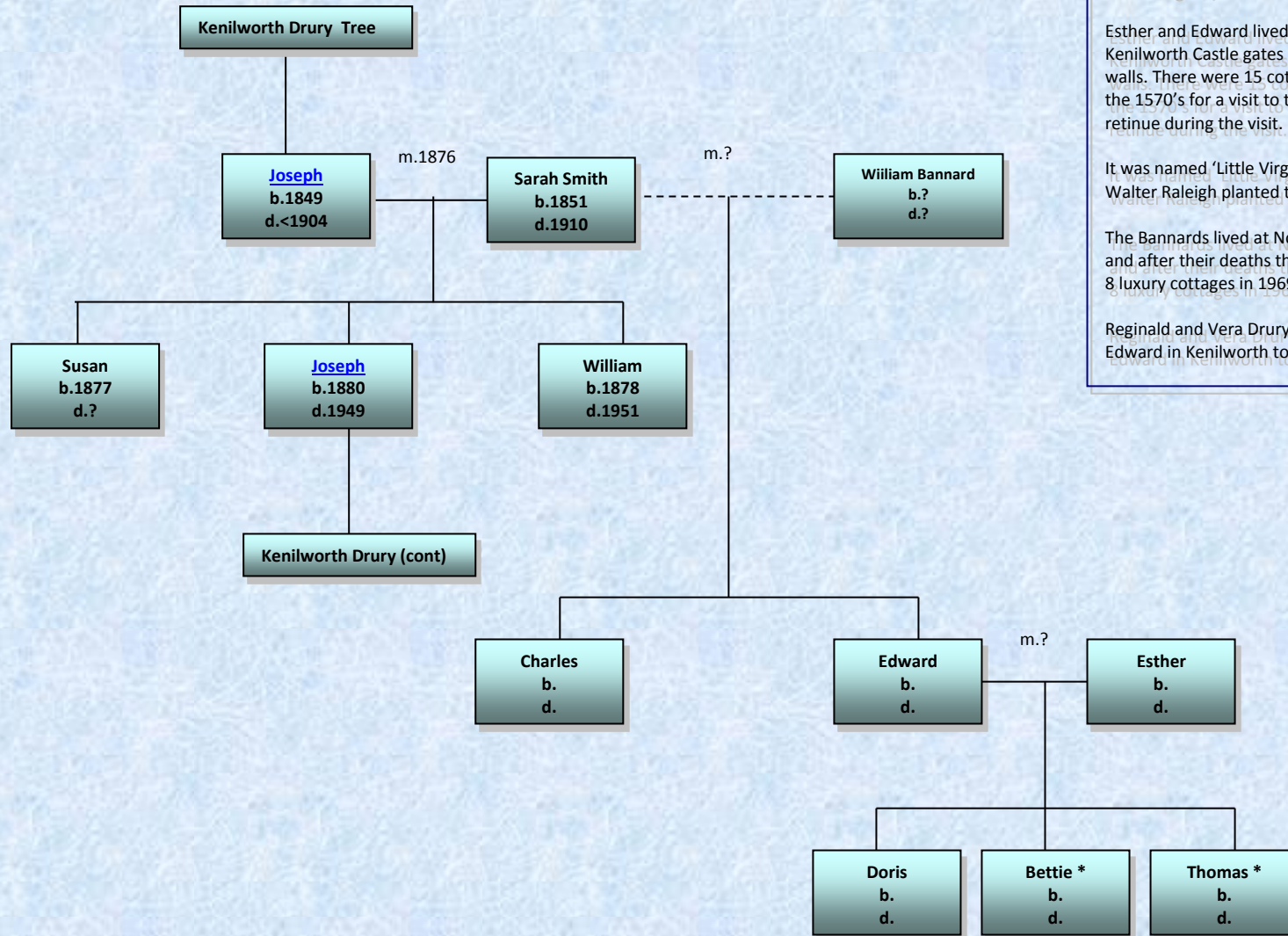


The Link to the Bannard Family Tree



Little Virginia, Kenilworth

Esther and Edward lived in Little Virginia which was a set of cottages opposite the Kenilworth Castle gates and thought to have been originally inside the Castle outer walls. There were 15 cottages in a group and they are believed to have been built in the 1570's for a visit to the Castle by Queen Elizabeth I in order to house some of her retinue during the visit.

It was named 'Little Virginia', so the story goes, because it was the site where Sir Walter Raleigh planted the first potatoes on his return from America.

The Bannards lived at No.6 (later to be known as 15 Castle Hill) all their married life and after their deaths the cottages were sold to a developer who converted them into 8 luxury cottages in 1969.

Reginald and Vera Drury spent some of the World War II years living with Esther and Edward in Kenilworth to avoid the Coventry bombings.

* Died as infants