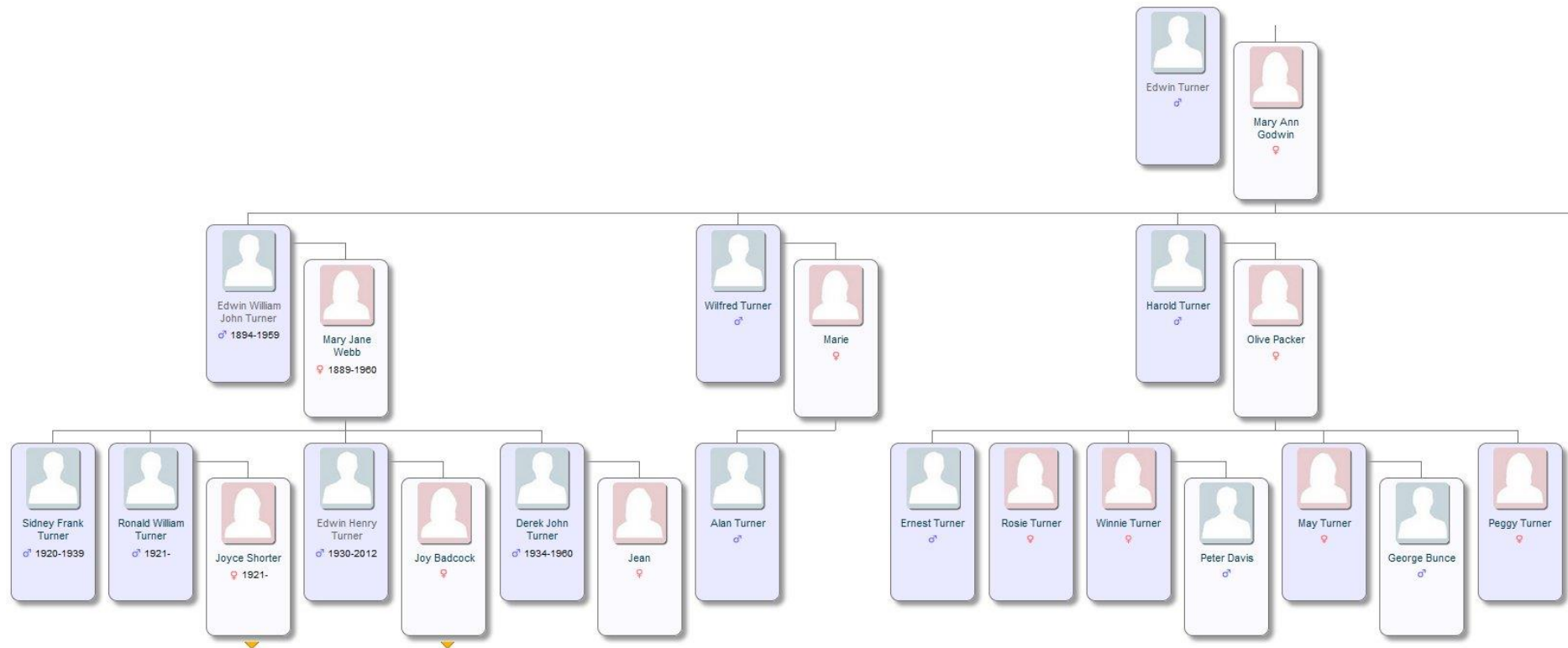
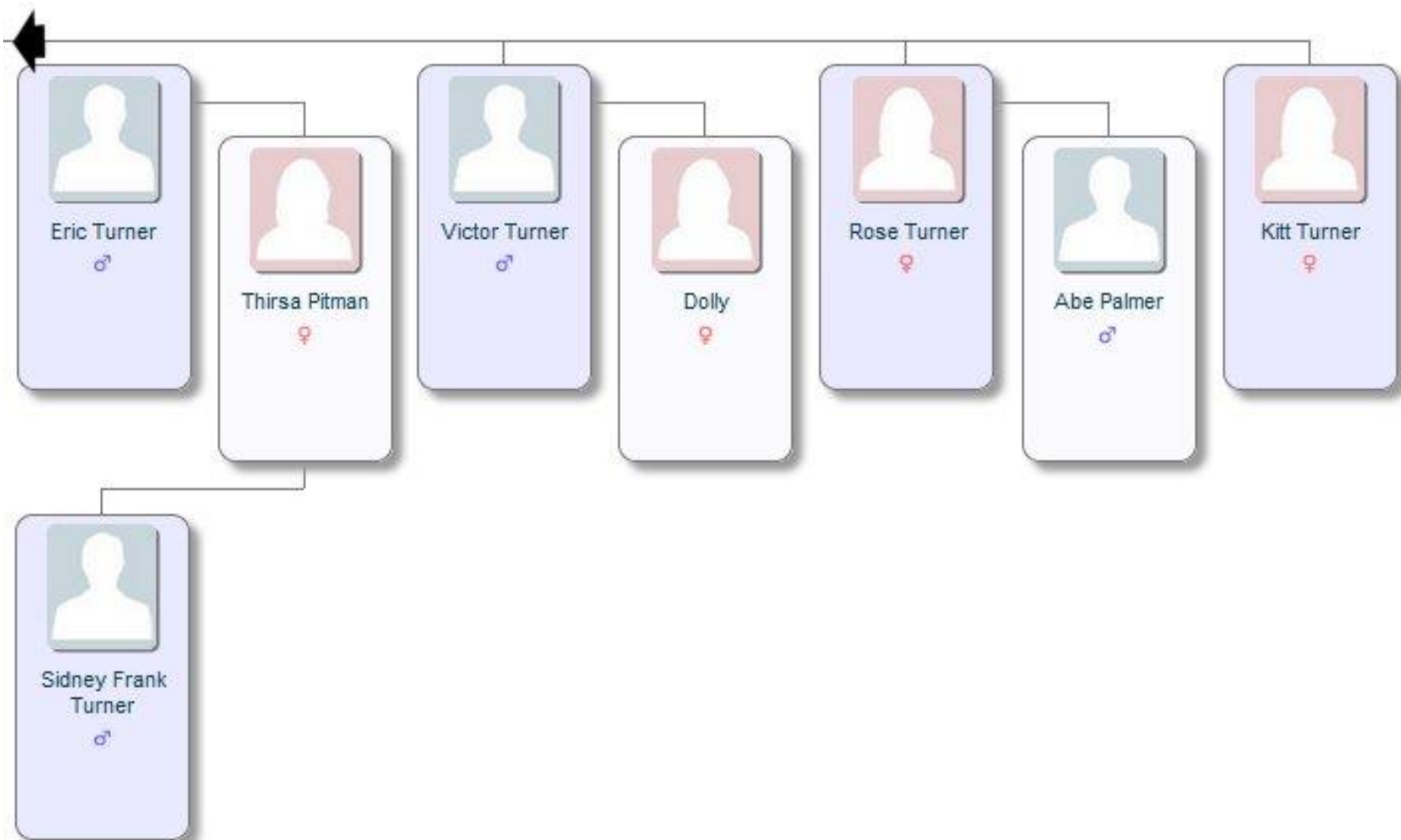


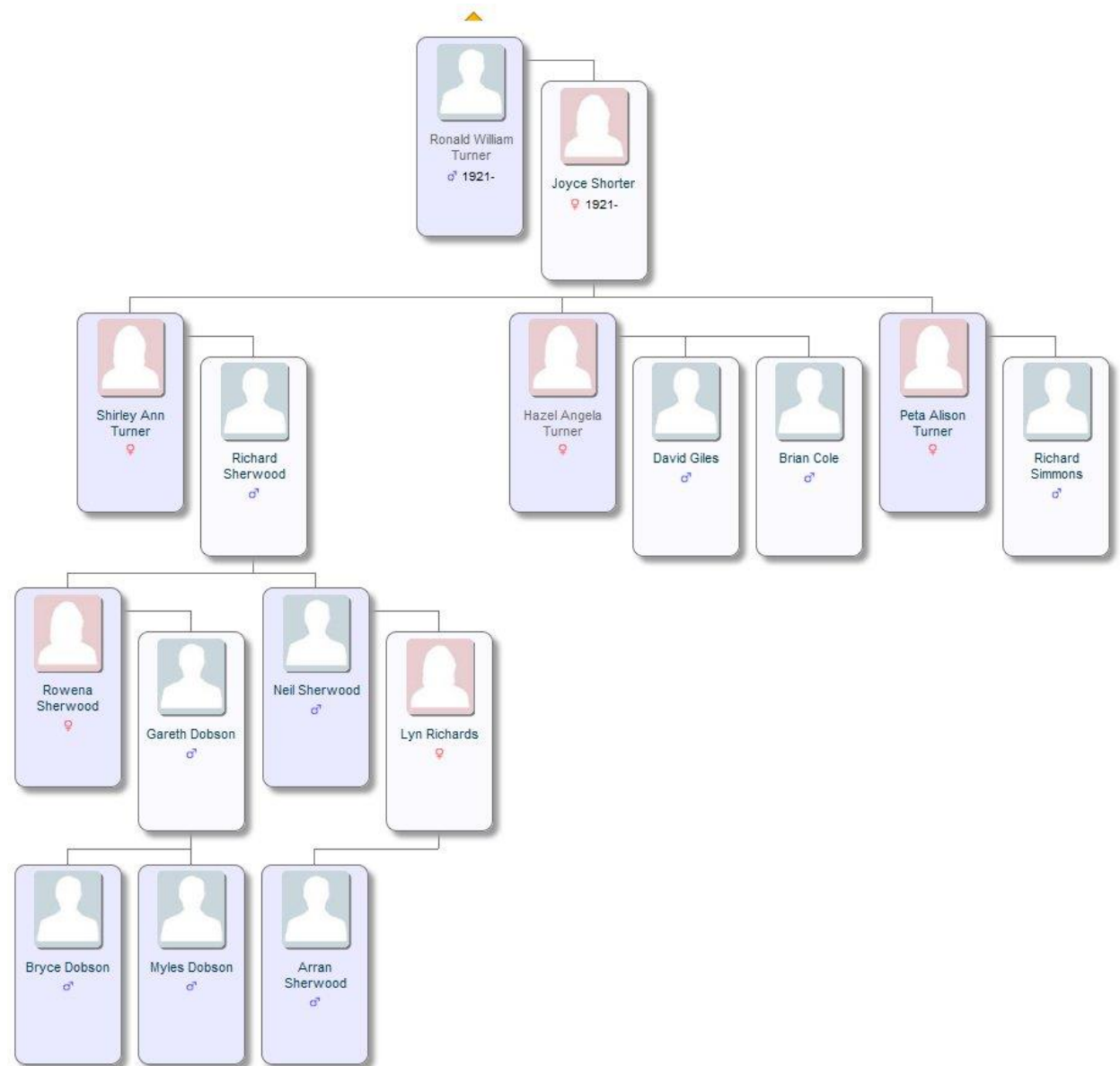
## Turner family

Edwin William John Turner, born 1894 and son of Edwin Turner and Mary Ann Godwin, married Mary Jane Webb. He was a cycle maker/agent in Forest Hill in the 1920s-1930, but in 1934 and 1942 it is known that he was a garage proprietor living in and trading from several sites, one west of the Kings Arms in London Road and another on the south side of Old London Road, see next paragraph. He died in 1959.





Ronald William Turner, the second son of Edwin William John Turner, ran another garage called The Firs, on the corner of Church Road and Holloway, opposite the Lockup - this fronted Holloway Road where he had a petrol pump and he lived in one of the two dwellings created from Morland Lodge.<sup>1</sup> The family also owned Brookside Motors on the Old London Road.<sup>2</sup> On his father's death (and as his elder brother had been killed in a motorcycle accident), he took over the various businesses. In the 1950s, Brookside Motors was moved to the north side of London Road, adjacent to the Last Chance Cafe, closing the business on Old London Road.<sup>3</sup>



<sup>1</sup> See record 696.

<sup>2</sup> See record 1566.

<sup>3</sup> See records 911 and 1557.

This photo of Turner's Motors, London Road, was built in the 1930s before the Second World War.<sup>4</sup> The premises were later taken over by Highfield Motors.



Visit from the Bentley Owners Club in the mid-1930s

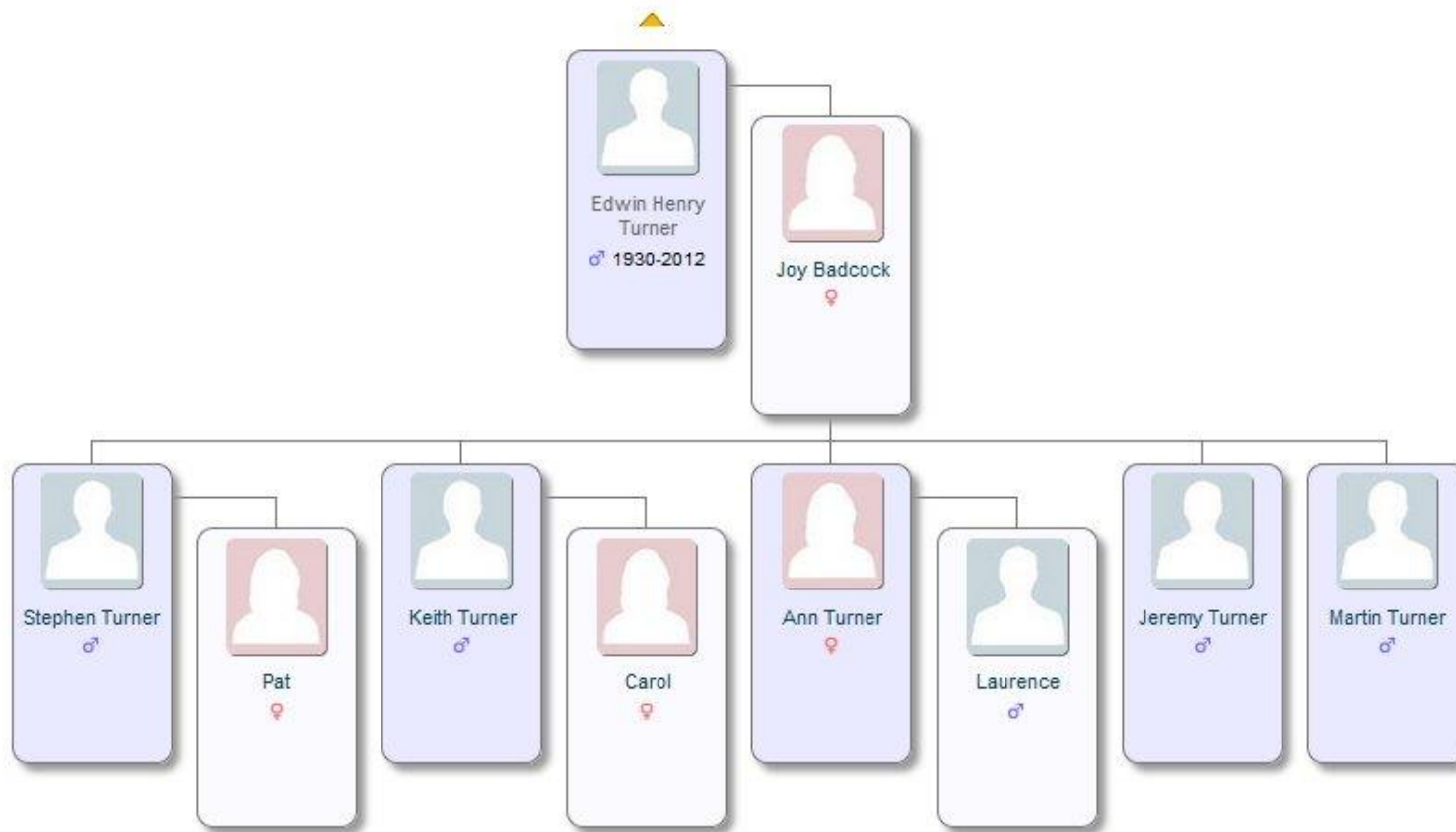


Turner's taxi service



<sup>4</sup> See record 1564.

Edwin Henry Turner, the third son of Edwin William John Turner' was born 13 March 1930 in Forest Hill and married Joy Badcock . In 1953, he was a shop manager and lived at The Cottage, Blenheim Lane. By 1955, he was a cycle dealer and the business may have started at 91 Church Road, part of the Turner's Motors site, see record 731) and he was then living at Park End (this may have been the last house in Park Hill, number 25, previously known as The Lodge and lived in by William Avery, see record 2497). Edwin Henry, by then known as Ted Turner, took on the radio and bicycle side of the business, which was run from his premises in the High Street, see record 1171. By 1960, he was then living at 'Windward', Church Road - location not known.





Ted lived in Wheatley from an early age having been born in Forest Hill. He attended school in Wheatley and, after serving as a Boy Scout and Army Cadet, and spending time helping his father who ran the garage Turner's of Wheatley on London Road, later to become Highfield Motors. After his National Service in the Royal Engineers teaching people to drive trucks and marriage to Joy at St Mary's in 1951, they set up shop in 1953 in the building next to the Merry Bells, no. 87 High Street, previously the premises of Charles Sheldon, coal merchant, which had been developed in 1937.

It was more of an emporium than a mere shop, meeting the needs of the village for a very wide range of goods and services including bikes and mopeds and their repair, electrical goods of all kinds including, from their introduction, TV and videos, fishing tackle (with the necessary licences), hardware (he would sell you a single screw), toys, stationery and cards, shoe repairs, etc. Ted and Joy, with the help of their growing family (they had five children) provided a happy, friendly service to the village; ready to help find what you were looking for, or to obtain it if not in stock. In other words 'to fix it' for you.

Ted was also a keen member of the British Legion.





65 Church Road was built by the Bates family c. 1930-1932. The front room became Bates cycle shop. It later became a lady's hairdresser run by Stanley Underwood. In the 1960s, Mrs Joy Turner had a toy and haberdashery shop in the front room, but also sold plants. Now a private house, she lived here until her death in 2020.

