

## ***Ruth Chowns and Family – a Timeline***

- 18 Feb 1817 Dinah Philbey born in Buckinghamshire, daughter of William Philbey and Sarah London.
- 13 Jul 1836 Dinah marries Thomas Collyer
- 1837 Daughter Ann Collyer born
- 11 Aug 1838 Thomas Collyer dies
- 1 Mar 1840 Dinah marries William Chowns
- 1841 – 1862 Dinah and William have 10 children
- 1843 Thomas Henry Chowns born.
- 1856 Ruth Chowns born
- 1869 Thomas Henry Chowns emigrates to Louisiana
- Apr 1881 Ruth living with parents and siblings in Ivinghoe
- 29 Sep 1873 Mareta Chowns born, in Ivinghoe, to Ruth Chowns, unmarried.
- 17 Dec 1880 Florrie Chowns born, in Pitstone, to Ruth Chowns, unmarried.
- Apr 1881 Ruth, with her daughters, living with her parents in Ivinghoe
- 8 Oct 1883 Thomas, in USA, marries Mareta Rachel Horton. Thomas dies in 1913.  
A curious coincidence that Thomas should find a bride with the same, rather uncommon, name as his niece. However, it could be that Mareta Chowns may have preferred the name 'Marietta'. Mareta is given as the name on the birth registration.
- 31 Jul 1887 Ruth marries Samuel Adams (born 1857 in Northamptonshire) at St Pancras Old Church, Camden, Middlesex.  
It is worth noting that, according to the marriage record, both Samuel and Ruth were living at the same address in Camden. (Why Camden? It is nowhere near any of their other residences.
- 4 Oct 1888 Sabina Adams born, in Kentish Town, to Ruth and Samuel  
Camden, Kentish Town and various other places all came under the registration district of 'Pancra', later 'St Pancras'.
- Apr 1891 Ruth and Samuel are in Watford with Sabina and Florrie (listed as Flora Adams on the census)
- 1894 Sybil Chowns born in Bletchley, to Mareta Chowns, unmarried
- June 1895 Bertha Adams is born in Watford to Ruth and Samuel
- 20 Jan 1898 William Chowns dies
- Apr 1901 Ruth and Samuel at Sutton Road, Watford, with Sabina, Bertha and Sybil Adams

- Apr 1901 Marietta Adams is a servant at the Parley family home in Willesden
- Apr 1901 Florrie Adams is a servant at the Wheelwright home in Watford
- 11 Mar 1911 Sabina marries Robert Gaskell Woods in Watford
- Apr 1911 Ruth and Samuel are still at Sutton Road, Watford, with Bertha and Sybil Chowns.
- Sep 1914 Marietta C Adams marries Herbert T Stent, recorded at Willesden
- 1918 Bertha marries Edmund R McEniry, recorded at Willesden
- Sep 1923 Sybil Adams marries Cyril L Brown, recorded at Willesden
- 24 Fe 1928 Samuel Adams dies
- 18 May 1935 Ruth (Chowns) Adams dies.

The Kirsty Waller tree has Ruth dying in Stanmore, New South Wales, Australia 26 July 1921. This is certainly the wrong place and wrong date. Other family trees suggest Stanmore, Bucks UK, but keep the 1921 date. This date comes from Sabina (Adams) Woods Birthday Book – her daughter should have an accurate date for her mother's death.