file:Thomases

This is to show the lineage of my Margaret Thomas, born 1885, grandmother of Ashley, Stephen and Amanda Cooper
Her father is Thomas Thomas and her mother Eliza Massey -see separate sheet for the Masseys
Thomas's mother is Ann. I haven't been able to trace her father yet
Direct ancestors are shown in bold.

		Census of 1871					Census of 1881					Census of 1891					Census of 1901				
Person		**Age**	**Relation**	**Condition**	**Occupn**	**Born**	**Age**	**Relation**	**Condition**	**Occupn**	**Born**	**Age**	**Relation**	**Condition**	**Occupn**	**Born**	**Age**	**Relation**	**Condition**	**Occupn**	**Born**
Thomas	**Thomas**	**30**	**head**	**Widower**	**Gas Engr**	**Northwich**	**40**	**head**	**Widower**	**Manager**	**Northwich**	**49**	**head**	**married**	**Manager**	**Northwich**	**59**	**head**	**married**	**Manager**	**Northwich**
Frederick	Thomas	5	son		scholar	Northwich	15	son		painter	Northwich	25	son	single	Gas fitter	Northwich		presumably moved out?			
William	Thomas	4	son		scholar	Northwich															
Ann	**Thomas**	**77**	**mother**	**Widow**	**Hsekeeper**	**Ch Minshull**															
George	Thomas	2	son			Northwich	12	son		scholar	Northwich										
Sarah J	Thomas						7	daughter		scholar	Knutsford	17	daughter	single	dressmake	Knutsford					
Emma	Foden						36			servant	Bostock Gn										
Eliza J	**Thomas**											**30**	**wife**	**married**		**Knutsford**	**40**	**wife**	**married**		**Knutsford**
Margaret	**Thomas**											**6**	**daughter**		**scholar**	**Knutsford**	**16**	**daughter**		**dressmake**	**Knutsford**
Albert	Thomas											4	son		scholar	Knutsford	a death is recorded for Albert Thomas b 1887 in Jan 1893				
Emily	Thomas											1	daughter			Knutsford	a death is recorded for Emily Thomas b 1889 in Oct 1892				
Lucy	Thomas																7	daughter			Knutsford
Amy	Thomas																3	daughter			Knutsford
Harold	Thomas																2	son			Knutsford
Rebecca	Corbishley																19	servant			Knutsford

Notes on the above:

1. We find our grandmother, Margaret Thomas, b 1885 in the 1891 census, daughter of Thomas Thomas and his wife Eliza Jane (Massey). Their marriage was April 1881 at Altrincham.
   Eliza was born Oct 1860 (see separate sheet for the Masseys)
   In the 1871 census Eliza is 10, living with her widowed father Francis (48) a gardener, brothers Charles (12), James (7) and Frederick (4) and sisters Margaret and Ellen (both 8,twins?)
   In 1881, the year she got married, they are still at Heathside, Knutsford
   In the 1841 census for Knutsford, Francis Massey is 13 and living with his father Joseph (aged 45) and mother Esther (also 45).

2. Margaret was soon followed by Albert and Emily, both of whom died young, then Lucy and Amy both of whom I can remember meeting.

3. Mum mentions Margaret having to younger brothers Norman and an unnamed one who committed suicide before WWII
   Norman married a girl called Lily.

4. Let's now go back to the 1871 census. Thomas is then a widower aged 30 with three sons, Frederick, William and George
   Frederick appears in the census up and including 1891 when he is 25 - he may well have moved out thereafter
   in the 1881 census he is listed as Frederick H. I can find a Frederick b Northwich July 1865
   William is not mentioned again after the 1871 census so presumably died before 1881, ie before he was 14
   George is there in the 1881 census but not 1891 (when he would have been 22) he may already have moved out
   in the 1881 census he is listed as George E
   In an 1874 street guide for Knutsford, Thomas Thomas is at Gas House, Gas Street, Knutsford and is manager of the Water and Gas Works

5. In 1881, Thomas is listed with a 7 year old daughter Sarah J who is also there in 1891 but not 1901-by which time she may have moved out
   Curiously, Thomas is still a widower in 1881. Could he have remarried in the period 1871-1873, fathered Sarah and then lost his (second) wife before 1881?

6 Earlier censuses -see below
   I wanted to see if we could trace Thomas Thomas's father but he does not appear in the census as far back as 1841
   The record shows that Ann was probably already a pregnant widow (with Thomas) when the census of 1841 was taken. By 1861 her two older sons had left home
   in 1861 Thomas is a whitesmith -ie he worked in tin and pewter etc
   It is noteworthy how their ages are given inconsistently. Eg in the five censuses that she appears, Anne Thomas would seem to have been born in 1801, 1795, 1

		Census of 1841					Census of 1851					Census of 1861				Born
Person		**Age**	**Relation**	**Condition**	**Occupn**	**Born**	**Age**	**Relation**	**Condition**	**Occupn**	**Born**	**Age**	**Relation**	**Condition**	**Occupn**	
Ann	**Thomas**	**40**	**head**		**Charwoma**	**Northwich**	**56**	**head**	**widow**	**seamstress**	**Middlewich**	**62**	**head**	**widow**	**seamstress**	**Northwich**
Joseph	Thomas	10	son		scholar	Northwich	19	son	unm	bricksetter	Northwich					Northwich
William	Thomas	5	son		scholar	Northwich	15	son	unm	bricksetter	Northwich	**18**	**son**		**whitesmith**	
Thomas	**Thomas**		**does not appear**				**11**	**son**	**scholar**		**Northwich**					