

My brother Raymond Mackley and I were born at Wycombe Cottages (2 semi detached at that time) - 1921 + 1924 respectively. We went to school at Goadby Marwood, my father Stephen Mackley was gardener/handyman at the Rectory which was occupied by Rev. Moqrige, and who baptised us in Goadby Church, My mother previously lived at Hill Farm, Eastwell

My father's sister was married to Mr. James Mayfield. She died before we were born. My grandfather William Mackley farmed opposite the church, living next to the Mayfields until grandfather died and was buried with his wife in Goadby Churchyard.

Mrs Matilda Brewin was sister to my father, Stephen John Lee Mackley, with daughters Kath and Hilda, who both married doctors and moved away from Goadby.

When young, shyness was my big problem and I had many smacks from the teacher for it. Also, I was terrified of a ferocious looking bull terrier which belonged to Goadby Hall. In all, I was quite pleased to move with my family to Ragdale where I was soon able to overcome the problems.

My roots however remain at Goadby and I always enjoy visiting and reminiscing by gone days.

Joyce Tomblin (nee Mackley)