

July 1925

Dorothy at Bridlington

Roll: **19250723-1975**

Camera: **Kodak Brownie 2A**

Format: **116::**

Year: **1925** Month: **July**

Subject: Dorothy at Bridlington

People:

Doff

Notes:

The Fulfords seem to have but four holiday destinations, Skegness, Colwyn Bay, Bridlington and Matlock Bath. I don't know what the connection with Colwyn Bay and Bridlington are but we do know that Elsie had relatives at Skegness and Matlock Bath.

In July, Elsie and Fred took little Freddie (five months old) to see Elsie's sister, Annie Powell, and her family at their home, Gilderoy East, in Upperwood, Matlock Bath.

At the same time Elsie's first born, my aunt Doff, Dorothy Elsie May Fulford, aged six, is holidaying in Brid from where two picture postcards featuring her were sent to her Mum and Dad at Gilderoy.

It seems likely that those with Doff on the beach are the people she was staying with and that they related in some way but I have no notion of who they might be. I haven't found a Hannett connection with Bridlington as yet but Fred had five siblings too, about whom I know nothing other than their names.

The Bridlington pictures were taken by a beach photographer from "Snaps" Walking Pictures and posted to

*Mrs & Mrs Fulford
c/o Mrs. Powell
Gilderoy
Matlock Bath
Derbyshire.*

Prints from "Snaps" were often available the day after they were taken but as these were not posted until shortly before 6.30pm on 23rd of July I'm guessing that they were taken, processed and dispatched on the same day.

The weather that day was predicted to be "fair" by the Hull Daily Mail. Doff and her friend seem to endorse that view but everyone else is well wrapped up. Hats, jackets and boots were the order of the day and one or two overcoats are in evidence too.

I didn't notice until the image had been digitised but the face of the lady second from the left in the first print has been almost entirely erased. The scratch lines appear to be deliberate but it is possible, I suppose, that two prints were placed together glossy side up, got stuck together and were then prised apart with the resulting damage.

William Foster Brigham the proprietor of "Snaps" was a fellow of the Royal Photographics Society and it has to be admitted that his pictures, or rather those of his staff, are of a higher quality than those of my grandad. "Snaps" was Brigham's second outlet in Bridlington and may have been opened to capture a more downmarket trade than that of his promenade studio. "Snaps" was opened in 1919, the year Doff was born. Brigham died in 1968 and it appears his business died with him.

More information on Brigham and "Snaps" can be found on Simon Robinson's website regarding <<https://gohomeonapostcard.wordpress.com/companies/snaps-bridlington/>> Walking Pictures.

See also: <<https://gallery.fulford.net>>

Dates:

The dates and times have been garnered from memory, diaries, emails, receipts and other ephemera. I have checked dates where possible against publicly available information on the internet. The times are less accurate and are inferred by reference to the image contents and the sequence of images on the film rolls.

Frames:

MPS-0050	2307	12:00	On the beach.
MPS-0051	2307	12:00	On the beach.
MPS-0052	2307	12:00	On the beach.
MPS-0053	2307	12:00	Back of postcard



MPS-0050 - On the beach.



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