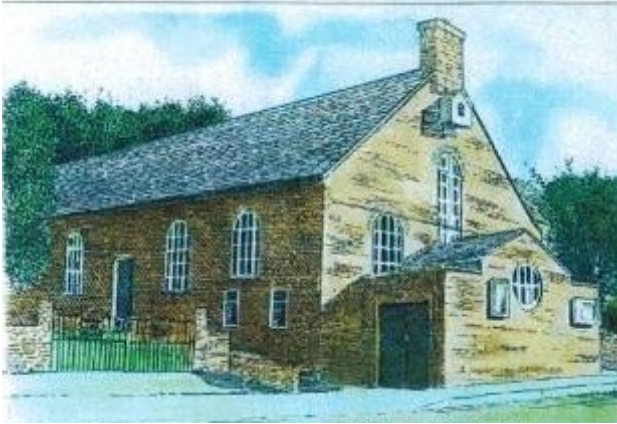


# My Memories and connections with Two Gates Ragged School

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My mother Dorothy Edna May Beasley was Christened at Two Gates Ragged School in October 1924, her family lived in an old tenement opposite the Ragged school in Two



Gates. My Beasley Connection However goes back to before the chapel was built, in 1843 my maternal 3x great-grand-father John Beasley lived in Two Gates and rented a field in Cradley upper field belonging

to the estate of George Biggs (tithe map and schedules 1843 Margaret Bradley & Barry Blunt.) This was an arable field from its placement on the map and its size it appears to be the field on which the chapel was built in 1867.



My family connections continue with my Great aunty May (May Andrews) my grannies sister who came to the ladies group here and possibly came to Sunday school as a small girl before the First World War. Her funeral was held at Two Gates Ragged

School in January 1997 conducted by Mrs. Hazel Clifton. Two Gates held a special place in her heart.

I came to various services and events here, but on Mothers Day March 2004, I stood in the pulpit and took the service for the first time in any church, due mainly to Barry's persistence and persuasion. In 2014 ten years later, I again took the Mothers Day service. In those ten years I have taken many services at Two Gates including Harvest Festivals, Christingle and Nativity services. I enjoy singing with the



ladies choir, we enjoy our singing and each others friendship, I enjoy helping with the coffee mornings and various events. I am always made to feel welcome and feel at home at Two Gates Ragged School

