



Leah Hagley (née deSouza) Mary deSouza (née Hughey) 12 White Street

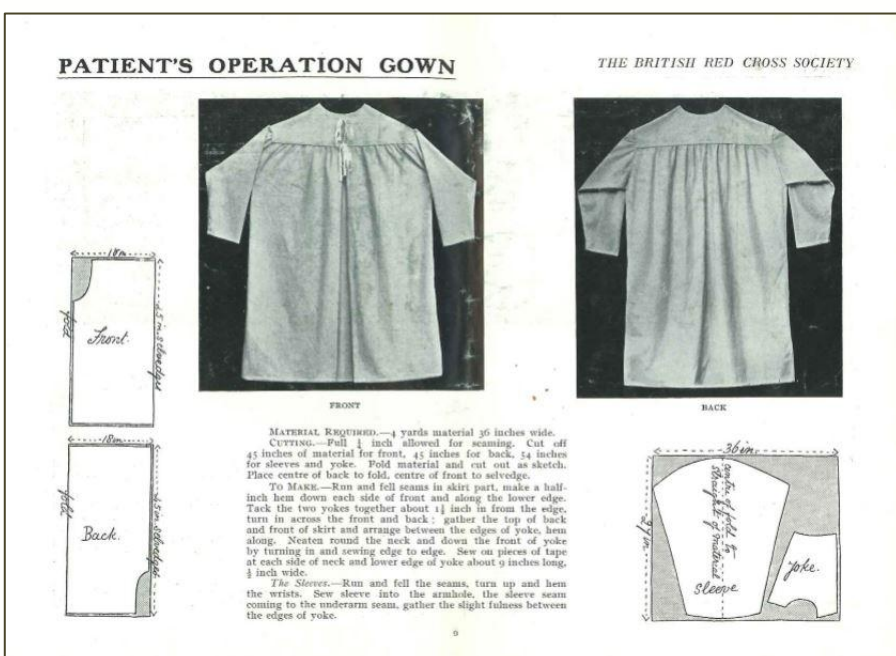
Leah Hagley and her mother Miranda (Mary) deSouza both volunteered for the Red Cross as Homeworkers during the war years. Their Red Cross records date their service between January 1916 and December 1919. Working parties were set up around the country to prepare hospital supplies for injured men sent back from the battlefields. Volunteer Home Workers were tasked to make the goods needed: knitting, sewing and preparing hospital supplies. The finished items were collected at local Work Depots ready for distribution to places of need. Leah and Mary may have met with other volunteers from White Street to work and socialise, both no doubt anxious about Leah's son Richard serving in the RAF.

St. Peter's Church, Derby. She was working as a servant at the time. Leah, born in 1871, was their only surviving child. Daniel (a brass moulder) and Mary had a series of lodgers living with them during their married life and in both the 1881 and 1891 census one Charles Foulds, "Assistant Music Master", later "Music Sellers Manager" boarded with them at 71 Abbey Street.

In the Red Cross records Mary's address is given as 12 White Street and she may have moved to live with her daughter's family when she was widowed in 1911. She died in 1921 aged 82 and her address then was given as 12 White Street.

Leah married John Frederick Hagley, a "Provender Inspector" for the railway in September 1898. Prior to her marriage she had worked as a Draper's Bookkeeper. By the 1901 census they were living at 93 Markeaton Street with their young son Richard. They were one of the earliest families to move to White Street, appearing on the Register of Electors in 1902, although only John was allowed to vote at this date. A younger son, John, was born in 1906.

Leah and John continued to live in White Street until 1938. Sadly both Leah and John died on the same date – 1 February 1950 – at their home 591 Burton Road, Littleover.



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Mary, originally from St. Ives, Hunts, married Daniel deSouza in 1868 at