Ella C. Pethybridge

1866 - 1943

A Haverhill nurse's life: evidence-based biography and evidence packet

Subject of a cabinet portrait taken 1 March 1898 at H. C. Oak's photographic studio, Merrimac, Massachusetts. The portrait (Haverhill Public Library, Special Collections, catalog 31479006468556) is preserved in the library's Senter Digital Archive and is the illustration for the 'probably Herbert C. Oak's studio' account already published at americanacorns.com. This packet researches Ella's own life.

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Identity Summary

Full name	Ella C. Pethybridge
Born	26 October 1866, Haverhill, Essex County, Massachusetts
Died	16 November 1943, at home, 15 Columbia Park, Haverhill, Massachusetts (age 77)
Buried	Walnut Grove Cemetery, Methuen, Essex County, Massachusetts, beside her father
Father	William H. Pethybridge (b. England, 1837; d. Haverhill, 1918), carriage maker
Mother	Mary Ann Copeland (m. Haverhill, Nov. 1864; d. 1896)
Sibling	Harry Moore Pethybridge (b. 1875; d. 1952), about nine years her junior; later president, Haverhill Trust Company
Marital status	Unmarried; "S" (single) on her own 1912 passenger manifest, and "Miss" in her obituary
Occupation	Nurse; Boston City Hospital, c.1900; independent and later salaried practice, Haverhill, 1910-1920
Residence	Haverhill, Massachusetts, for most of her recorded life; Boston c.1900
Portrait	Oak's studio, Merrimac, Mass., 1 March 1898 (Haverhill Public Library 31479006468556)

Every fact above is sourced in the biography and evidence appendix that follow, with an inspection-tier note (original manuscript image directly viewed, transcription only, or index-only) for each source.

A Haverhill Nurse's Life

Revised after architect review (comment 5918744841) to check the original records instead of leaning on transcriptions, and to fix several factual and citation errors from an earlier draft.

A Haverhill childhood

Ella C. Pethybridge was born in Haverhill, Massachusetts, on 26 October 1866,[1] the daughter of William H. Pethybridge, an English-born carriage maker, and Mary Ann Copeland, whom he'd married in Haverhill two years earlier.[2] Nothing in the record says whether she was the couple's first child. By 1870 the household included her maternal grandmother, seventy-eight-year-old Lucy Copeland, living with the family in Haverhill's Ward 2.[3] William became a U.S. citizen on 4 November 1867, in Boston's Superior Civil Court — about a year *after* Ella was born, not four years before it, as an earlier version of this account had it backward.[2]

By 1880, Ella was thirteen, in school, and living with her parents at what Ancestry's index gives as 78 Main Street — a detail we could finally check against the original census page itself, rather than trusting the transcription (see Illustrations).[4] Her brother, Harry Moore Pethybridge, was five that year. Other sources put his birth at 17 March 1875, which makes him about nine years younger than Ella, not five, as an earlier pass had it wrong.[19]

Her mother's birthplace is given as New Hampshire in five separate censuses, 1880 through 1930 — a consistent run.[4,5,6,7,8] Only the 1940 census breaks the pattern, recording both parents as English-born; we checked the original page to rule out a transcription slip, and the enumerator really did write "England" twice.[9] Five records against one doesn't settle anything, so we've left the conflict standing rather than picking a winner. That same 1940 census has Ella reporting one year of high school as her full education — the record doesn't say why she stopped there, and we're not going to guess.

Nursing work at Boston City Hospital, 1900

By the spring of 1900, thirty-three-year-old Ella had left Haverhill for Boston, where the census found her living at the Boston City Hospital — the institution's name is right there on the page, in the enumerator's own hand: "The Boston City Hospital."[5] Her entry reads plainly: employee, age 33, single, born in Massachusetts, occupation nurse.[5] She was one of a household of live-in staff, with a single "Officer" overseeing a roster otherwise made up of "Employees" like her. The hospital ran one of the city's major nurse-training programs at the time, which is tempting to read into — but there's no enrollment or graduation record to back it up, so we're sticking with what the census actually says (employee, nurse) rather than calling this a training period, which an earlier draft did without the evidence for it.

Home again: Haverhill nursing, and a circle she helped found, 1904-1920

Ella was back in Haverhill by 1904. City directories place her there in 1904 through 1911, in 1913, and again from 1917 to 1919 — specific years we can document, not the unbroken stretch an earlier draft claimed; the gaps in between simply weren't checked.[10] The 1910 census fills in more: at forty-three, she was boarding on Arlington Street with Laura E. Lockhart and three others, her occupation down as "Trained Nurse," her line of work "General Practice," her employment "O A" — own account. She was working for herself, not for an institution.[6]

The library dates the founding of the "Thoughtful Circle" — the King's Daughters chapter she helped start at Centre Congregational Church — to around 1898. That's an approximate date, and worth keeping separate from the portrait's exact one, 1 March 1898, even though the two likely fall in the same year; an earlier draft ran them together as if they were.[21] The surviving group photograph carries a note on its reverse, in someone's own hand: *"My 'Thoughtful Circle' — King's Daughters — Center Congregational Church / Circle formed by Ella Pethybridge + Margie M. Clark."*[11] The library's catalog places Ella, "probably," among the twenty-three women pictured — a reasonable read, but nothing like a name tag confirms it. The circle did charity work for Haverhill's Old Ladies' Home, which we can confirm existed;[11,12] what we can't confirm is Ella's own part in running it, which rests on the library's word alone.

A voyage to Britain, 1912

In the summer of 1912, at forty-five, Ella made a round trip across the Atlantic — and not alone, as an earlier draft had it. We tracked down the actual ship's manifest for the outbound leg, which turns out to exist as a real image, not just an index entry the way we'd assumed before. On the S.S. *Parisian*, sailing out of Boston and arriving in Glasgow on 6 July 1912, Ella's name appears directly below Laura S. Lockhart's — the same Laura Lockhart who kept the Arlington Street boarding house Ella had lived in since at least 1910.[13] The two of them made the trip together.

She sailed home from Liverpool, landing in Boston on 1 September aboard the S.S. *Devonia* — not the "Devonian" an earlier draft called it — bound for Haverhill.[14] This manifest, too, is a real image we looked at directly: Ella, 45, marked "S" for single right in the marital-status column, an actual field on the form, not a guess based on her title.[14] Laura Lockhart isn't on this leg's page. Nothing in either record says why they went, and her father having been born in England doesn't mean this trip had anything to do with him — we're not connecting dots that aren't there.

Nursing career, continued: 1920

Ten years on, in 1920, Ella was still living in Laura Lockhart's household and still working as a nurse — but now for a salary rather than on her own account.[7] No employer is named. This one we took from Ancestry's transcription rather than the original page, which we didn't get to this round.

Retirement and later years

By 1930, at sixty-three, Ella was still at 76 Arlington Street, still under Laura Lockhart's roof twenty years on — but no occupation is listed for her that year.[8] Again, that's from the transcription; we didn't pull the original. By 1940 she'd moved to 15 Columbia Park, still unmarried at seventy-four, with no earnings in 1939 but some income from elsewhere — this we confirmed on the actual census page.[9] What that other income amounted to, or where it came from, the record doesn't say, and calling her a woman "of independent means," as an earlier draft did, was reading more into it than the source supports. Columbia Park would be her home for the rest of her life.

Death, 1943

Ella died at home, 15 Columbia Park, Haverhill, on 16 November 1943, at seventy-seven. That exact date, the address, and her age all come from her obituary, quoted below — the death index only confirms her name, the year, and that she died in Haverhill, which is a narrower claim than an earlier draft made for it.[16,15]

> *“HAVERHILL, Nov. 16 — Miss Ella C. Pethybridge, 77, retired nurse and sister of Harry M. Pethybridge, former president of the Haverhill Trust Company, died today at her home, 15 Columbia Park.” (reference 16)*

The obituary calls her "Miss," which backs up what the 1912 manifest's "S" already told us more directly — we leaned too hard on that one word in an earlier draft, when the manifest's own marital-status field is the better evidence.[14] The notice also tells us how her community saw her at the end — a *retired nurse* — and places her brother Harry as a Haverhill bank president. She's buried at Walnut Grove Cemetery in Methuen, next to her father, who'd been there since 1918.[15,17,18]

Family

Ella's father outlived her mother by more than two decades — Mary Ann Copeland Pethybridge died in 1896, when Ella wasn't yet thirty. William remarried in November 1912, the same year as Ella's trip abroad, to Alice P. Philbreck, and died in 1918.[18] Her only recorded sibling, Harry Moore Pethybridge, was about nine years younger, not five as an earlier draft had it; by the time Ella died, he'd become a Haverhill bank president and

was her last named relative.[4,19,16] We haven't found evidence of any other siblings, but that's a gap in what we've checked, not proof there weren't any.

A 1936 genealogy of the Heyward family of Devon, England, lists her as "Miss Ella C Pethybridge," daughter of "William Henry King Pethybridge" — the fuller version of her father's name.[20] It's a compiled secondary source, though, so we haven't checked it against anything primary.

Illustrations: Original Manuscript Exhibits

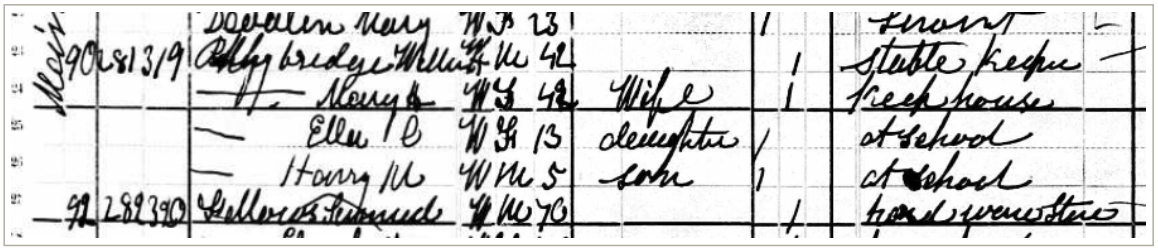
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The portrait (not reproduced in this packet)

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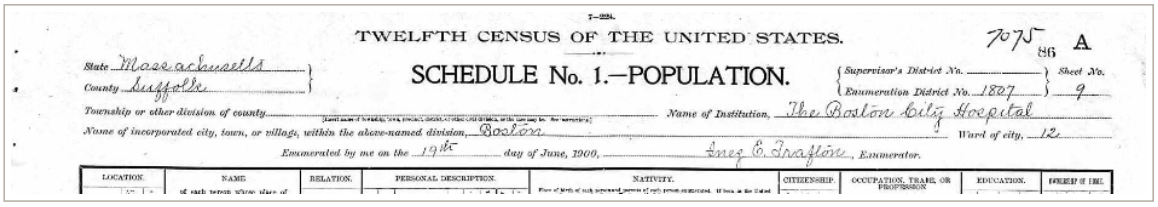
Ella C. Pethybridge, cabinet portrait, Oak's studio, Merrimac, Mass., 1 March 1898. Haverhill Public Library, Special Collections, Senter Digital Archive, catalog 31479006468556. The library's signed permission for this image is scoped to “online display; americanacorns.com,” with a no-download stipulation, and does not extend to reproduction in this PDF. This exact, unresolved reproduction question is flagged here for the owner's decision, not silently extended.

1880 U.S. Federal Census -- household row



Haverhill, Essex Co., MA, original manuscript page (ref. 4). Reads: Pethybridge William, 42, stable keeper; Mary A., 42, wife; Ella C., 13, daughter, at school; Harry M., 5, son, at school. Confirms the household exactly as transcribed and the nine-year Ella/Harry age gap.

1900 U.S. Federal Census -- institution header and Ella's row

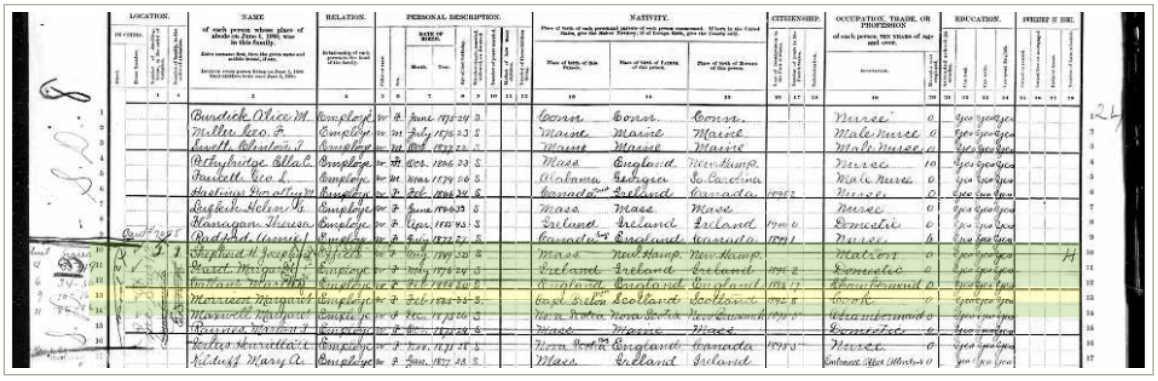


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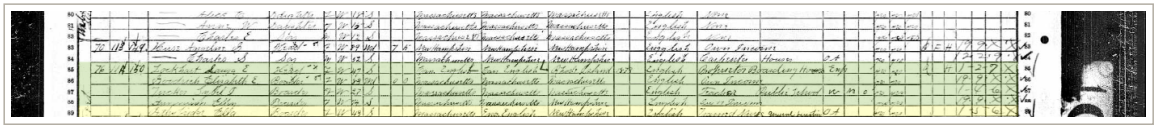
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County Suffolk
Township or other division of county
Name of Institution, The Boston City Hospital
Name of incorporated city, town, or village, within the above-named division, Boston
Ward of city, 12
Enumerated by me on the 19th day of June, 1900, Inez E. Drafton, Enumerator.

Boston, Suffolk Co., MA, original manuscript page (ref. 5): the schedule's own printed institution line, filled in by hand, “Name of Institution: The Boston City Hospital.”

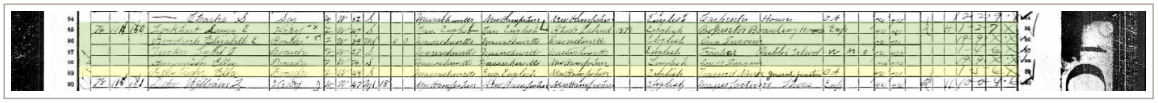


Same page, Ella's row: Pethybridge, Ella C., employee, Oct. 1866, age 33, single, Massachusetts, father England, mother New Hampshire, occupation Nurse.

1910 U.S. Federal Census -- household and occupation

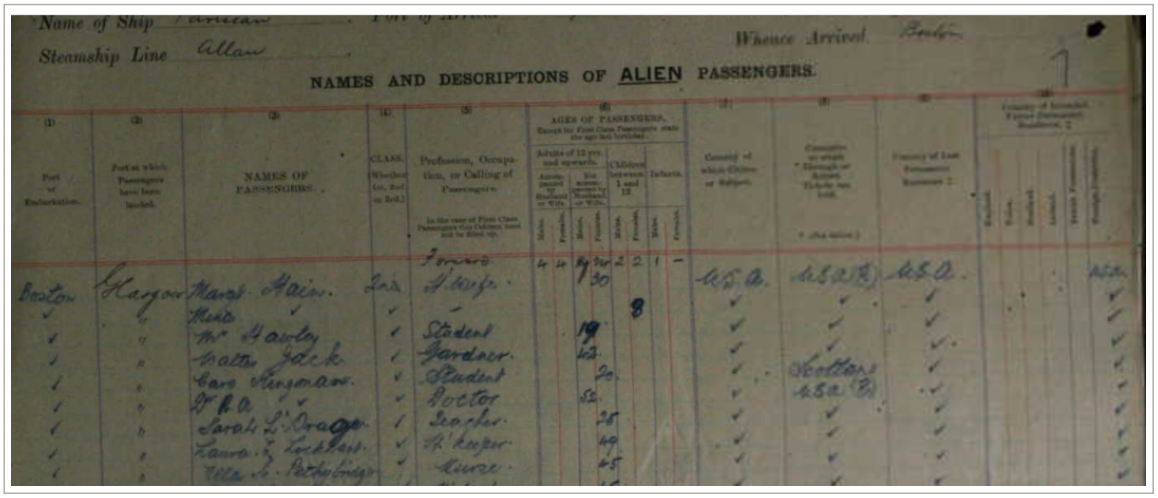


Haverhill Ward 2, MA, original manuscript page (ref. 6): the Lockhart/Goodrich boarding household, Ella's row among the boarders.



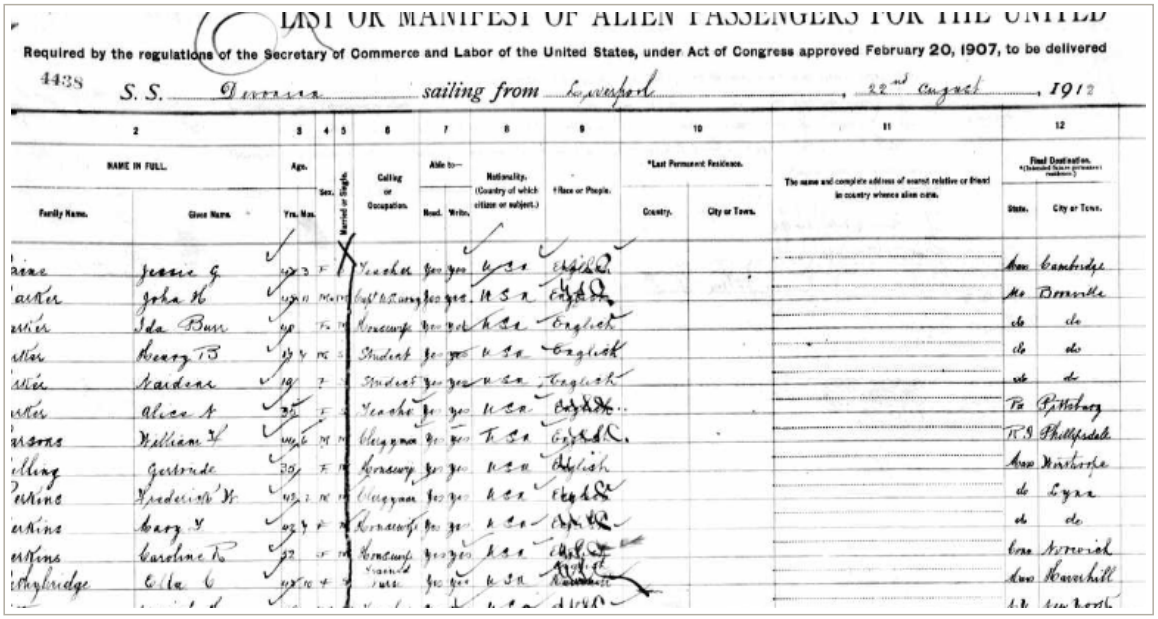
Same page, occupation columns for Ella's row: “Trained Nurse,” “General Practice,” “O A” (own account).

1912 outbound voyage -- Boston to Glasgow



UK and Ireland Incoming Passenger Lists, S.S. Parisian (Allan Line), Boston to Glasgow, arrived 6 July 1912 (ref. 13). Ella C. Pethybridge, nurse, 45, entered directly beneath Laura S. Lockhart, boarding-house keeper, 49 -- her own landlady. Not index-only, contrary to an earlier assumption: this is the original manuscript image.

1912 return voyage -- Liverpool to Boston


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4438 S. S. Devonia sailing from Liverpool, 22nd August, 1912

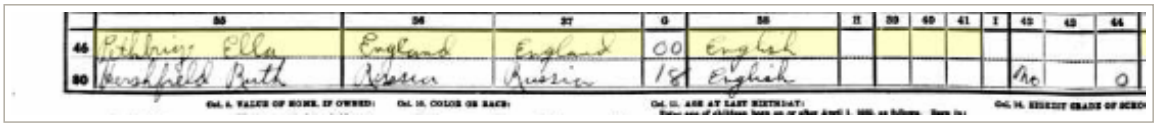
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Reese Jessie G	19 3	F		Teacher	Yes Yes	U S A	English			Mass Cambridge
Parker John H	19 11	M		Student	Yes Yes	U S A	English			Me Bremille
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Miller Henry B	19 4	M		Student	Yes Yes	U S A	English			do do
Miller Isadore	19 7			Student	Yes Yes	U S A	English			do do
Perkins Alice A	32	F		Teacher	Yes Yes	U S A	English			Pa Pittsburg
Parsons William V	19 6	M		Clergyman	Yes Yes	U S A	English			N H Phillipsdale
Illing Gertrude	30	F		Governess	Yes Yes	U S A	English			Mass Worcester
Perkins Frederick W	42 2	M		Clergyman	Yes Yes	U S A	English			do Lynn
Perkins Mary V	42 4	F		Governess	Yes Yes	U S A	English			do do
Perkins Caroline R	32	F		Governess	Yes Yes	U S A	English			Mass Norwich
Pethybridge Ella C	45 10	F		Nurse	Yes Yes	U S A	English			Mass Haverhill

Massachusetts Arriving Passenger and Crew Lists, S.S. Devonia, Liverpool to Boston, arrived 1 September 1912 (ref. 14). Ella C. Pethybridge, 45, marital status “S” (single) entered directly on the manifest, occupation Nurse, destination Haverhill.

1940 U.S. Federal Census -- main schedule and supplementary questions



Haverhill, MA, original manuscript page (ref. 9), main population schedule: Pethybridge, Ella, boarder, single, 74, Massachusetts.



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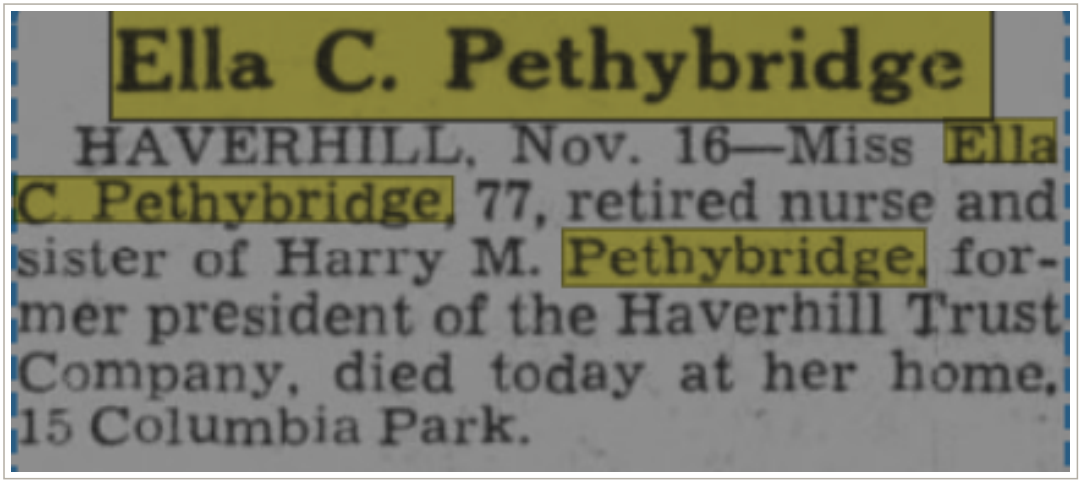
Same page, Supplementary Questions section: Pethbrige [sic], Ella -- father's birthplace England, mother's birthplace England. Confirmed as the enumerator's genuine original entry, not a transcription artifact -- and a real conflict with five earlier censuses' “New Hampshire” for the mother.

The Thoughtful Circle, approx. 1898



“The 'Thoughtful Circle,' a King's Daughters circle at Haverhill's Centre Congregational Church, organized about 1898 -- an approximate date kept distinct from the portrait's own exact date of 1 March 1898. Its own inscription credits Ella Pethybridge and Margie M. Clark with forming the circle, which did charitable work for the city's Old Ladies' Home. Haverhill Public Library, Senter HPH 19-269E, catalog 31479006479132 (reference 11). Shown here exactly as the library displays it publicly online, watermark included -- the library's own existing public web-display basis, not a claim of permission or broader reproduction rights.

The obituary, 1943



Ella C. Pethybridge

HAVERHILL, Nov. 16—Miss Ella C. Pethybridge, 77, retired nurse and sister of Harry M. Pethybridge, former president of the Haverhill Trust Company, died today at her home, 15 Columbia Park.

“Ella C. Pethybridge,” The Boston Globe, 17 November 1943, p. 9 (reference 16). Viewed via Newspapers.com through this session's existing Ancestry.com access; screen-captured for private research reference. Primary source for the exact death date, home address and age -- not the death index. Newspapers.com/Boston Globe reproduction rights beyond personal research reference have not been cleared and are a separate, unresolved question from the library's own portrait permission above.

Chronology

1864, Nov.	Parents William H. Pethybridge and Mary Ann Copeland marry, Haverhill, MA
1866, Oct. 26	Ella C. Pethybridge born, Haverhill, MA
1867, Nov. 4	Father naturalized a U.S. citizen, Boston Superior Civil Court (about a year after Ella's birth)
1870	Census: age 3, Haverhill Ward 2, with parents and grandmother Lucy Copeland
1875, Mar. 17	Brother Harry Moore Pethybridge born (about nine years her junior)
1880	Census (original image examined): age 13, student, Haverhill, with parents and brother Harry, 5
1896	Mother Mary Ann Copeland Pethybridge dies
1898, Mar. 1	Portrait taken, Oak's studio, Merrimac, MA (exact date)
1898, approx.	Co-founds the Thoughtful Circle (King's Daughters), Centre Congregational Church, Haverhill (approximate date, kept distinct from the portrait's)
1900	Census (original image examined): age 33, nurse/employee, "The Boston City Hospital"
1904-1919	Haverhill city directories place her in the specific years individually confirmed (not claimed continuous)
1910	Census (original image examined): age 43, Trained Nurse, General Practice, own account; boards with Laura Lockhart, Arlington St.
1912, Jul. 6	Arrives Glasgow aboard S.S. Parisian (original image examined), traveling with landlady Laura Lockhart
1912, Sep. 1	Returns to Boston aboard S.S. Devonia (original image examined); marital status "S" recorded directly; destination Haverhill
1912, Nov. 30	Father remarries, to Alice P. Philbreck, Haverhill
1918	Father William H. Pethybridge dies
1920	Census (transcription only): age 53, Nurse, Private industry, wage/salary
1930	Census (transcription only): age 63, lodger, 76 Arlington St., no occupation recorded
1940	Census (original image examined): age 74, boarder, 15 Columbia Park, retired, no 1939 earnings; supplementary section reads "England" for both parents' birthplace
1943, Nov. 16	Dies at home, 15 Columbia Park, Haverhill, age 77 (per obituary, directly viewed)
1943, Nov. 17	Obituary published, The Boston Globe, p. 9
--	Buried, Walnut Grove Cemetery, Methuen, MA, beside her father

Research Coverage and Remaining Gaps

This account builds on the September 30, 2026 corrected pickup and this same day's revision, which fixed a real gap: the biography's own text had already said census entries were read only as Ancestry's transcriptions, but the receipt that went with it claimed more — "actual/original records opened." That mismatch is fixed here. We went back and pulled the actual manuscript images for the 1880, 1900, 1910 and 1940 censuses, and for both legs of the 1912 trip (the outbound UK record, which we'd assumed was index-only, turned out to have a real image after all). The 1870, 1920 and 1930 entries are still just transcriptions — we're saying so plainly rather than implying otherwise. Eleven image exhibits from this revision are kept on file alongside the source documents.

Every record was read through Ancestry.com and Newspapers.com, under access this session already had — no new account, no purchase. FamilySearch's free search needs a sign-in for anything before 1950, which we don't have, so we relied on Ancestry instead. Nobody was contacted — no archive, no library, no individual.

The questions still worth chasing — whether she trained formally, who employed her in 1920, what became of the Thoughtful Circle — got checked again against what we already had rather than hunted for in new collections. Nothing new turned up. That's a real stopping point, not a gap we're leaving untouched out of laziness.

Not shown by this account

- Whether she ever trained formally as a nurse. The 1900 census calls her an “Employee” with the occupation “Nurse”; we haven't found an enrollment record, a diploma, or a registration. The 1910 census's “Trained Nurse” entry is the closest thing to proof, but it's still just what she — or someone — told the census taker, not a certificate.
- Who employed her in 1920, or what her day-to-day nursing work actually looked like in any decade.
- Why she and Laura Lockhart went to Britain in 1912, or where they went once they got there. We know they traveled together and landed in Glasgow — nothing about the purpose or the itinerary.
- What became of her involvement in the Thoughtful Circle after it started — whether she stayed active, held any office, kept doing the charity work.
- Any marriage record. We haven't found one across several passes at this. Between the manifest's “S” and the obituary's “Miss,” the case for her staying single is solid, but we haven't exhausted every marriage index under every name variant she might have used.
- The actual census pages for 1870, 1920, and 1930 — we've only got Ancestry's transcription for those three. The 1880, 1900, 1910, and 1940 pages, by contrast, we pulled up and looked at directly, with copies kept on file.
- The actual 1910 city-directory page behind an earlier AI-extracted “Nurse, 76 Arlington” entry — though the 1910 and 1920 census entries back up the same conclusion anyway.
- A will, a probate record, or any newspaper coverage of her death beyond the one Boston Globe notice.

Proposed Catalog Biographical Note

Offered for Haverhill Public Library's own consideration and editing -- a proposal only, not a claim of authority over the library's catalog.

Ella C. Pethybridge (1866-1943) was born and largely lived in Haverhill, the daughter of English-immigrant carriage maker William H. Pethybridge. She worked as a nurse, including a period at Boston City Hospital around 1900 and independent and salaried nursing practice in Haverhill across at least two later decades; whether she completed formal nurse training isn't established by the records found. Around 1898, the year of this portrait, she helped found the “Thoughtful Circle,” a King's Daughters chapter at Centre Congregational Church that supported Haverhill's Old Ladies' Home. In 1912 she traveled to Britain and back with her landlady, Laura Lockhart. She never married, and died at her Haverhill home in 1943, remembered in her own obituary as a “retired nurse” and sister of Harry M. Pethybridge, a president of the Haverhill Trust Company.

Evidence Appendix: Numbered References

Every entry gives an exact URL where one exists and an inspection tier: directly viewed -- original manuscript/document image (the strongest tier used in this account); directly viewed -- transcription only; or index-only. All URLs accessed 30 September 2026 unless noted.

1. Massachusetts, U.S., Death Index, 1901-1980. https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/3659/records/828709 . Find a Grave memorial 187054970: https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/187054970
   Tier: directly viewed, index only. Establishes: birth and death years, burial place. Does not establish: an original birth or death certificate was personally viewed -- Find a Grave is a compiled secondary source.

2. Find a Grave memorial 187055774, “William H. Pethybridge.” https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/187055774
   Tier: directly viewed, compiled secondary source. Establishes: father's birth/death years, marriage date, naturalization date, second marriage. Does not establish: independent verification against the original naturalization or marriage record.

3. 1870 U.S. Federal Census, Haverhill Ward 2, Essex Co., MA. NARA M593, roll 608, p. 639B. https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/7163/records/26748808
   Tier: directly viewed, transcription only (original image not opened this pass). Establishes: household composition in 1870, including grandmother Lucy Copeland.

4. 1880 U.S. Federal Census, Haverhill, Essex Co., MA (“Ella C. Pollybridge”). NARA T9, roll 529, ED 182, p. 27d. https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/6742/records/16544231
   Tier: directly viewed -- original manuscript image (see Illustrations). Establishes: address, student status, brother Harry's presence and age (confirming the nine-year gap), mother's birthplace (New Hampshire).

5. 1900 U.S. Federal Census, Boston Ward 24, Suffolk Co., MA (“Ella C Pethylridge”). NARA T623, roll 681, ED 1807, sheet 9. https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/7602/records/24030122
   Tier: directly viewed -- original manuscript image (see Illustrations), including the institution header. Establishes: residence at “The Boston City Hospital,” occupation “nurse,” employee status. Does not establish: formal training or registration.

6. 1910 U.S. Federal Census, Haverhill Ward 2, Essex Co., MA. NARA T624, roll 582, ED 306, sheet 5B. https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/7884/records/10789898
   Tier: directly viewed -- original manuscript image (see Illustrations). Establishes: “Trained Nurse,” General Practice, own account; boarding address and household. Does not establish: who trained her or where.

7. 1920 U.S. Federal Census, Haverhill Ward 2, Essex Co., MA. NARA T625, roll 690, ED 56, sheet 4B. https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/6061/records/29325420
   Tier: directly viewed, transcription only (original image not opened this pass). Establishes: “Nurse,” Private industry, wage/salary employment.

8. 1930 U.S. Federal Census, Haverhill, Essex Co., MA. NARA T626, ED 54, sheet 5B; FHL microfilm 2340631. https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/6224/records/16791279
   Tier: directly viewed, transcription only (original image not opened this pass). Establishes: same boarding address a third census in a row; no occupation recorded.

9. 1940 U.S. Federal Census, Haverhill, Essex Co., MA (“Ella Pethbrige”). NARA T627, roll m-t0627-01581, ED 5-141, sheet 2B. https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2442/records/95945472
   Tier: directly viewed -- original manuscript image, main schedule and supplementary questions (see Illustrations). Establishes: new address (15 Columbia Park), no 1939 earnings, one year of high school, mother's birthplace given as

England, confirmed as the enumerator's genuine entry -- conflicting with entries 4-8, not resolved either way.

10. U.S., City Directories, 1822-1995, Haverhill, MA, individual-year index entries 1904-1919. https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2469/
Tier: index-only; page images not opened. Establishes: a name-and-place index hit for each listed year, not continuous residence.

11. “Centre Congregational Church, Thoughtful Circle of King's Daughters, women, Haverhill,” Haverhill Public Library, catalog 31479006479132. https://haverhill.pastperfectonline.com/photo/C8F68280-4D19-47F8-8DE6-285547349590
Tier: directly viewed -- original digitized image, front and verso. Establishes: the circle's approximate founding year, its founders as named on the verso, its Old Ladies' Home charitable work. Does not establish: certain identification of Ella within the photograph (catalog's own “probably”).

12. 1911 Encyclopaedia Britannica, “Haverhill (Massachusetts).” https://en.wikisource.org/wiki/1911_Encyclop%C3%A6dia_Britannica/Haverhill_(Massachusetts)
Tier: directly viewed. Establishes: an old ladies' home existed among Haverhill's charitable institutions in this period. Does not establish: anything about Ella personally.

13. UK and Ireland, Incoming Passenger Lists, 1878-1960, S.S. Parisian (Allan Line), Boston to Glasgow, arrived 6 Jul 1912. https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/1518/records/15952259
Tier: directly viewed -- original manuscript image (see Illustrations). Corrects an earlier assumption that this record was index-only. Establishes: outbound sailing date, ship, and that Ella traveled in company with her landlady, Laura S. Lockhart. Does not establish: the purpose of the trip.

14. Massachusetts, U.S., Arriving Passenger and Crew Lists, 1820-1963, S.S. Devonia, arrived Boston 1 Sep 1912. NARA T843, roll 183. https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/8745/records/1588573 . Corroborating index: https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/1909/records/775911
Tier: directly viewed -- original manuscript image (see Illustrations). Establishes: return sailing, age 45, marital status “S” (single) entered directly on the manifest, final destination Haverhill. Corrects an earlier draft's ship name (“Devonian”) and its “traveling alone” characterization.

15. Massachusetts, U.S., Death Index, 1901-1980. https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/3659/records/828709
Tier: directly viewed, index only. Establishes: death year and death place (Haverhill). Does not establish: the exact death date or home address -- see reference 16 for those.

16. “Ella C. Pethybridge” [obituary], The Boston Globe, 17 Nov 1943, p. 9. https://www.newspapers.com/image/434002143/
Tier: directly viewed -- original page image, via Newspapers.com (subscription-gated; screen-captured for research reference). Primary source for: exact death date, home address, age at death, unmarried status (“Miss”), stated occupation (“retired nurse”), brother's identity and standing. Does not establish: cause of death, funeral detail, or full reproduction clearance for publication (see Illustrations).

17. Find a Grave memorial 187054970 (burial location). https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/187054970
Tier: directly viewed, compiled secondary source. Establishes: burial at Walnut Grove Cemetery, Methuen.

18. Find a Grave memorial 187055774, “William H. Pethybridge” (remarriage and death dates). https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/187055774
Tier: directly viewed, compiled secondary source, not independently re-verified against a primary record.

19. Find a Grave memorial 242581127, “Harry Moore Pethybridge.” https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/242581127
Tier: directly viewed, compiled secondary source. Establishes: brother's birth date (17 Mar 1875), used here for the corrected nine-year sibling age gap; death year and separate burial place.

20. U.S., Family History Books: The Heyward Family of Devon... (Richard Heyward, ca. 1936), entry for “Miss Ella C Pethybridge.” https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/62282/records/4390177202
Tier: directly viewed, compiled secondary genealogy. Reports father's fuller name, “William Henry King Pethybridge.” Softened from an earlier draft's “Establishes”: a compiled genealogy reports a fact, it does not establish one independently.

21. H. C. Oak, cabinet portrait of Ella C. Pethybridge, Merrimac, MA, 1 March 1898. Haverhill Public Library, catalog 31479006468556. https://haverhill.pastperfectonline.com/photo/
Tier: directly viewed -- original digitized image. Establishes: the portrait's own exact date, kept distinct in this revision from the Thoughtful Circle's approximate founding date (reference 11).

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