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Jane Austen stayed on the Isle of Wight in June 1813. She refers to the Island in her novel, *Mansfield Park*. Although Jane uses it to display the contempt shown towards Fanny by her cousins on account of her lack of knowledge, I have to confess that I am with Fanny: my family have always called it The Island as though there were no other, and it is nice to see that this tradition goes back at least 200 years...

> "My dear," their considerate aunt would reply, "it is very bad, but you must not expect everybody to be as forward and quick at learning as yourself." "But, aunt, she is really so very ignorant! Do you know, we asked her last night which way she would go to get to Ireland; and she said, she should cross to the Isle of Wight. She thinks of nothing but the Isle of Wight, and she calls it *the Island*, as if there were no other island in the world."

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ABBREVIATIONS
AND TYPOGRAPHICAL CONVENTIONS

NAMES

Many given (Christian) names recur in these families. In an attempt to avoid confusion I have adopted a system of adding a subscript to recurring given names where there is the same surname. The subscript letters signify the branch of the family (e.g. T, K, N = TRINDER, KIMBER, NASH).

I have added the subscripts in the order of dates of birth rather than by order of appearance in the story. There is a list of all the names which have subscripts in Appendix 3.

For example:

George TRINDER (born 1799) = $George_{T1}$

John Lester Linstead NASH (born 1897) = $John_{N3}$

George Thomas KIMBER (born 1859) = $George_{K2}$

I have used small capitals for the surnames of individuals who are, or become, family members, but not for those who are outside the family.

CENSUSES AND ELECTORAL ROLLS

Censuses for England and Wales are taken every ten years (years ending in 1) and are only made public after 100 years. The censuses used in this story range between 1841 and 1911. In 2021 the census records for 1921 will be made public.

The notation 1861^{C} is used to signify information taken from the England and Wales Census in 1861.

The notation 1934^{ER} is used to signify information taken from the Electoral Register in 1934.

1939 Register

All records from 1939 are taken from the England and Wales 1939 Register, which came about when, in December 1938, it was announced in the House of Commons that in the event of war, a National Register would be taken which listed the personal details of every civilian in Great Britain and Northern Ireland. Two days after Britain declared war on 3 September it was announced that the National Registration Day would be 29 September 1939. See https://www.findmypast.co.uk/1939register/what-is-the-1939-register (accessed 23 October 2019).

HISTORIC INFLATION

To make the real value of sums of money more meaningful, I have indicated their 2019 value as follows: [£2,500*]. I have used the Bank of England inflation calculator at https://www.bankofengland.co.uk/monetary-policy/inflation/inflation-calculator

PROBATE RECORDS

Information is taken from the England & Wales National Probate Calendar (Index of Wills and Administrations), 1858-1966, 1973-1995. Probate records are a useful resource as they often confirm addresses, occupations and family relationships.

MAPS

Maps showing places of interest mentioned in the text are in Appendix 1.