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Our reference: BVFOI/060/16 re Ethel Griffiths

Freedom of Information Act 2000 Request

You asked for the following information from the Government Legal Department (“the Department”):

“Please can you check your records and confirm -
The date of birth 11th January 1896
Status at death widow and name of former husband if known
Maiden name of deceased”.

Your request will be dealt with by the Bona Vacantia Division (“the Division”) under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

The Division holds some of the information that you have requested.

Information concerning the deceased’s date of birth, status and maiden name is published on the unclaimed estates list and can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistical-data-sets/unclaimed-estates-list>.

Information relating to the date of birth and status of the deceased can also be found on the death certificate of the deceased. Certificates can be obtained from the local Registrar where the event took place or from the General Registrar Office (GRO), PO Box 2, Southport, Merseyside, PR8 2JD or by telephoning 0845 603 7788. Further details can be obtained from the GRO’s website at <https://www.gov.uk/browse/births-deaths-marriages/register-offices>.

The information is reasonably accessible to you by other means and is therefore exempt from disclosure under section 21 of the Act. This exemption confers absolute exemption from the requirement to provide information pursuant to section 1(1)(b) of the Act.

The original file held by the Division was destroyed and may have contained information about the deceased’s maiden name. No information is held on our current file relating to the deceased’s maiden name.

The Division holds no information relating the name of the deceased’s former husband.