

Ethel Regina Margoliouth (Mrs Kenneth Reginald Johnson) (1895 – 1978)

Ethel was born in Lewisham and lived in Lee, in London. Ethel's father was a Polish Jew who was ordained into the Church of England. Ethel was educated at Blackheath High School and entered Bergman Österberg Physical Training College in 1913. After completing her training she taught at the County School for Girls, Tunbridge Wells and made her first trip to China in 1921. She gave her occupation as a missionary and her address as St Michel's, Wantage, where she may have received her training for work abroad.

In 1926 she came back to the UK from China. Her address on the immigration form was c/o of the Society of the Propagation of the Gospel in Tufton Street, London and so it is likely that they sponsored her work. In 1931 she returned to Shanghai. She appeared to travel back and forth several times. She was married at St Paul's Chapel in, what was known then, as Tsinan Fu, Shandong in 1934. Her husband, Kenneth, was a Clerk in Holy Orders.

Ethel and Kenneth were first interned by the Japanese in 1942, at the Columbia Country Club in Shanghai and then moved in 1943 to Ash Camp, Shanghai which housed 521 internees. They remained there for the rest of WWII and were able to return to the UK in December 1945. At this stage their address was c/o SPG Tufton Street.

A family member transcribed her diaries from 1934 –1946.

Ethel died in Windsor in 1978.