

Joseph Carter, (Foreman) 1837 - 1881.

Our researchers found a press report on the death of Joseph while searching the National Newspaper archive www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk .

On 25th February 1837 in the parish of Kidderminster, Joseph Carter and Ann Sealey were married. On 25th June 1837, Joseph, son of Joseph & Ann Carter, of High St, Bromsgrove, was baptised in Bromsgrove.

The family moved to Stoke Prior and Joseph Jnr. lived in that village for the remainder of his life. In 1862 Joseph Jnr. married Fanny Buck at Stoke Prior. They went on to have 10 children (6 boys, 4 girls). At least 2 of the boys followed their father to work upon the railway but only stayed a few years after Joseph's death. We have followed Joseph's offspring as far as possible. details appear later.

Joseph died December 1st 1881, knocked down by a passing train while working on the line at Bromsgrove station.

Joseph's childhood:

1841 census finds the family living at Deeley's Yard High St, Bromsgrove. Joseph Carter 35 Carpenter, Ann 35, John 10, Charles 7, Joseph Jnr age 5.

1842 A brother Thomas was born.

1847 A brother Samuel was born.

1851 Census finds the family at The Folly, Stoke Prior. Joseph Jnr is living away from the family home. The census finds him nearby at Redditch Road, Stoke Prior. age 13, working as a Servant.

1861 Census, The Folly, Stoke Prior, Joseph Carter 55, Carpenter, Anne 59, Joseph 23, Carpenter, Thomas 19, Carpenter, Samuel 14, Labourer.

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By Stoke Prior church by Philip Halling CC BY-SA 2.0 Via Wikimedia Commons (Edited)

Joseph's family life:

1862 December 27th at Stoke Prior Parish church - Joseph is married to Fanny Buck of Charford (Born c1840 Wychbold, Daughter of Thomas Buck, Stonemason).

1863 A daughter, Fanny Jane Carter is born.

1865 A son Charles E Carter is born

1866 A son Joseph Thos Carter is born (Sadly he passed away in 1873 age 7).

1868 A daughter Mary Ellen Carter is born.

1870 A son John Carter is born.

1871 Census, Hanbury Road, Joseph Carter 33, Carpenter, Fanny 31, Fanny F 8, scholar, Charles 6, scholar, Joseph Thos 5, scholar, Mary Ellen 3 & John age 1.

1872 A son Samuel Henry Carter is born.

1875 A daughter Annie Carter is born (No further records, she possibly passed before 1891).

1877 A son George Carter is born.

1878 Death father Joseph Carter Snr. in Bromsgrove.

1880 A daughter Emma Cater is born.

1881 Census, Hanbury Road, Joseph Carter 43, Foreman, Fanny 41, Charles 16, Smiths Boy, John 11, Scholar, Samuel 9, Scholar, Annie 6, Scholar, George 4 & Scholar, Emma 1.

1881 December 1st Joseph Died at Bromsgrove.

Stoke Prior Parish records show Joseph was buried at St Michaels on December 6th 1881.



What Became of the family:-

Fanny (Wife):

1881 Just weeks after Josephs death she gave birth to a son, Ernest. He was baptised at Stoke Prior on December 25th.

1891 Census finds her still at Hanbury Road. Fanny age 51, laundress, Mary Ellen 23, dressmaker, John 21, Shunter on Railway, Samuel Henry 19, Blacksmith, George 14, Railway Wagon Builder, Emma 11, scholar & Ernest Harry 9, Scholar.

1901 Census, Hanbury Rd Stoke Prior, Fanny 60 Laundress, Ernest Son 19, Pansmith's Hammer Holder, Salt Works.

1906 Fanny passed away in Bromsgrove.

Fanny Jane (Daughter):

1891 Census finds her working as a servant (Housemaid) at West Holme, Northfield to the family of William H Wynn, steel toy manufacturer.

1893 April 3rd she married William Bayliss (Tailor of Aston, Warwickshire). at Stoke Prior.

1901 Census finds them at Belgrave Road, Highgate, Birmingham. William trades as a tailor from the same address. (The road is now below the A4540 Belgrave Middleway).

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1911 Census finds them at 145 StoneyLane, Sparkbrook with 2 children, Madeline 8 & Florence Eva 4.

Charles Edwin:

1890 Feb 15th Married Elizabeth Sarah Poole of Wychbold at Wychbold parish church.

1901 census finds them living at 35 Malmesbury Road, Bordesley, Birmingham. Charles is a carpenter. they have 2 children Elizabeth 10 & Edith 4.

1911 census finds them at Stockfield Rd, South Yardley with 3 children Edith Mary 14, Ernest Joseph 8 & Robert William 5. There is also a Boarder Elizabeth Poole age 71.

1956 Charles was living at Yew Tree Lane Yardley when he passed away on December 25th.

Mary Ellen:

1894 August 6th, she wed George Taylor (Tailor of Moreton In The Marsh) at Stoke Prior.

1911 Census Finds them at Sandringham Villas, Locking Rd, Weston Super Mare with 4 children, Ethel 15, Ernest 14, Bernard 7 & Howard 4. Also there are George's mother Mary Ann, age 73 & Boarder Horace Hine (Tailor) 23.

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1939 Register finds them at 49 Upper Church Rd, Weston. George 74 is a retired Hotel Manager. Mary is 71, Ethel 43 is a shop manager. Also there are Alice & Walter Smith (retired Railway Clerk) and Mary Jane Taylor age 41.

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Mary Ellen Passed away at Weston in 1948.

John:

1901 census finds him living at Folly Gardens, Stoke prior age 31 (clerk at the salt works) with wife Ellen 26, Kathleen 3, niece Ethel M age 5 & nephew Ernest G age 4.

1911 Census finds him still at Folly gardens with Ellen E, Kathleen & boarder Edith Barnfield age 7. In 1925 John passed away in Worcester age 56.

Samuel Henry:

1902 October 4 Samuel, (Coachman of Small Heath, Birmingham) wed Eliza Harriett Vidler at All Saints, Gloucester. 1911 Census finds them at 4 The Avenue, Loade Lane Solihull. with 2 children Samuel 6 & Dorothy 4. The 1939 Register finds them at 57 Marlborough Rd, Gloucester. Samuel is a retired gardener. Samuel Jnr is living with them, age 34 (Bread makers assistant).

George:

Railway Company records show he started work May 30 1890 as a Wagon Repairers Boy at a wage of 6 shillings per week. He left 25 May 1892. On December 26th 1907 George (Porter of Northfield) wed Esther Hannah Lea age 23 (Chocolate Maker of Northfield).

1911 Census finds them at 15 Oak Tree Lane Selly Oak with a son, Jack Dennis Frank, age 5 months. 1939 register finds them at 281 Ridgeway, Perry Barr with son Charlie age 14.

Emma:

1911 Census finds her working as a servant to widow, Mary Higham age 86, at 50 Lea Rd Wolverhampton.

Ernest:

1911 Census finds him age 29, a boarder at 8 Baldwin Road, Kings Norton. He works as a Male Nurse (KNAH Joint Committee, possibly the Asylum/Monyhull Colony opened 1908).

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PRESS REPORTS:

Derby Daily Telegraph - Friday 02 December 1881

FATAL ACCIDENT ON THE RAILWAY.

Joseph Carter, employed at the waggon works at Bromsgrove Railway Station, was knocked down and killed at an early hour yesterday by passing goods train.

Aberdeen Press and Journal - Saturday 03 December 1881

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Bromsgrove & Droitwich Messenger - Saturday 10 December 1881

THE FATALITY ON THE MIDLAND

RAILWAY, &c.

Mr. R. Docker, coroner, held an inquiry at the Dragoon Inn, Railway Station, Bromsgrove, concerning the death of Joseph Carter, forty-four years of age, who was killed on the Midland line on the previous Friday, as described in the Messenger of last week.

The first witness was John Mills, residing at Aston Terrace, and a signalman employed at the "east box" (towards Birmingham) at the Bromsgrove station. He said he knew the deceased by sight, and understood that he lived at Stoke Works. On Friday, December 2nd, at 6.30 a.m., witness was on duty, when two goods trains were crossing each other just in front of his box.- one up-train going out and a down train just arriving from Camp-hill. He had not then noticed the deceased, but after the trains had cleared away and he had given "line clear" to the west-box signalman, and was standing at his door, he observed something white on the line. He passed down-the signal box being an elevated one-and found on the four foot of the down line the body of Carter, alive but unconscious. He was terribly mutilated about the head and face, and was bleeding very much. Witness lost no time in procuring aid, and with the assistance of William Crewe, a porter, conveyed the injured man into the works, where he died before Dr. Wood, who was summoned, could be in attendance.

William Crewe, a porter on the Midland railway, and living at Aston Fields, said he knew the deceased; and while at the station on the morning of his death saw him walking up the four foot of the down line. He spoke to him as he passed and said "Well Mr Carter," and , Deceased replied "Well." Deceased was then going towards the east signal box, but witness could not say whether he had business there. Directly afterwards the train passed up and witness saw no more of him till he was called to him on the line. In about three minutes from when witness spoke to him, and two minutes from the passing of the up train-the down train having run in-Mills called witness to his signal box, a hundred yards away, where he saw the deceased lying in the four foot. Crewe corroborated the evidence of the previous witness as to the removal of deceased, adding that he died about & quarter-past seven. Being again questioned on the point witness said Carter being foreman of the " wheel tappers" would have business on the line, and he might have been on duty.

To the foreman of the jury (Mr. F. W. Turton) : Deceased might have seen the two lights on the engine of the advancing down train had he looked in that direction; but it was possible that his attention was attracted for a moment by the noise of the up train on the other side of him.

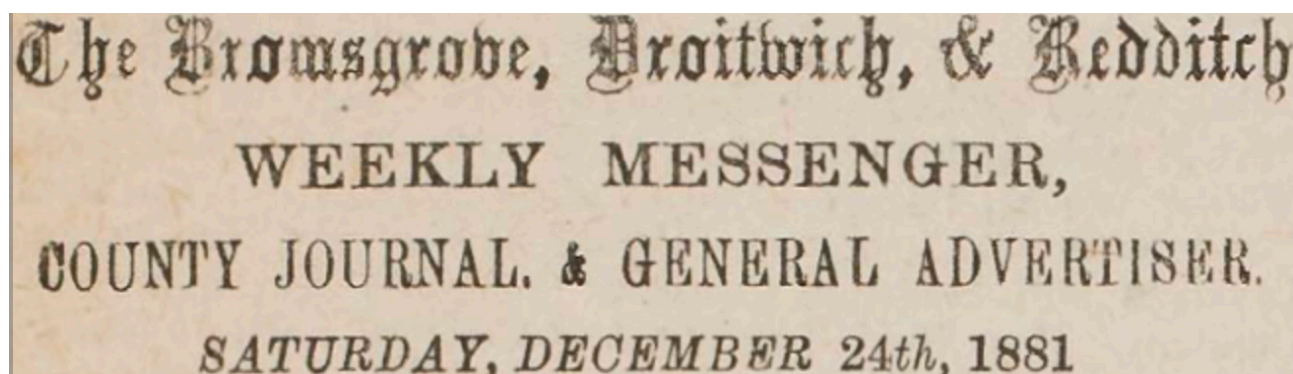
It was understood that other evidence was in readiness to be offered, but the jury considered that sufficient had been advanced for the purpose of the inquiry, and returned a verdict of "Accidental death."

The jury gave their fees towards the fund being raised for the widow and family, and we understand that with the aid of a few gentlemen and friends the deceased's fellow-workmen have raised the handsome sum of £25 towards the same object. The sum collected includes the following amounts:-Workmen in carriage and waggon department, £16 3s. 1d.; collected by Mr. Dawson, locomotive department, £5; collected by Mr. Peare's, traffic department, £2; collected by Mr. Mills, signalman, £1; collected from a few friends, £1 12s. It is intended to keep open the list till Thursday next, when it is hoped that a goodly amount may be realised to meet this peculiarly distressing case.

Farther subscriptions, which may also be made to the Messenger office, will be gratefully received and daly acknowledged.

The funeral took place on Tuesday afternoon at Stoke church amidst every demonstration of respect for the unfortunate man and his family. The deceased was a member of Court "Pride of the Village," No. 3276, A.O.F., for the last twenty years, and had passed through all the offices appertaining thereto. He was in s great measure the means of the opening of the Court, and had always continued a hard working member, ever ready and willing to assist in anything benefizial to the Court. The members of his Court and the adjoining Court at Bromsgrove station and fellow work-men, to the number of about 180, attended the funeral and walked in procession. The Stoke Works Choir, of which he was a member for several years, also attended the funeral, and in addition upwards of two hundred neighbours and friends of the deceased congregated in the churchyard, notwithstanding the prevalence of damp and uncomfortable weather. The funeral service was most impressively read by the Vicar, the Rev. H. Aldham, and the Rev. F. W. Piercy.

The hymn, "Thy will be done," was sung in the church. Miss Polson played "Rest in the Lord" most effectively as the procession left the church, and at the grave the united choirs sang "Jesus lives, no longer." Much sympathy and emotion at the sad event were displayed at the grave, and the procession accompanied the chief mourners back to their home. The sad occurrence has cast quite a gloom over the community at Stoke, at the Bromsgrove station, and among circles of his fellow workmen and others in the town, where the unfortunate deceased was well known.



BROMSGROVE.

THE LATE FATAL ACCIDENT. —Court "Good Samaritan," A.O.F., has given £1 in aid of the fund being raised for the relief of the widow and children of Joseph Carter who was recently killed at Bromsgrove railway Station.