

Arthur Kimberley (Wagon Painter) 1892 - 1952

Injured at work, July 6th 1908

This case was found in the Railway Work Life and Death Project database <https://www.railwayaccidents.port.ac.uk/>
Records were found on ancestry.com but research was complicated. Other researchers had got confused with another "Arthur Kimberley" born Bromsgrove 1880, who also lived in Sidemoor and worked at the wagon works. It is quite possible the 2 Arthurs were related. The 1871 Census finds almost 100 persons named Kimberley living in Bromsgrove and mainly engaged in the nail making trade.

Arthurs parents, Joseph Kimberley and Isabella Osbourne were married on February 7th 1885 at All Saints Church, Birmingham Road, Bromsgrove. Both were Sidemoor Nail Makers and both the children of Sidemoor Nail Makers.

Arthur was born March 11th 1892 in Bromsgrove (Registered Q2 6c 376). He was Baptised at All Saints Church, April 1st 1892.

The 1901 census finds the family living at Churchfields, Sidemoor - Joseph 37 Nail Maker, Isabella 43 Nail Maker, Joseph 15 Wagon Repairer, Alice 13 Nurse, Henry 10 ,Arthur 9, Louisa 6, Ethel 2 & Hubert 2months.

Also in Churchfields are the "other" Arthur's family, Joseph 65 Nail maker, Rosetta 63 Nail Maker, Annie 43 Nail Maker, Hubert 26 Wagon Repairer, Arthur 20, Bricklayer 7 Joseph H 15 (grandson) Machine driller. And at another cottage in Churchfields - Thomas Kimberley 46 Striker, Wife Mary Nail Maker, William 20 Carpenter (Wagon Works), Eliza 15 Button Maker, Albert 12 & Rose 7.

<https://maps.nls.uk/geo/explore/#zoom=17.3&lat=52.33941&lon=-2.06364&layers=168&b=1&marker=52.339537,-2.062508>

1908 February 7th, Arthur began work at the Aston Fields Wagon Shops as a Wagon Painters Boy earning 7 shillings per week.

1908 July 6th, Arthur Was injured while working under a wagon. He recovered to continue working at the Wagon shops.

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The 1911 census finds the family still at Churchfields - Joseph 47 Nail maker, Isabella 52 Nail maker, Joseph 25 Wagon Repairer, Henry 20 Sand Moulder, Arthur 19 Wagon Painter, Ethel 12 & Hubert 10.

1913 April 18th, Arthur was promoted from Wagon Painters Boy to Wagon Painter at a wage of 28 shillings per week.

1916 December 12th Arthur was called up for military service for the duration of WW1.

1919 November 14th he returned to civilian life and resumed work as a Wagon Painter.

In 1922 He became a Wagon Painter & Letterer.

The 1939 register finds Arthur Living at 4 Churchfields Terrace with his sister Louisa & her husband Anslem Banner. At that time Arthur's occupation was shown as railway carriage/wagon works Foreman Painter.

There is no trace that Arthur ever married or had children.

Arthur Kimberley, aged 60, passed away 24th September 1952 at All Saints Hospital, Bromsgrove. He left the residue of his estate split between his sister Louisa and younger brother Hubert.

The Railway Accident Inspectorate report records the following in relation to the 1908 accident:-

Location - Bromsgrove, wagon shops.

Date of accident - 1908 Jul 6.

First name Arthur, surname Kimberley, sex M.

County Worcestershire, Country England.

Grade - Wagon painter's boy.

Primary railway company responsible for location - Midland Railway.

Time of accident, 16:50.

Nature of casualty, Injury: Other - see 'Precise details of injury' field.

Precise details of injury - He sustained injuries to his abdomen and right leg.

Type of accident - Workshops.

Details of accident - Kimberley went into the 4ft way to blacken the back of the axle boxes and brake blocks. While so engaged the wagon was moved, and he sustained injuries to his abdomen and right leg.

Other people mentioned - A Morris, shunter; F Wheeler, painter.

Responsibility/ cause - I think the accident must be mainly attributed to Kimberly (evidently owing to his youth and inexperience) going underneath the wagon without satisfying himself that he could do so in safety.

Booked hours 11:30.

Time on duty 11:00.

Inspector J J Hornby.

Document title - Summary of Accidents and Casualties reported to the Board of Trade by the several railway companies in the United Kingdom during the three months ending during the three months ending 30 September 1908.

Document sub-title - Appendix C. Reports of Sub-Inspectors JJ Hornby, A Ford and C Campbell on accidents to Railway Servants and other Persons employed on railway premises.