

William Kimberley (Wagon Repairer) 1880 - 1943

Injured at work, October 26th 1917

This case was found in the Railway Work Life and Death Project database <https://www.railwayaccidents.port.ac.uk/>

William's parents, Thomas Kimberley and Mary Rea were both Bromsgrove Nail Makers.

William was born May 19th 1880 in Bromsgrove (Registered Q2 6c 426).

The 1881 census finds the family living at Churchfields, Sidemoor - Thomas 27 Nail Maker, Mary 28 Nail Maker, Thomas 4, Annie 3, William 10 months.

Also in Churchfields at that time is another family named Kimberley Joseph 45 Nail Maker, Rosetta 41 Nail Maker, Annie 23 Nail Maker, Joseph 18 Nail Maker, Rosetta 12, Herbert 6 & Arthur 4 months. And nearby in Crabtree Lane - George 30 Nail Maker, Agnes 29 Nail Maker, George 11, Ann 8, Lillian 6, Rosannah 4, & Arthur 9 months. The 1871 census had shown over 100 Kimberleys in Bromsgrove, most of them nailmakers. <https://maps.nls.uk/geo/explore/#zoom=17.3&lat=52.33941&lon=-2.06364&layers=168&b=1&marker=52.339537,-2.062508>

The 1891 census finds the family still at Churchfields - Thomas 37 Railway Labourer, Mary 37 Nail Maker, Thomas 14 Nail Maker, Annie 13 Scholar, William 10, Frank 7, Eliza 5 and Albert 2.

1896 October 23rd William age 16, started work as a Wagon Repairer's Boy at 7 shillings per week.

1899 July 13th William is promoted to wagon repairer at 11 Shillings per week.

The 1901 Census finds the family still at Churchfields - Thomas 46 Striker, Mary 47 Nail Maker, Thomas 14 Nail Maker, Annie 13 Scholar, William 20 Carpenter (Carriage works), Eliza 15 Button Maker, Frank 17 Wagon Repairer, Albert 12 & Rose 7.

1905 October 21st, William was married in Bromsgrove to Annie Mumford, (Q3 6c 666).

Annie's family were found in the 1891 and 1901 census living in Worcester Street, Bromsgrove. Her father, James had worked as a Nailer then as a Plasterer. Her mother, Eliza, had passed away before 1891. Her father James had remarried by 1901 - the census then shows - James Mumford 53 Plasterer, Maria 49, James 20, Annie 18, Esther 14, plus stepsons Ashwell Mackell 19, Alec 15 & Joseph 13.

1911 Census finds his family living in Churchfields - William 29 Midland Railway Carpenter, Annie 28, Dennis 4, Ivy May 3 & Daisy Ethel 11 months.

1917 Oct 26th William was injured while working, He suffered a crushed finger. He was paid Union Compensation of 25 shillings per week whilst off work. He resumed work on December 1st 1917 <https://maps.nls.uk/geo/explore/#zoom=17.2&lat=52.32189&lon=-2.04822&layers=168&b=1&marker=52.321514,-2.046939>

The Wagon works Employment Records show William continued at the wagon works through WW1, being too old for conscription. The last entry in the record, 1921 January 28th, show his wage was increased to 49 shillings per week.

The 1938 Electoral Roll shows William living at 1 Churchfields.

The 1939 Register shows at No 1 The Rookery, Churchfields. William age 59 Wagon Repairer, Annie 56 & Ivy May 31 Lint Mill charge Hand. There is another person at the address, details redacted as below age 100 at time of data release. This is possibly Ruby Helen Kimberley. Born 1923 June 22nd. She appears in the 1946 electoral roll at that address along with Annie.

William Kimberley, passed away, aged 63 at Bromsgrove in 1943. (Q3 6c 225). Annie passed away age 72 at Bromsgrove in 1955 (Q2 9d 004)

The Railway Union Accident records show the following in relation to the 1917 accident:-

Branch - Bromsgrove

Case No - 4786

Initial(s)/ first name(s) W Surname. Kimberley

Sex M

Grade Wagon repairer

Railway company Midland Railway

Date of accident 1917 Oct 26

Year 1917

Age 37

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

Precise details of injury, Crushed finger.

Date resumed work, 1917 Dec 1

Compensation 25/- per week

MRC source reference

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