

## **Private Alfred Bailey**

Alfred Bailey, the son of James Bailey and Hannah Knight, was born about September 1890 in Hanson Grange, near Alstonefield.

His father, James (1833-1913) married Hannah Knight (1851-1893) in 1872 and they had 15 children, Alfred being the youngest, who survived through infancy.



Alfred's siblings were William (1873-1920), Mary Emily (1874-1945), Sarah (1876-1905), James (1877-1885), Joseph (1880-1931), Eliza (1881-1883), Alice (1882-1920), Martha Jane (1885-1968), Francis Clifford (1887-1956) & Ruth (1889-1969). A further 4 siblings, Samuel, Annie, Herbert & Harry all died in infancy.

Prior to his marriage to Hannah, James was married to Mary Moss, with whom he had 5 children.

Census records for 1891, finds the family living and farming at Upper Hanson, Drury Lane, Newton Grange.

Administrative County of <u>Drury</u>				The undermentioned Houses are situate within the Boundaries of the										Page <u>5</u>	
Civil Parish		Municipal Borough		Municipal Ward		Urban Sanitary District		Town or Village or Hamlet		Rural Sanitary District		Parliamentary Borough or Division		Ecclesiastical Parish or District	
<u>Newton Grange</u>								<u>Newton Grange</u>		<u>Drury</u>		<u>West Drury</u>		<u>St. Andrew</u>	
Col. 1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
No. of Schedule	ROAD, STREET, &c., and No. or NAME of HOUSE	HOUSES	Use of building (a)	Number of rooms (b)	NAME and Surname of each Person	RELATION to Head of Family	CON-DITION as to Marriage	AGE last Birthday	PROFESSION or OCCUPATION	Employed	Employed	Employed	Employed	WHERE BORN	(1) Deaf-and-Dumb (2) Blind (3) Lame, Paralytic or Idiot
17	<u>Upper Hanson</u>	1			<u>James Bailey</u>	<u>Head</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>58</u>	<u>Farmer</u>					<u>Stiffordhampton</u>	
					<u>Harriet Bailey</u>	<u>Wife</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>49</u>						<u>do Rushton</u>	
					<u>Joseph Bailey</u>	<u>Son</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>26</u>						<u>do do</u>	
					<u>William Bailey</u>	<u>do</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>18</u>						<u>do do</u>	
					<u>Harry E. Bailey</u>	<u>Son</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>14</u>						<u>do do</u>	
					<u>Joseph Bailey</u>	<u>Son</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>14</u>						<u>do do</u>	
					<u>Alice Bailey</u>	<u>Son</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>9</u>						<u>do Rushton</u>	
					<u>Martha J. Bailey</u>	<u>Son</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>6</u>						<u>Stiffordhampton</u>	
					<u>Francis C. Bailey</u>	<u>Son</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>4</u>						<u>do do</u>	
					<u>Ruth Bailey</u>	<u>Son</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>2</u>						<u>do do</u>	
					<u>Alfred Bailey</u>	<u>Son</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>10</u>						<u>do do</u>	

(1)

In 1901, the address is recorded at Hanson Grange. By this stage James is a widower, with his eldest son, William recorded as working the farm with him. Alfred at aged 10 is assumed to be at school but no details are recorded.

Hanson Grange	1				James Bailey	Head	Widow	68	Farmer	Employed	Staffs: (Morton)
					William	Son	S	28	Farmer's Son	Worther	do (Endon)
					Alice	Daughter	S	19			do (Rushton)
					Martha	do	S	16			Staffs: (Hanson 4) Newton Grange
					Francis C.	Son	S	14			do (do)
					Ruth Bailey	Daughter	S	12			do (do)
					Alfred	Son	S	10			do (do)

(2)

Moving forward another 10 years to 1911, the family, albeit reduced in number as the children have married and moved from the home, are still at Hanson Grange. At this stage, Alfred, aged 20, is recorded as working on the farm.

1	James Bailey	Head	79	Widower	Farmer (Farm)	100	Employer	at home	Norton
2	Alice Bailey	Daughter	29	Single	Dairy Work on Farm	40	at home	Brandy Lea	
3	Alfred Bailey	Son	24	Single	Working on Farm	40	at home	Hanson Grange	
4	Alfred Bailey	Son	20	Single	Working on Farm	40	at home	Hanson Grange	
5	John Bailey	Servant	16	Single	Farm Labourer	40	at home	Alstonefield	070
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(To be filled up by the Enumerator.)

Total	
Males	Females
4	1
5	

I certify that—  
 (1) All the persons in this Schedule are named in the proper sex column.  
 (2) I have marked the males and females in Columns 5 and 6 respectively, and have compared their ages with the total number of persons.  
 (3) After making the necessary corrections, I have corrected all errors and have corrected such as appeared to be necessary.

Signature: *J. A. D.*

(To be filled up by, or on behalf of, the Head of Family or other person in charge, or in charge, of this dwelling.)

Write below the number of Rooms in this Dwelling (Kitchens, Parlours, or Apartments). Count the Kitchens as 2 rooms but do not count cellars, landing, lobby, cloak, bathroom, nor warehouse, office, shop.

I declare that this Schedule is correctly filled up to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature: *James Bailey*

Postal Address: *Hanson Grange Dissington*

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Just over 3 years after this census was taken the 1<sup>st</sup> World War broke out. Alfred, who had been living with his sisters at Clay Poole, Alstonefield, enlisted on 13 November 1914 in Buxton, joining the Sherwood Foresters. He was in training in Buxton, Luton, Epping and Dunstable.

In June 1915 he left Southampton for Rouen, France, joining No8 Entrenching Battalion on 25 July 1915. Alfred subsequently joined C Company 6<sup>th</sup> Battalion Sherwood Foresters in the field at Verquin on 16 October 1915. Here he was under the command of Captain E.M.B. Taylor.

Over the next 6 months, Alfred can be traced as follows:

21/10/15	billeted at La Pugnoy
28/10/15	billeted at Bethune
06/11/15	billeted at La Couture
13/11-14/11	in the trenches at Neuve Chapelle – right sector, right sub-section
17/11-20/11	in the trenches a Neuve Chapelle – left sector
23/11-27/11	in the trenches at Neuve Chapelle – right sector, right sub-section
27/11-30/11	billeted at Yves Chapelle
30/11-03/12	in the trenches at Neuve Chapelle – right sector, right sub-section
04/12/15	billeted at Richeburg
06/12/15	billeted at Robecq
24/12/15	billeted at Boeseghem
26/12/15	billeted at Isbergues
06/01/16	Taken by train to Marseille – the Sherwood Foresters were due to be sent to Egypt to fight, this did not happen so they were posted back to the Western Front
03/02 – 10/02	billeted at Coulouvillers
10/02 – 20/02	billeted at Beaumetz (during this time he may have been working on the construction of the Candas to Acheux railway line)
20/02 – 29/02	billeted at Puchervillers
29/02 – 06/03	billeted at Beauval
06/03 – 09/03	billeted at Ivergny
09/03 – 10/03	billeted at Maizieres
10/03 – 25/03	in the trenches at Mont St Eloi – right sector opposite LaFolie Farm
25/03 – 27/03	billeted at Acq
27/03 – 03/04	in the trenches at Mont St Eloi – right sector
03/04 – 09/04	billeted at Acq
09/04 – 10/04	in the trenches at Mont St Eloi

Alfred's medal card shows that he was awarded the 15 Star, Victory Medal and British War medal, all for campaign services.

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Name.	Corps.	Rank.	Regt. No.
BAILEY	Not's Dubl R	P/O	3562
A. 1st.			
Medal.	Roll.	Page.	Remarks.
VICTORY	7/103. B2.	174	Killed 10/4/16
BRITISH	do.	do.	
15 STAR	F/131	25	
Theatre of War first served in		1. France	
Date of entry therein		18.6.15	

K. 1380.

Alfred was killed in action, on 10 April 1916, by the explosion of a shell. He is buried at Ecoivres Military Cemetery, Mont-St Eloi.

A memorial service for Alfred was held in the Wesleyan Chapel Alstonefield, details of which were reported in the Ashbourne News on 12 May 1916.

#### ALSTONEFIELD.

**Memorial Service.**—On Sunday evening a memorial service for the late Private Alfred Bailey was held in the Wesleyan Chapel, Alstonefield. The service was taken by the Rev. J. Pickles (circuit minister), who preached a helpful sermon from the text, "He is not here: but is risen" (St. Luke, 24-6). Suitable hymns were sung by a large congregation, who had gathered together for the service to show their respect for the late Private Bailey and their sympathy with his relatives. At the conclusion of the service the "Dead March" was played by the organist (Miss Annie Riley). Private Alfred Bailey was the youngest son of the late Mr. Jas. Bailey, of New Hanson Grange, and, in company with several other young men, joined the Sherwood Foresters in the autumn of 1914. He was trained at Buxton, and later at Luton, which place he left for France last summer. Since then he has seen active service, and it was while doing his duty in the fighting line, on April 10th, that he was killed by the explosion of a shell. The greatest sympathy is felt with his relatives and friends, to whom the news of his death is a great shock. The sympathy of the village is also extended to Private Frank Lowndes, who on the same occasion was severely injured. It is hoped that Private Lowndes may soon be as fully restored to health as possible.

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He is also remembered on his parent's headstone in Alstonefield churchyard.



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#### Source of information

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