

DREW, Bert

Herbert Drew was born on 6 December 1886 at Upton, Somerset. He was the son of Frank John (b1865 at Cattistock, Dorset) and Sarah A (b 1861 at Speyton Devon).

In 1881 Bert's father, Frank, was living at St Peters, Tiverton with his parents John a coachman (b 1840 Cattistock) and Ann (b1843 Cattistock), and at 26 he is recorded as being a miller's apprentice.

By 1891 Frank had married Sarah and the family are living at East Street, Bradpole, Bridport where he works as a miller. Herbert was then 4, and his sister Edith, who isn't recorded in any future census.

In 1901 the family lived at Chaldon Herring, Dorset: Frank (36), Sarah (37), Herbert (14), Louisa, Alfred, Maud (6 b in Axminster), Daisy (1 b Uplyme)

In 1911 the Drew family are living in Waterloo Cottage, Membury: only Daisy May and Elsie were at home. Bert (24) was living at Pound Farm, Luppitt, Honiton working on the farm for his grandfather John Drew (70) with Bert's aunt Alice (26) who worked in the dairy, and Bertha Jeffery, as servant.

No military record found for Bert.

In early 1916 Bert married the girl who was living at his grandfather's house, Bertha Jeffery (b 1896 at Coombe, Somerset). They had a daughter, Gladys in 1921.

Two years later on 2 August 1923 Bert sailed for Montreal, Canada on Canadian Pacific's *Melita*. On 5 May 1924, Bertha and Gladys joined him sailing on Cunard's *Antonia*.

Herbert Drew died on 7 May 1966, aged 79 in Victoria, British Columbia, Canada.