

## **FOWLER, Henry**

Henry John Fowler born in Colyton on 14 May 1888. His parents were John Fowler (b 1862 in Colyton) and Florence M (nee Pavey b 1862 in Smallridge).

In 1901, father, John was still a contractor of highways and the family was much larger and lived at Parrocks, Hawkchurch. Parents, John and Florence, and children Henry J (13 – working as a labourer on highways), Samuel Robert (8), Liberty G (7), William T (5). Florence M (14), Elizabeth B (11), Rose (10) and Alice F (1).

In 1911 the family was at Cleave Hill, Membury. John was a farmer, Florence, some lodgers and Samuel R (18 working on farm), Liberty G (17 – working on farm), William T (15 working on farm), Alice F (11) Myrtle L (9).

In 1911 Henry Fowler married Gertrude J Austin, a farmer's daughter from Tolcis. Between 1912 and 1927 Henry and Gertrude had 6 children – 4 boys and 2 girls - Charles (1912), Laura (1915), Ronald A (1920) Lillian (1922) Godfrey R (1924) Cecil J (1927)

His brothers Liberty and Samuel also served in the war. Harry Fowler was in the Horse Artillery caring for horses that pulled the guns.

After the war, he returned to Membury to live. People currently living in the parish can remember going to his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday party.

Henry John Fowler died in November 1989, aged 101 (reg at Honiton)

His daughter, Laura, married Harold J Newbery who also lived in Membury.