

MANNING-KIDD, Samuel Manning

Samuel Manning- Kidd is born in 1858/59 in Lewes, Sussex. His father was James Kidd (born Goldalming 1825)

In 1861 James was a coal & corn merchant living in the High Street, All Saints, nr Lewes, Sussex with his sons Robert J (3) and Samuel (2) and daughter Henrietta G (7 months). They had 4 live-in servants, Jane Davey (21), Mary J Lewes (21), Elizabeth Dennis (23) and Elizabeth Summers (14).

In 1871 the family was in the same place but James had a wife Mary (age 39) and the children were Helen Mary (15), Samuel M (12), Grace H (10), Alfred Davey (8), Ida Caroline (6), Richard Driver (4). Again they had 4 servants – but all different.

In 1891, Samuel M was 32 and single. He was the proprietor of Laundry works and living at 93, Upper Lewes Road, Brighton, with a housekeeper who was a widow aged 49, Henrietta Crewe.

In 1911 Samuel was 52 and living with his sister, Isabella Margaret Davy aged 38, in Devon, Prestbury Road, Cheltenham.

In 1913 he changed his name to Samuel Manning Manning-Kidd - it is believed that this was because he had inherited Oxenways, in Membury. No information about his service in WW1

He travelled to and from Bombay in 1929 with Margaret Manning-Kidd (wife). He was Chair of the War Memorial Committee in Membury in 1919, Sheriff of Devon, and instrumental in the building of Membury Village Hall.

He died in 1933

Note: There is a large painting of him in the Committee Room of Membury Village Hall.