

PHILLIPS, Ernest

Ernest Samuel Phillips was born in Membury in 1894. He was the son of Francis Henry (Frank) Phillips (born at Weycroft Abbey on 4 May 1866) and Frances (nee Steward) who died in 1899 shortly after their 4th son, Philip, was born. Philip was brought up by his aunt and uncle Julia and William Seward.

In 1901 Frank Philips was farming in Howley, Whitestaunton and living with his 3 other sons Ernest (7), Francis J (5) and William Albert (4) and Jane Miller (43)

In 1911 Ernest's father Frank had remarried Lucy Mary Philips (aged 39) and was farming at Red House Farm, Newtimber, Hassocks, near Cuckfield in Sussex.

In the 1920s, Ernest took over the Red House Farm, his father having retired to Star House.