

Arthur Hardman

23 February 1897 - N/K

Arthur Hardman was born on **23rd February 1897** in Belmont (north of Bolton - see map) to parents Frederick and Annie Jane Hardman.

His father, Frederick Hardman, was born in **1873** in Little Hulton (South Bolton & near Walkden). Frederick married Anne (or Annie) Jane Isherwood, who was born in **1868** at Astley Bridge, Bolton. He was aged 21 and she was 26. They married at St Thomas the Apostle, Halliwell, Bolton on 20th January 1894.



St Thomas the Apostle

Frederick was described as a 'Weaver' living at 1 Carl Street, (Halliwell Road), and his father (Arthur's grandfather) John Hardman, was described as an 'Engine Tenter'. This was operating woollen mill machinery stretching cloth whilst drying. Annie was living at 315 Halliwell Road, Halliwell. Her father John Isherwood is shown as deceased and was a clogger. A clogger made wooden shoes "clogs" - in

England they were usually leather with thick wooden soles. The wedding was witnessed by a John Booth and Mary Hannah Hardman (Frederick's sister who was 2 years older than him). The ceremony was performed by Vicar A. Glen Bott.

Arthur father is shown in 1881 as living with his parents, John, mother Levinia and sisters Mary Hannah and Elizabeth at 29 Horace Street, Halliwell. His father is shown as an 'Engine Tenter (Factory)' and born in Kearsley (spelt as Kersley by the Enumerator on the census). The children including Frederick are shown as scholars.

In 1891 the family are in 9 Rushey Fold Lane (off Halliwell Road). John is an 'Engine Tenter at Cotton Shed'. Mary is a 'Cotton Winder'; Frederick (Arthur's father) is a 'Weaver,' as is Elizabeth. Frederick married in 1894 and left home.

Arthur was baptised on 18th July 1897 also at St Thomas the Apostle, Halliwell where his parents

were married. They were living at 36 South View, Belmont at the time (off Belmont Road, north of Bolton – see map below). Father was a 'Bleacher'. Arthur was baptised by D. Bernard Taylor.



1901 sees Arthur living with his father (aged 28) and mother (aged 30) at 19 Maria

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South View, Belmont

Square, Belmont. He has a sister called Lizzie aged 6 and Arthur is 4. Father is described as a 'Cloth Mangler'.

In 1911 the family are living at 24 Smithills Croft Road, Bolton (close to Smithills Hall). Frederick is a 'Greyman (Bleach Works)' - Grey Cloth is the unfinished product of the looms before bleaching, dyeing or printing. He is 38 years of age. Annie Jane is 43. She is shown as being married for 17 years and having had three children – all still alive. Lizzie is a 'Typist (Bleach Works)' aged 16 and single. Arthur is 16 and an 'Office Boy in Cotton Spinning'. Frederick Stanley has joined the family aged 6, born in Belmont (c. 1905). Also living with them is Margaret Isherwood who is Annie's sister aged 35 and single. She is a 'Ladies Maid'. Where might she be working whilst living so close to Smithills Hall?

No signing on documents can be found for Arthur for WW1 - many were destroyed by incendiary bombing at Kew Records Office in WW2 – known as the 'burn documents'. There are numerous men named Arthur Hardman on the Medal Card Index but it is not possible to link them to him without knowing his Army number.

It is known that Arthur's father died in March 1964 aged 91 years. He died Townley's Hospital with his home address as 1 Beech Cottages, Smithills. He was buried on 9 March 1964 at St Peters Church in grave 542a following a service by Curate S Forbes.

There are only two death records which match Arthur's date of birth, these are:-

1. Died May – June 1939 aged 42 in Oldham
2. Died January – March 1968 aged 71 in Poole, Dorset

Do you have any more information on Arthur? Please let us know so that records can be amended or added to. Thank you.

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