

## **CHARLES ANTHONY FAIRALL**

Charles' father, Henry Fairall is recorded on the headstone as having died in the foundering of the White Star Line SS Titanic. Additional information has been gathered.

In the 1901 Census Henry C Fairall, aged 29, is recorded as living at 12 Surrey Street, Ryde having been born in Ryde. Henry was a Post Office Messenger then and living with him was his wife, Ellen M Fairall, aged 27, who was born in Shanklin, and his daughter, Mary Fairall aged 1 month who was born in Ryde. Henry Fairall and Ellen Sherrin were married in 1900.

By 1912 he had become a First Class Steward working for the White Star Line earning £3.15 a month. He joined the Titanic in Belfast, where she had been built in Harland and Wolff's Shipyard, for her delivery voyage to Southampton. He was a member of the Victualling Crew, one of the 862 men and 23 women who formed the Crew of the Titanic.

He sailed with the Titanic on Wednesday 10th April 1912 as she set off for Cherbourg and New York.

Although there had been radioed warnings of icebergs these were apparently not passed to the Officer of the Watch and the Titanic struck one at 11.40 pm on Sunday 14th April and sank in the early hours of the 15th April.

Many of the crew performed acts of great courage in their attempts to save passengers lives and many paid with their own. Of the 862 men a total of 673 died, of the 23 women only three died.

If the body of Henry Fairall was recovered from the sea it was never identified, as were very many others. He would have known that his wife was pregnant with another child that he would never see but he would not have known what a tragically short life that child would have.

### **Sources**

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1901 Census