

Egbert Sydney James Stock, 1858 - 1924.

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Born York St, Weston Super Mare, on 5th April 1858 to John and Ruth Stock. They were 2nd cousins, he was the 3rd child, of 12 children. The family lived in Weston Super Mare in 1861 census, and at 299 Alma St, Weston Super Mare in 1871 and 1881 census.

It must have been hard for the family as their Mother, Ruth Stock, was taken into Wells Lunatic asylum, around 1880, very soon after her last child, Mabel, was born in 1879. Ruth was an inmate in the asylum till her death in 1914.

Egbert married Ellen Coyle, on 27/10/1881, at Copse Road, Meeting House, Cleavdon, Somerset. Egbert was living at 2 Newton Cottages, Clevedon, Somerset, at the time. He was a Carpenter/Joiner.

Their 1st child was my Grandfather, Clarence Stock, born in 1882. The family was now back in Alma St., Weston Super Mare, Somerset, living next door to Egbert's father and siblings. The next record I have of him, was in 1887, when he and his wife Ellen and family were living at 19 Locking Rd, Weston Super Mare, where his 4th child, Sydney Leopold, was born. Egbert and Ellen went on to have 7 children.

1891 census, the family lived at 3a Somerset St. Bristol. When their 6th child Raleigh Stock was born in 1894, the family were living in Cossham Rd, St George, Bristol. He was a builder's foreman, by then. 1901 census they had moved to Much Wenlock, Shropshire, and lived in "Lindens", 120 Shineton St., Much Wenlock.

His wife Ellen, died on 9th April 1907, and the family had moved yet again, and were now living in Cowley Oxfordshire, when Ellen died. His Occupation on her death cert, was a Builder Manager. He soon married Ellen Roud, in 1909, in Hereford, Hertfordshire. They had 2 daughters, Mari, born in 1909, in Gravesend, Kent, and Grace born in 1910, at 24 Pier St, (now St Thomas's St) Ryde, Isle of Wight. In 1911 census, the family still lived at 24 Pier St Ryde Isle of Wight. His occupation is now a Builder/Decorator.

In July 1916, his 2 grandchildren, George aged 2, and Freda Stock aged 2 days, came to live with him and his wife, as their mother was very ill, with childbed fever, after the birth of my Mum, Freda Stock (they were the children of his 1st son Clarence, he was away fighting in WW1). They stayed with Egbert for about a year. Mum said, Egbert found it very hard, having his grand children living with them. Mum and her brother lived on and off with Egbert and his wife for the next 3 years or so as their mother was often unwell, and their father was still away, in the 1st World War, or working. When the war ended, his son Clarence moved his family to Cowes.

While living on the Island, Egbert worked for Messrs Ball of Cowes, so did his son Clarence. In 1924, Egbert, was working on a building site in Shanklin, where he was the builder's Foreman. He died on 5th April, 1924, his 66th birthday, when he was riding his motorbike (a Douglas 2-3/4H.P) home from work in Shanklin to Ryde. He was hit by a bicycle, ridden by Colin Raymond Wright, a butcher's boy, between Sandown and Brading. He died later the same day, in Isle of Wight Hospital, Ryde. He was still living at 24 Pier St Ryde I.o.W. at the time of his death.

There is a write up of his death, in both local newspapers, of that time. After his death, his wife and children were destitute, and had to go into the workhouse, before moving back to the mainland.