

Arthur Carter (1897 – 1938)



Arthur Carter (1897 – 1938) was born in Annesley Woodhouse, Nottinghamshire. His parents were Harry Carter (1873 – 1932) and Ellen Godley (1872 – 1948). His father was from Annesley and his mother was a native of Kirkby in Ashfield. Arthur was their fourth child, following their marriage in 1891. Between the birth of Arthur in 1897 and the 1901 Census, the family moved from Annesley Woodhouse to New Bolsover. On the 1901 Census, Arthur, aged three, his parents and three older siblings are living at 142 New Bolsover. His father was employed as a stallman at a local colliery. By the time of the 1911 Census, the family had moved to 107 New Bolsover. Arthur now had eight siblings. His father was still employed as a stallman. His three older brothers all worked as pony drivers, while Arthur was still at school.

New Bolsover was a pit village built by the Bolsover Mining Company. It was started in 1891 and completed by 1896. The “Model” as it is known locally had 200 houses for miners and colliery officials. The village had a school and a Cooperative store. The village had no public houses, but the Institute serves workers with no more than three glasses of beer a day. The colliery employed a policeman and anti-social behaviour could result in fines or dismissal.

In 1920 at the age of 25 he married Miriam Stoppard (1898 – 1970) in the Chesterfield Registration District. Arthur and Miriam had two children

James Harry Carter (1922 – 2001)

Joan D Carter (1932 -)

At the time of the disaster, Arthur his family were living at 7, North Crescent, Duckmanton. He was employed at Markham Colliery as a deputy.

Several newspapers reports mentioned Alfred:

Sheffield Independent 12th May 1938

Mrs. Carter, widow of Alfred Carter, 40, 7 North Crescent, Duckmanton spent a terrible period of suspense in her home, not daring to go down to the pit

“We thought he was injured and in hospital,” she said, “and we could not get either denial or confirmation until his brother Albert, who works at the pit, broke the news to us late in the afternoon.”

She is left with a boy and a girl. The former is an apprentice electrician at the colliery.

Derbyshire Times 13th May 1938

Arthur Carter, aged 41, of 7, North Crescent, Duckmanton, was married and had one son and one daughter. He was a native of Bolsover and had lived at Duckmanton since 1926. He was a deputy since 1929. Formerly he played for teams in the Derbyshire Cricket League at Bolsover and Markham.

His wife and family placed several ‘In Memoriam’ notices in the Derbyshire Times in 1939.

CARTER – STOPPARD – In loving memory of Arthur, a dear husband and dad, killed in Markham Colliery Disaster, May 10th, 1938, also Nancy, his dear mother-in-law, who fell asleep May 19th 1938.

“We do not forget them, nor do we intend;
Dearly we loved them, and will to the end.”

From loving Wife, Son and Daughter

CARTER – In loving memory of a dear husband, Harry who passed away May 9th, 1932; also a dear son, ARTHUR, who lost his life Markham Disaster, May 10th, 1938.

“Happy memories never fade;
Their memories are as fresh today
As in the hours they passed away”

-Loving Wife, Mother and Family – Duckmanton.

Parents:

Father: Harry Carter (1872 – 1932)

Harry Carter was born in Annesley, Nottinghamshire in 1872. His parents were James Barlow Carter (1833 – 1902) and Elizabeth Slater (1835 -). On the 1881 Census, Harry, his parents and seven siblings in New Annesley. His father was employed as a coal miner. On the 1891 Census, Harry was employed as a miner, while his father was a deputy at a colliery close to Annesley. In October of the same year, Harry married Ellen Godley in Kirkby in Ashfield, Nottinghamshire. Their first child, Ernest William Carter (1892 – 1943) was born the following year. Harry and his family moved to New Bolsover between 1897 and 1901. Like his father he was employed as a deputy.

Harry Carter died in May 1932. The Nottingham Journal reported the following:

CRICKETER'S PASSING

The funeral of Mr. Harry Carter, Middle Duckmanton, the former well-known Notts. and Derbyshire club cricketer, took place yesterday at Duckmanton Church. Many of Mr. Carter's old cricketing friends and clubs were represented. The service was conducted by the vicar of Duckmanton (Rev. W. Ready), and the interment was in the Duckmanton cemetery.

Mother: Ellen Godley (1872 – 1948)

Ellen Godley was born in 1872 in Kirkby in Ashfield, Nottinghamshire. Her Parents were Samuel Godley (1844 – 1908) and Mary Scothorn (1840 – 1912). On the 1881 Census, Ellen, aged nine was living with her parents and six siblings at 20 New Annesley, Nottinghamshire. Her father was a platelayer in a local colliery. On the 1891 Census, Ellen, aged 19, was working as a dressmaker and still living at the same address with her parents and three siblings. Her father was now employed as a platelayer foreman. She married Harry Carter in the fourth quarter of 1891.

Ellen and Harry would have ten children between 1891 and 1910.

Her husband died in May 1932 and Arthur was killed in May 1938. Ellen died in 1948 at the age of 76.

Wife: Miriam Stoppard (1898 – 1971)

Miriam Stoppard was born in Morley, Yorkshire on 27th April 1896. Her parents were James Dixon Stoppard (1857 – 1935) and Nancy Sutcliffe (1858 – 1938). Both of her parents were

natives of Morley. Miriam was their seventh and youngest child. On the 1901 Census, Miriam aged two, was living with her parents and older siblings at 16 Jubilee Place in Morley. Her father was a coal miner and two older sisters, were both cloth weavers. On the 1911 Census, the family had moved to New Bolsover and were living at 134 New Bolsover, which is virtually next door to the home of her future husband, who had lived at 142 New Bolsover. Miriam was twelve years old and attending a local school. Only one of the older siblings (Matthew) was still living at home, and he was employed as a corporal in a local coal mine.

In 1920 Miriam married Arthur in the Chesterfield Registration District. They had two children. After the disaster which killed her husband, Miriam moved from 7 North Crescent, Duckmanton to 13 Duckmanton Road, Duckmanton. On the 1939 Register, Miriam and her two children are living at the new address. Miriam died in 1971 at the age of 73.



1939 REGISTER **Miriam Carter's life in 1939**
 13 Duckmanton Road, Staveley U.D., Derbyshire, England

Carter household (3 people)

First name(s)	Last name(s)	Birth year	DOB	Sex	Occupation	Marital status	Schedule	Schedule Sub Number
Miriam	Carter	1898	27 Apr 1898	Female	Unpaid Domestic Duties	Widowed	356	1
James H	Carter	1922	05 Jan 1922	Male	Colliery Electrician Above & Below	Single	356	2

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