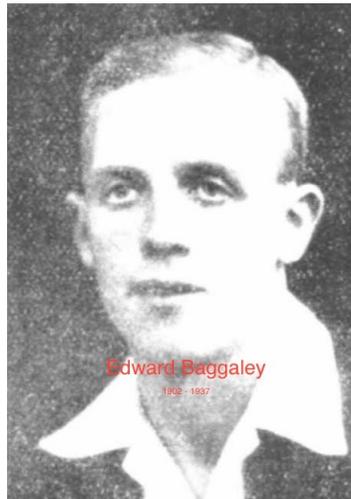


Edward Baggaley (1902 – 1937)



Edward Baggaley (1902- 1937) was born in Chesterfield in 1902. His parents were William Robert Baggaley (1870 – 1921) and Kathleen Elizabeth Daykin (1880 – 1944). His father was born in Chesterfield, Derbyshire and his mother came from Blackwell, Derbyshire. Edward was their second child, the first being Joseph Baggaley born in 1901. On the 1911 Census Edward, aged eight, was living with his parents, an older half sister, Annie, and four younger siblings at 41 Brunswick Street in Chesterfield. His father was a coal miner – hewer and his older half-sister, Annie at the age of 14, was employed in a local rope factory. On the 1st September 1928 he married Ellen Buckles (1902 – 1998). Between 1929 Edward and Ellen had four children;

Robert Raymond Baggaley	(1929 – 1998)
Kathleen E Baggaley	(1932 – 2005)
Annie M Baggaley	(1932 – 1933)
Helen Baggaley	(1935 -)

At the time of the disaster in 1937 Edward and his family were living at 58 Park Street, Birdholme, Chesterfield. He was employed at Markham Colliery as a stallman.

On the 22nd January 1937, the Derbyshire Times reported

Mrs Baggaley had just heard of the explosion in the wireless news. She did not think that her husband's pit was involved. When she heard that he was in hospital she was in a state of collapse and was comforted by a neighbour. They have two (sic) children, aged 14 and eight years The elder boy is ill in bed. Mr Baggaley has worked in the colliery for three months, and at Holmewood before that for several years.

He was buried in Hasland cemetery on the Tuesday 26th January 1937

The Derbyshire Times (29.01.1937) reported the funeral

Mr E Baggaley (35) had only been at Markham Colliery for three months, but previous to that he had worked for 17 years at Holmewood Colliery. A widow and three children aged 17 months, four years and seven years are left. He was a keen Labour supporter and helped the Rother Ward Labour Party in their elections. Councillor Mrs A Wright and members of the Party headed the cortege at the funeral in Hasland Cemetery on Tuesday.

Parents

Father – William Robert Baggaley (1870 – 1921)

William Robert Baggaley was born in Chesterfield in 1870. His parents were George Baggaley (1842 – 1890) and Elizabeth Birchall (1841 – 1921). His father was from Liverpool and his mother was born in Chesterfield. On the 1871 Census, William Robert was one year old and was living with his parents and older sister (Martha) at 47 Albert Street in Chesterfield. His father was employed as a coal miner. On the 1881 Census, William Robert was living with his parents in the household of his mothers parents at 48 Newland Dale in Chesterfield. William Robert aged 10 was attending a local school while his father was employed as a coal miner. His father died in 1890. On the 1891 Census William Robert, aged 20 was living with his widowed mother at 44 Newland Dale. He was employed as a coal miner. In August 1896 he married Annie Gunn in Chesterfield. They had two children, Annie and William Robert, before Annie Gunn died in 1898 at the age of 22. In November 1900 he married Kathleen Elizabeth Daykin (1880 – 1944). William Robert and Kathleen Elizabeth would have twelve children between 1904 and 1921. William Robert died on 16th April 1921 at the age of 50.

Mother – Kathleen Elizabeth Daykin (1880 – 1944)

Kathleen Elizabeth Daykin was born in Blackwell, Derbyshire on the 29 March 1880. Her parents were Joseph Daykin (1853 -1916) and Annie Cockayne (1853 – 1915). Her father had been born in Trowell in Nottinghamshire and her mother was from Bramcote in Nottinghamshire. On the 1881 Census Kathleen Elizabeth, aged one week was living with her parents, who in turn were living with mother and father of Annie, at 126 Primrose Hill in Blackwell. Her father was employed as a coal miner. The village of Blackwell had expanded rapidly of new mine shafts at Blackwell and Hilcote between 1870 and 1890 by the Blackwell Colliery Company. Rows of houses were built for the workers and the Blackwell Colliery Company also built a school at Primrose Hill in 1873, supplementing the earlier endowed school. It had to be enlarged several times before a new school was built in the 1890's. On the 1891 Census Kathleen Elizabeth, aged ten, was still living with her parents in Blackwell at 224 Primrose Hill. The household also included two lodgers, who were also coal miners. In November 1900, Kathleen Elizabeth married William Robert. On the 1901 Kathleen is living with her new husband and stepdaughter, Annie at 14 Cross Brunswick Street in Chesterfield. Her father was working as a coalgetter. Kathleen Elizabeth had twelve

children with William Robert between 1901 and 1921. Several children died at a very young age. Her husband died in 1921 and her son was killed in 1937. Kathleen was still living on Brunswick Street when the 1939 Register was compiled. Kathleen died on the 12th November 1944 at the age of 64.

Wife – Ellen Buckles (1902 – 1998)

Ellen Buckles (1902 – 1998) was born on 6th June 1902 in Chesterfield. Her parents were George Buckles (1866 – 1925) and Georgina Hadfield (1864 – 1926). Her father came from Hasland in Derbyshire, while her mother came from Brampton in Derbyshire. On the 1911 Census, her mother is called Georgina Twigg, since she had married Benjamin Twigg in 1881 and had two children, Alice and Ben Twigg. Ellen separated from Benjamin Twigg and was acting as a housekeeper to George Buckles. In 1925, her father died and in 1926 her mother died. Ellen married Edward on the 1st September 1928 in Chesterfield. Between 1929 and 1935 they had four children. Two of the four children, Kathleen E and Annie M appear to be twins. They were both born in 1932, but unfortunately Annie M died the following year, hence the mention of only three children in the Derbyshire Times article. After the disaster in 1937, Ellen continued to live on Park Street and this is recorded in the 1939 Census. Ellen died at the age of 95 in the Chesterfield registration district in 1998. Ellen had been a widow for 61 years.