

Henry (Harry) Alberry (1891 – 1938)

Henry Alberry was born 9 December 1891 in Clowne. His parents were George Alberry (1865 – 1933) and Ruth Mallen (1869 - 1926). They were living at 14 High Street in Clowne. On the 1901 Census, Henry aged ten, was living with his parents and siblings on Church Lane in Clowne. His father was employed as a hewer. George was attending the Clowne Board Mixed & Boys School. He had started school in 1898 at the age of seven. On the 1911 Census, Henry aged 19 was living with his parents and six siblings in Stanfree. Henry is employed as an underground pony driver. His older brother, Albert (1890 – 1933) and slightly younger brother, George, were also employed as underground pony drivers. Albert was killed in a mining accident in 1933 at Oxcroft Colliery.

On the 26 December 1916, Henry married Beatrice May Rodda (1895 – 1984) in the Chesterfield registration area.

Henry and Beatrice had three children:

Iris May Alberry	(30 December 1919 – May 1988)
Pearl Alberry	(26 December 1924 – April 1988)
Ivor Alberry	(17 February 1927 – Nov 1995)

Henry was employed as a **contractor** as the time of the disaster in 1938.

At the time of the accident Henry and his family were living at 6 Clowne Road, Stanfree.

Henry was a registered reader of the Daily Independent, which entitled his widow to a pay out from the insurance policy.

Funeral – Saturday 14 May 1938.

Henry was buried in Clowne cemetery, since Stanfree did not have a cemetery.

The Sheffield Independent reported the following:

The combined service in the church and at the graveside was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. A.B Gordon, the surplice choir being in attendance. At the close the exhortation was recited by Mr T. Bateman, chairman of the local Legionaires, and buglers of the Oxcroft Colliery Ambulance Division sounded "Last Post" and "Reveille". Afterwards a muffled peal was rung on the church bells. All village shops were closed during the afternoon.

ALBERRY – *Treasured memories of a dear husband and dad. HENRY ALBERRY. Stanfree. Killed Markham Disaster. May 10th 1938.*

*Our hearts still ache with sadness,
Our eyes shed many a tear:
God alone knows how we miss him.
As ends the first sad year*

- From his loving Wife and Children, Iris, Pearl and Ivor

Parents

Father – George Alberry (1865 – 1933)

George Alberry was born in Warsop, Nottinghamshire in 1865. His parents were, George Alberry (1839 – 1933) and Ann Brammer (1839 – 1921). On the 1871 Census, George was living with his parents and siblings in Cresswell. His father was employed as a labourer. On the 1881 Census, George, aged 15, was already working as a coal miner, as was his older brother, Albert Edward. His father was still employed as a labourer. They were living on Boughton Lane in Clowne.

On the 2 April 1888, he married Ruth Mallen (1869 - 1926). On the 1891 Census, George, Ruth and their first two children were living at 14 High Street in Clowne. George was still employed as a coalminer. The family were still living in Clowne when the 1901 Census was taken. They have moved to Church Lane. Henry was 10 years old. On the 1911 Census, the growing Alberry family had moved to Stanfree. George was still employed as a coal miner – hewer. His three oldest sons, Albert, Henry and George were all employed as pony drivers.

George died in 1933, the same year his oldest son Albert (1890 – 1933) who was killed at Oxcroft Colliery in a roof fall.

Mother – Ruth Mallen (1869 – 1926)

Ruth Mallen was born in Dudley, Worcestershire in 1869. Her parents were John Mallen (1849 – 1901) and Elizabeth Provence (1848 – 1926). Ruth was their first child, following their marriage in October 1867. On the 1871 Census, Ruth and her parents were living on Cromwell Street in Dudley. Her father was a coal miner. By 1881, the family had moved to Hednesford, Staffordshire, where John was employed as a coalminer. Ruth was twelve years old and she now had three younger sisters, Ellen, Jane and Myra. The move from Dudley was probably a result of a declining Black Country coalmining industry.

Ruth and the rest of the family moved sometime between 1886 and 1889 from Hednesford to Clowne. Ruth must have met her future husband, George Alberry, very soon after the move. They married in 1889.

Ruth and George, had ten children. On the 1911 census, seven children are still alive.

Ruth died in March 1926. Ruth did not witness the death of her two oldest sons (Albert and Henry) in two separate mining accidents.

Wife – Beatrice May Rodda (1895 – 1984)

Beatrice May Rodda was born 10 September 1895 in Bolsover. Her parents were Thomas Rodda (1872 – 1950) and Agnes Abell (1872 – 1957). Her father and mother had both been born in Staveley. The father of Thomas Rodda, was also Thomas Rodda (1841 – 1907) was from Gwinear in Cornwall. The father of Agnes, was Philip Abell (1837 – 1896) who was born in Lye, Worcestershire. The family were closely associated to the nail making industry, which was centred in the Black Country, especially around Lye. On the 1901 Census, Beatrice, aged 5, was living at Oak House in Stanfree with her parents and three younger siblings. Her father, Thomas Rodda was working as a miner. On the 1911 Census, Beatrice was working and living in the Stanfree Post Office, which was being run by her mother, Agnes.

After the 1938 disaster, which killed her husband, Beatrice and her three children move from 6 Clowne Road, to 23 Clowne Road in Stanfree.

Beatrice died 13 September 1984 in Clowne at the age of 89.