

Herbert Hargreaves Jnr (1911 - 1938)

Herbert Hargreaves Jnr was born in July 1911 in Hemsworth, Yorkshire. His parents were Herbert Hargreaves Snr (1892 - 1938) and Rosetta White (1890 - 1957). Herbert was their first of three children. Herbert was killed with his father and younger brother, Leslie (1915 - 1938). At the time of the disaster, Herbert Jnr, was engaged to Sylvia Wooledge, who he had been 'courting' for three years. The wedding was planned for Whitsun, 1938. They were having a bungalow built in Duckmanton, so Herbert could be close to his work at Markham Colliery.

Herbert Hargreaves Jnr like his father and younger brother Leslie was employed as a contractor at Markham Colliery.

He was still living with his parents and younger siblings at 5 North Crescent, Duckmanton when the accident happened on the 10th May 1938.

A year after the disaster Sylvia placed an In Memoriam notice in The 'Derbyshire Times and Chesterfield Herald'

HARGREAVES – Treasured memories of HERBERT junr, killed in the Markham Explosion. May 10th 1938.

"Loved, missed, remembered"

Miss Sylvia Wooledge

Parents

Father – Herbert Hargreaves Snr (1892 - 1938)

Herbert Hargreaves Snr was born in 1892 in Cudworth, Yorkshire. The parents of Herbert Snr were George Hargreaves (1846 - 1893) and Emily Green (1872 - 1923). George Hargreaves had also been born in Cudworth, while Emily had been born in Hemsworth. Cudworth is approximately four miles north-east of Barnsley. Herbert was only one year old when his father died in 1893. Herbert's mother was left to bring up three young children. Emily married again in 1900. On the 1901 or 1911 Censuses, there is no sign of Herbert. In April 1911, Herbert married Rosetta White in Hemsworth. Herbert and Rosetta had three children, Herbert Jnr, Leslie and Irene.

Herbert Snr was killed working with Herbert Jnr and Leslie, who were also killed.

Mother – Rosetta White (1890 - 1957)

Rosetta White was born on the 11 February 1890 in Hindley Green, near Wigan, Lancashire. Her parents were Albert White (1851 - 1939) and Henrietta Poxton (1864 - 1916). Albert came from the Forest of Dean, Gloucestershire and Henrietta was from Cannock Chase, Staffordshire. On the 1891 Census, Rosetta was living with her parents and four older siblings at 54 Viceroy Street in Seaham, County Durham. Her father was employed as a coal miner. On the 1901 Census, Rosetta is still living at 54 Viceroy Street in Seaham. She was eleven years old. On the 1911 Census, Rosetta was living at 10 Kenyon Street, South Elmsall, Yorkshire. She was living with her older sister Laura, who had married Herbert Thomas Morris. In April 1911, after the Census of that year, she married Herbert. Rosetta had three children, Herbert Jnr, Leslie and Irene. Rosetta, suffered the death of her husband, and two boys in the 1938 Markham disaster. A year after the disaster, Rosetta was living at 104 Saltergate, Chesterfield. Rosetta died in 1957 in Spilsby, Lincolnshire, at the age of 57.

Fiancee – Sylvia Wooledge (1915 - 1992)

Sylvia Wooledge was born on 30 June 1915 in Chesterfield. Her parents were Robert Henry Wooledge (1884 - 1957) and Margaret Hannah Hodgkiss (1888 - 1931). Sylvia had been courting Herbert Jnr, for three years at the time of the accident. The wedding was planned for Whitsun 1938. Two years after the accident, Sylvia married Harold James. Sylvia died in the Chesterfield area in 1992.