

Herbert Wale (1897 – 1938)



Herbert Wale was born in Mastin Moor in the final quarter of 1897. His parents were Francis Wale (1852 – 1920) and Martha Wass (1854 – 1934). His father was from Alfreton in the Golden Valley and his mother was a native of Woodhouse, Yorkshire. They had married on Christmas Day 1872 in Handley by Staveley. Herbert was their eighth child. On the 1901 Census, Herbert, aged three, was living with his parents and six siblings at 9 Marples Row in Staveley. His father was employed as a hewer and his oldest brother, Jim, was employed as a coal tub clipper. The family are still living at the same address when the 1911 Census was taken. Herbert aged thirteen was attending a local school.

On the 5th February 1921 he married Frances Lynam (1895 – 1958) in Brimington. Herbert and Frances had two children:

Joan Wale (1921 – 1991)
Jean Wale (1930 -)

Herbert was fined £1 in 1937 for consuming intoxicating liquor during prohibited hours

STAVELEY LICENSEE FINED

What Police Saw Through Kitchen Window

Observation kept on the New Inn, Staveley, by a police inspector, sergeant, and constable led to James William Birks, the licensee, being summoned at Chesterfield County Police Court on Saturday for selling intoxicating liquor for consumption during prohibited hours on August 29th. **Herbert Wale**, miner, 14, Worksop Road, Mastin Moor. a relative by marriage of Birks, was summoned for consuming during prohibited hours. After a lengthy hearing, Birks was fined £10 and **Wale** £1.

At the time of the disaster Herbert and his family were living at 14 Worksop Road, Mastin Moor. He was employed at Markham Colliery as a timber drawer.

Derbyshire Times 13th May 1938

Herbert Wale (40), of 14, Worksop Rd, Mastin Moor, was a native of the village and had lived there all his life. He had been working at the Markham Colliery for about 10 years but had been employed by the Staveley Coal and Iron Company all his working life. He leaves a widow and two daughters.

His sister placed an 'In Memoriam' notice in the Derbyshire Times in 1941, three years after the disaster.

WALE. – Beautiful memories of my dear brother Herbert, of Mastin Moor died on May 10th 1938 in the Markham Colliery Explosion.

“Sweetest of memories loving and true,
We will always remember dear brother, of you”

From loving Sister Annie and All at Eckington.

Parents:

Father: Francis Wale (1852 – 1920)

Francis Wale was born in 1852 In the Golden Valley at Alfreton. His parents were James Wale (1823 – 1897) and Frances **Wale** (1828 – 1887). On the 1861 Census, Francis is living with his grandparents in Newlands, Alfreton. His grandfather, also Francis Wale was a shoemaker. He was still living with his grandfather who had moved to Marsden Moor when the 1871 Census was taken. Francis, aged 18, was employed as a coal miner. On Christmas day 1872 he married Martha Wass in Handley by Staveley. Their first child, Mary Elizabeth (1873 – 1947) was born the following year. Mary Elizabeth was the first of nine children. By 1911 he had retired from mining and was working as a pot hawker. A pot hawker normally had a horse and cart and had regular rounds selling pots, pan and earthenware. Francis died in the Chesterfield registration district in 1920 at the age of 68.

Mother: Martha Wass (1854 – 1934)

Martha Wass was born in 1854 in Woodhouse, Yorkshire. Her parents were Richard Wass (1828 – 1916) and Anne Haywood (1829 – 1890). Her father was a native of Kirkby in Ashfield in Nottinghamshire and her mother was from Staveley, Derbyshire. They had married in Staveley on the 2nd September 1850. Martha was their second child. On the 1861 Census, Martha was living with her parents and three siblings at Seymour Cottage, Staveley. When The 1871 Census was taken Martha was working as a general servant for John Binks,

who was a farmer and innkeeper in Barlborough. Martha married Francis in 1872. Martha died in 1934, fourteen years after the death of her husband.

Wife: Frances Lynam (1895 – 1958)

Frances Lynam was born in Brimington on 23rd August 1895. Her parents were Joseph Lynam (1867 – 1924) and Florence Cave (1877 – 1950). Her father was a native of Heage, Derbyshire and her mother was a native of Brimington. On the 1901 Census, Frances, aged five, was living with her parents, one sibling, and other relatives at 3 Furnace Hill, Staveley. Her father, appropriately, was employed as a furnace labourer. In September 1901 Frances started school by attending the Handley Church of England School. On the 1911 Census, Frances was living with her parents and six siblings at 70 Victoria Street Brimington.

In February 1921, aged 25, Frances married Herbert. They had two children. After the disaster which killed Herbert, Frances and her two young daughters continued to live at 14 Worksop Road, Mastin Moor. They were still living there at the time of the 1939 Register. Frances died in 1952 at the age of 63.

1939 REGISTER **Frances Wale's life in 1939**
📍 14 Worksop Road, Staveley U.D., Derbyshire, England

Wale household (3 people)

First name(s)	Last name(s)	DOB	Sex	Occupation	Marital status	Schedule	Schedule Sub Number
Frances	Wale	23 Aug 1895	Female	Unpaid Domestic Duties	Widowed	97	1
Joan	Wootton (Wale)	06 Aug 1921	Female	Dairymaid Delivering	Single	97	2

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