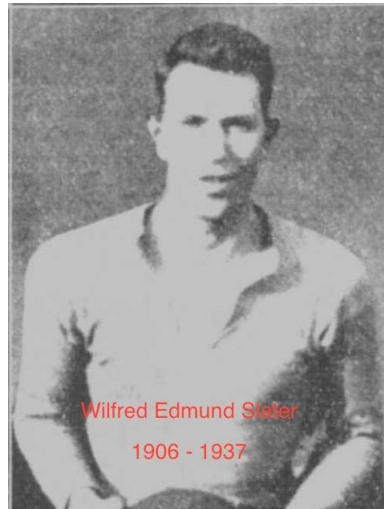


Wilfred Edmund Slater (1906 – 1937)



Wilfred Edmund Slater (1906 – 1937) was born in Birdholme near Chesterfield in July 1906. His parents were George Arthur Slater (1879 – 1969) and May Ann Bond (1882 – 1942). Both of his parents came from Hasland, Derbyshire. Wilfred Edmund was their second of six children. On the 1911 Census, Wilfred Edmund, aged four is living with his parents and two siblings at 273 Birdholme, Derbyshire. His father was employed as a coal miner – hewer.

In 1927 Wilfred Edmund married Emily May Openshaw (1906 – 1970) in Chesterfield. Between 1928 and 1933 Wilfred Edmund and Emily May had four children.

Philp Slater	(1928 – 1996)
Roy Slater	(1929 – 1997)
Kenneth Edmund Slater	(1931 – 1994)
Rosemary Slater	(1933 – 1998)

When the accident happened on 21st January 1937, Wilfred Edmund and his family were living at 10 Canal Wharf in Chesterfield. He was employed at Markham Colliery as a stallman.

The funeral took place at Stonegravels cemetery on the 26th January 1937

The Derbyshire Times (29.01.1937) reported the funeral, which took place on Tuesday 26th January 1937

Wilfred Edmund Slater (30), 10 Canal Wharf, Chesterfield was born at Birdholme. He leaves a widow and four children. Slater was one of the organisers of the Canal Wharf Children's Outing and was a member of the Canal Wharf F.C. and Canal Wharf C.C. His parents live at Whitebank Yard, Derby Road, Chesterfield and he was their eldest son. He had lived at Canal Wharf for eight years and had worked at Markham Colliery for a similar period.

The funeral took place on Tuesday, the interment in Christ Church cemetery, Stonegravels, Chesterfield, preceded by a service in Christ Church, conducted by the Rev. F. Ginever.

On the 1901 Census, Mary Ann was eighteen years old, and like the rest of the family was working as a labourer in the Brampton potteries. The address is 389 Chatsworth Road. Her father is not living at the address. Her grandfather, William Madin is living with them. Her father, Alfred Bond was living at the same address on the 1891 and 1901 Censuses. He was living at Wordsworth Avenue in Chesterfield. It appears that her parents had separated but never divorced, which was very difficult then. Alfred was employed as a coal miner. Mary Ann married George Arthur on the 7th September 1902 in Brampton. They had six children between 1903 and 1919. Wilfred was killed at Markham Colliery in 1937 and Stanley Slater (1913 – 1940) was killed in the retreat to Dunkirk.

On the 1939 Register Mary Ann and George Arthur are living at 14 Whitebank Yard in Chesterfield. Mary Ann died on 24th May 1942 in Chesterfield at the age of 59.

Wife – Emily May Openshaw (1906 – 1970)

Emily May Openshaw (1906 – 1970) was born in Chesterfield on the 16th June 1906. Her parents were William Openshaw (1875 – 1958) and Emily Elizabeth Blanksby (1876 – 1941) Her father came from Chesterfield and her mother came from Newbold. Emily was their second child after their marriage in December 1900. On the 1911 Census, Emily May was living with her parents, two siblings and an boarder, at 8 Whitebank Yard, Derby Road in Chesterfield. Her father was employed by the Hardwick Colliery Company Limited which owned three mines, Holmewood 1 and 2 and Owlcotes.

In 1927 Emily May married Wilfred Edmund in Chesterfield. Following the accident in 1937 which killed Wilfred Edmund, Emily May and her children continued to live at 10 Canal Wharf in Chesterfield. On the 1939 Register Emily May is living there with three of her four children. Emily May died in September 1970 in Chesterfield at the age of 64.