

## Alfred Herbert Long



Alfred was born in Hackney in July 1878 to Henry Edward, an artist from Jersey, and Ellen (née Pestell) from Liphook in Hampshire. The family were living at 150 Bentham Road, Hackney but by 1881 had moved to 8 Shafton Road, South Hackney. Alfred was the 4<sup>th</sup> child of 6 born to Henry and Ellen: Maude (aged 7); Florence (aged 5, born in Liphook); Henrietta (aged 4); Alfred (aged 2) and a one-month old daughter, subsequently named Nellie.

In the 1891 census, Alfred's father has died and Ellen (42) is a widow and living on her own means with her younger brother William Pestell (26), a commercial traveller, at 19 Peshurst, South Hackney. Maude, now 17, is working as a milliner; Alfred is 12; Nellie 10 and they have another son, Bertie aged 8.

In 1898 Maude married Frederick Dore and they are listed in 1901 living at 34 Bentham Road, Hackney with Alfred, now 22 who was working as a distiller's cellarman. Frederick is a brewer's manager.



Alfred married Florence Lavinia Fairbank (*see left for her photograph, included with the permission of her family*) on 26<sup>th</sup> December 1901. By 1911 they were living at 22 Holly Street in Dalston and Alfred was working as a Potman. By then they had 4 children, 2 of whom (Alfred Edward in 1904 and Herbert in 1908) died in infancy. Louis in 1906 and Leonard Albert in 1910 survived, and were joined by Arthur W in 1912; Claude William in 1914, Alfred H in 1918 who tragically died soon after his birth, and May Florence Mary in 1920.

Alfred died on 26<sup>th</sup> August, 1921 from chronic endocarditis (inflammation of the heart) and syncope, a condition causing fainting due to low blood pressure from heart problems. He was working as a potman and living at 3 Mayfield Road, Dalston although he was at 230 High Street Hackney (the Hackney Union Infirmary) when he died.

In the 1939 census, Alfred's widow, Florence, is listed as living in Mayfield Road, married to Jethro Easton ( real name George) whom she married in 1922. Alfred's daughter (May) Florence is living with them and is working as a "paper hair cutter" and they have a daughter, Irene Gladys Easton born on 6<sup>th</sup> May, 1926, who is "incapacitated".

In 1932, Alfred's son, Louis, married Marjorie E James and his son, Claude, married Louisa Silver in 1938. In 1939 Claude and Louisa are living in Leyton in Essex and he is working as a plumber.

Alfred's brother, Albert Edward (Bertie), was killed in action on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May, 1915 and is buried in Isleworth Cemetery. He served with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Dragoon Guards, the Queen's Bays. On the Isleworth Memorial, there are two separate listings of A.E. Long, we believe that the second one is Alfred Herbert. On the Advance List for the Isleworth Memorial, as printed in the Middlesex Independent, there is one A.E. Long and an H. Long.