

Percy Charles Pereira



Percy was born in North Kensington in early 1900 and baptised in St. James Norlands, Kensington on 29th April, 1900. His father, William Simpson Pereira, was working as a decorator and was born in St Pancras on 11th January, 1850. His mother, Cecilia Ellen (née Dansie) was born in Acton on 28th December, 1874 and baptised in All Saints' South Acton on 28th February, 1875.

William had been married before, to Annie Maria Smith. He had been stationed as a private at Cheriton, Kent with the 4th Battalion Rifle Brigade and married Annie on 28th August, 1882 in the Congregational Church, New Brompton, Gillingham. According to the 1891 census, they were living at 32 Innis Road, Hammersmith. William was working as a house painter and Annie was a dressmaker. She died on 12th January 1896 in the West London Hospital, Fulham.

William then married Cecilia Ellen Dansie on 7th December, 1896 in St Thomas's, Hammersmith and they had William Thomas on 23rd April, 1897, Percy in 1900 and Rose Cecilia on 26th December, 1904. In 1901 the family were living at 41 Eilerslie Road, Shepherd's Bush. By 1911 they had moved to 40 Percy Road, Isleworth- see left for a 2018 photo of that property.

Percy enlisted in London, initially into the Training Reserve as Tr/Lon/136059 and then transferred into the 5th Infantry Brigade as Private GS79403 with the 24th Battalion of the Royal Fusiliers. He saw active service in France and Flanders and received the British War and Victory medals for his time from 4th July, 1918 to his death in action on 12th September, 1918. His Battalion were supporting the Light Infantry near Courcelles, in Chaufours Wood when he was killed in action. He is commemorated on the Vis-en-Artois Memorial (see below left) in Pas-de-Calais on Panel 3. His father, William, received his



soldier's effects.

On 10th November, 1923 Percy's brother, William, married Caroline Emily Pritchard who was born on 9th December, 1895 in Smith's Cottage, North Street, Isleworth. They married at Isleworth Parish Church. By 1939 they were living at 55 Selby Road, Carshalton. Caroline died in December 1971 and William died in October 1975, both in Sutton, Surrey.

Rose is listed on the 1939 census as Rosa Dalby, working as a manager of office equipment, business shorthand typing and book-keeping and living at 28 Thurlstone Road, Lambeth.



Percy's father, William Simpson, died on 28th June, 1931 in the Royal Hospital, Chelsea. His mother, Cecilia, died in St Albans in March 1965 aged 90. His sister, Rose, died in 1990.