

Peter Alexander Sturrock

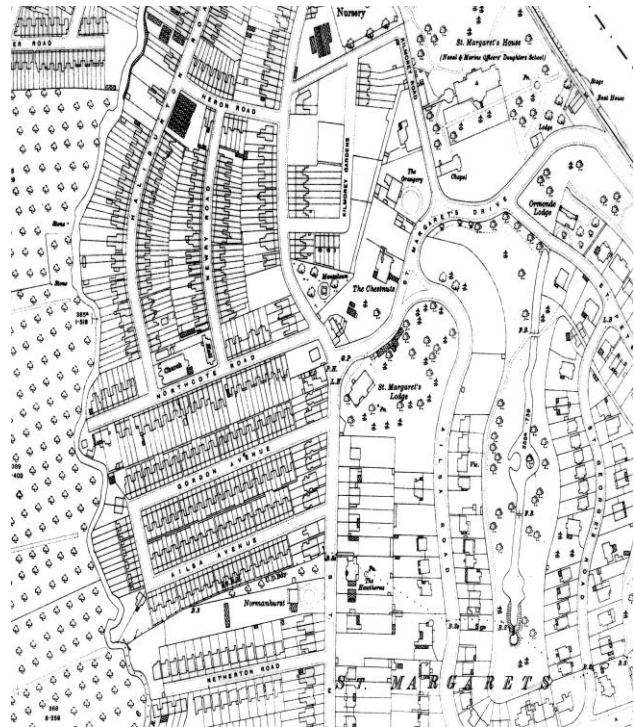


Peter Alexander Crawford Sturrock was born about 1889 in Kilmarnock, Ayrshire. He was the third child and youngest son of Arthur Sturrock senior and his wife Jean Sturrock. Jean's maiden name was probably Hill. Arthur and Jean had five other children, Arthur Hill born in 1886, Helen born about 1888, Margaret Mather Crawford born 1891, Mary born about 1892 and Ruth born about 1895.

By 1911 Jean and five of her children are living at 80 Dynes Road, Brondesbury. Jean declares herself to be widowed. Peter is not living at home then, having already joined the Royal Navy. At some stage in the next six years, the family moved to Springmere, Ailsa Road, Isleworth. Peter was already a lieutenant by 1911 and in 1916, was awarded the DSC in recognition of bravery and devotion to duty during minesweeping operations. Peter's older brother Arthur was killed in 1917.

Even after the end of the war, minesweeping had to continue to make the seas safe for merchant shipping and fishing trawlers. Peter Sturrock was Commanding Officer when the Penarth was lost on 4th February 1919, with the loss of 37 men off the Yorkshire coast. His name is on the Naval Memorial at Chatham and the memorial in All Souls Church.

*Left:-Springmere, 20 Ailsa Road in 2016
Below:- the Ailsa Road area in 1914*



In Memory of
Lieutenant
Peter Alexander Crawford Sturrock
D S C
H.M.S. "Penarth.", Royal Navy who died on 04 February 1919 Age 30
Son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Sturrock, of "Springmere," Ailsa Rd., St. Margaret's, Twickenham. Native of Ayrshire.
Remembered with Honour
Chatham Naval Memorial

Commemorated in perpetuity by
the Commonwealth War Graves Commission

HMS Penarth, Minesweeper



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