



## EDWARD CASTLEMAN, CREWMAN ABOARD THE TITANIC

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Edward Castleman was born in Littleton, Hampshire, England in late 1874 and his birth was registered in Andover in the last quarter of that year. He was the **son of Henry Castleman (1831-1893) and Elizabeth Lock (1836-1906), both natives of Barton Stacey, Hampshire.**

Edward had six known siblings: Rose (b. 1858), Ellen (b. 1860), Alice (b. 1864), Sarah (b. 1865), Fred (b. 1876) and Martha (b. 1880).

Edward first appears on the 1881 census when he and his family are residing at Harestock Farm in Littleton, Hampshire where his father was described as an agricultural labourer and his mother as a dairywoman. They are at the same address on the 1891 census when Edward, aged 16, was described as a farm servant. Edward does not appear on the 1901 census, but his now-widowed mother is living with his married sister Martha Dabell at 13 Lisbon Road, Shirley, Southampton.

Edward was married in South Stoneham, Hampshire in early 1905 to Kate Amy Marchant (b. 1876 in Havant, Hampshire) but they would have no children.

On the 1911 census Edward is absent but his wife is listed at the home of her parents Thomas and Harriett Marchant at Waterloo Road, Denmead, Cosham, Hampshire.

When Edward signed on to the *Titanic*, on 6 April 1912, he gave his address as 37 North Road, St Denys, Hampshire and his previous ship as the *Olympic*. As a greaser he could expect to earn monthly wages of £6 10s. Also serving aboard was his brother-in-law Walter Alexander Bishop, husband of his sister Martha.

Edward Castleman died in the sinking. His body, if recovered, was never identified. The following death notice appeared in the Southern Daily Echo (30 April 1912):

Castleman--April 15th 1912 at sea, through the foundering of the S.S. Titanic, Edward Castleman, aged 37, the devoted husband of Kate Amy Castleman, of 37 North Road, St Denys, Southampton. "In the midst of life, we are in death."

Kate Amy Castleman was remarried in 1914 to James Frederick Stevens (1865-1961). She remained in Southampton and lived at 11 Richmond Road. She died there on 4 January 1948, leaving an estate of £3316 9s 2d.

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