

# THE AVERY FAMILY OF BARTON STACEY, HAMPSHIRE c.1910-c.1914

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**JOHN AVERY** was born in 1867 in Witchampton, Dorset. In 1890 he married Mary Amelia Bridle (1868-1953) of Piddletrenthide, Dorset. He was a farm labourer who never stayed in one place for long, moving his family every few years. They were living in mid-1909 in Gosport, Hampshire but by the time of the census two years later had moved into Barton Stacey village. Their last child was probably born in the village in mid-1912.

When their son Bertie John Avery enlisted in 1915 he gave his address as Horsham, Surrey and it is likely that the family had moved on by this time. By the time he and his older brother Alfred were demobbed in May 1919, their father John Avery was living in Manor Farm, County Oak, Crawley, Surrey.

## **Children of John and Mary Amelia (Bridle) Avery,**

- i. Alfred Ernest, born 28 June 1890 in Tarrant Keyneston, Dorset. His family were living in Gosport, Hampshire when he enlisted at Winchester on 28 October 1908 with the Hampshire Regiment (service number 8292); he was in Londonderry and Aldershot. He was called up on the outbreak of war and was in France until May 1915 before serving from July 1915 until 1919 in the Dardanelles.
- ii. Bessie Louisa, born 1893 in Grange, Dorset.
- iii. Evelyn Rose, born 1895 in Bussey Stool, Dorset. In 1911 she was a servant at North End House, Findon, West Sussex.
- iv. **BERTIE JOHN**, born 31 March 1897 in Turnworth, Dorset. A dairyman, he was living in Horsham, Surrey when he enlisted in 1915 with 10th Battalion, Hampshire Regiment (service number 17333). He served with the Mediterranean Expeditionary Force from October 1916 until January 1919 and was then in Salonika for a further four months.

On 28 October 1920 at Reigate, Surrey, he married Ethel Mabel Ellena Dorothea Fuller (1898-1966). At the time of the 1939 Register he was a cowman at the dairy belonging to Bayards House, Bertie John Avery died in 1980 aged 83.

## **Children of Bertie John and Ethel M.E.D. (Fuller) Avery,**

- i. Eileen Margaret, 1922-2000.
- ii. Denis, 1923-2009.
- v. Victor Frank, born 19 July 1899 in Frensham, Surrey. He was a contractor's labourer in Reigate, Surrey at the time of the 1939 Register. He died in 1970 aged 70.
- vi. Florence Mabel, born 1902 in Doras[?] Green, Hampshire.
- vii. William Henry, born 1904 in Bosham, Sussex.
- viii. Edith Annie, born 1905.
- ix. Albert Edward, born 10 June 1907 in Merstham, Surrey. A printer, on 19 November 1925 he joined the Queen's Royal West Surrey Regiment (service number 6083112). He died in 1992 aged 85.

- x. Walter Thomas, born 18 May 1909 in Gosport, Hampshire. Like his brother Albert he joined the Queen's Royal West Surrey Regiment, giving his trade as 'chemistry'. He died in 1995 aged 86.
- xi. Herbert Reginald, born 29 February 1912. He died in 1987 aged 75. He was a railway porter in Reigate, Surrey.

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