

Arthur Henry BEARNE

Born Dawlish, 20 June 1882

Officers' Steward, Royal Navy 359286

died 1 November 1914, aged 32

H.M.S.GOOD-HOPE, Battle of Coronel

Arthur Henry Bearne was the eldest child of Robert Bearne (1850 – 1894) and Sarah Ann (nee Mutters) (1859 – 1930) who lived in Queens Row, Old Town Street (census 1881).

Robert was a Mason's Labourer. Sarah Ann was the daughter of James Mutters(1821-), a farm labourer, and Mary Ann Voysey (1828-).

James and Mary Ann family included William Henry Mutters who was another casualty of the War. He died at the Battle of Jutland, 31 May 1916 (*see separate entry*).

By 1891 they had moved to Stockton Road, Dawlish and had three children, **Arthur H** ,9, Elizabeth A ,8, and Sydney J, 3 months.

Robert Bearne died in the April-June quarter of 1901.

His widow Sarah was working as a Cook, domestic and living with her two youngest children.

Arthur Henry Bearne joined the Navy in 1901 and his previous occupation was shown as 'Waiter', and so it is natural that he should become an Officers' Steward. He was at R.N.Barracks, Keyham, Devonport in the 1901 census.

Arthur married Ethel Maud Morey (1886-1968) in Dawlish in April 1911, and a son was born the following year, Ronald Arthur Bearne, (1912 – 1990).

Ethel M Morey was one of seven children of Frederick John Morey, Marble Mason, and Emma Morey (nee Curtis) and in 1911 they lived at Little Cliff House, Dawlish, as a lodging house.

Ethel Maud Bearne died in the July to September quarter of 1968 aged 80. Descendants live in Torbay area.

Arthur H Bearne was an Officers' Steward, 2nd Class, Royal Navy when he joined on H.M.S. GOOD-HOPE in August 1914. H.M.S. Good Hope was one of a squadron of cruisers that fought a German squadron at the Battle of Coronel off the coast of Chile. The ship was hit by gunfire and sank with all hands. Bearne was killed in action and the body was not recovered for burial.

Their last known address was 1 Portland Terrace, Dawlish (widow's address in 1914)

He is also remembered on the [Plymouth Naval Memorial](#), Plymouth Hoe, Panel Ref: 4.

Commonwealth War Graves entry: BEARNE, ARTHUR HENRY Officer's Steward 2nd Class
359286 01/11/1914 Age: 33 Royal Navy H.M.S. "Good Hope."

He is recorded in the Devon Roll of Honour.

Dawlish War memorial inscription reads BEARNE A.H. STD. H.M.S.GOOD-HOPE.

References:

Royal Navy Service Record at National Archives, Kew

Dawlish World War One Project

Free Birth Marriage & Death records

Refs via subscription sites:

Royal Navy & Royal Marines War Gave Roll 1914-1919.

Census data.

Ancestry family trees, Bennett, Keast, Pickup & Bearne

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