

Pensioner Details
<i>Pensioner name:</i> Herbert Morley
<i>Person ID:</i> DV_1014
<i>Your name:</i> Tony Dobbs
<i>U3A group:</i> Weymouth and Portland
Part One: Birth and Family
1: When and where was your pensioner born?
<p>Herbert Morley was born in St Austell, Cornwall in 1853 (GRO Reference: 1853 S Quarter in SAINT AUSTELL Volume 05C Page 149). I have not been able to find a baptism record.</p> <p>In the census of 1861 census (ref3), Herbert 7 is living with his brother John 13 and mother Phillipa 34 and father John 34 in Plymouth at 4 Morley Place (the similarity of the street and family name appears to be a coincidence).</p> <p>In the 1871 census (ref4) the family have moved to 8 Exeter Street, John, a Smith, and Phillipa are 46 and Herbert 17 is a Baker. Elder brother John has left home. The house is divided into 5 different households in the census.</p>
2: Who were your pensioner's parents? Record any details you can find out about them here (e.g. occupation, religious affiliation, whether they could read or write)
<p>Herbert Morley's parents were John Morley and Phillipa Brown. Evidence for this comes from birth and census records.</p> <p><b>John Morley</b> was born in North Tamerton, Cornwall in 1822. He was baptised on 27<sup>th</sup> January in North Tamerton in 1822, father John a farmer and mother Elizabeth (<a href="https://www.cornwall-opc-database.org/search-database/baptisms/index.php?year_from=1820&amp;year_to=1830&amp;parish=North+Tamerton&amp;forename1=john&amp;surname1=morley&amp;forename2=&amp;forename3=&amp;t=baptisms&amp;bf=Search">https://www.cornwall-opc-database.org/search-database/baptisms/index.php?year_from=1820&amp;year_to=1830&amp;parish=North+Tamerton&amp;forename1=john&amp;surname1=morley&amp;forename2=&amp;forename3=&amp;t=baptisms&amp;bf=Search</a>). In 1887 John dies in Plymouth age 56 (GRO Reference: 1887 D Quarter in PLYMOUTH Volume 05B Page 180).</p> <p><b>Phillipa Brown</b> was baptised on 15<sup>th</sup> October 1820 in Forrabury, part of Boscastle (<a href="https://www.cornwall-opc-database.org/search-database/baptisms/index.php?year_from=1820&amp;year_to=1830&amp;parish=Forrabury&amp;forename1=philippa&amp;surname1=brown&amp;forename2=forename&amp;forename3=forename&amp;t=baptisms&amp;bf=Search">https://www.cornwall-opc-database.org/search-database/baptisms/index.php?year_from=1820&amp;year_to=1830&amp;parish=Forrabury&amp;forename1=philippa&amp;surname1=brown&amp;forename2=forename&amp;forename3=forename&amp;t=baptisms&amp;bf=Search</a>). Her father was John Brown(e) a cordwainer and her mother's name was Grace. For the 1841 census Phillipa, 20, is living with father John, 50, agricultural labourer in Minster (ref 1). There is a different 1841 census record for a Grace Brown also in Minster age 57 and a Pauper (Class: HO107; Piece: 140; Book: 12; Civil Parish: Minster; County: Cornwall; Enumeration District: 8; Folio: 11; Page: 14; Line: 4). I have not been able to establish whether or not this is Phillipa's mother.</p> <p><b>John Morley and Phillipa</b> (Herbert's father and mother) were married in Minster, Cornwall on September 5th 1846 (Ancestry.com. Cornwall, England, Parish Registers, 1538-2010</p>

[database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2014.). Both signed their names (just). John's father, John, was a Labourer and Phillipa's father John Brown was a farmer. At the time of their wedding John was living in Tintagel and Phillipa in Minster, about 4 miles away. After this date John consistently describes himself as a blacksmith in census returns whereas Phillipa had no recorded occupation.

Herbert's parents moved around a fair bit in early years of their marriage. Their son John was born in Tintagel in about 1847 and they were living in St Austell in 1851 (ref2). But the family then settled in the Plymouth area where they were for the censuses of 1861, 71 and 81 (ref3-5). John died in 1887 (GRO Reference: 1887 D Quarter in PLYMOUTH Volume 05B Page 180) . In 1891, at census time, Phillipa is recorded as a widow "living on her own means" with son Herbert's family (ref6). Phillipa Morley dies in Plymouth in 1900 age 68 (GRO Reference: 1900 M Quarter in PLYMOUTH Volume 05B Page 195). She is listed as Phillipa Jane Morley.

3: Did your pensioner have any siblings? What were their names, and how old were they in relation to your pensioner? Use this space to record anything else you have found out about them (e.g. occupation, later life)

It seems Herbert had only one sibling, an elder brother called John. He was 6 years older than Herbert.

### Herbert's brother John Morley

- According to the 1851 census John was born in Tintagel in 1847 (ref2). However, John's birth was registered in a workhouse the Camelford Union in 1847 (GRO Reference: 1847 J Quarter in THE CAMELFORD UNION Volume 09 Page 50). His mother's maiden name is recorded as Brown which confirms he is the correct person.
- John, 13 scholar, is living with his family for the 1861 census (ref3)
- In 1871 John marries Mary Jane Stevens (also known as Jennie) in Plymouth (Q1 1871 FreeBMD. England & Wales, Civil Registration Marriage Index, 1837-1915 [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2006).
  - **Mary Jane Stevens** was born abt 1852 in Devonport according to several census returns. Her father was Samuel Thomas Stevens (Printer compositor) and mother Mary Jane Bumpass. She had 5 brothers and two sisters according to details in the Crowe Family Tree on Ancestry (<https://www.ancestrylibraryedition.co.uk/family-tree/person/tree/15654985/person/20367171169/facts>).
- In the census of 1871 soon after their marriage John, 23, and Mary Jane, 19, are living at 148 North Street Plymouth. John's occupation is Engine Fitter and Mary Jane is a dress maker(The National Archives; Kew, London, England; 1871 England Census; Class: RG10; Piece: 2117; Folio: 120; Page: 4;)
- In 1873, until at least 1880, John and Mary Jane were in Falmouth for the birth of 3 daughters (including Lucy Herberta, named for our postman, no doubt, and their firstborn daughter Ernestine) and one son.
- In 1881 they were living in Cheshire (Class: RG11; Piece: 3517; Folio: 115; Page: 5; GSU roll: 1341843). John's occupation is 'Marine Engineer'.
- Another daughter and son are born in Cheshire in 1882 (Phillipa Brown Morley – note his mother's maiden name) and 1884 (John Herbert Morley). In 1887 Mary, at

least, is in Hull for the birth of another son Herbert and another daughter Jessie May is born in 1891 in Hull.

- At the time of the 1891 census Mary's husband John is at sea and her mother Mary Stevens is a visitor (The National Archives of the UK (TNA); Kew, Surrey, England; Census Returns of England and Wales, 1891; Class: RG12; Piece: 3938; Folio: 78; Page: 28).
- In 1901 John and Mary are still in Hull and now have a granddaughter Nellie living with them (Class: RG13; Piece: 4503; Folio: 48; Page: 4) Nellie was registered in Sculcoates as Nellie Herberta Dugdale Morley in January 1901 (GRO Reference: 1901 M Quarter in SCULCOATES Volume 09D Page 129) but I have not discovered her parents.
- Mary Jane's, death (Herbert's sister in law) is registered in Q1 1903 (ref15).
- In 1905 John marries Isabel Pattison in Sculcoates, an area in Hull, Yorkshire ( FreeBMD. England & Wales, Civil Registration Marriage Index, 1837-1915 [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2006.).
- In 1911 Isabel (32) is living with her step daughter Jessie May (20) and step granddaughter Nellie (10) in Hull (Class: RG14; Piece: 28735).
- Herbert's brother John's death is registered in 1920 in Sculcoates, age 69 (GRO Reference: 1920 J Quarter in SCULCOATES Volume 09D Page 231)
- Isabel Morley died in 1954 age 76 in Staincliffe, Yorkshire (General Register Office; United Kingdom; Volume: 2d; Page: 429)

## Part Two: Marriage and children/ boarders

1: Did your pensioner marry? What was their spouse's name, and when and where did they marry them? Use this space to record any extra details you can find out about their spouse (e.g. when/where they were born, their occupation). **Note:** *You can also use this space to record any details about people your pensioner boarded with.*

Herbert Morley married Ellen Sophia Farley in Plymouth in 1881 ( FreeBMD. England & Wales, Civil Registration Marriage Index, 1837-1915 [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2006)

In the 1881 census Herbert 27 and a 'Post Office Clerk' is living with his parents John and Phillipa at 59 Gibbons Street in Plymouth (ref5). Later that year he marries Ellen Sophia Farley in Plymouth (FreeBMD. England & Wales, Civil Registration Marriage Index, 1837-1915 [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2006.).

**Herbert's wife Ellen Sophia Farley** was born in Plymouth in 1859 (FreeBMD. England & Wales, Civil Registration Birth Index, 1837-1915 [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2006.)

- For the 1861 census she was living with Father Samuel, Baker, 40 and mother Ann, 41 in the parish of St Andrew, Plymouth. At that time she had two elder sisters and three elder brothers (Class: RG 9; Piece: 1442; Folio: 88; Page: 23)
- There is a family tree (<https://www.familysearch.org/tree/pedigree/landscape/KNWB-8QW>) with details of the Farley family. According to that tree Samuel was a Baker and her mother was

Ann (nee Steer. They were married in Abbotskerswell, near Newton Abbott, in 1847. Samuel was born in Berry Pomeroy, Devon in 1820.

- Samuel, Baker, 30 and Ann 31 were living in Abbotskerwell with two children and Samuel's mother Ann 60, in 1851 (Class: HO107; Piece: 1871; Folio: 481; Page: 10).
- In 1861 they were living in the St Andrews parish of Plymouth (Class: RG 9; Piece: 1442; Folio: 88; Page: 23).
- Samuel dies on 14<sup>th</sup> July 1870 and probate is issued 9<sup>th</sup> August 1870 (Ancestry.com. England & Wales, National Probate Calendar (Index of Wills and Administrations), 1858-1995 [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2010) with his effects of less than £300 granted to his widow "Ann Farley of Briton Side" near Exeter.
- In 1871 Ellen's mother is a widow, they have moved to the Charles parish, Plymouth. Ellen, Sophia's mother Ann 51 and brother James 16 are occupied as Bakers (The National Archives; Kew, London, England; 1871 England Census; Class: RG10; Piece: 2114; Folio: 103; Page: 9). The family uses a special recipe, devised by a local GP, to make Farley's Rusks. An excellent summary of the early history of Farley's Rusks, including a photo of the original shop and records of marriage links with the Morley family, are on a local Plymouth history website (<http://www.oldplymouth.uk/Farley's%20Infant%20Food%20Limited.htm>).
- Ann, Herbert's mother in law, dies in 1901 (FreeBMD. England & Wales, Civil Registration Death Index, 1837-1915 [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2006) The Farley recipe, premises and name were sold by Ann's son (and Herbert's, our postman's, brother in law) Edwin Elliot Farley in 1912. Edwin married Herbert's niece, Ernestine, in 1891 (FreeBMD. England & Wales, Civil Registration Marriage Index, 1837-1915 [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2006.).
- This is Edwin's Life Story taken from Ancestry (<https://www.ancestrylibraryedition.co.uk/family-tree/person/tree/33241883/person/18416783929/story>)
  - *When Edwin Elliott Farley was born on 17 October 1864 in Plymouth, Devon, his father, Samuel, was 44 and his mother, Ann, was 44. He married Ernestine Jane Morley in July 1891 in his hometown. They had seven children in 15 years. He died on 25 November 1949 in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, at the age of 85, and was buried in Calgary, Alberta, Canada.*
- This is the similar Lifestory for Ernestine Jane Morley (<https://www.ancestrylibraryedition.co.uk/family-tree/person/tree/33241883/person/18416783932/story>)
  - *was born on 25 March 1873 in Falmouth, Cornwall, her father, John, was 24, and her mother, Mary, was 21. She married Edwin Elliott Farley in July 1891 in Plymouth, Devon. They had seven children in 15 years. She died on 3 September 1942 in Calgary, Alberta, Canada, at the age of 69, and was buried there.*

2: Did your pensioner have any children? What were their names, and when they were born? Use this space to record any extra details you can find out about them (e.g. occupation, where they lived later in life)

According to the 1911 census return Herbert and Ellen had 2 children, Herbert, called Herbert Jr here and Olive.

### **Herbert Morley Jr (1888 – post 1939)**

Herbert Jr was born in Plymouth in 1882 (GRO Reference: 1882 S Quarter in PLYMOUTH Volume 05B Page 247). According to the 1939 Register his birthday was 22 July 1882 (The National Archives; Kew, London, England; 1939 Register; Reference: RG 101/6791H) In 1891 Herbert and family, Herbert Jr 8 and Olive 2, are living in Plymouth at 7 Lifton Villas with Herbert's mother Phillipa (widow) and a 14 year old 'general servant' Mary Eldon (ref6). In 1901 (although transcribed as Monley) the Morley's are still at the same address in Plymouth (ref7).

#### **Herbert Jr's wife Lilian Grace Fox**

In 1908 Herbert Jr marries Lilian Grace Fox in Plymouth (FreeBMD. England & Wales, Civil Registration Marriage Index, 1837-1915 [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2006). Lilian was born in 1880 in Plymouth (GRO Reference: 1880 S Quarter in PLYMOUTH Volume 05B Page 248) Her father was William H Fox, stonemason and mother Grace Bowden. In the census of 1891 she had one brother and one sister and was living at 54 Alvington Street (Class: RG13; Piece: 2091; Folio: 147; Page: 28).

Both Herbert Jr and Lilian Grace are still alive in 1939 living at 7 Carmarthen Road Plymouth with daughter Gwendolen Ernestine Lilian Morley a book keeper. Gwendoline was born on 14<sup>th</sup> March 1912 in Plymouth (GRO Reference: 1912 J Quarter in PLYMOUTH Volume 05B Page 399) and died in 1979 in Plymouth age 67 (General Register Office; United Kingdom; Volume: 21; Page: 2001 Plymouth Q2 1979). Herbert Jr's occupation in 1939 is Overseer postal Department PO (The National Archives; Kew, London, England; 1939 Register; Reference: RG 101/6791H). Lilian's death in Saltash, Cornwall is registered in January 1970 (General Register Office; United Kingdom; Volume: 7a; Page: 544).

In 1911 Herbert, wife Ellen and daughter Olive 22 have moved to Modbury, about 12 miles from Plymouth. They are living at 12 Church St. Olive is occupied as a teacher of music and Herbert says he is a 'pensioner of HM Post Office' (ref8). Ellen Morley dies age 55 in Plympton in 1914 (GRO Reference: 1914 J Quarter in PLYMPTON ST.MARY Volume 05B Page 253) and Herbert dies in 1917 age 64 (GRO Reference: 1917 S Quarter in PLYMPTON ST. MARY Volume 05B Page 218).

### **Olive Morley**

Olive was born in 1888 in Plymouth. She was living with her parents for the censuses in 1891 (ref6), 1901 (ref7) and 1911 when her occupation was Music Teacher(ref8). In January 1924 Olive Morley married Frederick G Hurrell in Plymouth (General Register Office; United Kingdom; Volume: 5b; Page: 394).

#### **Frederick George Hurrell**

Frederick was born in Plympton St Mary in 1876 (FreeBMD. England & Wales, Civil Registration Birth Index, 1837-1915 [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA:

Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2006.) and was living there for all censuses up to 1911. In 1911 Frederick, 35 single, domestic gardener is still living with his parents Joseph and Emily and two siblings in Plympton St Mary (The National Archives of the UK (TNA); Kew, Surrey, England; Census Returns of England and Wales, 1911)

In 1939 Olive is living at 108 Salisbury Rd Plymouth (Olive, Frederick retired gardener, with sons Edwin born 5/3/1926 and Norman born 10/1/1929) (General Register Office; United Kingdom; Volume: 5b; Page: 394). So, in 1939, Herbert's children are living only a few hundred metres apart and still in Plymouth.

Olive Hurrell died in Plymouth in 1963 (General Register Office; United Kingdom; Volume: 7a; Page: 976). Her husband Frederick died in Plymouth age 74 in 1950 (General Register Office; United Kingdom; Volume: 7a; Page: 706)

### Part Three: Work

1: What occupation was your pensioner recorded as doing in census years? Please make sure to state clearly which year you are referring to

1871 Herbert is Baker age 17 (ref4)  
1881 Herbert is Clerk Post Office (ref5)  
1891 Herbert is Clerk (Post Office) (ref6)  
1901 Herbert is Post Office Clerk (ref7)  
1911 Herbert is 'pensioner of HM Post Office (ref8)

In 1872 the appointment to the Post Office indicates he is a 'Sorting Clerk'. In 1890 in a City and County Directory he is a Postal Clerk.

His son Herbert's first appointed to the Post Office is in 1898 and he is classified as a 'Learner'. In 1901 he becomes a SC&T Senior Clerk and telegraphist (British Postal Service Appointment Books 1737-1969).

2: What occupations were people living with your pensioner (e.g. spouse, children, boarders) doing in the census years? Please make sure to state clearly which year you are referring to

The following are the only stated occupations for people living with Herbert Morley. For all other people in the same residence the Occupation column is blank or the word Scholar appears.

1861 Herbert's father John is a Blacksmith

1871 John is a Smith

1881 John is a General Black Smith

1891 Phillipa (Herbert's mother) is a widow 'Living on her own means'

#### Part Four: Anything Else/Later Life

Please use this space to record anything else you have found out about your pensioner. For example: what do we know about their life after retirement?

Herbert retired from the Post Office in 1901 and died on 27<sup>th</sup> August 1917. The cause of his death was recorded as 'Carcinoma Oesophagus, Exhaustion'.



## Part Five: Your Sources

Please use this space to record the sources you have used

### Herbert Morley References

1. 1841 census John Brown, 50 Ag Lab living with Phillipa Brown, 20, in Minster Cornwall Class: HO107; Piece: 140; Book: 12; Civil Parish: Minster; County: Cornwall; Enumeration District: 8; Folio: 10; Page: 12; Line: 17
2. 1851 census John Morley, 22 Blacksmith, Phillipa Morley, 29 and John Morley, 3 in St Austell, Cornwall Class: HO107; Piece: 1907; Folio: 6; Page: 4;
3. 1861 census John Morley 34, Phillipa Morley 34 John Morley 13, Herbert Morley 7 living in Plymouth Class: RG 9; Piece: 1441; Folio: 52; Page: 46
4. 1871 census John Morley 46, Phillipa Morley 46 and Herbert Morley 17 in Plymouth The National Archives; Kew, London, England; 1871 England Census; Class: RG10; Piece: 2114; Folio: 74; Page: 32;
5. 1881 census John Morley 50 General Blacksmith, Phillipa Morley 50 Herbert Morley 27 Clerk Post Office living in Plymouth, 59 Gibbons Street Class: RG11; Piece: 2193; Folio: 51; Page: 30
6. 1891 census Herbert Morley 39 Clerk Post Office, Ellen S Morley 30, Herbert Morley 3 (?8) Scholar, Olive Morley 2, Phillipa Morley 64 living in Plymouth The National Archives of the UK (TNA); Kew, Surrey, England; Census Returns of England and Wales, 1891; Class: RG12; Piece: 1729; Folio: 97; Page: 55
7. 1901 census Herbert Morley (Monley) 46 Post Office Clerk, Ellen S Morley 41, Herbert Morley 18, Olive Morley 12 living at 7 Lifton Villas, Plymouth Class: RG13; Piece: 2091; Folio: 54; Page: 49
8. 1911 census Herbert Morley 57 Pensioner HM Post Office, Ellen Sophia Morley 51, Olive Morley 22 Teacher of music living at 17 Church St Modbury The National Archives of the UK (TNA); Kew, Surrey, England; Census Returns of England and Wales, 1911