

Lieutenant Alan Pyman

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Alan Pyman was born in Enfield, Middlesex. This is confirmed by looking at the BMD records and all the relevant Census records including 1911 where he is recorded as a student at Leys School, Cambridge.

He was the son of Frederick Haigh Pyman, a wealthy shipowner who, when he died in 1932, was worth £270,000 a colossal sum of money at that time. Frederick Haigh Pyman was born in West Hartlepool and was living at the family's country home Dunsley Hall, near Whitby when he died. This will explain why Alan's name appears on the War Memorials at those locations; perhaps Frederick contributed towards the cost of the memorials.

Alan's mother was Blanche Pyman (born Gray) who died in 1899. His father remarried about 3 years afterwards. I have not been able to find any record of him residing at Seaton Carew which is, of course, near his father's birthplace. The last address I have for him is Hampstead, London (his father's London residence was 82 Fitzjohn's Avenue, Hampstead).

His older brother Capt Frederick Cresswell Pyman also served with the 2nd Battalion the Yorkshire Regiment and survived the war.

Curiously Alan's name also appears in Ireland's Memorial Records 1914-1918 Page 159 but I cannot find any connection with Ireland.

http://interactive.ancestry.co.uk/1633/NOISBN-IRISHVOL7-00160/42026?backurl=http%3a%2f%2fsearch.ancestry.co.uk%2fcgi-bin%2fsse.dll%3fdb%3dIrelandMemorial%26h%3d42026%26indiv%3dtry%26o_vc%3dRecord%253aOtherRecord%26ssrc%3dpt_t585162_p-1123456838_kpidz0q3d-1123456838z0q26pgz0q3d32768z0q26pgplz0q3dpid%26tid%3d585162%26tpid%3d-1123456838%26rhSource%3d1262&ssrc=pt_t585162_p-1123456838_kpidz0q3d-1123456838z0q26pgz0q3d32768z0q26pgplz0q3dpid&backlabel=ReturnRecord

Quite an interesting precis of his family background to be found here:

http://www.simontesler.com/macleans/george_pyman.htm