

# *This is A Few Forgotten Women Story*



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## **Hannah Mary Morris's Story**

Hannah Mary Morris was born on 7<sup>th</sup> November 1890 at Abergavenny, Montgomeryshire, Wales, the daughter of Frederick John Morris and Hannah Wakeham Light<sup>1</sup>.

Frederick and Hannah were married at Abergavenny in 1886<sup>2</sup>. Frederick had been born about 1866 in Langport, Somerset and Hannah in 1867 in Totnes, Devon<sup>3</sup>.

Hannah Mary Morris was baptised on 3 December 1890 at St Mary's Abergavenny. Her father was described as a fireman. In other records he is an engine driver.

The family is recorded on the 1891 census living at Abergavenny<sup>4</sup>. By the 1901 census they are living at Monks Coppenhall, Crewe<sup>5</sup>.

Frederick's work on the railway had taken him to Crewe where there was a large railway hub. The family were still there in 1911.

According to the 1911 census there had been six children born to Frederick and wife Hannah, but one had already died<sup>6</sup>.

The children were, Ida Emma, Florence Maude, Hannah Mary, Charles Henry and Ernest Alfred.

Hannah Mary attended school in Crewe. She is listed on the Admittance registers<sup>7</sup>

Hannah Mary enrolled as a Trainee Teacher at the Cheshire County Training College, Crewe, on 15<sup>th</sup> September 1908. Her father was recorded as Frederick John Morris and her home address was 15 Ernest Street, Crewe. She had previously attended Crewe Secondary School. Her final exam at the college was in 1910<sup>8</sup>.

There are no records stating where Hannah Mary began her teaching career, but she is recorded in the 21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Book in 1929 as being Mrs. A. BAILEY and teaching at Shavington School, Cheshire<sup>9</sup>.

Hannah Mary Morris married Albert Bailey in 1920 in Nantwich, Cheshire<sup>10</sup>.

In the 1921 Census, Hannah and Albert are recorded as living at 191 Ruskin Road, Crewe<sup>11</sup>. Hannah's brother Henry Morris is the head of the household and is an audit clerk. Henry's wife Annie and a maid are also living at the address. Albert is described as an accounts clerk and Hannah Mary as a school teacher. There is no evidence that Albert and Hannah Mary ever had any children.

In 1939 Hannah and Albert are recorded on the 1939 Register as living at 85 Hungerford Road, Crewe. Also living with them is Hannah's sister Florence M. Morris. Both Hannah and Florence are listed as elementary school teachers. Albert is described as a railway clerk and also an ARP warden<sup>12</sup>.

No other record can be found for Hannah Mary until her death in 1982. Her probate record shows that she died on 20<sup>th</sup> May 1982 at Nantwich, Cheshire but her death registration records the death as at Alcester, Warwickshire<sup>13</sup>.

The British Newspaper Archive has been searched but unfortunately no records of Hannah Mary Morris or in her married name of Hannah Mary Bailey, have yet been found.

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- <sup>1</sup> Baptisms, Abergavenny St Mary. Monmouthshire, 3 December 1890, page 346 via Ancestry.co.uk
- <sup>2</sup> Marriages, England GRO 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 1896 Abergavenny, Monmouthshire.
- <sup>3</sup> Census
- <sup>4</sup> 1891 Census Abergavenny, Wales, RG12, PN 4347, Folio 16, Page 25.
- <sup>5</sup> 1901 Census Christchurch, Crewe, Cheshire, England. Reg Dis. Nantwich, ED 15, PN 3356, Folio 48, Page 42.
- <sup>6</sup> 1911 census Monks Coppenhall, Crewe, Cheshire, England. Reg Dis. 449, ED 44, PN 21796.
- <sup>7</sup> Findmypast Education Records. Crewe Secondary School 1904. Record set England, Cheshire School Records, 1782-1950
- <sup>8</sup> *CCTCC Student Registers [1908-1935]: CCTCC Archives, Unpublished data, under the care of the Family History Society of Cheshire, Crewe*
- <sup>9</sup> *1908-1929, Souvenir of the 21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary, CCTCC, Unpublished data, under the care of the Family History Society of Cheshire, Crewe*
- <sup>10</sup> Marriages, England GRO. 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 1920, Nantwich.
- <sup>11</sup> 1921 Census, Monks Coppenhall, Crewe, Cheshire. Reg Dis. Nantwich, Reg. Dis 449, EN 31, RG 15, PN 17014, SN 79
- <sup>12</sup> 1939 Register, Crewe, Cheshire. Reg. Dis Crewe 449-2, ED Leof, SN 141, Line no. 27
- <sup>13</sup> England & Wales, National Probate Calendar (index of Wills and Administrations), Probate date 4 Aug 1982, Probate Registry Birmingham. Page 339