

SURF COAST FAMILY HISTORY GROUP

10.00am Thursday 13 June 2024

History House – 5 McMillan St.

What's in an epithet?: One approach to writing family history

Alfred remarried in 1880 in Hove to Emily Genner (nee Holmes), who had a 12-year-old son. Alfred and Emily then had three children together: Edwin Luke (1881) Caroline Hannah, known as Carrie (1884) and Ellen Sarah, known as Nell or Nellie (1885). Sadly, these children did not have their father for long. Quite when Alfred gave away life at sea is unclear, but at the time of his death in 1892 he was working as a labourer for the Hove Commissioners. His death was the result of a fatal bus accident on the junction of Blatchington Road and Goldstone Villas in Hove. The incident was described in graphic detail in newspaper reports of the coroner's enquiry. The jury returned a verdict of "accidental death", exonerating the driver of the omnibus from blame. A rider was added to the effect that the Hove Commissioners be recommended to improve the lighting at the spot. The full report of Alfred's death as it appeared in the *Brighton Herald* of 9 November 1892 under the title "Killed by an omnibus" is reproduced below.



Speaker: Susan Clarke

Epithet A descriptive phrase, linked to a name, that helps to describe a particular character or thing.

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