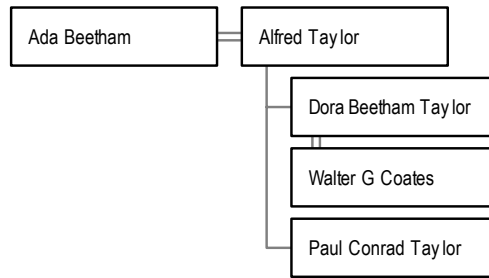


Ada Beetham



Ada was the last of the six known children born to Mary and John Beetham. Her birth was registered in the Jan-Mar 1866 quarter in the Kirkstall district.ⁱ Ada was brought up in Leeds and was living with her parents in St. Paul's Street in 1871 and at 11 Moreland Road in 1881.ⁱⁱ The Beetham family celebrated another wedding in 1890 when Ada married Alfred Taylor. The marriage was registered in the Jul-Sep quarter of 1890 in Warwick. At the time, Ada would have been about 24 and Alfred about 26. Alfred had been born in Hunslet around 1865 to John and Ann Taylor. He was found living at home at 9 Admiral Street, Hunslet, for the 1861 census.ⁱⁱⁱ

John Taylor	40	Grocer	Holbeck
Ann Taylor	37		Howden
John Taylor	8	Scholar	Hunslet
Alfred Taylor	6	Scholar	Hunslet

By 1881 Alfred had moved away from home and was listed as an Apprentice, living with the household of Francis Turner, at 43 Meanwood Street, Leeds. Francis, like Alfred's father, was a Grocer, but it is not clear what apprenticeship Alfred was undertaking. Given that he was a mechanical engineer by the 1891 Census it is likely that his training was in this line.

Francis Turner	34	Grocer	Kent
Mary E Turner	31		Scarborough
Percival Turner	7	Scholar	Maidstone, Kent
Emily F Turner	5	Scholar	Brixton (?), Surrey
Reginald Turner	3		Leeds
John F Sheppard	17	Apprentice	Bardsley, Yorkshire
Alfred Taylor	16	Apprentice	Leeds

Ten years later Alfred and his young bride had established their own home at Lindly, Holgate, York. With them is Ada's widowed mother.^{iv}

Alfred Taylor	27	Mechanical Engineer & Draughtsman	Leeds
Ada Taylor	25		Leeds
Mary Beetham (Vis)	67	Living on own means	Leeds
Annie M Welsh	24	Domestic Servant	Howden, Yorks

By 1901 Ada and Alfred have moved to the Micklegate area of York. Living at Polvillas, Holgate Road, they are now supporting a larger household.^v

Alfred Taylor	36	Mechanical Engineer	Leeds
Ada Taylor	34		Leeds
Dora B Taylor	9		York
Paul C Taylor	5		York
Leonie Guerillon	30	Governess	France (Fr Subject)
Alice Hargrave	24	Cook	York
Annie L Tebb	21	Housemaid	Coneythorpe, Yorkshire

While Alfred was listed as an employee in 1891, for the 1901 census he is recorded as an employer. According to Barry Wood, Alfred excelled as an engineer and was knighted for his services.

We know that Dora married, but a cursory search of the Ancestry records for possible registrations of death for Ada and Alfred, and a possible marriage for Paul have not elicited anything at this stage.



Dora Beetham Taylor



A trawl through the Times, looking for any references to Alfred Taylor, came up with the following notice placed in the forthcoming marriages column of 17th December 1918.

CAPTAIN W. G. COATES AND MRS TAYLOR.
A marriage has been arranged between Captain Walter George Coates, R.F.A., elder son of Dr. and Mrs. Coates, of South Kilworth House, Rugby, and 24, The Grove, Boltons, S.W., and Dora Beetham, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Taylor, of Whixley Hall, York.

According to the FreeBMD Index, the marriage took place in the Jan-Mar quarter of 1919 and was registered at Great Ouseburn. This record was confirmed by obtaining a copy of the marriage certificate.^v

On 4th March 1919 Walter George Coates and Dora Beetham Taylor were married at the Parish Church of Whixley. Both groom and bride were 27 years old. The respective fathers were George Coates, Doctor of Medicine and Alfred Taylor, Engineer. Interestingly, the ceremony was conducted by Ada's cousin, Alfred S. Newton.

Walter would have been the young nine year old who, for the 1901 census, was a boarder at a boys school in Darley Row, Eastbourne, Sussex, headed up by Harold Browne, C of E clergyman and school master.^{vi}

Walter G Coates	9	Boarder	S. Kensington, London
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Extrapolating from the fact that Walter was the elder son of Dr and Mrs Coates, and from the fact that he was born in Kensington, I did a birth search on Ancestry for the year 1893-5 and came up with a Ronald A Coates, born about 1895. Following up on this I then searched the 1901 census and there is Ronald at home at 30 Breckin Place, Kensington.^{vii}

George Coates	49	Doctor of Medicine	Eccles, Lancashire
Ronald A Coates	6		Kensington, London
Fanny Coates (Mother)(W)	81		Bearton(?), Derby
Lydia E Dix	26	Cook	Fulham, London
Lottie M West	23	Parlourmaid	Nottingham
Ethel M West	20	Housemaid	Hammersmith, London

So here we have George's father, but no mother was at home for the 1901 census. However, she is identified through the 1891 census, where she and George are located, at the same address, 30 Breckin Place, Kensington.^{ix}

George Coates	39	Doctor of Medicine	Eccles, Lancashire
Constance E Coates	26		London
Emily M Crema	29	Cook	London
Ellen Allen	23	Parlourmaid	Wellington, Salop
Alice Brooks	24	Housemaid	London

And just to finish off – George and Constance were married in the Jul-Sep quarter of 1890, with the marriage being registered at Paddington. Before her marriage the bride was Constance Emily Pownall, a daughter of Assheton Pownall who in 1871 was the Rector of South Kilworth, Lutterworth, and a JP, and his wife Sophia J Pownall.^x



ⁱ FreeBMD Birth Index.

ⁱⁱ RG/10/4568/p58; RG11/4535/p4.

ⁱⁱⁱ RG10/4513/p8.

^{iv} RG/12/3890/p12.

^v RG/13/4441/p3.

^{vi} FreeBMD Marriage Index; Certified copy of Marriage Certificate MXD440925.

^{vii} RG13/880/p8.

^{viii} RG13/36/p43.

^{ix} RG12/32/p33.

^x FreeBMD Marriage Index; RG10/3222/p8.