



Francis Wilson Bateman

Royal Air Force (RAF)

Service No. 52433

World War II

Born: 1916

Died: 27 Aug 1943

Place of Birth: (Cable Avenue) Bay Roberts, Conception Bay, Newfoundland

Parents: Francis Thornton and Alice Clara (nee Fitzgerald) Bateman

Francis' father, Francis Thornton was born in Stockton on Leeds, England in June 1892. He moved to Bay Roberts, Newfoundland as one of the Cable Building managers and housed in the company houses on "Cable Avenue," Bay Roberts.

In January 1914, he married Alice Clara Fitzgerald of Harbour Grace. They were married in the Roman Catholic Cathedral there.

Together, the couple had three children while living in Bay Roberts. The 1921 Newfoundland general census listings show Francis at 29, Clara (as she preferred to be called) at 38 and children Francis W, 5, Elizabeth 3 and Clara, all born in Newfoundland. Over the years, there were a number of trips from Newfoundland to England to connect with family and the couple eventually moved to England, and it is there that Clara died in 1960 at Littleborough, England.

In 1939, their son, Francis married Edith Veronica Lacey at Huntingdon, Huntingdonshire, England.

Young Francis joined the Royal Air Force during World War II as pilot but was tragically killed in action in August 1943.

BATEMAN, Pilot Offr. (Pilot) FRANCIS WILSON, 52433. R.A.F. 131 Sqdn. 27th August, 1943. Age 27. Son of Francis Thornton Bateman and Alice Clara Bateman ; husband of Edith Veronica Bateman, of Potters Bar, Middlesex. Divn. 67. Row F. Grave 12.

He is buried in the Sainte Marie Cemetery, Le Harve, Department de la Seine-Maritime Haute-Normandie, France.

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ROLL OF HONOR

BATEMAN — In proud and loving memory of Francis Wilson Bateman, Pilot-Officer, 131 (Fighter) Squadron, Royal Air Force, missing from operations on Aug. 27, 1943, formerly of Bay Roberts, Nfld., and Valentia Island, Co. Kerry.—Irish Independent, Dublin, Ireland.

Frank Bateman, father of Pilot-Officer Francis Wilson Bateman, was a former Station Electrician with the Western Union Cable Co. here, and his mother was the former Clara Fitzgerald of Hr. Grace. The family left here about 1925, and has resided at Valentia Island, Co. Kerry, Ireland, where Mr. Bateman is employed by the Western Union. The deceased leaves to mourn his passing, besides his parents, two sisters.