

## STONE FAMILY

## Family History

Martin Stone was born in Bourton, Dorset, England, around the 25<sup>th</sup> December 1826. He was the son of James Stone and Fanny Moger. Martin was literate and made his living as a carter.

In 1847, Martin was sentenced to fifteen years for horse stealing and transported to the Swan River Colony. He arrived on the *Scindian* in June 1850 and received his Ticket of Leave on the 2<sup>nd</sup> November. Martin earned his Conditional Pardon on the 12<sup>th</sup> July 1856 and was given his Certificate of Freedom on the 2<sup>nd</sup> April 1858.

On the 9<sup>th</sup> February 1857, Martin married Emma Bagshaw in York. She had arrived in the Colony with her parents in 1843, aboard the *Success*. The couple had a large family:

George Alfred Joseph b.1855, Fanny b.1857, Mary Ann 1859-1927, Emily 1862-1941, James George b.1864, Susanna b.1866, Elizabeth b.1867, John William 1869-1944, Frederick 1871-1945, Hannah 1872-1873, Emma b.1874, Alfred Frank 1876-1951, Henry Herbert b.1878. Eliza Louisa R. 1880-1908, Jane 1880-1931, Ernest Arthur b.1881.

Martin was listed as a farmer on the premises of John Bagshaw (his father-in-law) in York in the 1859 Census, and he was known to have employed up to thirty-four Ticket of Leave men on different occasions between 1864 and 1871. Martin was also recorded as a carter to the Eastern Goldfields during the 1890s.

Martin died on the 7<sup>th</sup> May 1908, aged 84, and was buried in the York cemetery.

Four grandsons enlisted in the First World War. Only one saw active service.

# STONE

## Richard

### Service No: 2493

## Basic Information

Name: Richard Stone

Service number: 2493

Date of enlistment: 3/4/1916

Age at Enlistment: 36 years 5 months

Civil Occupation: Mill Hand

Medals, Honours, Awards: British War Medal, Victory Medal

Height: 5 feet 8 inches

Weight: 148 pounds

Chest measurement: 34 inches

Complexion: Ruddy

Eye Colour: Grey

Hair Colour: Dark to Grey

Father: Unknown

Mother: Fanny Stone

Married: Miriam Elizabeth Jecks

Children: Alec Walter 1902-1911, Lorna Ellen b.1907, Leata Marion b.1911, Verna G b. 1913, Alice

## Life Story

Richard Stone was born in 1879, the son of Fanny Stone and an unknown father. He was a grandson of Martin Stone and Emma Bagshaw.

In 1888, his mother, Fanny, married Alfred William Bates in York. The couple made their home in Sawyers Valley and went on to have four more children: John Charles b.1888, Alfred b.1890, Ellen b.1892, Emma b. 1894. Alfred died in 1938, and Fanny passed away a few months later.

In 1900, Richard married Marion Elizabeth Jecks in Perth. They went on to have five children, one of whom died at the age of nine. At the time of his marriage, he was living in Waroona but, by 1916, Richard was working at Lion Mill (Mount Helena) as a sawyer.

In March of that year, he was witness to a fatal accident at the mill when a fellow worker caught his clothing in the drive wheel of a machine.

Richard enlisted on the 3<sup>rd</sup> April and left Fremantle for the United Kingdom on the *Uganda* on the 20<sup>th</sup> September 1916. After about three months with the 13<sup>th</sup> Training Battalion, he proceeded overseas to France and was Taken on Strength with the 51<sup>st</sup> Battalion.

Richard fought in the Field for only two months, before he was badly Wounded in Action near Bapaume, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> April 1917. Richard was evacuated to England with gunshot wounds to his chest, thigh and arm and admitted to the South General Hospital in Birmingham. A report in his Repatriation File states that shell fragments had struck Richard's left side and penetrated a lung. He also had a wound over his spine and a flesh wound in his lower left thigh.

On the 4<sup>th</sup> July, Richard was transferred to the 1<sup>st</sup> Auxiliary Hospital before being declared "temporarily unfit for service for six months." He returned to Australia on the 27<sup>th</sup> September 1917.

On the 6<sup>th</sup> December 1917, Richard arrived back in Australia and was discharged from the A.I.F. He returned to Lion Mill and started a dairy business.

Richard's injuries continued to cause problems. In 1920, he spent a month in Fremantle Hospital. Then, in 1921, he was admitted to hospital again for a period of two months. His Repatriation File stated that Richard was dangerously ill.

In 1922, he applied to the Repatriation Board for thirty-five pounds to enable him to purchase a new cart for his rounds as the old one was beyond repair.

Little is known of Richard's life over the next few years. Between 1930 and 1949, an R.S. Stone was listed in the Post Office Directory for Lion Mill/Mount Helena as a civil servant, so perhaps he found an easier occupation.

Marion Elizabeth died in 1941 at the age of sixty-one. Richard continued to live in the Mount Helena area until his death in 1980.

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# STONE

## Norman Atherton

Service No: 175



## BASIC INFORMATION

Name: Norman Atherton Stone

Service number: 175

Date of enlistment: 16/5/1917

Age at Enlistment: 19 years

Civil Occupation: Butcher

Medals, Honours, Awards: British War Medal and the Victory Medal

Height: 5 feet 8 inches

Weight: 138 pounds

Chest measurement: 33 inches

Complexion: Dark

Eye Colour: Brown

Hair Colour: Dark Brown

Father: Alfred Frank Stone

Mother: Alice Eleanor Atherton

Married: Florence M. Hill

Siblings: Martin b.1897, William Edward b.1903.

## Life Story

Norman Atherton Stone was the son of Alice Eleanor Atherton and Alfred Frank Stone who, in turn, was the fifth son of Martin Stone and Emma Bagshaw.

Alfred, born in 1879, had moved to Northam about 1912 to work as a butcher with Milner and Co. He later worked for other butchering businesses and spent some time in the timber trade with Edmondson's, a local firm. Alfred bred poultry and was a life member of the Northam Poultry Society. His wife Alice, who died in 1948, was believed to be the daughter of the last surviving member of the Eureka Stockade rising.

Norman was born at York in 1900. He enlisted as a Private on the 16<sup>th</sup> May 1917 and requested a transfer to the 10<sup>th</sup> Light Horse in early May.

He was briefly transferred to the Camel Corps in early July but, by the beginning of August, he had returned to the Depot Squadron.

On the 24<sup>th</sup> September, Norman joined the 31<sup>st</sup> Reinforcements of the 51<sup>st</sup> Battalion, but his health was an issue and, only three weeks' later, he faced the Medical Board. The Board recommended an operation to alleviate his condition, but Norman's parents refused to give their consent.

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> October, Norman was discharged permanently and declared unfit for active service. It was recorded that the discharge was not due to misconduct.

After his discharge, Norman returned to Northam. He married Florence Hill in Northam on the 26<sup>th</sup> June 1920, and they went on to have three children. Norman began a career as a dairyman, living first in Taylor Street, Northam then on the Grass Valley Road. By 1945, the family had moved back to Taylor Street.

In 1954, Norman won a Court case over an agreement to buy a farming property. He claimed the vendor agreed to sell him a property near Northam but died before the sale was finalised. His claim was opposed by the son of the deceased who claimed that his father was mentally incapable of making such an agreement at that time.

Norman died in Northam in 1978. Florence died in Melville in 1988.

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## STONE

Horace Samuel

Service No: W15964

## BASIC INFORMATION

Name: Horace Samuel Stone

Service number: W15964

Date of enlistment: 8/1/1918

Age at Enlistment: 18 years 9 months

Civil Occupation: Labourer

Medals, Honours, Awards: None

Height: 5 feet 6 ½ inches

Weight: 152 pounds

Chest measurement: 33 ½ inches

Complexion: Medium

Eye Colour: Blue

Hair Colour: Dark Brown

Father: John William Stone

Mother: Eliza Louisa Rebecca Warren

Married: Lucy Martin

## Family Story

Horace was the grandson of Martin Stone and Emma Bagshaw. His father, John William Stone, was a labourer employed by the York Town Council. He married Eliza Louisa Rebecca Warren at York in 1897.

The couple had eight children, two of whom served in World War One: Martin William Thomas b.1898, Horace Samuel b.1899, Francis Henry b.1901, Clarence Everett b.1902, Thomas Henry William b.1904, Albert Edward King b.1904, Irene Jane b.1906, Gordon Somerville b.1908 and Richard Neville b.1908. Gordon was adopted by the Parker family, perhaps due to Eliza's ill health, as she died in 1909.

One year later, William married Sophia Rachel Warren, Eliza's sister. The Bicentennial Dictionary states that Sophia already had three children, and the couple went on to have nine more children together: Kathleen Emma b.1909, Edward George b.1911, Linda May b.1913, Douglas Haig b.1915, Margaret Elizabeth b.1917, Dorothy Grace b.1919, Allan S. b.1922, Barbara D. b.1925 and Jean M. b.1928.

Horace Samuel Stone enlisted in the A.I.F. on the 8<sup>th</sup> January 1918 at the age of eighteen, listing his father as Next of Kin. He reported to Blackboy Hill for training and was assigned to D3 Depot as a Private.

On the 1<sup>st</sup> April, Horace was given four days' final leave. However, he did not return until the 9<sup>th</sup> April and was fined four days' pay for being Absent Without Leave.

On the 28<sup>th</sup> May 1918, Horace was attached to the Australian Service Corps but, less than a month later, he was discharged from the A.I.F, having been found "unfit for service." No other explanation was recorded for his discharge.

In 1919, Horace married Lucy Martin at York. His whereabouts over the following years are unclear but, by 1941, he had been employed by Millers Timber and Trading Company in East Perth for some years.

Horace may have been struggling to make ends meet when, in 1941, he was placed on a bond for stealing some coir matting from the Company.

Later that year, Horace found work as a tram driver, a position he retained until at least 1948, despite being involved in a couple of accidents.

Horace died in East Perth in 1977.

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# STONE

## Martin William Thomas



## BASIC INFORMATION

Name: Martin William (Thomas) Stone

Date of enlistment: 7/4/1917

Age at Enlistment: 19 years

Civil Occupation: Labourer/Butcher

Medals, Honours, Awards: None

Height: 5 feet 5 inches

Weight: 120 pounds

Chest measurement: 34 inches

Complexion: Fair

Eye Colour: Hazel

Hair Colour: Brown

Father: John William Stone

Mother: Eliza Louisa Rebecca Warren

Married: No

## Life Story

Martin William Thomas stone was born in York in 1898. He was the oldest child of John William Stone and Eliza Louisa Rebecca Warren and a grandchild of Martin Stone and Emma Bagshaw. Although he struggled at school, Martin was keen to join the armed forces, and he tried to enlist twice.

In March 1916, while working as a farm hand, Martin enlisted in the A.I.F. as a Private but was soon discharged as medically unfit.

On the 7<sup>th</sup> April 1917, he enlisted again, claiming he had been rejected previously due to poor eyesight, and was assigned to D3 Depot as a Private.

Two weeks' later, Martin was hospitalised for eighteen days suffering from influenza. He did not return to the Depot upon his release from hospital, and was recorded as being Absent Without Leave. When Martin finally returned, after nine days, he was arrested and had to forfeit eight days' pay.

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> May, it was recorded that Martin was "unlikely to become an efficient soldier," and he was finally discharged from the army to return to York.

Little is known of Martin's life after his discharge. In 1919, he was summoned to Court charged with bathing in the Avon River without a costume. Martin assured the Court that he was "in no way exposed to public view," but he was fined one shilling and had to pay three shillings in costs.

In 1922, there were references in the local newspapers to Martin being a member of the Avon Wanderers Football Club.

In June 1928, Martin was in more serious trouble when he was charged with having stolen one Bengal razor and a Commonwealth Savings Bank book, the property of John Bradshaw, and of being “an idle and disorderly person” having no visible means of support. The first charge was dismissed, but he was given three month’s imprisonment with hard labour for the second charge.

In 1936, Martin was appointed the official dog catcher for the York 1936 dog catcher for York.

In later years, a York local recalled that “Martin used to live in Ben Hathaway’s blacksmith shop in Ford Street, down by the river near Mongers bridge.”

Martin William Thomas Stone died in York in 1971 and was buried in the local cemetery.

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