

Alfred Deane Brownfield

III. ALFRED DEANE BROWNFIELD was born between January 1st and March 31st 1862 in Poplar¹. In 1881 at the age of 18, he was working as a commercial clerk, still living with his parents at 97 Deptford Lower Road²². In 1890, he was a witness at his brother Harry's wedding.³ In the April 1891 census he was still unmarried, living with his parents and working as a Timber Broker's Clerk.

His father indicated that he thought Alfred unreliable, and in his will left a smaller share of his estate to Alfred than his brothers. He also said that if, at the time of his wife's (Elizabeth) death, Alfred was an undischarged bankrupt, then he would forfeit his share of the estate and it would be divided equally among his brothers. Alfred's name does not appear in the 1901 census, which suggests that he may have already gone abroad.

Alfred died in 28th October 1915 in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.⁴ A notice appeared in the Times on March 16, 1916 about the sealing of the letters of Administration on his estate, inserted by Woodcock, Ryland and Parker solicitors for Charles Frederick Brownfield, brother of the deceased and one of the next of kin.

Sources

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1. General Records Office Index, March. quarter 1862. Poplar Vol 1c page 673
2. 1881 census LDS CD set. PRO ref RG11 piece 0578 folio 41 page 9.
3. Marriage Certificate. Sidcup Parish Church, Kent. January 8, 1890 No.253
4. Times Archive on line