

## Clement Silas Anscombe – London Brighton & South Coast Railway

Clement Silas was born in 1858 the son of Silas Anscombe and Sarah Pryor. His father, Silas, worked for the London Brighton & South Coast Railway (LB&SCR), initially as a porter at Lewes and then worked his way up to be a First Class Head Guard on the London Bridge – Croydon – Epsom line. He was promoted to be a guard in 1859 which is presumably when the family moved to Croydon. In the 1861 record of Silas's career with LB&SCR we can see that his wage was £1/8/- a week and he was paying 2/6 a week rent. So his take home pay was £1/5/6 or £1.27½ which would be equivalent to £156.20 in today's money.

London Bridge Station.										5									
NO.	TO	FROM	NAME	OCCUPATION	Date entered	Recommended by	Age	Yearly	Weekly	Days	Days	Days	Days	Days	Days	Days	Days	Days	Days
Croydon to Brighton Line Guards																			
179	Albright	London	Thomas	1st Class	1858	1858	21	17	1/8	18									
	Peak	London	Edward	do	1858	1858	22	17	1/8	18									
	London	London	John	do	1858	1858	23	17	1/8	18									
	London	London	Charles	do	1858	1858	24	17	1/8	18									
	London	London	William	do	1858	1858	25	17	1/8	18									
	London	London	John	do	1858	1858	26	17	1/8	18									
	London	London	John	do	1858	1858	27	17	1/8	18									
	London	London	John	do	1858	1858	28	17	1/8	18									
	London	London	John	do	1858	1858	29	17	1/8	18									
	London	London	John	do	1858	1858	30	17	1/8	18									
	London	London	John	do	1858	1858	31	17	1/8	18									
	London	London	John	do	1858	1858	32	17	1/8	18									
	London	London	John	do	1858	1858	33	17	1/8	18									
	London	London	John	do	1858	1858	34	17	1/8	18									
	London	London	John	do	1858	1858	35	17	1/8	18									
	London	London	John	do	1858	1858	36	17	1/8	18									
	London	London	John	do	1858	1858	37	17	1/8	18									
	London	London	John	do	1858	1858	38	17	1/8	18									
	London	London	John	do	1858	1858	39	17	1/8	18									
	London	London	John	do	1858	1858	40	17	1/8	18									
	London	London	John	do	1858	1858	41	17	1/8	18									
	London	London	John	do	1858	1858	42	17	1/8	18									
	London	London	John	do	1858	1858	43	17	1/8	18									
	London	London	John	do	1858	1858	44	17	1/8	18									
	London	London	John	do	1858	1858	45	17	1/8	18									
	London	London	John	do	1858	1858	46	17	1/8	18									
	London	London	John	do	1858	1858	47	17	1/8	18									
	London	London	John	do	1858	1858	48	17	1/8	18									
	London	London	John	do	1858	1858	49	17	1/8	18									
	London	London	John	do	1858	1858	50	17	1/8	18									

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The undermentioned Houses are situate within the Boundaries of the

Parish [or Township] of	City or Municipal Borough of	Municipal Ward of	Parliamentary Borough of	Town of	Hamlet or Tything, &c., of	Ecclesiastical District of			
Croydon									
No. of Schedule	Road, Street, &c., and No. or Name of House	Houses in the Ward (No. of Houses)	Name and Surname of each Person	Relation to Head of Family	Condition	Age of	Rank, Profession, or Occupation	Where Born	Whether Married, Single, or Widowed
217	Gloucester Rd.	1	James Cole	Head	Mar.	31	Bricklayer / Journeyman	Sussex - Lamberhurst	
			George Cole	Son	Un.	17	Labourer	Q. - Q.	
			John Cole	Son	Un.	14	Scholar	Q. - Q.	
			Ann Edgington	Widow	Mar.	62	Domestic Servant	Surrey - Wandsworth	
218	Q.	1	William Brooker	Head	Mar.	43	General Labourer	Surrey - Croydon	
			Mary A. Q.	Wife	Mar.	41	-	Q. - Q.	
			Emma S. Q.	Daughter	Un.	13	Scholar	Q. - Q.	
			William Q.	Son	Un.	12	Q.	Q. - Q.	
			Henry Q.	Son	Un.	10	Q.	Q. - Q.	
			John Q.	Son	Un.	6	Q.	Q. - Q.	
			George Q.	Son	Un.	3	Q.	Q. - Q.	
219	Q.	1	Silas Anscombe	Head	Mar.	28	Railway Guard	Sussex - Chichester	
			Sarah Q.	Wife	Mar.	27	-	Q. - Q.	
			Clement Q.	Son	Un.	3	Scholar	Q. - Q.	
			Agnes Q.	Daughter	Un.	1	-	Q. - Q.	
			Gideon Pryor	Boys	Un.	18	Railway Porter	Q. - Q.	
220	Q.	1	Silas Deacon	Head	Mar.	24	Railway Porter	Sussex - Sevenoaks	
			Mary Ann Deacon	Wife	Mar.	21	Laundress	Surrey - Croydon	
			Alfred Ling	Son	Un.	3	Scholar	Q. - Croydon	
			John Deacon	Son	Un.	1	-	Q. - Croydon	
221			Mary Ann Corrie	Head	Mar.	22	Laundress	Sussex - Langston	
			Henry John Q.	Son	Un.	1	-	Surrey - Croydon	
222			Mary Deacon	Head	Mar.	57	Laundress	Sussex - Haverhill	
			Henry Deacon	Son	Un.	14	Drapery's Grand Boy	Q. - Ditchling	
6	Total of Houses...	14			Total of Males and Females...		159		

Silas Anscombe 1861 Census

In the 1861 census Silas and his family are living in Gloucester Road, Croydon conveniently close to East Croydon station. Presumably the house was owned by the LB&SCR and the rent of 2/6 a week was subsidised. Sarah's younger brother, Gideon, was also living with them.

But then Silas died of Tuberculosis in 1865. This would have left Sarah in a very difficult financial situation, added to which she was pregnant with their third child, Elizabeth Emily. It's quite possible



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she went back to live with her family in Newick, Sussex for a while. Certainly in the 1871 census Elizabeth Emily was living with Sarah's mother in Newick.

If they did live in Sussex for a while they were back in Croydon by 1869 because Sarah also joined the LB&SCR as a ladies waiting room attendant at Crystal Palace station. She resigned from this post in July 1872 shortly after her second marriage to William Plowman. It looks as though this type of role was used to support women whose husbands had died while in the service of the LB&SCR because the husband of the lady who replaced her had been killed on the South London Line.

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Crystal Palace Station.

From Date.	To Date.	NAME	OCCUPATION	Date entered Service	Recommended by	Age in 1870.	SALARY.		PROMOTIONS.										REMARKS	Reference
							Weekly	Date.		Date		Date		Date		Date				
		Therese Tobin	Signalman	July 1869	Edw. S. Bostley.	20	17/-	1/4	1/4											
		Resigned Anscombe Breaker.	Sarah Waiting Room Ladies	Oct. 1870	Resistons Company.	25	5/-													Resigned 26/7/72
				Aug 1872	Wife of Thomas Plowman head on Great Eastern line	24 1/2	5/-													

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Sarah Anscombe LB&SCR 1870

Then Clement Silas joined the LB&SCR in November 1870 at East Croydon and was based at Queens Road, Peckham station as a booking clerk. It would seem that in order to get a job with the LB&SCR you needed to have a recommendation from a company or professional person. Clement Silas's recommendation was from W H Smith & Sons who ran book and newspaper stalls on most stations. Maybe he had already had a job as a newspaper boy with W H Smith.

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Queens Road

Station.

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From	To						Weekly	Date		Date		Date		Date		Date				
158	84	Karling	Station Master	July 1861	Edw. S. Bostley	28	15/-													Removed to Brighton 1/1/70
113	191	White	Booking Clerk	April 1863	Edw. S. Bostley	24	15/-	1/4	1/7											Removed to Brighton 1/1/70
191	67	Gamer	Booking Clerk	Apr 1863	Edw. S. Bostley	24	15/-	1/4	1/7											Removed to Brighton 1/1/70
67	170	Gamer	Booking Clerk	Apr 1863	Edw. S. Bostley	24	15/-	1/4	1/7											Removed to Brighton 1/1/70
171	150	Gamer	Booking Clerk	Apr 1863	Edw. S. Bostley	24	15/-	1/4	1/7											Removed to Brighton 1/1/70
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Croydon				Croydon		Croydon	St. John's		
ROAD, STREET, &c. and No. or NAME of HOUSE	HOUSES Tenement, or other Building	NAME and Surname of each Person	RELATION to Head of Family	CON- DITION	AGE in Years	Rank, Profession, or OCCUPATION	WHERE BORN	Whether	Defendant-Prison
		Thomas Ho	Son		1		St. George's		
		Walter Talley	Son		1	Boot Maker	St. George's		
		Agnes					St. George's		
		John Ho	Son		1		St. George's		
		James Marchant	Son		1	Brewer	St. George's		
		Joseph Ho	Son		1	Landowner	St. George's		
		Phoebe Ho	Son		1		St. George's		
		James Ho	Son		1	Housekeeper	St. George's		
		John Ho	Son		1	Labourer	St. George's		
		William Ho	Son		1		St. George's		
		Joseph Ho	Son		1		St. George's		
		George Brewer	Son		1	Campfireman	St. George's		
		John Ho	Son		1		St. George's		
		Martha Ho	Son		1		St. George's		
		James Quilley	Son		1	Campfireman	St. George's		
		John Ho	Son		1		St. George's		
		Marling Boy	Son		1	Marling Boy	St. George's		
		William Ho	Son		1	Marling Boy	St. George's		
		William Ho	Son		1	Marling Boy	St. George's		
		Henry Ho	Son		1	Marling Boy	St. George's		
		John Ho	Son		1	Marling Boy	St. George's		
		Harry Ho	Son		1	Marling Boy	St. George's		
		Charles Ho	Son		1	Marling Boy	St. George's		
		James Ho	Son		1	Marling Boy	St. George's		
		John Ho	Son		1	Marling Boy	St. George's		
Total of Houses..		4		Total of Males and Females..		11		11	

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Sarah Anscombe 1871 Census

In June 1873 Clement Silas resigned from the LB&SCR. There is no record of what he did in the interim but in June 1874 he enlisted in the British Army and joined the 9<sup>th</sup> Lancers.