

A photograph of a cemetery with various gravestones and crosses. The grass is dry and yellowish. In the background, there are trees and a fence. A blue car is visible on the left side.

Trentham Heritage Project

**Introducing the
Trentham Cemetery
Find a Grave Project**

The Find a Grave Trentham Cemetery Website...



Photo added by Heather Brooks

Trentham Cemetery

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First Name	Middle Name	Last Name(s)
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Year Born	Exact ▾	Year Died	Exact ▾
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Stone Road
Trentham, Stoke-on-Trent Unitary Authority,
Staffordshire ST4 8NG England
Coordinates: 52.96656, -2.19803

Cemetery ID: 2217920

10 photo requests.


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The work so far... a collaborative effort



Logging the graves where visible – 1,875 done ✓

Transcribing the inscriptions where legible
+ Adding them to the grave record ✓

Photographing the gravestones where possible
27% done – work ongoing ✓

Adding more biographical details if known
And portraits of the individuals if available
Only recently started ✓

Photographing the Graves...



Zadock Stevens and his wife Cathinca
He was gardener to the Duke of Sutherland



Flight Lieutenant John Brassington
Only Commonwealth War Grave in the cemetery



William Boxall and his wife Mary
He was first whip to the North Staffordshire Hunt

Grave Biography example-Clay

	Abraham Clay 1892 – 20 Dec 1963
	Abraham Clay 1868 – 31 Mar 1939
	Cyril Farrington Clay 16 Jan 1913 – 25 Jan 1987
	Ethel Slaney Clay 3 Nov 1888 – 3 Feb 1969
	George Farrington Clay 1903 – 17 Mar 1908
	Joy Clay 20 Feb 1930 – 24 May 1935
	Martha Pitchford Clay 1866 – 20 Sep 1950



Inscription

In loving memory of GEORGE FARRINGTON the beloved son of ABRAHAM & MARTHA CLAY of Ash Green Trentham who died March 17th 1908, aged 5 years 1 month "Jesus called a little child" also, ABRAHAM beloved husband Of MARTHA CLAY who died March 31st 1939, aged 71 years "Thy will be done" also MARTHA beloved wife of ABRAHAM CLAY who died Sept 20th 1950 aged 84 years

Biography

Abraham Clay was born in 1868 at Ashley near Market Drayton. He was blacksmith to the 4th Duke of Sutherland and was reputedly the last blacksmith employed on the Trentham estate. Abraham worked at the estate smithy on Park Drive, where he would have been continually busy with the estate's working horses. He also made railings and gates for the perimeter of the grounds of Trentham Hall, plus the metal seats and the children's swings within the gardens. During World War One Abraham helped to train recruits to shoe horses for the front. He married Martha Pitchford in Newcastle under Lyme in 1888. They had three children Gertrude Kate in 1890, Abraham in 1892 and George Farrington in 1903, who died when he was five. Three generations of the Clay family lived at 27 Longton Road in Ash Green. Abraham died in 1939 aged 71 years.

Grave Biography example - Moorcroft



Biography

Florence Moorcroft née Lovibond was born in 1879 in Fulham, London where her father was a brewer. On the 1911 census she was boarding at a house in Manchester while working as an inspector of factories ensuring ventilation and washing facilities for all. In 1912 she met William Moorcroft of Moorcroft Pottery while she was working here in Stoke on Trent. They married in London in April 1913 and Florence caused upset by refusing to promise to "obey" her husband. The married couple bought "Glendair" on Albert Road and there had two children, Walter and Beatrice. The new Moorcroft factory, built in 1913, was the first in Stoke to be built in the 20th century and its construction was supervised by Florence which was unusual at that time. No longer able to work as a factory inspector, nonetheless, Florence would travel to the factory by train from Trentham, accompanied by her children in the pram, to help in the office. Sadly, Florence died of pneumonia in 1926 when Walter was 8 and Beatrice 12.

	Beatrice Moorcroft 1913 – 24 Aug 2000
No grave photo	
	Florence Norah Fleay Lovibond Moorcroft 1879 – 17 Jun 1926
	Marion Hazel Moorcroft 1900 – 23 Jan 1987
No grave photo	
	William Moorcroft 27 Mar 1872 – Oct 1945
No grave photo	



Grave

Inscription

In loving memory of / FLORENCE NORAH FLEAY MOORCROFT / the ever devoted, faithful and loving wife / of WILLIAM MOORCROFT / June 17th 1926 / "Forever with the Lord" / WILLIAM MOORCROFT / Potter / 27th March 1872 - October 1945 / also / MARION HAZEL MOORCROFT / devoted 2nd wife of / WILLIAM MOORCROFT / died 27th Jan 1987 / aged 87 years / BEATRICE MOORCROFT / died 24th August 2000 / aged 86 years

How you can help...

Trentham Cemetery

Trentham, Stoke-on-Trent Unitary Authority, Staffordshire, England

Find a Grave is a collaborative community

1. If you have a relative or ancestor buried in **Trentham cemetery** and you would like to edit their entry, you need to select 'Sign In' from the upper right corner of the website www.findagrave.com/cemetery/2217920/trentham-cemetery
2. During the sign in process, enter your email address and a password and sign in
3. Search for their name
4. Add photos of the grave or the person and enter any biographical information
5. Click **save** and the changes will be referred to the person who made the original entry, before they appear updated on the webpage
6. You will receive a notification that your edits have been processed and they will appear on the grave entry
7. Any queries contact trenthamheritage@gmail.com or go to <https://support.findagrave.com/hc/en-us>

Trentham Cemetery Grave Project 2026

Many thanks to:

Heather Brooks who started entering photos and inscriptions on this site

Rob Carter who compiled the *Trentham Cemetery Monumental Inscriptions* booklet for Birmingham & Midlands Society for Genealogy & Heraldry

Trentham Heritage Project volunteers who are continuing the work and adding value

We acknowledge the poor, neglected and possibly dangerous state of many of the graves in the cemetery largely due to subsidence

Some graves and headstones have collapsed and the inscriptions hidden since the beginning of the project, many were already broken and unreadable

The Trentham Heritage Project feels that it is why it is a worthwhile project to record what we can now

The information held on Find a Grave is available internationally and a boon to people tracing their ancestors in other countries, but it is dependent on volunteers doing the work

If you feel you can help, please contact us: trenthamheritage@gmail.com

