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17. The Story of Alfred Streten

Alfred Dennis Streten - .born 1909. His parents were Alfred Mark and Mary C. Streten, of Catisfield House, Fareham. He died in 1940 at Cosham due to enemy action.

Married November 1932: *BANK OFFICIALS WED: **Streten-Cobden** Ceremony at Buckland*
The marriage took place on Wednesday at the buckland Congregational Church, of Mr. Alfred Dennis Streten, eldest son of Mr. A. M. Streten (a former Chairman of the Fareham Rural District Council) and Mrs. Streten, of Cosham Park House, Cosham. and Miss Marjorie F. Cobden, daughter of Mr. G. E. Cobden, of "The Cedars," London Road.

Dennis was working for Lloyds bank as a manager in Cosham, and living at 89 Chatsworth Avenue, Cosham. (just south of the railway station) on the Highbury estate.

- There are two stories:
- First:: On the night of Thursday 5th December 1940 the 25th German air raid on Portsmouth began. The raid was a major one beginning at 8.00pm with over 50 bombers dropping high explosive and incendiaries creating thirty incidents of fire across the City

Several bombs hit Cosham. One 250KG bomb hit the Carlton Cinema in Cosham High Street just north of the railway.. The bomb went through the roof and exploded in the projectionists room. Sadly a film was being shown at the time and there were two hundred and fifty people in the cinema. Casualties were 50 wounded and dead

. However the nearest of the bombs on the Highbury estate seems to have fallen at least 50m away from his house. There is no record of injury to his wife. His death certificate says he died at QA Hospital that night but not where he was killed..

- Second, as told by nephew Trevor, was he was visiting friends and there was a gas leak.



Registration District PORTSMOUTH.									
19 40 . DEATHS in the Sub-District of PORTSMOUTH NORTH in the County Borough of PORTSMOUTH.									
No.	1. When and Where Died.	2. Name and Surname.	3. Sex.	4. Age.	5. Rank or Profession.	6. Cause of Death.	7. Signature, Description, and Residence of Informant.	8. When Registered.	9. Signature of Registrar.
437	Fifth December 1940 Queen Alexandra Hospital, Cosham U.D.	Alfred \ Dennis STRETEN	Male	31 years	Of 89 Chatsworth Avenue Cosham U.D. Bank Clerk	Due to war operations	A. M. Streten Father Catisfield House Fareham Hants	Seventh December 19 40	A.H. Whittenham Registrar

Catisfield Connection:

Catisfield connection: The Stretens owned and lived in Catisfield House. Alfred bought it in 1938 and died in 1944. His eldest son took over in 1961 when his mother died.

- {Hants Telegraph 5/5/1944: *"Mr. Alfred Mark Streten, aged 67, of Catisfield House, died on Sunday after a long illness. He had been in failing health since his elder son. Mr. Dennis Streten, was killed in a Portsmouth air-raid in 1940"*}.