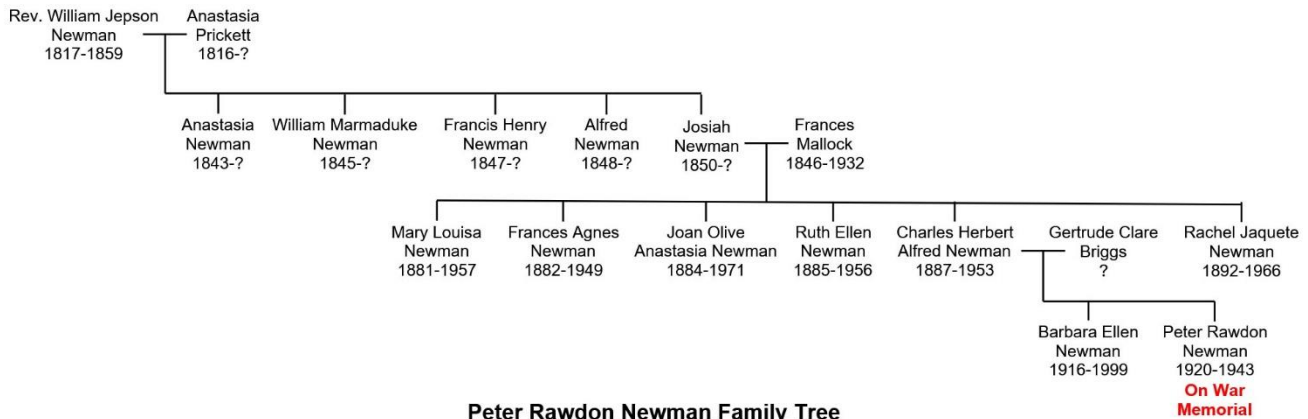


## Peter Rawdon Newman – Family History

The Newmans were an ecclesiastical family, originating in Yorkshire and progressing via Devon to Litton Cheney.



**Peter Rawdon Newman Family Tree**

Name	Relationship	Age	Occupation
William Newman	Head	24	Cleric
Anastasia Newman	Wife	25	
Rebecca Hattersley	Daughter	35	Servant
Rebecca Wise	Son	35	Servant

1841 Census for Tankersley, Yorkshire

Name	Relationship	Age	Occupation	Where Born
Rev. William Jepson Newman	Head	34	Rector of Badsworth	Worsbrough, Yorkshire
Anastasia Newman	Wife	35		Hull, Yorkshire
Anastasia Newman	Daughter	8		Tankersley, Yorkshire
William Marmaduke Newman	Son	6	Scholar at Home	Tankersley, Yorkshire
James Henry Newman	Son	4	Scholar at Home	Badsworth, Yorkshire
Kenneth John Harper	Son	3	Scholar at Home	Badsworth, Yorkshire
Josiah Newman	Son	1		Badsworth, Yorkshire
Jane Taylor	Servant	26	Cook	Fishlake, Yorkshire
Ann Steers	Servant	27	Housemaid	Thorne, Yorkshire
Elizabeth Reilly	Servant	32	Laundry Maid	Clare, Ireland
Jane Ann Adamson	Servant	31	Nurse Maid	Hunslet, Yorkshire
Alice Shipsey	Servant	16	Nursery Maid	Ripon, Yorkshire

1851 Census for Badsworth, Yorkshire

Name	Relationship	Age	Occupation	Where Born
Josiah Newman	Head	31	Rector of West Buckland	Badsworth, Yorkshire
Frances Newman	Wife	34		Cockington, Devon
Percy H Williams	Pupil	10	Scholar	Manchester
Alfred S Williams	Pupil	7	Scholar	Anerly, Surrey
Lydia A Long	Servant	26	General Domestic	Cornwall

1881 Census for West Buckland, Devon

Name	Relationship	Age	Occupation	Where Born
Josiah Newman	Head	41	Rector of West Buckland	Badsworth, Yorkshire
Frances Newman	Wife	44		Cockington, Devon
Francis A Newman	Daughter	9		West Buckland, Devon
Mary L Newman	Daughter	8		West Buckland, Devon
Joan O Newman	Daughter	7	Scholar at Home	West Buckland, Devon
Ruth E Newman	Daughter	5	Scholar at Home	West Buckland, Devon
Charles H A Newman	Son	3	Scholar at Home	West Buckland, Devon
Gertrude Holland	Daughter-in-Law	40	Cook	Cockington, Devon
Emme Parkhouse	Servant	20	Housemaid	Tawstock, Devon
Emily Salter	Servant	17	Laundry Maid	Bagborough, Devon

1891 Census for West Buckland, Devon

Name	Relationship	Age	Occupation	Where Born
Josiah Newman	Head	51	Rector of West Buckland	Badsworth, Yorkshire
Frances Newman	Wife	54		Cockington, Devon
Mary L Newman	Daughter	19		West Buckland, Devon
Rachel J Newman	Daughter	8		West Buckland, Devon
Elizabeth Mallock	Visitor	58	e	Leckington, Devon

1901 Census for West Buckland, Devon

Name	Relationship	Age	Occupation	Where Born
Josiah Newman	Head	61	Clerk in Holy Orders	Badsworth, Yorkshire
Frances Newman	Wife	64		Cockington, Devon
Joan Olivia Newman	Daughter	27	Teacher	West Buckland, Devon
Charles Herbert Newman	Son	23	Civil Engineer	West Buckland, Devon
Gertrude Clara Briggs	Visitor	21		Salisbury, Wiltshire
Ella Ryder	Servant	31	Cook	Salcombe, Devon
Mary Emily Chant	Servant	30	Parlour Maid	Salcombe, Devon

1911 Census for Woodleigh, Devon

### Peter Rawdon Newman

Peter Rawdon Newman was born in 1920 the son of Charles Herbert Alfred and Frances Clare Newman of The Court House, Litton Cheney.

During the war he was an Air Observation Pilot with 654 A.O.P. Squadron, Royal Artillery, Service No. 95160. He died on the 16<sup>th</sup> of September 1943 at Salerno, Italy.

He is buried in Salerno War Cemetery, Memorial Reference: I. D. 11. It. 5.

### Air Observation Posts

An Air Observation Post (AOP) is an aeroplane or helicopter used in the role of artillery spotter by the Royal Air Force and other services of the United Kingdom and Commonwealth. In this role either the pilot of the aircraft or a passenger acts as an observer watching for targets and directing, by radio, the firing of artillery on the ground (or calling in tactical ground-attack aircraft).

During World War II AOP pilots were all with the Royal Artillery. The RAF provided the technicians to service the aircraft and the equipment officers and adjutants. The rest of each unit was provided by the army, including signalers and drivers. A further unusual feature of AOP squadrons was that all pilots were officers, mostly captains. Since most operations were carried out separately by individual flights, this lack of rank structure in squadrons tended not to produce problems.

British AOP units used light, fixed-wing aircraft, almost exclusively several marks of Austers. The low speed, high manoeuvrability, small size (so aiding concealment at front-line landing grounds) and light weight of the Auster made this a much more suitable aircraft than the Lysander.

The standard tactic of dealing with enemy fighter aircraft was to fly very low around a hill or a wood. Casualty rates for AOP pilots turned out to be relatively low, certainly compared to RAF pilots or infantrymen. One source of losses in combat was the aircraft being hit whilst flying through the path of outgoing shells. This was a particular hazard in intense bombardments, four aircraft were lost in this way during the crossing of the Rhine in March 1945.



In Memory of  
Captain

## Peter Rawdon Newman

95160, Royal Artillery who died on 16 September 1943 Age 23

Son of Charles H. A. and Gertrude Clare Newman, of Litton Cheney, Dorsetshire.

Remembered with Honour  
Salerno War Cemetery



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