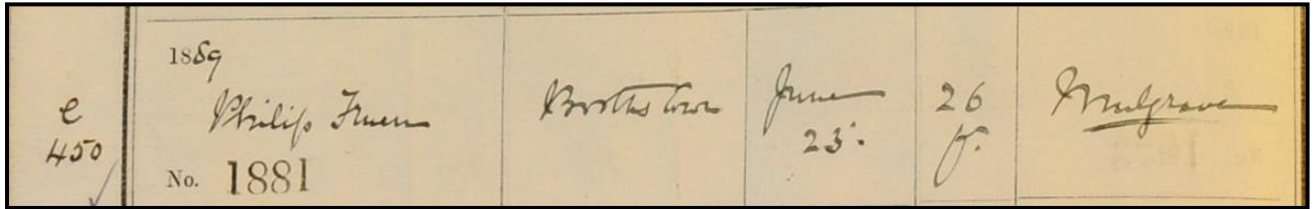


Philip FRUEN



1871: At the Swinton Industrial School, he was just one of about 700 pupils/inmates of all ages - 5 to 16 - who came from all parts of the UK. Aged 9 years.

1885: Baptism of **Philip Fruen** at St. Mary, Ellenbrook, on 4 March **1885**. His age was 23. This was 3 weeks after a mining accident.

He received his first Communion on Easter Tuesday, 7 April **1885**.

1889: On 2 April **1889** the assistant Bishop of the Diocese, Bishop Cramer-Roberts, visited his room and confirmed him.

The last time he received Holy Communion was on Whitsun-Tuesday 11 June **1889**.'

He then clasped his hands and said a fervent Amen, when the clergyman said the words '*Lord Jesus receive his spirit.*'

At 1am on 21 June **1889**, Philip fell asleep.

Born: c. 1862

Died: 21 June 1889

*COAL MINER
DIED FOLLOWING A MINING ACCIDENT
in 1885*



Philip FRUEN (1862-1889)

His parents are believed to have been Charles Fruen (1824-1866) and Hannah (Knapper) (1827-1866). Charles had died on 19 May 1866 at New Bridge Street Workhouse, Manchester, and Hannah on 27 April 1866. They were married at Biddulph Parish Church, Staffs., on 15 March **1850**. In the **1851** census, Hannah (though married) was a lodger at Mill Street, Buglawton, Cheshire, a Silk Piecer. They then had 6 children - Elizabeth (1852-1916), Ellen (1853-1931), John (1856-1912), Charles (1859-?), **Philip** (1862) and Sarah (1865-1871).

1871 census: Swinton Industrial School.

Philip Trewen (Fruen)	9	Scholar	b. Unknown
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[At the school, he was just one of about 700 pupils/inmates of all ages - 5 to 16 - who came from all parts of the UK. They were under the care of James and Isabella Wrigley].


1881 census: 9 Chaddock Road, Boothstown.

Charles Fox	Head	M	38	Coal Miner	b. Astley Green
Mary A.	Wife	M	37		b. Do.
Sarah Evans	Daur.		14	Scholar	b. Worsley
Pamela	Daur.		12	Scholar	b. Do.
Elizabeth	Daur.		8	Scholar	b. Do.
Annie	Daur.		5	Scholar	b. Do.
Samuel	Son		3		b. Do.
Betsy	Daur.		1		b. Do.
Philip Fruen	Boarder		19	Coal Miner	b. Manchester

The fact that both parents had died (**1866**) will partially explain why he was at these two addresses for the censuses. Philip moved from the Industrial Schools in Swinton to the Mosley Common Pit. And then ...

The UK: Coal Mining Accidents and Deaths Index shows that **Philip** was 'injured by a large flat stone falling from the roof at the bottom of his place in the Crombouke Mine. It appears to have been considered safe half an hour before when the fireman was with him. No cracks or breaks being noticeable'.
 [The accident occurred on **10 February 1885**].

1885: Baptism of **Philip Fruen** at St. Mary, Ellenbrook, on 4 March 1885. His age was 23.

Age 23	March 4.	Philip	Fruen	Warr's Hall Lane Boothstown	Collier	John H. Walsough	
No 1853							

No names of parents were entered. This was about 3 weeks after the mining incident.

'The **Crombouke** is a seam from 2 feet 6 inches to 4 feet 6 inches, of good quality coal in the west and corresponds to the Roger mine in central Manchester. The Crombouke mine at Worsley thins out and is known as the Albert at Pendleton, The Crombouke mine at Pendleton is found below the Albert. This mine is understood to have been part of Mosley Colliery'. (Memoirs of the Geological Survey of Great Britain, 1861, by Edward Hull). The colliery was owned by the Bridgewater Trustees. It would appear that the accident occurred on 10 February **1885**, whilst he was resident with Charles Fox. Between 1850 and 1914, more than 90,000 were killed in British mines.

The Parish Magazine of July **1889** reported that his name had appeared on the sick list for over 4 years and, as a result, his name was familiar to its readers. The account stated that ...

*“a fall of roof occurred in the pit and **Fruen** was crushed beneath it, and was carried home in a helpless state. It was found that his back was broken, and he was totally deprived of the use of the lower parts of his body. His adopted parents determined that he should remain with them as long as he lived, and they treated him with great kindness”.*

The article spoke of the way in which he dealt with his injuries, and how he recovered from the shock of the accident, regaining his cheerfulness.

'He had numerous friends amongst whom should be mentioned Lord Mulgrave, Lady Ellesmere, Mr. and Mrs. Peel, Mrs. Lansdale, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Edmonds, Mr. and Mrs. H. Yates, as well as many in his own rank of life'.

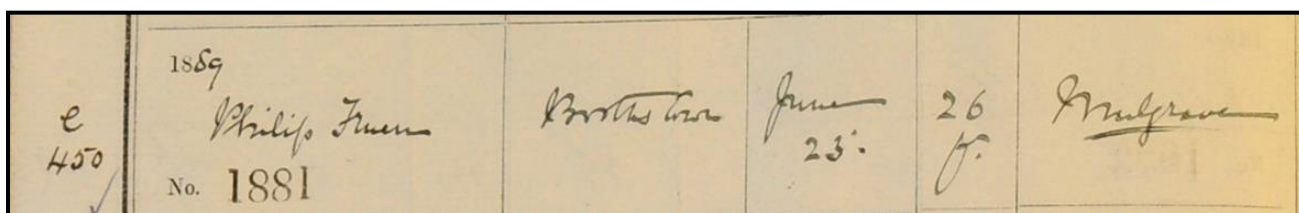
He took a passive interest in cricket and learned to do wool-work, knitting a large number of shawls for people all over the country. Shortly after his Baptism, he received his first Communion on Easter Tuesday, 7 April **1885**. *'It was a great joy to him that on 2 April 1889 the assistant Bishop of the Diocese, Bishop Cramer-Roberts, visited his room and confirmed him. The last time he received Holy Communion was on Whitsun-Tuesday 11 June 1889.'*

He grew weaker in the last 6 months of his life, but he bore his weakness with great patience.

'The hardest struggle was in the last three days of his life. He expressed his fear that it was going to be more than he could bear and that he should give way under the trial.'

The Rev. R. Harland was with him in his last hours and witnessed his courage and endurance. When the worst of the struggle was over, Philip remarked *'Now I think you have done enough; you have helped me very much, it begins to feel like bedtime.'* He then clasped his hands and said a fervent Amen, when the clergyman said the words *'Lord Jesus receive his spirit.'* At 1am on 21 June, Philip fell asleep. *'His four long years of sickness had taught him the lessons of patience and resignation, and ennobled and beautified his soul, and none can doubt that when the victory over the last great enemy was complete, he entered into Rest and Peace.'*

Philip Fruen was buried at St. Mark's on Sunday 23 June **1889**. The Vicar and Rev. R. Harland took the service. A large number of people attended his funeral and the coffin was covered with beautiful wreaths and flowers.



WILL:

The will of **Philip Fruen**, late of Vicars Hall Lane, Boothstown, in the County of Lancaster, Collier, who died 21 June **1889** at Vicars Hall Lane, was proved at Manchester by **Charles Fox** of Vicars Hall Lane, Collier, the sole executor. (Effects £157)

