

Ernest Naylor

Ernest Naylor was born 27th October 1893 to Bessie Toten. Bessie was a housemaid and had given birth to Ernest out of wedlock.

At the time of his birth, Bessie was living in Newington and Ernest was born in a Newington Workhouse.

Bessie later met William Henry Naylor, whose wife had died when their son, Francis Henry Naylor, was only 2 years old.

Ernest took the Naylor surname and joined the merchant Navy. He was later called up into the Essex Regiment of the Army.

It is believed that at one time both Ernest and Francis were both at war fighting in neighbouring fields.

Fortunately both men returned once the war had ended and Ernest went back to the navy.

He remained there for many years and retired at the age of 70. Ernest spent his later years living at Bennett Lodge in Chadwell St Mary.

Story provided Ernest's great niece, Julie Stone.