

Eli Taylor

4th June 1884 – June 1963

The first record of **Eli Taylor** is on the **1891** Census. He is aged 6 years, a scholar, and born in Bolton. He is living at **475 Halliwell Road, Bolton** (a four room house) with his parents **William** and **Emma (nee Higson)**, and his sister **Amy** and brothers **Robert James** and **Fred**. Father is 42 (c. 1849), his mother is 39 (c. 1852), Amy is 16 (c.1875), Robert James is 5 (c.1886) and Fred 10 months (c. 1890). Mother and his sister Amy were born in Runworth, Bolton and the others recorded as born in Bolton.

Father William is working as a 'Dyer', Amy is working as a 'Hooker' in a bleachworks (otherwise known as a 'cloth hooker' who puts cloth from a roll onto hooks so that cloth can be folded concertina-fashion, making a parcel ready for shipping).

By **1901** there has been an addition to the family with the arrival of another brother for Eli named **Stanley** (c.1893). The family, although 10 years older, are otherwise unchanged and they are still at 475 Halliwell Road.

William is now working as a 'Domestic Gardener', Amy is working as a 'Cotton Bleachwork Makerup' (the wording on the Census is indistinct and could be 'Masher up' – who prepares the chemicals for bleaching the cloth and Eli, aged 16, is working as a 'Domestic Gardener' as his father did ten years earlier. Robert James, aged 15, was employed as a 'Furniture Shop Assistant'.

By **1911** the family had moved to a larger property with 6 rooms at **613 Halliwell Road, Bolton**. Robert James was not resident at the time of the Census. William and Emma had been married for 37 years (c.1874) but the Census shows that they had had 6 children but only 3 were living. As three children were living with them it must be concluded that Robert James had died as had one other (unknown) child. Death Index records show that a Robert James Taylor of Bolton died in Bolton Jan/Mar 1909

SHORT ATTESTATION
(For the Duration of the War, with
ATTESTATION
No. 2473 Name Eli Taylor

Questions to be put to the Recruit before

1. What is your Name?	1. <u>Eli Taylor</u>
2. What is your full Address?	2. <u>613 Halliwell</u>
3. Are you a British Subject?	3. <u>Yes</u>
4. What is your Age?	4. <u>31 years</u>
5. What is your Trade or Calling?	5. <u>Gardener</u>
6. Are you Married?	6. <u>Yes</u>
7. Have you ever served in any branch of His Majesty's Forces, naval or military, if so, which?	7. <u>No</u>
8. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated?	8. <u>Yes</u>
9. Are you willing to be enlisted for General Service?	9. <u>Yes</u>
10. Did you receive a Notice, and do you understand its meaning, and who gave it to you?	10. <u>Yes</u>
11. Are you willing to serve upon the following conditions provided His Majesty should so long require your services? For the Duration of the War, at the end of which you will be discharged with all emoluments speed. You will be required to serve for one day with the Colours and the remainder of the period in the Army Reserve, in accordance with the provisions of the Royal Warrant dated 20th Oct. 1914, until such time as you may be called up by order of the Army Council. If employed with Hospitals, Depots of Mounted Units, or as a Clerk, etc., you may be retained after the termination of hostilities until your services can be spared, but such retention shall in no case exceed six months.	11. <u>Yes</u>

I, Eli Taylor, do solemnly declare that the above answers to the above questions are true, and that I am willing to fulfil the engagements made.

Eli Taylor SIGNATURE
Charles Taylor Signature of Officer

Eli Taylor NAME TO BE TAKEN BY RECRUIT ON ATTESTATION.

I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty King George the Fifth, His Heirs, and Successors, in that I will, as in duty bound, honestly and faithfully defend His Majesty, His Heirs, and Successors, in person and property against all enemies, and will observe and obey all orders of His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, and Officers set over me. So help me God.

CERTIFICATE OF MAGISTRATE OR ATTESTING OFFICER.

The Recruit above named was examined by me and I do hereby certify that he has answered to any of the above questions as stated, and that he is fit for service.

The above questions were then read to the Recruit in my presence.

I have taken special notice of the undersigned's answers to each question, and that his answers to each question have been duly entered in, and the said Recruit has signed and dated the declaration and taken the oath before me at

on this 6 day of Dec 1915

Signature of the Justice W. Dunderley

† Certificate of Approving Officer.

I certify that this Attestation of the above-named Recruit is correct, and properly filled up, and that the required forms appear to have been complied with. I necessarily approve, and appoint him to the

If notified by special authority, Army Form H. 203 (or other authority for the enlistment) will be attached to the original attestation.

Date 20/12/15 Charles Taylor Approving Officer.
Place Bolton

* If on the Recruit is to be asked the particulars of his former service, and so produce, his Certificate of Discharge and Certificate of Character, which should be returned to the Commissionery entered in red ink, as follows, viz.—(Name)

William (aged 62) was in 1911 again working as a 'Domestic Gardener', as was Eli. Fred was an 'Iron Turner. Mules' (an iron turner was a metal machinist, who turned or machined metal by hand like today's woodcutting machinists). Stanley, now 18, was a 'Mangler, Bleachworks'.

There is a record that shows Eli Taylor married Elizabeth A Tattersall in Bolton in **1912** (Apr/Jun)

On **15th September 1915** Eli joins the **Loyal North Lancashire Regiment**. His number is 24732 and, as can be seen from his Attestation document (burnt in the 1939-45 War,) he was 31 years of age and still living at 613 Halliwell Road. He was employed as a 'Gardener' [the rest of the entry has been destroyed by fire]. He confirms that he is married.

The England & Wales Death Index shows that Eli Taylor died in **June 1963** aged 79 years.