

John William Wright & Wilfred Wright

Oct/Dec 1894 – N/K

1897 – N/K

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John William Wright was born in 1894 (between Oct-Dec) at East Leighton, Cheshire (north west of Crewe).

The 1901 Census shows him living with his maternal grandfather (John Heamen) and grandmother (Grace) in a 'Gardeners Cottage' at Eaton, Macclesfield. His grandfather was a Head Gardener probably at Eaton Hall which is the country house of the Duke of Westminster south of Eccleston, Cheshire.

On the 2nd April 1911 Census father William Wright (aged 38 born circa. 1873) and mother Bessie

(aged 36 born July-September 1784) had been married 17 years and had three children still living. Bessie was the daughter of John (born 1843 in Filleigh, Devon and who moved to Congleton between 1861 and 1871) and Grace Heamen (born 1837 in Soho, London and who was in Congleton in 1871). The children still living were John William (aged 16), Wilfred (aged 14 born circa. 1897) and Dorothy Heamen (aged 6). William was born in Over Alderney, Cheshire, Bessie in Eaton, Congleton, Cheshire, but Dorothy was born in Bolton. **In 1911 they were living in 'The Gardens, Smithills Hall, Bolton'**. The 1911 Census shows William was a Gardener (Domestic). This Attestation might be that of the John William on the Memorial. His occupation is a 'Piecer' in the cotton industry

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Colonel *Alant* Army Form B. 2612. COLONEL.

SHORT SERVICE (For the Duration of the War, with the Colours and in the Army Reserve).

ATTESTATION OF *John W. Wright* No. *4191* Name *John W. Wright* Corps *1st Bn. 1st Div. Army*

Questions to be put to the Recruit before Enlistment.

1. What is your Name? ... *John William Wright*
2. What is your full Address? ... *25 Spring Lane, High Lane, Bolton*
3. Are you a British Subject? ... *Yes*
4. What is your Age? ... *19*
5. What is your Trade or Calling? ... *Piecer*
6. Are you Married? ... *No*
7. Have you ever served in any branch of His Majesty's Forces, naval or military, if so, which? ... *No*
8. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated? ... *Yes*
9. Are you willing to be enlisted for General Service? ... *Yes*
10. Did you receive a Notice, and do you understand its meaning, and who gave it to you? ... *Yes* Name *W. Gaskell* Corps *1st Bn. 1st Div. Army*
11. Are you willing to serve upon the following conditions provided His Majesty should so long require your services? ... *Yes*

John William Wright do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true, and that I am willing to fulfil the engagements made.

John William Wright SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT.
W. Gaskell Signature of Witness.

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY RECRUIT ON ATTESTATION.
John William Wright swear by Almighty God, that I will, as in duty bound, honestly and faithfully defend His Majesty, His Heirs, and Successors, and Dignity against all enemies, and will observe and obey all orders of His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, and of the Generals and Officers set over me. So help me God.

CERTIFICATE OF MAGISTRATE OR ATTESTING OFFICER.
The Recruit above named was cautioned by me that if he made any false answer to any of the above questions he would be liable to be punished as provided in the Army Act.
The above questions were then read to the Recruit in my presence.
I have taken care that he understands each question, and that his answer to each question has been duly entered as replied to, and the said Recruit has made and signed the declaration and taken the oath before me as *High Lane* on this *10* day of *May* 1910.
Signature of the Justice *High Lane*

† 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 accordingly approve, and appoint him to the *1st Bn. 1st Div. Army*.
If enlisted by special authority, Army Form B. 203 (or other authority for the enlistment) will be attached to the original attestation.
Date *10 May 1910*.
Place *High Lane*.
Signature of Approving Officer *W. Gaskell*

* If so, the Recruit is to be asked the particulars of his former service, and to produce, if possible, his Certificate of Discharge and Certificate of re-enlistment in the (Regiment) on the (Date)

but shows him living in Leigh. The Medal Roll index shows the enlistment as 3 May 1915 and he was discharged 4 August 1916 (probably invalided out). He was with the Royal Field Artillery 30th Reserve Battalion and was living in 4 Argyle Street, Atherton, Lancashire.

Wilfred Wright was born circa 1897 in Congleton, Cheshire.

The 1901 Census shows that Wilfred was living with his mother and father at 14 Hill Fields, Congleton where his father was a Gardener (Domestic).

In 1911 he was living in 'The Gardens, Smithills Hall, Bolton'.

Wilfred was shown on the 1911 Census as a Joiners Apprentice.

Army Form E. 502

TERRITORIAL FORCE.
(One year's Embodied Service at Home.)
ATTESTATION OF

No. 2422 Name Wright, Wilfred Corps 64th Loyal North Lancs

Questions to be put to the Man before Enlistment.

1. What is your Name?	1. In the Parish of <u>Rishton</u> near the Town of <u>Bolton</u> in the County of <u>Lancashire</u>
2. Is or was what Parish or Town were you born?	2. <u>19</u> Years <u>3</u> Months.
3. Are you a British Subject?	3. <u>19</u> Years <u>3</u> Months.
4. What is your Age?	4. <u>19</u> Years <u>3</u> Months.
5. What is your Trade or Calling?	5. <u>19</u> Years <u>3</u> Months.
6. Have you resided out of your Father's house for three years continuously in the same place, or except a house of less than the yearly value of £10 for one year, and paid rates for the same, and, in either case, if so, state where?	6. <u>19</u> Years <u>3</u> Months.

You are hereby warned that if after enlistment it is found that you have given a wilfully false answer to any of the following seven questions, you will be liable to a punishment of two years' imprisonment with hard labour.

7. Are you Married?	7. <u>19</u> Years <u>3</u> Months.
8. Have you ever been sentenced to Imprisonment by the Civil Power?	8. <u>19</u> Years <u>3</u> Months.
9. Do you now belong to the Royal Navy, the Army, the Royal Marines, the Militia, the Special Reserve, the Territorial Force, the Army Reserve, the Militia Reserve, or any Naval Reserve Force? If so, to what Unit and Corps?	9. <u>19</u> Years <u>3</u> Months.
10. Have you ever served in the Royal Navy, the Army, the Royal Marines, the Militia, the Special Reserve, the Territorial Force, the Imperial Yeomanry, the Volunteer Force, the Army Reserve, the Militia Reserve, or any Naval Reserve Force? If so, state which unit, and name of discharge.	10. <u>19</u> Years <u>3</u> Months.
11. Have you truly stated the whole of your previous Service?	11. <u>19</u> Years <u>3</u> Months.
12. Have you ever been rejected or discharged as unfit for the Military or Naval Forces of the Crown? If so, on what grounds?	12. <u>19</u> Years <u>3</u> Months.
13. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated?	13. <u>19</u> Years <u>3</u> Months.
14. Did you receive a Notice, and do you understand its meaning, and who gave it to you?	14. <u>19</u> Years <u>3</u> Months.
15. Are you willing to serve in the United Kingdom upon the following conditions: For a term of one year unless the embodiment of the Territorial Force into Imperial Force in which case you will be retained until the Force is disembodied. If however, the Force is disembodied before the expiration of one year you may be discharged as soon, or at your option be re-embodied in the Force for 1, 2 or 3 years under ordinary war conditions.	15. <u>19</u> Years <u>3</u> Months.

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

SIGNATURE OF MAN.
Wright, Wilfred
Signature of Witness.

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY MAN ON ATTESTATION.

I, Wilfred Wright swear by Almighty God, that I will be faithful and bound, honestly and faithfully defend His Majesty, His Heirs, and Successors, and that I will, as in duty cometh, and will observe and obey all orders of His Majesty, His Heirs, and Successors, each of the Generals and Officers set over me. So help me God.

CERTIFICATE OF MAGISTRATE OR ATTESTING OFFICER.

The above-named Man was cautioned by me that if he made any false answer to any of the above questions he would be liable to be punished as provided in the Army Act.

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

I have taken care that he understands each question, and that his answer to each question has been duly entered as replied to, and the said man has made and signed the declaration and taken the oath before me at Rishton on this 19 day of March 1915.

Signature of the Justice Wright, Wilfred

If any alteration is required on this page of the Attestation, a Justice of the Peace should be requested to make it and initial the alteration under section 2 (6), Army Act.

The Hoopit should, if it requires it, receive a copy of the Declaration on Army Form E. 502.

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There is a damaged Attestation document for a Wilfred Wright of Rishton Lane, Bolton for a man of approximately the correct age, dated 19 March 1915 who was 19 years and 3 months.

This Wilfred Wright, a single man, was assigned to the 6th or 64th Battalion of the Loyal North Lancashire Regiment. The Medal Rolls show that he was a Private 4809, 242268 qualified for the Victory and British medals.

