

Great Grandfather

JOHN WALLACE: 1849-1911

John was born in 1849 in Paisley, Renfrewshire, Scotland. Information about John and his family in Scotland is sketchy and requires more research. We do know he was a coachman in the mid/late 1800's and either moved to, or was based and working in Colchester, Essex around the 1860's and 70's.

John met Rose Ann Godwin, then living at the Swan Inn in the high Street in Colchester. By 1878, they had moved to Oswaldtwistle Lancashire (possibly for work) and were married on 23 October at St James Church, Church Kirk near Accrington.

Not long after the birth of their first child, William John, they moved back to Colchester. The reason is unclear, but within 2 years they were back once more in Oswaldtwistle. It appears that they came up with Rose Ann's mother, Rose Ann (Aldred) and sisters, Alice Maud and Annie Maria. Around this time, another sister was also living in Accrington: Louisa Mary, domiciled in Avenue Parade and working as a dressmaker.

John worked in various jobs in the cotton mills while Rose Ann brought up their family. They were: William John, Fanny Godwin, Augustus Frederick, Annie Isabella, Louisa Mary, Charles, Margaret, Emily, Walter and Arthur.

John's daughter, Louisa, committed suicide in 1910. He passed away the following year and is buried in Immanuel Church, Oswaldtwistle, Lancashire.



Photo: Church Kirk Bridge Farm, Accrington, Lancashire