

Great Grandfather

JOSEPH SALT: 1868-1955

Joseph was born in Sedgeley, near Wolverhampton in the West Midlands. Like his parents, Joseph was born on a canal boat and spent much of his life earning a living moving materials along Britain's canals.

According to the Accrington Observer: 'His proud boast was that he had been on all of Britain's canals bar one..' - They didn't say which one!

In 1890, Joseph married Ann Maria 'Ria' Seymour from another well known boating family. They had 10 children: Isabella, Mary Louisa, Elizabeth, Florence, Joseph Jnr, William, Sadie, John, George and Fred.



Around the turn of the Century, Joseph settled in Tomknitter bridge, Oswaldtwistle, Lancashire and worked for Blythes moving chemicals around the canal network. Joseph passed away aged 87 in 1955. He is buried in Dill Hall cemetery, Clayton Le Moors, Lancashire, UK.



Anderton boat lift, Trent & Mersey Canal, Northwich, Cheshire, UK
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