

Great Uncle

WILLIAM JOHN WALLACE: 1879-1889

William was born in Oswaldtwistle in 1879 to John Wallace and Rose Ann (Godwin) Wallace.

The eldest of 10 children, his siblings were: Fanny, Augustus, Annie (Bella), Louisa, Charles, Margaret, Emily, Walter and Arthur

He died aged 10 years of age in a tragic incident while working as a cloth tenter at Steiner's works, Church. See the article below from the Accrington Observer. He was buried at Immanuel church, Oswaldtwistle, Lancashire on 16.07.1889.

CHURCH & OSWALDTWISTLE.

SHOCKING DEATH OF A BOY AT CHURCH.— William John Wallace, 10 years of age, son of John Wallace, carter, of Gordon-street, Church, died on Thursday in Blackburn Infirmary. Deceased was a cloth tenter at Messrs. Steiner's works, and to-day week was in the cloth stretching department when by some means or other his scarf, which was loose, got caught in the small shaft on the machine. The machinery was stopped, and the boy was released. It was found that his neck was very seriously injured, and he was conveyed to the Infirmary, where he died.

Photo: Church Kirk bridge on the Leeds & Liverpool Canal near Accrington, Lancashire

Rishton in the background