

Pension Records

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World War I



5311

CHARLES PARSONS

WILTSHIRE REGIMENT

Pension Record Details for

Charles PARSONS

Charles Parsons enlisted with the Wiltshire Regiment at Devizes on 17th April, 1899. He was a Cloth Worker, born at Upton Lovell & was aged 19 years & 9 months at enlistment. His religion was Church of England & he was given the service number of 5311.

On 17th April, 1911 Charles Parsons re-engaged for a term of four years. He was discharged on 5th August, 1914 "Having been found medically unfit for further military services."

Overall, Charles Parsons had served a total of 15 years & 111 days with the British Army. From 17th April, 1899 until 15th December, 1899 he served in England. He served in South Africa from 16th December, 1899 to 6th July, 1900. From 7th July, 1900 to 29th November, 1900, he again served in England. From 29th November, 1900 to 25th April, 1902 he served in South Africa again. From 26th April, 1902 to 25th January, 1907 he served in India. Service at Home – England occurred again from 26th January, 1907 till he was discharged on 5th August, 1914.

Charles Parsons had served in the South African Campaign from 1899-1902. He was awarded the South African Medal 1901 & clasps; Cape Colony; Transvaal Kings South Africa Medal & Clasps 1901 & 1902.

Next of Kin was listed as – Mother – Ann – The Asylum, Devizes, Wilts & Brother – Absalom, Hilperton, Trowbridge.

Charles Parsons had married Elizabeth Ann Few at Trowbridge Register Office on 6th August, 1911. No children were listed.

Earlier Years

Charles Parsons was born around 1879, at Westbury, Wiltshire, to parents George & Ann Parsons (nee Baily).

The 1881 Census recorded Charles Parsons as a 2 year old, living with his family at 24 Upton Lovell. His parents were listed as George Parsons (Woollen Weaver, aged 44) & Ann Parsons (aged 44). Charles was the youngest of six children list on this Census – Abslam (Cloth Worker, aged 21), Albert (Cloth Worker, aged 16), Fred (aged 10), Mark (aged 7), Ruth (aged 5) then Charles. The entire family were listed as being born at Westbury, Wiltshire.

The 1891 Census recorded Charles Parsons as a 12 year old scholar, living with his Brother & his family, in a 4 roomed dwelling at Hilperton. His brother's details were – Absalom Parsons (Cloth Weaver, aged 31, born Dilton Marsh), Emily M. Parsons (wife of Absalom) (Cloth Weaver, aged 27, born Hilperton) & their son – Edward J. Parsons (aged 6).

The 1901 Census & the 1911 Census still had Charles' brother Absalom living at Hilperton with his family. By this time Charles Parsons had enlisted with the British Army.)