

Case Study D - Wakefield



Tasks

1. Look at source one and answer these questions.

Source one- 1921 Census record- The National Archives (RG15/1655)

- Why do you think James is 'out of work' and might find it difficult to find a job? What effect could this have on the family?
 - What kinds of things do you think Emily sells as a 'grocer'?
 - What does Alfred's job reveal about travel in the 1920s?
 - Who is doing the job 'home duties'? Why did house work take longer in the 1920s?
 - What else can you learn about the family?
2. What questions do you have about this family that are not answered by the census record? Write these down and keep them.
 3. Study sources two to four and answer these questions.

Source two- Trade directory for Wakefield (list of names and jobs) 1927

- Can you find James Whittam on the list? What can you learn about other jobs in Wakefield?

Source three- Record of Service and army Medical form- The National Archives

- What do these documents reveal about Alfred Whittam?

Source four- Grocer's form- West Yorkshire Archive Service (C1323)

- What does this show about the type of food grocer's sold?

4. Look at the questions you wrote earlier. Check which ones have been answered by the other sources. What further questions do you have about the family or life in the 1920s?

Catalogue Ref: RG15/1655

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Transcript - Source One: 68 Thornes Lane Wharf, 1921
Census

Name and Surname	Relationship to Head of Household	Age	Sex	Marriage or	Birthplace and Nationality	Personal Occupation	Employment	Place of Work
James Whittam	Head	54	M	Married	Wakefield	Fireman Electric Light Co. No occupation - blind	Wakefield Corporation. Out of work.	[Blank]
Emily Whittam	Wife	55	F	Married	Wakefield	Shopkeeper Grocer and Provision dealer	Own account	[Blank]
Alfred Whittam	Son	20	M	Married	Wakefield	Labourer Tram company	Tram company	Tramway company Barnsley road
Ethel Whittam	Daughter	17	F	Single	Wakefield	Woolen Reeler	Baldwins and sons Worsteds Mill	Tootal street, Bridge end
Louisa Whittam	Daughter-in-law	20	F	Married	Whittington	At home. Home duties	[Blank]	[Blank]
John Thomas Whittam	Grandson	0	M	Both Alive	Wakefield	[Blank]	[Blank]	[Blank]

Males	Females	Persons	Rooms
3	3	6	4

I declare that this Schedule is correctly filled up to the best of my knowledge and belief
[signed] E. Whittam

Source two: Trade directory for Wakefield 1927

DIRECTORY.]

WEST RIDING YORKSHIRE.

WAKEFIELD. 1015

Wharton Arthur Ltd. canal carriers (Ernest Hough,
 mngr.), 2a, Bridge st
 Whitaker Geo. Owen, city accountant, Town hall, Wood st
 Whitaker Mary Elizh. (Miss), fancy draper, 142 Northgt
 Whitaker Percy, hairdrrsr. 126a, Alverthorpe rd
 White Edward & Sons Ltd. brush mfrs. 6, 8 & 10
 Almshouse la. (T N 460) & Teall st. & paper bag
 mers. 2 Brook st
 White Archbld. A. piano tuner, 100 Stanley rd
 White Fredk. confctnr. 177 Westgate
 White Hy. who. mer. 3 Southgate. T N 288
 White Jn. Wilfrid, hosier, 32 Kirkgate
 White Margt. A. (Mrs.), draper, 13 Bridge st
 White Sarah Jane (Mrs.), dress maker, 100 Stanley rd
 Whitehead Bros. coal dlrs. 75 Horbury rd
 Whitehead Ernest, cabnt. mkr. see Armitage &
 Whitehead
 Whitehead Sylvester, confctnr. 177a, Thornes la
 Whiteley Lewis, shopkeeper, 37 Warrengate
 Whiteley Luther, saddler, 238 Kirkgate
 Whiteley Walt. statnr. 47 Northgate
 Whittam James, shopkeeper, 68 Thornes Lane wharf
 Whittingstall Frank, grocer, Doncaster road
 Whitton William, grease manufacturer, Navigation yard,
 Kirkgate. T N 575
 Whone Harold, cycle dlr. Doncaster rd. Belle Vue.
 T N 621
 Wigglesworth Ellen (Mrs.) & Margt. (Miss), shopkprs.
 19 Savile st
 Wigglesworth & Wilsdon, tailors, Jackson's arcade

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Source Three A: Record of Service

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PONTFRAC

(16710.) Wt. W. 250,000. 8/18. D & S. (E 1253.)
Forms B. 2513/1.

Army Form B. 2513.

RECORD OF SERVICE PAPER.

For men deemed to be enlisted in H.M. Regular Forces for General Service with the Colours or in the Reserve for the period of the War, or Ex-Soldiers recalled for Service with the Colours, under the provisions of the Military Service Acts, 1916.

No. Christian Names Alfred Surname Whittam
TR/5222960 Corps (53) 4th Bn 6 Yorks LI

Questions to be put to the Reservist on Joining.

1. What is your Name? ... 1. Christian Names Alfred
Surname Whittam

2. What is your full Address? ... 2. 88 Philips Ter. Thomas Lane Wharf
Warrington

3. Are you a British Subject? ... 3. Yes

4. What is your Age? ... 4. 18 Years ... Months

5. What is your Trade or Calling? ... 5. Warper

6. Are you Married? ... 6. Single

7. Have you ever served in any branch of His Majesty's Forces, naval or military? If so, which? ... 7. No

8. Have you any preference for any particular branch of the service, if so, which? ... 8. No

9. Are you desirous of serving in the Royal Navy, if so, state your qualifications. ... 9. No

I, Alfred Whittam do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true.

Christian Names Alfred Surname Whittam SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT.
Date 15. AUG. 1918
Place Pontefract J. Smithurst Signature of Witness.

EXEMPTION FROM COMBATANT SERVICE ON CONSCIENTIOUS GROUNDS.

If the Recruit has been, exempted by a Tribunal on conscientious grounds from serving as a combatant it should be so stated here.

MEDICAL CLASSIFICATION AS TO FITNESS FOR SERVICE ON JOINING.

Classification* B(1)

* To be filled in by the Recruiting Officer after Classification by the Medical Board.

† Certificate of Approving Officer.

I approve the acceptance of the above-named man, and appoint him to the: 53rd Bn, 404th Coy.
Date 15. AUG. 1918 19 Alfred Whittam Approving Officer.
Place PONTFRAC For O.C. Recpt. Depot, F.O.Y.L.A.

† The signature of the Approving Officer is to be affixed in the presence of the Recruit.
‡ Here insert the "Corps" to which the Recruit has been appointed.

* 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 Character which should be returned to him conspicuously endorsed in red ink, as follows, viz. (Name) enrolled in the (Regiment) on the (Date)

Transcript - Source Three A: Record of Service

Record of Service Paper

Christian Names: Alfred.

Surname: Whittam

Questions to be put to the Reservist on Joining

1. What is your Name? 1. Christian Names: Alfred. Surname: Whittam
2. What is your full Address? 88 Rileys Terrace, Thornes Lane Wharf
3. Are you a British Subject? Yes
4. What is your Age? 18 years – months
5. What is your Trade or Calling? Warfer
6. Are you Married? Single
7. Have you ever served in any branch of His Majesty's Forces, naval or military? If so, which? No
8. Have you any preference for any particular branch of the service, if so, which? No
9. Are you desirous of serving in the Royal Navy, if so, state your qualifications. No

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Date 15-8 1918

Place Pontefract J. Smethurst Signature of Witness

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Date 15 AUG 1918

Place Pontefract

[Signature] Approving Officer. [stamped] Posting Officer for O.C. Recpt. Depot, K.O.Y.L.I

PONTFRAC.

MEDICAL HISTORY of

Surname H. Pittam Christian Names Alfred

TABLE I.—General Table.

Birthplace { Parish Sandale
County E. York

Examined { on 1 day of August, 1918
at Pontefract

Declared Age years..... days.

Trade or Occupation

Height...5 feet...3 1/2 inches Weight...100 1/2 lbs.

Colour of Hair...Brown Complexion...Fair

Eyes...Brown

Chest Measurement { Girth when fully expanded...33 1/2 inches
Range of expansion...3 inches

Physical Development

Vaccination Marks { Arm RIGHT LEFT
Number.....

When Vaccinated

Vision { R.E.—V = 6/6 With Glasses { R.
L.E.—V = 6/6 L.

Identification Marks, such as Tattoo, Moles, Scars, etc.:—

Defects or Ailments:—

Examined and found—

RECRUITING MEDICAL BOARD
Fit for Grade
A.C. 1st

(Strike out those which do not apply.)

Signature
Chairman of Medical Board.

Re-examined for posting at.....

On.....day of.....191..

Examined { at Pontefract
on 15 day of August, 1918

Joined on enlistment 2nd York & Lancs Regt

Transferred to.....

Corps.....Regtl. No.

TABLE III.—Boards; Courts of Enquiry; Vaccination, Inoculations, etc.; Examinations for Field or Foreign Service; Extension, Re-engagement, or Prolongation of Service; Issue of Surgical Appliances; Particulars of Dental Treatment, etc.

Date Brief Details and Signature

22-8-18 T.A.B.

1-9-18 2

27-8-18 Hec

Special Remarks: State if a discharged Soldier

TABLE IV.—Service Table.

Station or Troopship	Date of arrival or embarkation	Date of departure or disembarkation
<u>Brockton Camp</u>	<u>21.8.18</u>	<u>4.10.18</u>
<u>CLIPSTONE CAMP, NOTTS</u>	<u>4.10.18</u>	

Became non-effective by.....

on.....day of.....191..

(Signature).....

(Rank).....

[12,503] W463/P943 550,000 4/18 W.P.&Co. (2986)

Transcript - Source Three B: Army medical form

[Handwritten on top] 88 Rileys Terrace, Thornes Lane, Wakefield

MEDICAL HISTORY of

Surname: Whittam. Christian Names: Alfred. [Stamped] B(1)

Table I – General Table.

Birthplace: Parish: Sandal. County: Yorks.

Examined on 1 day of August 1918 at Wakefield

Declared Age 18 years 0 days

Trade of Occupation Wharfer

Height 5 feet 2 ½ inches Weight 100 ½ lbs

Colour of Hair Brown Complexion Sallow

Eyes Brown

Chest measurements 33 ½ inches.

Vision 6/6

Identification Marks, such as Tattoo, Moles, Scars etc:- [Blank]

Defects or Ailments

(illegible) st things normal

Examined and found –

[Stamped] RECRUITING MEDICAL BOARD Fit for Grade: B(1) Date: 1-AUG 1918

Re-examined for posting at... [Blank]

On...day of.... [Blank]

Joined at Pontefract on 15 day of August 1918

Source Four: Grocer's form

D. Sainter & Sons Ltd

Telegraphic Address,
"SAINTER, PONTEFRACT."
Telephone N° 236.
(THREE LINES)

Also at
CASTLEFORD
Telephone N° 2604.

HEMSWORTH,
Telephone N° 15.

WAKEFIELD,
Telephone N° 2768.

FRUIT AND POTATO MERCHANTS.

ESTABLISHED
1869.



Northgate,
PONTEFRACT,

HORTICULTURAL PRODUCE
(Sales on Commission) Act. 1926.

Dear Sir/s,

We are renewing our Agreements in connection with above, and shall be greatly obliged if you will kindly sign and return the Form below. Stamped envelope is enclosed.

D. SAINTER & SONS LTD.

HORTICULTURAL PRODUCE
(Sales on Commission) Act. 1926.

I/We agree that the provisions of the above named Act shall not apply to goods consigned by us to Messrs. D. SAINTER & SONS LTD., and that "Nett" Returns will be accepted in connection with same.

Date.....

Signed.....

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