



Served King and Country

ADAMS, W. J. is recorded on Christchurch Roll of Honour, St. Margaret's Hall, St. Margaret's Street, Bradford-on-Avon. He served during WWI with the SME (School of Mechanical Engineers).

This could possibly be Wilfred John Adams who was born in Preston Gloucestershire on 19th April 1893, the son of Richard and Amelia Adams

The 1901 Census finds the family living at 77 Preston, Cirencester, Gloucester. The family is recorded as:
 Richard Adams, Head, 42, Born in Easington, Gloucestershire, Cattle Man on Farm; Amelia, Wife, 39; Born in Barnsley, Gloucestershire; Frederick, Son 15, Domestic Gardner, Born in Easington; Emily, Daughter, 12 School Girl, Born in Easington; Archibald, Son, 9 School Boy, Born in Preston, Gloucestershire; Wilfred, Son, 7, School Boy, Born in Preston; Raymond, Son, 4, School Boy, Born in Easington; Nora, Daughter, 2, Born in Preston.

In 1911 the family are resident at 1 Rendcombe, Cirencester, Gloucestershire. The family are recorded as:
 Richard, Head, 51, Domestic Gardener/Labourer, Born in Ampney St. Peters, Gloucestershire; Amelia, Wife, 49, Born in Barnsley, Gloucestershire; Wilfred, Son, 18, Labourer with Horses on Estate, Born in Preston, Gloucestershire; Raymond, Son, 15, Plasterers Labourer on Estate, Born in Ampney St. Mary, Gloucestershire; Norah Alice, Daughter, 12, Scholar, Born in Preston; Mildred Alice, Daughter, 12, Scholar, Born in Rendcombe, Gloucestershire

As stated above it is possibly that Wilfred John served with the School of Mechanical Engineering during WWI. Possibly at Lyneham where there was a School of Mechanical Engineering located although this is speculative.

Wilfred married Martha Davis in the September Quarter of 1920 registered in the Cheltenham Registration District. The marriage took place in St. Mary's, Charlton Kings, Gloucestershire on 14th September 1920. His residence at the time of marriages is recorded as 42 Frome Road, Bradford-on-Avon and he is working as a Porter.

No. 498 Marriage solemnized at <i>St Mary's Church</i> in the <i>Parish</i> of <i>Charlton Kings</i> in the County of <i>Gloucester</i>								
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
498	<i>Sept 14th</i> <i>1920</i>	<i>Wilfred John Adams</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>Bachelor</i>	<i>Porter</i>	<i>42 Frome Rd</i> <i>Bradford on Avon</i>	<i>Richard Adams</i>	<i>Labourer</i>
		<i>Martha Davis</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>Spinster</i>		<i>17 Brompton Avon</i>	<i>Charles Davis</i>	<i>Labourer</i>
Married in the <i>Parish Church</i> according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church, <i>by</i> _____ <i>or after</i> <i>Wanns</i> <i>by me,</i>								
This Marriage was solemnized between us, { <i>Wilfred John Adams</i> <i>Martha Davis</i>			is the Presence of us, {	<i>Edward Charles Davis</i> <i>Ernest Davis</i>		<i>E. S. Gardner</i> <i>Curate</i>		

According to the 1939 Register Wilfred was living at 3 Southville Gardens, Bradford-on-Avon with wife Martha and daughter Norah Beryl May Adams. Wilfred is listed as being a Railway Shunter Driver.

Daughter Joyce Evelyn Mary Adams was born in Bradford-on-Avon in 1923 and the birth is registered in the June Quarter in the Bradford on Avon Registration District

Their daughter Norah Beryl May Adams was born in Bradford on Avon on the 8th September 1924.

Daughter Vera May Joan Adams was born in the June Quarter of 1926 in the Bradford-on-Avon Registration District

Wilfred died on the 9th March 1965 aged 71 and his death is registered in the March Quarter of 1965 in the Trowbridge Registration District. His address at the time of his death was 113 Trowbridge Road, Bradford-on-Avon.

A Grant of Probate was awarded (Administration with Will) to Joyce Evelyn Mary Pendle, Norah Beryl May James and Vera May Joan Porter (all married women) by the Probate Court of Winchester on 19th August 1965.