



## **ALBERT ENOS MITCHELL**

Albert Enos Mitchell was born in Homington in 1887 the son of Enos & Ellen Mitchell. His father was a carter using horses. He had an elder brother Edney W., born in 1879 in Odstock, an older sister Mildred M. born in 1883 in Homington, and a younger sister Constance J., born in 1891 in Coombe Bisset where the family were resident in The Street according to the 1891 census return.

In 1901 he is recorded in the census as an Under Carter living at Mill Farm, Coombe Bissett with his father and sister Constance.

In 1911 he was recorded as a Police Constable at the Police Station in Gorse Hill, Swindon

In 1916 he served in the 3rd Reserve Battalion, Machine Gun Corps at the age of 28. His service number was 172984. His place of residence recorded as Swindon.

In 1918 he married Augusta Rose Adams in the Swindon Registration District.

He retired from Wiltshire Police in 1936 but returned as a Police Reservist at the outbreak of WWII. He was killed whilst cycling in 1940 in a collision with a motor-car on the Marlborough Road, Swindon. At the time of his death he was resident at 8 St. Margarets Road, Swindon.

### **Tragic Death Of Ex-Police Inspector**

The death under tragic circumstances has occurred of ex-Police Inspector Albert Enos Mitchell, who retired from the Wiltshire Police Force at Swindon in February 1936, but returned to duty on the outbreak of war in September last. He was killed instantly when cycling along Marlborough Road, Swindon, near his residence when he was in collision with a motor-car.

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## **SWINDON TRAGEDY**

### **Inquest Opened on Ex-Inspector A. E. Mitchell**

Only formal evidence was taken by Mr. Harold Dale, the Wilts Coroner, when he opened the inquest, last night, on Ex-Inspector Albert Enos Mitchell, of St. Margaret's Road, Swindon, who was killed in an accident on Marlborough Road the day before.

Police-Sergeant Ashley gave evidence of identification, and the inquiry was then adjourned indefinitely.

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## **SWINDON INQUEST ON POLICE INSPECTOR**

The adjourned inquest on the body of Police Inspector Albert Enos Mitchell, of the Wiltshire Police Force, stationed at Swindon, who was killed when he was involved in an accident with a motor-car on May 7, was held at Swindon Police Station yesterday.

The Wiltshire coroner (Mr. Harold Dale) returned a verdict of "Death by misadventure."

He remarked, "It seems rather tragic that Inspector Mitchell, who was an officer highly esteemed, and had retired recently, should have come back to the work in the Police War Reserve and have this happen to him."

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## **SEQUEL TO EX-INSPECTOR'S DEATH**

### **Youth Fined at Swindon Police Court**

There was a sequel at Swindon Borough Police Court yesterday to the death of ex-Inspector Albert Enos Mitchell, of the Wiltshire Police, who was killed instantly in a collision while he was cycling at Swindon on May 7.

A youth, Francis Bristow (17), of Manchester Road, Swindon was summoned for dangerous driving in Marlborough Road, Swindon, on May 7, and was fined £5 and £3 3s costs. And he was disqualified from driving for 12 months.

Mr. W. Ireland, of Messrs. Wansborough and Taylor, of Bristol prosecuted, and defendant was represented by Mr. G. H. Rountree, of Swindon.

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## **PROBATE**

Albert Enos Mitchell left a will, probate of which was granted at the Principal Registry in London on 29th August 1940 to his widow Augusta Rose Mitchell and to Walter James Ashley a police sergeant. The value of his estate was £1219 7s 3d.