

Devizes Bill Posters

1901

Herbert Charles Nott - born September 1879 in Devizes, son of John Nott who was Town Crier from 1889 to 1923 and his wife Kathleen. He was a Bill Poster in the 1901 census, and in 1904 married Edith Winchcombe at Reading. Kelly's trade directory in 1907 lists him as landlord of the White Horse public house in Northgate Street, Devizes, and he died at Devizes Cottage hospital on 5th September 1908.

1927

Thomas Gibbons - born at Devizes in 1847, son of John and Elizabeth Gibbons. He married Emma Shipman at Devizes in 1880. He is listed in various census returns and trade directories from 1881 through to 1927 as Bath Chair Proprietor at 4 and 5 Bridewell Street, but also worked as a shoe maker / repairer like his father. He died at Devizes in 1929.

John Henry Rutter born at Devizes in 1849 son of Emanuel and Henrietta Rutter. Was a painter and decorator who married Rose Ann Stone at Urchfont in 1872 and they had five children including Alfred who later was also Bill Poster. He died at Devizes in June 1930.

1935

Alfred John Rutter - born at Devizes in February 1879 son of John Rutter above. Married Annie E. Wheeler at Devizes in April 1906 and in 1911 was working as a Carpenter, but in the 1939 Register is listed as Verger at St. Mary's church. He may have been a Paymaster Lieutenant in the Royal Army Pay Corps No. 119058 in February 1940. He died at Devizes in 1960.

W. R. Watts - is possibly William Robert Watts born at Sutton Very in 1876 son of Thomas (a farm servant) and Mary Ann Watts. He married Ellen Scott in 1895 and in the 1911 census is listed as a domestic groom. After Ellen died in 1918, William married Laura Bull in 1933, and in the 1939 Register he is listed as a chauffeur - he died at Devizes in October 1948.