
John Orton Mallabon (Engine Driver) 1867 -1947

John was born in Shilton Warwickshire in July 1867 to John Edwin Mallabon and Mary Anne Orton. The 1871 census finds the family living in Coventry Road Shilton with John senior's parents, John, age 73 and Susanna age 70. Also, in the property are John Junior, age 3, his brother, George, Edwin, age 2, and brother, Henry, age 1 month.

The 1881 census finds the family still living in Coventry Road, Shilton. John senior's parents have now passed away. There is an additional child, a daughter named Annie age 5.

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The 1891 census finds the family still at the Coventry Road, Shilton. John's brother George Edwin is working as a railway Porter. John, now age 23 is living away from home. His youngest brother Henry is lodging in Walsall and working as a railway engine cleaner.

In 1893, John was married to Kate Annie Stock. The 1901 census finds the couple living in Cato Street North, Nechells, Birmingham. John age 33 is working as a Railway Engine Driver. There are 4 children, John W age 7, Lillian age 5, Helena, age 3, and Arthur age 2.

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On Feb 8 1905 John is injured in an accident while working at Fernhill Heath, Worcestershire.

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The the Railway Inspectorate records show:-

nature of casualty Injury: Other - Back sprained and right side bruised

While travelling at about 50 miles an hour, the steam pipe in the smoke box became detached resulting in a considerable volume of steam rushing through the firebox door and both men being thrown against the tender. After applying the vacuum brake Mallabon fell from the foot-plate to the ballast

other people mentioned William Lancaster, cleaner acting as fireman

responsibility/ cause The accident must be attributed to the defective condition of the steam pipe. The pipe was tested in May 1902 and annealed in September 1903

time on duty 02:00, inspector J H Armytage.

The 1911 census finds John, Kate and 5 children at 45 Cato Street North. John, now age 43 is a railway engine driver. The eldest child, Lillian is working as a machine driller. The other 3 are still at school, Helena age 13, Arthur age 12 & Kate age 4.

The 1925 Electoral record shows John living at 7 Bowyer Road, Alum Rock Birmingham.

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On 21 December 1947 John Passed away at Dudley Road, Hospital, Birmingham.

He was Buried at Yardley Cemetery, Birmingham.

We found that the eldest child John W served as a Private with the Coldstream Guards in WW1 and emigrated to Canada in 1919.

Lillian was married in 1914 to George Harris. The 1939 register finds the couple living at Burney Lane, Stechford, Birmingham. Lillian passed away in 1975.

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Helena passed away in 1923.

Arthur served with the Royal Artillery in WW1. He married in 1923 and passed away in 1966.

Kate was married in 1933 to Leslie Beavan. The 1939 register finds them living at Bowyer Road, Alum Rock. Kate passed away in 1989.