Arthur Baker

46 Wheeldon Avenue

Silhouette of a First World War soldier
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All we know about Arthur Baker's military record is that he is listed as absent on naval or military service in the local Register of Electors list for 1918. He was not living in the house in 1914-15 when the previous list had been compiled, and by the Spring of 1920 he had moved on elsewhere.

No-one else is listed as a voter at the time that he lived in the house – maybe he was married, but, if his wife was under thirty, she would not be eligible to vote until 1928. Before the war only women who were ratepayers or who owned property had some voting rights. After 1918 women over 30 could vote but it would not be until 1928 that women were given the same voting rights as men.

With nearly 200 men called "Arthur Baker" listed as serving in the Army during World War One he is virtually impossible to track down. Medal cards survive for most soldiers who served, but very rarely was the space left for home address completed, so unless you know a man's regimental number it is often difficult to pinpoint the person you are researching. Likewise if he had been married and his wife's name listed this would help to narrow down any search - then you can start to search for marriage certificates which also list fathers' names, address at the time of marriage and occupations.

If you have any information about Arthur Baker Six Streets History would love to hear from you. Please contact us at 6streetshistory@gmail.com

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