

John Hewitt 26 Wheeldon Avenue



Silhouette of a First World War soldier Reproduced by kind permission of Terry Castle

John Hewitt is listed in the 1918 Register of Electors as absent on naval or military duty but we know nothing else about his military service as John Hewitt is a fairly common name. He may have volunteered for the armed services but, by May 1916, aged nearly 30, he would be liable for conscription when it was first introduced for married men.

John was born in 1886 in Derby and in the 1891 census he lived at 42 Grange Street in Litchurch ward with his parents and 4 older siblings. His father is listed as a Railway Engine Driver. By 1911 the family were living at 19 Horton Street, and John continued to live there until his marriage.

At St Alkmund's Church on 15 September 1913 John married Edith Mary Wibberley, a dressmaker, who lived with her parents and siblings at 45 Statham Street. John's occupation is listed as a Railway Clerk working for the Midland Railway.

By 1915 the couple had moved to 26 Wheeldon Avenue, presumably to be near Edith's parents. The couple were to live at 26 Wheeldon Avenue for the rest of their lives and John continued working as a Railway clerk until his retirement. He died in February 1957 aged 70. Edith died 19 years later in 1976 just short of her 90th birthday. We have been unable to trace any children.

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



