



Lancelot Arthur Wright

55 Wheeldon Avenue



Silhouette of a First World War soldier
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Lancelot was brought up in Quarndon by his mother, Sarah Wright, and Grandmother, Elizabeth Spalton, who ran the Post Office – his father, a carpenter, had died when Lance was 7 years old. In the 1911 census, Lancelot, aged 17, was listed as a trainee teacher with Derby Corporation. By the beginning of the war he was living with his mother at 55 Wheeldon Avenue perhaps prompted by the need to be nearer his work and the death of his grandmother early in 1914 when they may have lost their home at the Post Office.

We know nothing definite about Lancelot's military record as it has been impossible to link him with any records in the archives – there is a medal card for a Lancelot Wright who served with the Royal Field Artillery but we can't definitely say it is "our" Lancelot Wright as no address is recorded on the card. As he would have been 23 in 1916 he would have been conscripted if he had not already volunteered.

The 1918 Register of Electors states that he was away on military service at that date – he is also listed at 7 Park Grove where Samuel and Elizabeth Wright lived – presumably they were relatives and

Lancelot and his mother may have lived briefly with them before moving into 55 Wheeldon Avenue. By spring 1919 Lancelot was back home.

In August 1924 he married Enid Ella Rose in Bedford. The marriage certificate lists him as living in Wheeldon Avenue and working as a Schoolmaster. We have not been able to trace any children they may have had and we don't know how they met. Enid was born in Stratford-upon-Avon and in the 1911 census she is listed as living with her family, aged 16 and a Drapery Apprentice.

From 1924 Lancelot and Enid lived at 72 Park Grove. His mother still lived around the corner at 55 Wheeldon Avenue until her death in 1943 when the probate for her estate mentions Lancelot as a School Master. Lancelot and Enid continued to live at 72 Park Grove – Lancelot died in March 1956 and Enid died in 1968.

**If you have any information about
Lancelot Wright
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