

Norman Hargreaves

c1897 -possibly Feb 1984

Norman Hargreaves born was **born in 1897** in **Bolton** (he was baptised at **St Peter, Halliwell** on 30 May 1897 by Curate A.H.Bartram). His parents are recorded¹ as **Francis William** Hargreaves and **Florence Adelaide** Hargreaves, both born c1873. His mother was born in Bolton. At the time they were living at **84 Howarth Street** and his father's occupation was a 'Finisher'.



St Peter Church, Halliwell

On the **1881** Census Norman's mother (nee Caton) was living at **44 Howarth Street**, Bolton with her father (John), mother Martha (who was born in Portsmouth) two brothers John & Charles and four sisters Sarah, Martha, Letitia and Emily.

In **1891** mother Florence and her sister Emily were living at 34 Howarth Street, Bolton with their father and mother.

Norman's father Francis William Hargreaves was buried at St Peter's, Halliwell on **21st February 1907** aged 34. He was living at 27 Wilmot Street off Harpers Lane and close to Halliwell Road, Bolton. His grave is 1013A and he was buried by John D Woodhall.

In **1901** Norman was living at **42 Howarth Street**, Bolton close to the junction of Halliwell Road and Blackburn Road. He was living with his maternal grandfather **John Caton**, his father Francis, his mother Florence (**nee Caton**) both aged 28 years. Although his grandfather and mother were born in Bolton Norman's father was born in Leyland, Lancashire. His grandfather was a 'House Painter and Decorator'. His father was again a '*Finisher of Cotton Goods.*'

¹ 1. Lancashire OnLine Parish Clerks

On **2nd April 1911** **Norman** is aged 14 and is living with his widowed mother (aged 38) who was working as a waitress in a 'Dancing Hall', and brother **Clarence** who is aged 9, at **612 Halliwell Road**. Although aged only 14 years Norman was working in a Cotton Bleach Works as a 'plater down'. Platers were cloth hookers working in a warehouse. His mother, aged 38, is shown on the Census as 'engaged by sister as waitress' and place of work is described as a 'Dancing Hall.'

There are four possible military records for Norman Hargreaves but nothing to identify positively any links. These men were in the Royal Field Artillery, Royal Engineers, East Lancashire Regiment and Manchester Regiment.

There is a record of a Norman Hargreaves who was born on 24 March 1897 who died in Bolton in 1984 aged 86. Other than the date which would tie in with the baptism there is no direct evidence that this is the same person.

Do you know anyone of these people?