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Robert Jewett

Despite extensive searches no linking records can be found for a Robert Jewett.

*However there are records for a Robert Jewitt who at one time lived at **Harricraft Cottage**, close to Smithills Hall and whose father was a forester/woodman. Harricraft was a tenanted farm on the **Smithills Hall Estate** which still today bears the name first borne in the days of the first Queen Elizabeth.*

The differences in the records may simply be Enumerator errors on being told the surname but misrecording it. However the 1911 Census was completed by John Jewitt and spelt with an "i".

He may be on the Memorial because of one of these reasons 1) his residence 2) his father possibly working on the Estate lands or 3) his own work as a joiner.

This might be the second misspelling of a name on the Memorial. The original Memorial was changed because of the error made initially recording Longworth as Longwith.

1889 - N/K

Robert (William) Jewitt was born in **1889** in Haydon Bridge, Northumberland to parents John Jewitt and Mary Jane Jewitt (née Margrett). He was baptised at Healey St. John, Northumberland on 14 July 1889.

Father John was born in **1864** at Healey, Northumberland, and he married Mary Jane on 28 April **1888** at **St. John, Healey**. She was born in **1853** in Elmstone Hardwicke, Gloucestershire. John was 24 and Mary 35 when they married.

In **1891** Robert (William) was the only child living with his parents at West Greenridge, Hexham in a 2 roomed house. He was aged 2. His father worked as a 'Woodman'. Other families living nearby had occupations like 'Shepherd', 'Gamekeeper', 'Agricultural Labourer' etc.

By **1901** the family had moved to Bolton. They were living at Harricraft Cottage. John was 37, Mary Jane 47 and Robert (William) aged 12. Father was a 'Forester'.



Harricraft Cottages

The **1911** Census shows the family at 3 Harricraft, Sharples (Bolton) [these cottages still exist]. Robert's parents have been married 22 years and he is an only child. Father is working as a 'Forester' and Robert as a 'Joiner'.

Searches have not identified any service records that can be linked directly to Robert. There are three possibilities but no links have yet been established.

Robert's mother **Mary Jane died between January and March 1924** aged 70 and father **John died in 1942** aged 78.

Robert's date of death is as yet unknown.

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