

# Wollaston, John Dudley

John Dudley Wollaston was killed in an air accident in Beverley on 3<sup>rd</sup> April 1918.

<b>Name:</b>	WOLLASTON, JOHN DUDLEY
<b>Initials:</b>	J D
<b>Nationality:</b>	United Kingdom
<b>Rank:</b>	Second Lieutenant
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	Royal Air Force
<b>Unit Text:</b>	Training Depot (Beverley)
<b>Age:</b>	19
<b>Date of Death:</b>	03/04/1918
<b>Additional information:</b>	Son of Thomas Roland Wollaston and Annie Wollaston, of Dirleton House. Priory Rd., Sale.
<b>Casualty Type:</b>	Commonwealth War Dead
<b>Grave/Memorial Reference:</b>	G. 1054.
<b>Cemetery:</b>	<a href="#"><u>SALE CEMETERY</u></a>

John's death is reported in the roll of honour published in the Flight Magazine of 9<sup>th</sup> May 1918.



John Wollaston is also named on the War Memorial in Sale, his home town. Linden Richardson recorded the fact of John's death in his diary but passed no comment on it.

Over 400 names are inscribed on the WW1 part of the memorial that is located in School Road, Sale. It was unveiled in 1925 after a design competition that was won by a local man, Sherwood Edwards. The figure is of St George. The inscription relating to the Great War reads:

Lest we forget. To the honoured memory of the men of Sale and Ashton-upon-Mersey who gave their lives during the Great-War for their King and Country.

1914 - 1919

The Flight Magazine of 13 January 1918 reports John's promotion to the rank of 2<sup>nd</sup> lieutenant from that of Cadet on December 13<sup>th</sup>.

Also included in the list of names on the memorial is John's older brother, Keith. He was a lieutenant in the 20<sup>th</sup> Battalion of the Manchester Regiment having originally joined the Welsh Fusiliers. He died in October 1918 and is commemorated at the Naves Communal Cemetery Extension.

### **Thomas Wollaston - father**

John had two older brothers, Keith Roland and Geoffrey Lester. Their father, Thomas Roland Wollaston, was a consulting Mechanical Engineer born in Stretford in about 1867. He married Annie Massey in about 1892.

T. Roland Wollaston Appears in an 1895 directory for Manchester and Salford. His address is given as 12 Dutton St, New Bridge St in a section for Engineers and Machinists. Later in the same directory, Edwin Washington Wollaston appears with the same address as a Tallow Importer. FW Wollaston is included in the index and is also at the Dutton St address.

By 1909 T. Roland Wollaston (M.I.M.E), consulting engineer, is to be found at 26 Corporation St. During the early 20<sup>th</sup> century he was a contributor of several articles to academic journals e.g. Journal of the Chemical Society.

In the 1901 census, Thomas' family were living at Lyndale, York Road, Bowden. All three sons were born in Bowden. The family had a servant.

By 1911 Thomas Wollaston and his family were living at Dirleton House, Priory Road, Sale and were still living there at the end of the war. All the brothers were living at home and they now had a sister, Kathleen Mary, born in about 1906 in Sale. They still had a domestic servant in 1911.

In 1935 Thomas applied for a patent in respect of improvements to a steam boiler.

<http://www.wikipatents.com/gb/458944.html>

### **Geoffrey Wollaston - brother**

The eldest brother, Geoffrey, born in about 1895, was a chemical engineer. Papers from his military records have survived. Geoffrey Lester appears to have joined the Welsh Guards in a reserve capacity in 1915 but was not fully enlisted until 1918 when he seems to have worked as a draughtsman. There is no record of overseas service for him and he was discharged in 1920. He died in 1942 but had a son Keith Hyde Wollaston who married Prudence Jane Rodney in 1960; Keith died in 2005. They had four children. Geoffrey was probably also a mechanical engineer like his father and I think he has an obituary in the I.Mech.E Journal of 1943.

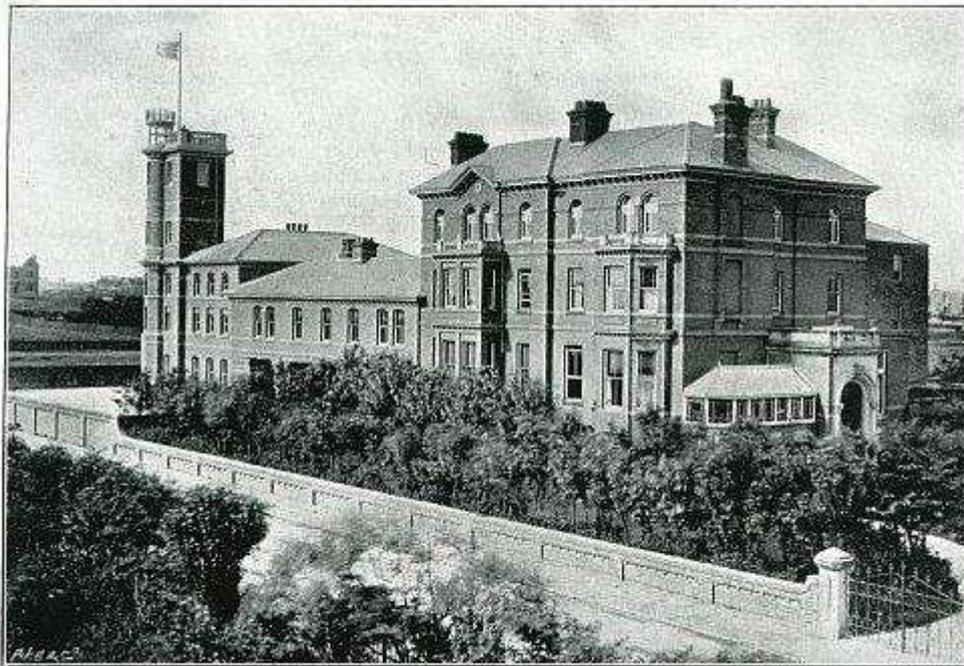
## Edwin Wollaston - grandfather

Thomas' father and John's grandfather, Edwin, was born in Bombay India in about 1837. Edwin married Mary Wainwright sometime between 1861 and 1871. By then he had moved from London to Manchester where he lived with his father. In 1861, Henry worked as a jeweller's assistant while his son Edwin became an oil merchant.

In the 1871 census Edwin Wollaston's family lived at 1 Halewood, Stretford and he worked as an oil merchant - employing an unspecified number of people.

Thomas had no brothers and sisters living with him in 1871 but two cousins from London were at the home; there was also a son born in 1870 called Edwin Harold after his father who appears to have died in 1871 before the census took place.

In 1881, Thomas was at boarding school, Bickerton House in Birkdale, an innovative educational establishment opened in 1860 and was dedicated to commercial and professional education. The family were now living at Chorlton and Thomas now had a younger brother, Edmund Wellesley and a sister Ethel. By 1891, Edwin had moved the family to Bracklyn, Stamford Road, Bowdon in Cheshire. Thomas worked as a Civil Engineer, and his brother Edmund worked as a Merchant's clerk (for his father?). Edwin's family was still there in 1901 census; they had two domestic servants.



BICKERTON HOUSE SCHOOL, BIRKDALE.

Bickerton House School was established in 1860, and possesses the advantage of having been specially built for educational purposes. The aim of the Principal, Mr. H. Mathwin, M.A., is to prepare his pupils either for commercial or professional life, and the curriculum is arranged