



Stanley Crawford Smith

38 Wheeldon Avenue



Silhouette of a First World War soldier
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Stanley Crawford Smith from Bishop's Wearmouth, Durham married Florence Ada Sherwin of 38 Wheeldon Avenue at St Alkmund's church on 16 May 1917 – he was 31 she was 22. His occupation on the certificate is given as "soldier". We don't know where they met.

Stanley came from a very poor family – his father, a ship's master, died very young leaving his wife with five children all under 8 years of age. We know nothing else about where Stanley worked before the war. He certainly returned after the war to Wheeldon Avenue in 1919 and then worked as a constructional engineer. We believe Stanley and Florence had four children: Joan (born 1918), Kathleen (born 1919), Stanley (born 1921) and Dorothy (born in 1924).

Florence died in May 1948 and she is listed as a "widow" – however there may have been an estrangement as Stanley Crawford Smith appears to have died in Surrey twelve years later in 1960 – his daughter Dorothy (who was born on Wheeldon Avenue) acting as his executor.

Florence's death certificate states that she was living with her daughter, Kathleen, at 38 Statham Street at the time of her death and in the local directories Mrs. Sherwin is listed as the householder from 1925 onwards.

It is unfortunate that we have not been able to trace Stanley's military record – he could have enlisted with his full name or just as "S Smith" which makes him difficult to trace with such a common name.

If you have any information about Stanley Crawford Smith or his family
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