

Harry Corden

(1898-1957)



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Harry Corden was born in Darwen, Lancs. on 9th October 1898, the son of James Corden and Sarah Jane Hough. The family moved from Darwen to 5 Holly Bank, Entwistle at some point between 1901 and 1911 and the three spent the rest of their lives there. In 1911 Harry was working as a labourer in the nearby Calico Print Works. The photo shows Harry in the uniform of the Royal Flying Corps but his service record suggests that he originally enlisted with the army. He joined the R.F.C. on 22nd August 1916 and was described as a plumber by trade, and later as a coppersmith, and it is assumed that he worked on the maintenance of the aircraft. Harry was transferred to the R.A.F. as a Private on 1st April 1918, and to the R.A.F. Reserve on 22nd February 1919.

Harry married Elizabeth Jane Haslam at St. Anne's, Turton in 1921 but sadly, Elizabeth died four years later at the age of 23.

Harry died on 5th April 1957 and is buried alongside his parents in St. Anne's, Turton.³⁵

War Record²

Little can be added to the above except to add that Harry's R.F.C. Service No. was 44906.

Family History^{1,3,4,5}

Census and BMD records give the following details for Harry's Family:

Father:	James Corden	b. 1865, Furness Vale, Cheshire	Married at St John
Mother:	Sarah Jane Hough	b. 1867, Edgworth, Lancs.	Darwen 1896
Son:	Harry Corden	b. 1898, Darwen, Lancs.	

In 1901, the family were living at 32 Cemetery Road, Darwen, and father James was working as a labourer, above ground at a coal pit. Mother, Sarah was a 'Cotton Warper'.

In 1911, they are living at 5 Holly Bank, Entwistle, with Sarah's father, Joseph Hough (aged 68 and a widower) and Sarah's nephew, Wilfred Hough (aged 19). All the men are labouring at the nearby Calico Print Works, and Sarah is still a 'Warper'.

Harry married Elizabeth Jane Haslam at St. Anne's, Turton in 1921, and a son Herbert Haslam Corden was born in 1922, but sadly, Elizabeth died in 1925, aged 23. She was buried at St. Anne's:

Burial: 5 Mar 1925 St Anne, Turton, Lancs.
Elizabeth Jane Corden -
Age: 23
Abode: Blackburn
Grave: New non Par. Grave No 68
Buried by: James Platt Vicar
Source: LDS Family Search

James Corden died on 7th October 1944 and was buried in St. Anne's, Turton on the 11th of that month. Probate was awarded as follows:³²

CORDEN James of 5 Holly-bank Entwistle Lancashire died 7 October 1944 Probate Manchester 20 November to Sarah Jane Corden widow. Effects £672 0s. 4d.

Sarah Jane Corden died on 27th February 1957, aged 88, and was buried alongside her husband three days later. Probate was awarded to Harry:³²

CORDEN Sarah Jane of 5 Holly-bank Entwistle near Bolton widow died 27 February 1957 Probate Manchester 12 April to Harry Corden plumber. Effects £794 13s. 5d. Revoked 3 September. New Grant 24 September.

But..... Harry died on 5th April 1957 and was buried alongside his parents. Consequently the original probate award was revoked and a new award made to Harry's son Herbert.³²

CORDEN Sarah Jane of 5 Holly-bank Entwistle near Bolton widow died 27 February 1957 Administration (with Will) Manchester 24 September to Herbert Haslam Corden development chemist. Effects £694 13s. 5d. Former Grant D.R. Manchester 12 April Revoked.

Herbert was also awarded probate of Harry's estate:³²

CORDEN Harry of 5 Holly-bank Entwistle near **Bolton** died 5 April 1957 at Queens Park Hospital Blackburn Administration **Manchester** 30 July to Herbert Haslam Corden development chemist. Effects £525 18s.

No marriage or death records have been found for Herbert.

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Standard References: 1,2,3,4,5,30,32