

Alfred Whitehead

(1898-1981)

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Alfred Whitehead was born in Edgworth in 1898, the son of Herbert Whitehead and Edith Ridge. Alfred's service record shows that at the time of attestation – 6th June 1916 - he and his parents were living at 301, Bolton Road, Edgworth, and Alfred was employed as a clerk.² He was enlisted to 'carry out duties as clerk' in the Inland Waterways & Docks Section of the Royal Engineers on July 16th 1917. The only other information found relates to his immediate family.

Family History^{1,3,5}

The 1901 census and reference to BMD websites indicate that Alfred's immediate family was as follows:

Father:	Herbert Whitehead	b. 1866 Edgworth	married 1891
Mother:	Edith Jane Ridge	b. 1865 Darwen	Blackburn Register Office
Children:	Alice	b. 1891 Darwen	died aged 0
	Walter Ridge	b. 1892 Darwen	died aged 0
	Margaret	b. 8/4/1894 Whitefield	
	Harold	b. 7/4/1896 Edgworth	
	Alfred	b. 8/4/1898 Edgworth	
	Walter	b. 22/7/1900 Edgworth	

In 1901 the family were living on Blackburn Road, Edgworth and father Herbert was a 'Commercial Traveller (Sugar)'. Margaret enrolled at Edgworth Wesleyan School on 16th June 1898 and her address was recorded as Bentley Row. Harold enrolled on 30th October 1899; Alfred on 20th May 1901 (leaving on 26th September 1910); Walter on 12th October 1903 (leaving on 10th January 2012).³⁴

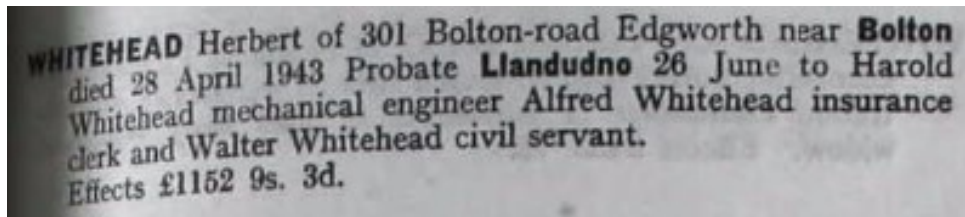
The 1911 census has the family living at 301 Bolton Road, Edgworth, with father Herbert as a Commercial Traveller, working for a Sugar Refiner.

Alfred is the only one of the three brothers for whom a WW1 service record has been found.

Herbert and Edith were buried in the grounds of Edgworth Congregational Church;¹²

Herbert Whitehead	28.4.1943	77
Edith Whitehead	19.3.1933	67

and this probate record was found for Herbert:^{4,32}



WHITEHEAD Herbert of 301 Bolton-road Edgworth near **Bolton**
died 28 April 1943 Probate **Llandudno** 26 June to Harold
Whitehead mechanical engineer Alfred Whitehead insurance
clerk and Walter Whitehead civil servant.
Effects £1152 9s. 3d.

There is a possible marriage for Alfred – to Jane Greenhalgh in 1931 at Edgworth Congregational Church. This would fit with the records of burial at St. Anne’s, Turton, shown here (the age at death agrees with Alfred’s birth date):³⁵

Whitehead, Alfred – age:83 bur. 20.8.1981 B162 – New Ground E4
Whitehead, Jane – age:84 bur. 10.2.1992 B492 – New Ground E4

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Standard References: 1,2,3,4,5,32,35,35