

# Individual Report for Frederick Treacher

**Individual Summary:** Frederick Treacher

Sex: Male

Father: Robert Treacher

Mother: Jessie Flaws



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**Individual Facts:**

Birth: 25 Oct 1885 in Plumstead, London, England

Census: 5 Apr 1891 in Woolwich, London, England (41 Ritter Street)

Census: 31 Mar 1901 in Woolwich, London, England (22 Ritter Street)

Occupation: 31 Mar 1901 in Woolwich, London, England (22 Ritter Street); General Labourer

Occupation: Bef. 20 May 1901 in Woolwich, London, England (22 Ritter Street); Carman

Occupation: Bet. 20 May 1901–6 Mar 1916 in Various; Seaman

Address: Bet. 1927–29 Nov 1935 in Woolwich, London, England (15 Engineer Road)

Death: 29 Nov 1935 in Woolwich, London, England (15 Engineer Road)

Burial: 5 Dec 1935 in Plumstead, London, England (Woolwich Old Cemetery, King's Highway)

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**Shared Facts:** Rose Ellen Abbott

Marriage: 11 Feb 1911 in Woolwich, London, England

Children: Ivy Isabelle Treacher

Arthur Frederick Treacher

Jessie Rose Treacher

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**Notes:**

Person Notes: **1891 Census** - With parents (Whole area demolished - new flats and houses)  
Born in Woolwich  
**1901 Census** - With mother  
Born in Woolwich  
**1911 Census** - No trace - almost certainly on HMS Topaze and possibly at sea.  
**Occupations** -  
Before 20 May 1901 - Carman  
From 20 May 1901 to 6 Mar 1916 Ordinary Seaman, then Able Seaman, then Able Seaman Gunner  
Address at marriage - HMS Topaze, Dockyard, Portsmouth  
From about Mar 1916 to death - Goods checker at the British Rail Depot at Woolwich Arsenal Station.  
**Medals-**  
Frederick served throughout the first world war in the Royal Navy, and was awarded the following medals -  
The British War Medal, for those who served overseas from 1914 to 1918  
The 1914-15 Star, for those who served up to 31 December 1915 but who had not received the 1914 Star (the Mons Star)  
The Victory Medal, for those who served in an overseas theatre of war.  
He was also mentioned in dispatches and his name appears in the London Gazette in 1919. This would have entitled him to an oak leaf cluster on his Victory Medal.  
**Field Gun Competition**  
Frederick took part in two Field Gun Competitions at Royal Tournaments at Olympia, where teams from Naval Ports had to dismantle a gun, carry it over a wall and chasm, reassemble it and then fire it. His team, HMS Victory, won in 1908 and came second in the other (probably 1909). His winner's medal was made into a brooch by his wife and is now in the care of his granddaughter, Shirley. The second place medal is in the care of his great grandson, Christopher.

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**1927/28 to 1939/40**

Frederick (up to his death on 29 Nov 1935) and Rose Ellen appear in the Electoral Registers at 15 Engineer Road, Woolwich in Polling District 1 (H) of St George's Ward.

In some of the registers there are others listed in the house.

1928/29 - Frederick Witchell and Thomas Matthews, both listed as naval or military voters

1929/30 - Frederick and Eva Witchell and Thomas Matthews

1930/31 - Edith Eizabeth Moloney

1931/32 - Bridget Jackson

1933 - Dorothy Margaret Ridley

Of these, Mum, can only remember the Witchells. Fred Witchell was a BSM in the Royal Artillery, in charge of the horses. Mum has a photo of Fred riding one of the horses. They used to play cards with Gran and Granddad. Mum remembers them as a lovely couple.

Mum cannot see how they could have fitted Thomas Matthews in the house with five family members and the Witchells, and I am sure she would have remembered at least one of them. Perhaps the names were added by the landlord so that they could get a vote in Woolwich. Maybe some sort of scam?

Birth Notes: From birth cert -

Born at the Warren, Shrewsbury Lane, Plumstead, London

Unable to find any reference to the Warren in Shrewsbury Lane, which is on Shooters Hill, but there is a Warren in Woolwich near to the ferry. Both the 1891 and 1901 censuses state that he was born in Woolwich.

Death Notes: **From Death Certificate -**

Place - 15 Engineer Road, Woolwich, London

Age - 50

Occupation - Railway Goods Checker

Cause - Uraemia, Suppression of urine, Unresolved pneumonia and myocarditis

Informant - R E Treacher, Widow of the deceased, of 15 Engineer Road, present at death.

When Frederick became ill, the doctor said it was just a cold, so he went to work. The following day he was so ill that he was sent home. The doctor then arranged for him to be taken into hospital. He was in hospital for about a week, but when told that nothing could be done he asked to be taken home. His wife was required to sign a discharge form. He died the following day.

**The local newspaper death notice -**

The funeral took place on Thursday last, December 5th, of Mr. Frederick Treacher, of 15 Engineer Road, Woolwich, who passed over on November 29th, aged 50 years. Floral tributes were sent by his wife; his three children, Ivy, Arthur and Jessie; Arthur and Louie; Mrs M Treacher and Don; Will and Lill, Nephew and nieces; Bert and Maud and Bertie; George and Kate; Maud, Ern, Eric and Mrs Kill; Mrs Wilson and Family; Bella and family; Maggie; Mr and Mrs Stokes; Mr Merrett and office staff at Plumstead depot; Neighbours and friends; girls of the second floor CWS, Silvertown; May; Mrs Top.

Mrs. Treacher and family wish to thank all friends and relations for kindness shown to the late Mr Treacher during his illness. Also the staff of "A" Ward,

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St Nicholas Hospital, Plumstead, and his workmates for their sympathy shown at his funeral and for the lovely floral tributes sent in their deep loss.

Burial Notes: Buried in Woolwich Old Cemetery, Plot I128

**From undertaker's invoice -**

Elm coffin made with moulded plinth and box lid, French Polished and furnished with brass handles, lid, ornaments, plates of written inscription, lined, pillow, mattress swansdown, sidesheets and ruffle, finished complete. Motor hearse and two landaulettes and all attendance of bearers to Woolwich Cemetery (Old). £15. Cash paid for burial fees and re-opening grave £1 7s 6d.

Marriage Notes: **From Marriage Certificate**

Place - The Registry Office, Woolwich, London

Ages - Frederick, 25, and Rose Ellen, 24

Status - Bachelor and Spinster

Occupations - Able Seaman, RN and Housemaid

Residence at marriage - HMS Topaze, Dockyard, Portsmouth and 19

Engineer Road, Woolwich, London

Parents - Robert Treacher and Samuel Abbott, both deceased and both Gunners in the RGA

Witnesses - Maud Redford and Albert Abbott (Rose Ellen's cousin and his wife-to-be.)

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