

John Tomlinson born Backup Lancashire 1893

1911 Census puts him living in Blackpool. This seems reasonable.

He was the eldest of 12 children. He left school when he was 12. I believe he worked for his father as a butcher.

I know from documentation that he was in the Army at the end of WW1. I know he was in Russia during 1919.

For many years I believed he was involved with the Russian Revolution. However, after visiting an exhibition at the British Library I discovered that the British Army was involved with the Russian Civil War not the Revolution.

Research has led me to find that the British Army was evacuated from Archangel on 14th September 1919 on board SS ULUA. There is some discrepancy in the evacuation details. I have only found one John Tomlinson listed but the rank and date of birth are not of my father.

During a search of Army records, I could not find any records relating to my father. This might substantiate him being in the Army before 1914.

I know he served with the 17th Battalion Liverpool Regiment and they are listing him as a Sergeant in 1914. This would indicate that he must have been in the Army before 1914. However, a Sgt at the age of 21 seems to be rather young. (Research required)

The period after the war is rather sketchy. However, I do know he was a Free Mason and worked for Lord George Vesty, buying cattle for Dewhurst the butchers.

Mother's Side

Born Stratford Manchester Elsie Owen 1903

Her father was a publican in Manchester. I believe he owned 2 pubs at different times. One on Stratford road and the other is probably rubble under the Mancunian Way. All research regarding public houses has proved negative.

My grandmother's name was Paul and I believe they came from Dundee where they were rope makers.