

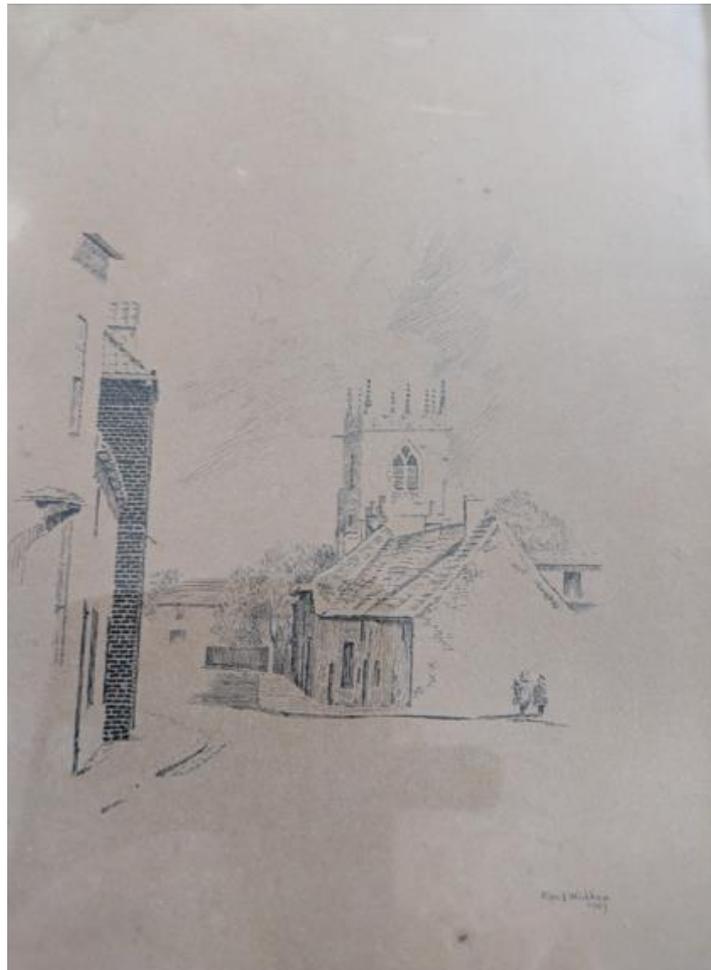


Bawtry Heritage Group

Preserving our Past for the Future

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A Pencil Drawing by Alfred Wickham



Sherelle Hawes

9 November 2025

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Bawtry Heritage Group was given a beautiful pencil drawing of Church Street Bawtry showing the church. It was drawn by Alfred Wickham as a gift for his wife Winifred. We decided to investigate the life of Alfred and his wife living in Bawtry.

Alfred was born on 26 December 1872, in Bideford, Devon to parents Thomas Taplin Wickham and Dorothy Sarah nee King Major. He had five siblings. Alfred appears on the census returns living in Devon in 1881 and by 1891 he had moved to Bawtry. Alfred was a solicitor's clerk, and he passed his UK and Commonwealth Law Exams in 1890 in Bideford. It looks like he then moved to Bawtry for work. On the 1891 census, he was lodging with the Morton family on High Street. On the 1901 census, he was boarding with a family in West Bromwich, and he was a solicitor and an assistant to the Town Clerk. I am guessing that he had met his future wife whilst he was living in Bawtry as on 14th April 1904, Alfred married Winifred Cartwright at St Nicholas Parish Church. There is a lovely write up about the wedding in the Retford and Worksop Herald newspaper, which talks about Winifred and her family. The paper gave Winifred's address as being Ivy House on Wharf Street.

This was such a co-incidence as previous Bawtry Heritage Group projects have been looking into a girls' boarding school on Wharf Street and it just so happens to be the same property. How amazing was that for us to find! The girls' boarding school had been there since the 1820's and closed just before the 1871 census.

By 1911 Alfred had moved his wife back to West Bromwich and they had two sons Christopher and Richard. He was still a solicitor. They were still there on the 1921 census, and they had since had a daughter Prescilla Margaret.

The family were living in Barnstable Devon. Alfred was now a retired Solicitor but he was still the Town Clerk. Alfred's obituary appeared in 1957 where he died in Poole hospital; he had been a patient there for five months. Winifred died in 1952 in Bideford.

Their children Richard Christopher and Prescilla all appear to have had interesting lives. Richard followed in his father's footsteps, sat his law exams and was working for his father as a solicitor. Richard died in 1995 age 89. He left over £115,000. Christopher Urry sat his medical exams and became a doctor. Once qualified he was working in India at Peshawar where he died when he was only 28. His father was named as executor in his will and he left over £1,000. Prescilla married Role Lyon Williams, and she died in 1986 leaving over £90,000. Role was born in Australia, and he was in the Navy. He settled and married and stayed in Bideford with Prescilla.

Winifred Cartwright was born in Bawtry on 18 April 1872 to parents Frederick and Sarah Cartwright. She had five siblings. On the 1881 Census the family were living on High Street Bawtry and Frederick was a solicitor. This must be how Winifred and Alfred met. By 1891 Frederick had died and the family were living at Ivy House on Wharf Street. Sarah was living on her own means. Sarah appeared living at Ivy House in 1921. She died at Ivy House in 1935 and is buried in Bawtry.

The journey researching the family has been very interesting. It just shows what can be revealed about families from just a single pencil drawing from over one hundred years ago. I feel very privileged to have researched the family and I hope you have all enjoyed reading about them. The evidence and pictures are featured below.

Name Winifred Wickham

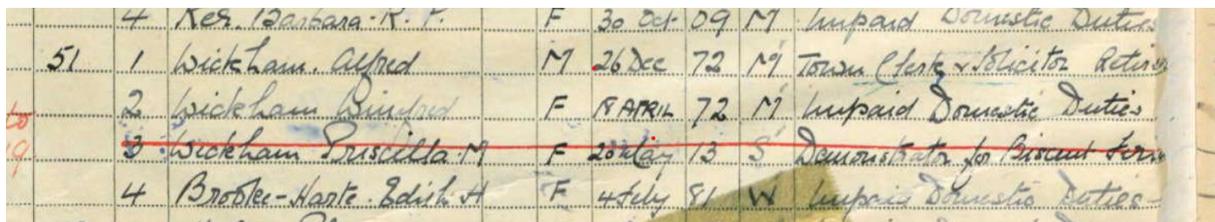
Death Age 80

Birth Date abt 1872

Registration Date Jan 1952

Registration Quarter Jan-Feb-Mar

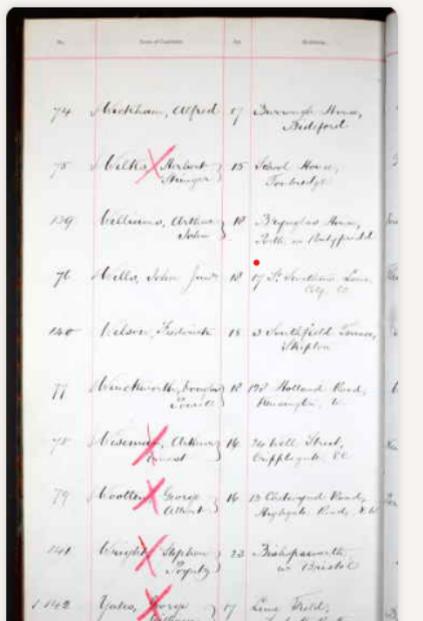
Registration District Bideford



In Barnstable on the 1939 Register

Alfred Wickham

in the UK and Commonwealth, Law Examination Records, 1836-1948



Detail Source

Name	Alfred Wickham
Examination Age	17
Birth Date	abt 1873
Examination Date	22 Oct 1890
Examination Place	Bideford
Role	Candidate
Entry Number	74

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Executors.

CARTWRIGHT { Frederick Henry.

Personal Estate £6,496 Os. 6d.

8 June. The Will with a Codicil of Frederick Henry Cartwright late of Bawtry in the County of York Gentleman who died 30 April 1882 at Bawtry was proved at Wakefield by the Reverend Roger Hines of Shepreth in the County of Cambridge Clerk one of the Executors.

PRETTY BAWTRY WEDDING

The marriage took place at Bawtry Parish Church on Thursday of Miss Winifred Cartwright daughter of Mrs Cartwright, Ivy House, Bawtry and of the late Mr F. H. Cartwright, solicitor, to Mr Alfred Wickham, solicitor, of West Bromwick and son of the late Mr Wickham, of Bideford. The bride was given away by her brother, Mr F. H. T. Cartwright, of Tring. Her bridesmaid were her sisters, the Misses Margaret, Janet and Frieda Cartwright. The bride carried a lovely shower bouquet of exotics, and the bridesmaids carried posies of pink carnations.

Mr S. Wickham, D.S.O., of the Manchester Regiment, was the best man. The service was conducted by the Rev R. Hinde, uncle of the bride, who was assisted by the Vicar (the Rev A. E. Meredith).

Mrs Cartwright held a reception at Ivy House during the afternoon, and the couple left for London.

Schedule	No. or NAME of HOUSE	Inhabited	Number of Cottages (U.) or Buildings (B.)	Number of Cottages (U.) or Buildings (B.)	NAME and Surname of each Person	Position to Head of Family	DITION as to Marriage	Birthday of		PROFESSION or OCCUPATION	Employed	Employed in Agriculture	WHERE BORN	(1) (2) (3)
								Male	Female					
218	Wharfe Street	1			Mary Marshall	Head	Wid		70				York Bawtry	
					James Osborn	Son	S	42		Carter	+		Do Do	
					William Windsor	Nephew	S	27		Agricultural Labourer	+		Do Doncaster	
219		1			Joseph A. Cartwright	Head	Wid	43		James Cartwright			York Bawtry	
					Emily H. Cartwright	Daughter	S	26					Do Do	
					Winifred Cartwright	Daughter	S	18					Do Do	
					Nora Cartwright	Daughter	S	18					Do Do	
					Janet Cartwright	Daughter	S	18					Do Do	
					Fred H. Cartwright	Son	S	12					Do Do	
					Frieda M. Cartwright	Daughter	S	8					Do Do	
					Joseph C. Pickering	Son	S	28		Domestic	+		York Carlton	
					Mary Allen	Servant	S	14		Do Do			York Ketherman	
220		1			William Morris	Head	M	40		Agricultural Labourer	+		Trice Thelthorpe	
					James Morris	Wife	M	33					Widow London	
					George Morris	Son	S	16		Domestic Servant			York Austerfield	
					William Gill	Head	M	41		Farmer & Valuer			Do Radcliffe Street	
					Elizabeth Gill	Wife	M	40					York Austerfield	
					Harriet Smith	Servant	S	10		Domestic			Do Austerfield	
					Ann Smith	Head	Wid	80		Widow over names			Trice Gate Burton	
					Joseph A. Smith	Niece	S	22 of 22	58				Trice Gate Burton	
					Ellen Whittam	Servant	S	14		Domestic			Do Blyth	

between us, t

1904
 Marriage solemnized in the Parish Church in the Parish of *Bashly with* in the County of *York*

No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the Time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
284	April 14 ^E	Alfred Wickham	31.	Bachelor	Solicitor	West Bromwich	Thomas Jephson Wickham	(Deceased)
		Winifred Cartwright	31	Spinster		Bawtry	Frederick Henry Cartwright	(Deceased)

Married in the *Parish Church* according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the *Established Church after Banns* by me, *R. Hines, M.A.*

This Marriage was solemnized between us, *Alfred Wickham* in the Presence of us, *Joseph Kempster* Vicar of Shepsett
Winifred Cartwright
Martha Ann Cartwright
Frederick Henry Cartwright
Margaret G. Cartwright
James F. Cartwright

Mr. R. A. Reay Maden (Town Clerk, Sutton Coldfield), Councillor P. Bull (Mayor of Walsall), Councillor Thomas (chairman, Walsall Education Committee), **Mr.** H. Lee (Town Clerk, Walsall), **Mr.** J. Taylor (borough surveyor, Walsall), **Mr.** Charles Lloyd (Town Clerk, Smethwick), **Mr.** T. M. Evans (Mayor of Smethwick), **Mr.** Harold E. Coff (borough gas engineer, West Bromwich), **Mr.** S. C. Lloyd (Mayor of Dudley), **Mr.** W. S. Bache (Mayor of West Bromwich), **Mr.** Alfred Wickham (Town Clerk of West Bromwich), Alderman F. W. Cook (Dudley), **Mr.** H. C. Brettell (Town Clerk, Dudley), Councillor G. G. Evans (Willenhall), Councillor Haddock (Bilston), **Mr.** J. L. Arlidge (clerk to Bilston U.D.C.), **Mr.** V. Turner (surveyor of Bilston), **Mr.** Frank Impey, F.C.A. (secretary

Marriage of Alfred and Winifred

WICKHAM
Dick. Died peacefully at
Salisbury on Saturday,
July 15, 1995. Just six
weeks before his 90th
birthday. Funeral Ser-
vice to be held at the
Salisbury crematorium
on Monday, July 24 at
2.20 p.m. Flowers may
be sent to I.N. Newman
Funeral Directors, 55
Winchester street, Salis-
bury.

WICKHAM Christopher Urry of The Cantonments Peshawar India
died 19 June 1935 at The Indian Military Hospital Peshawar
Administration London 6 December to Alfred Wickham solicitor
Effects £1033 6s.

WILLIAMS, Priscilla Margaret of 12 South Lea Northam
Bideford Devon died 29 August 1986 Probate Bristol
3 February £90727 8751400909Z

4 February £16067 823300520A

WILLIAMS, Role Lyon of 2 The Retreat Vernons La Appledore
Bideford died 20 December 1981 Probate Bristol
27 January Not exceeding £25000 820900398P

9552411664Y

WICKHAM, RICHARD HAWKSLEY KING
OF CASTLE VIEW OLD CASTLE RD SALISBURY WILTSHIRE
DIED 15 JULY 1995 PROBATE WINCHESTER 03 OCTOBER
£1 17585 9552422248N .

Obituary

MR. ALFRED WICKHAM

Mr. Alfred Wickham, who, for 40 years, played a leading part in the guidance of local government affairs at West Bromwich—for 26 years as the second Town Clerk, has died at St. Mary's Hospital, Poole, Dorset, where he had been a patient for five months. He was 85 and leaves a son and daughter.

The son, Mr. R. H. K. Wickham, who served his articles under his father, is now Clerk and Solicitor to the Wimborne and Cranborne Rural Council in Dorset.

Mr. Alfred Wickham was born at Bideford and was educated at the United Services' College, Westward Ho! He served his articles in Yorkshire and after a year in London became assistant Town Clerk at West Bromwich in 1897; in 1911 he succeeded the late Mr. Alfred Caddick as Town Clerk.

Mr. Soloman Rowlands

Mr. Soloman Rowlands, of 254, Gillott Road, Edgbaston, who died yesterday at the age of 95, was probably the oldest master baker in the Birmingham and Black Country area.

As a young man Mr. Rowlands opened a wholesale provision

Retired in 1937

In 1914 Mr. Wickham was appointed Clerk of the Peace to West Bromwich Quarter Sessions and served also as Public Assistance Officer from 1930 and superintendent registrar from 1932. He retired at the end of 1937 and the following year was made an honorary Freeman of the town.

Outside his official status he devoted considerable attention to other affairs of the town. He was a past president of West Bromwich Rotary Club and an enthusiastic supporter of the work of the League of Nations Union.

Cremation will take place at Poole on Monday.

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CARTWRIGHT Sarah Ann of Ivy House Wharf-street Bawtry Yorkshire widow died 15 January 1935 Probate London 11 March to Frederick Hawksley Talbot Cartwright retired colonel H.M. territorial army and Janet Fenton Cartwright spinster. Effects £2431 4s. 7d.


SCHEDULE.

Prescribed by Regulations under the Census Act, 1920, as the form to be used in England (excluding Monmouth), for the purpose of returns in respect of (a) Private Households, (b) Hotels, Clubs, Boarding Houses, or Commor or other Lodging Houses, and (c) Other persons in respect of whom no other form of schedule is prescribed.

This space to be filled up by the Enumerator.		
Registration District.	Registration Sub-District.	Enumeration District.
512	4	5
Name of person responsible for making the return. Mrs. S. A. Cartwright		
Postal Address Wharf St Bawtry Yorks		

NOTICE.

1921 Census living at Wharf Street



Transcript of Sarah A's record

First name(s)	Sarah A
Last name	Cartwright
Sex	Female
Birth year	1848
Age	87
Death quarter	1
Death year	1935
District	Doncaster

Thank You. Sherelle Hawes