

ST JAMES CHURCH TAUNTON
WORLD WAR 1 MEMORIAL PROJECT

Arthur Wall

Name: Arthur Wall

Rank: Gunner

Service Number: 37619

Regiment: Royal Garrison Artillery

Battalion/Unit number: 76th Company

Date/year of Birth: c.1894

Place of Birth: Taunton

Place of Residence: 4 Laburnum Street, Taunton

Date of Death: 8th October 1918

Place of Death: India

Burial/Memorial: Kirklee Memorial, Poona, India

Arthur Wall was the son of Jamie and Louise Wall. He was one of eight children, one of whom died in infancy. He had three brothers, Henry, William and [Albert](#) and three sisters, Ethel, Minnie and Hilda. Originally the family lived in King Street Taunton but by 1901 they were at 4 Laburnum Street. Arthur's father was a Mason, and by 1911 worked in the gasworks, while Arthur worked at a tannery as a flesher. Arthur's brother Albert had joined the Royal Artillery in 1909 and was no longer living at home in 1911. Arthur joined the Royal Garrison Artillery on 4th July 1915 and was awarded the 1915 star. Their brother William also joined the Royal Army Medical Corps.

Both Arthur and Albert died as a result of the war, but Albert died after the armistice after he had been discharged home. He is buried in the St. James cemetery in Staplegrove Road and it is not totally clear which brother is commemorated on the war memorial. However, as Arthur died during the war it is more likely that he is named on the memorial.

From his enlistment return he served for 5 years overseas and 1 year at home, so may have joined the army before hostilities commenced. Arthur was posted to the 76th Company of the RGA, who were based in Aden and by 1918 were in India, where he died on October 8th 1918. There are 36 other RGA men on the memorial who died at different times in the period 1916 to 1921.