

Arthur SMITH #63

Born: 25 Jan 1887 in Market Weighton, East Yorkshire ^{1,2,3,4}
 Occupation: 1911 Able-Bodied Seaman, Royal Navy ⁵
 Occupation: 1939 Berthing Man - King George Dock ⁶
 Father: William Robert SMITH #59 (Color Sergeant (Infantry))
 Mother: Charlotte Louisa TYLER #60 (Lady's Maid)
 CENSUS :

1901 - 96 St.Georges Road, Hull, East Yorkshire

William R.

SMITH Head M 48 Customs Watcher Liverpool,
Lancashire

Charlotte L.

SMITH

Wife

M 42

Slaugham, Sussex

Arthur

SMITH Son 14 Market
Weighton, Yorkshire

Cecilia M.

SMITH Dau 12 Market
Weighton, Yorkshire

Charles

SMITH Son 12 Market
Weighton, Yorkshire

Ethel

SMITH Dau 11 Market
Weighton, Yorkshire

Francis

SMITH

Son

6 Market Weighton, Yorkshire

Charlotte

SMITH

Dau

4 Kirton in Lindsey, Lincs

1911 - Royal Naval Barracks, Sub Depot, H M Dockyard, Sheerness, Kent

Arthur

SMITH

Unmarried 25 Able seaman Market Weighton,
Yorkshire
(and many others)

MILITARY :

First name(s) Arthur

Last name Smith

Service number 218402

Birth year 1886

Birth date 25 Sep 1886

Birth place Market Weighton

Birth county Yorkshire

Birth country England

Archive The National Archives

Archive reference ADM 188/383/218402

Record set British Royal Navy Seamen 1899-1924

ROYAL NAVY :

First Service Date: 20 Dec 1901

First Ship Served On: CALEDONIA

Last Service Date: 31 Aug 1913

Last Ship Served On: PEMBROKE I

ADDRESS :

1887 - Southgate, Market Weighton (birth)

1901 - 96 St.George's Road (Census)

1911 - H.M. Dockyard, Sheerness, Kent (Census)

1921 - 93 Hawthorn Avenue, Hull (Electoral Roll)

1927 - 93 Hawthorn Avenue, Hull (Electoral Roll)

1939 - 20 Crystal Ave, Cave Street, Hull (1939 Register)

INFO FROM PETE MADDRA :

Knowing his DOB I was able to find the record of his christening on 16 Feb 1887, and I was able to locate him in the 1939 Register entry He's living at 20 Crystal Av, Cave Street. Working as a "Berthing man King

George Dock" and is married, although his wife is not in the same household..

It looks as if he is probably lodging with a family called Simmons. I couldn't find Crystal Av on a map, but judging by the order in which the census has been recorded, it appears to have existed between 14 and 18 Cave Street. I've marked the area where I think it was on a side-by-side map (see attached). Unfortunately, it falls exactly on a division between sections of the Hull Blitz Map so it's difficult to tell if it was hit during the war, but it does seem to show bombs at both ends of the row of houses.

In the 1911 UK Census he's an Able Bodied Seaman in the Royal Navy at H M Dockyard in Sheerness. (The rank of Able Bodied implies he already has a minimum of 2 years service behind him.) He's listed as single, which means he married sometime between 1911 and 1939, which doesn't help a great deal. Even if we assume he married in Hull (which isn't a certainty), there are a lot of Arthur Smiths who married in that time span. If we can find him in the 1921 Census when it becomes available in January next year, we'll be able to narrow down the possible date range.

NOTES (to be confirmed) ::
Became the Harbour Master in Hull.
Lived in Withernsea

¹ Census Records - 1891.

² 1901 Census.

³ Yorkshire Baptism Transcriptions.

⁴ British Royal Navy Seamen 1899-1924.

⁵ 1911 Census.

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