

World War 1 Roll of Honour Birmingham City Police PC E231 William OAKLEY Lance Corporal P/8135 Military Mounted Police

William was born 8th September 1879 in Shrawley, Worcestershire and was a resident of Church Cottage, Shawley, the son of Samuel (1847-1909) and Sarah nee Butler (1849-1910). He had three sisters and three brothers, one who sadly died within a year of his birth

1st July 1904 William joined Worcestershire County Constabulary and transferred to Birmingham City Police on 9th November 1911 on the annexation of the city. He was issued with warrant number 8002 and he served on the E division with collar number PC E231

October 1905 William was awarded a merit badge and £3 by the court of county sessions for a smart arrest

12th December 1905 William married Kate Turner (born 5th November 1879) in Kings Norton, Birmingham, they had four children, Dorothy who was born 5th July 1906, William who was born 15th December 1908, Kate who was born 9th May 1910 and Amelia who was born 21st October 1912

February 1909 William was commended by justices for another smart arrest

27th February 1917 William resigned to join HM Forces, he was selected to serve with the Military Mounted Police and was instructed to attend Curzon Hall at 0930 the same date for enrolment

21st July 1919 William re-joined Birmingham City Police after serving with HM Forces and was issued with a new warrant number of 9068

20th September 1931 William retired from the police, aged 52 years, and was at the time residing in a police house at 1308 Coventry Road, Hay Mills which he had to vacate on his retirement. William received a police pension of £160 6s 8d per annum

1939 census William was residing with his wife Kate at 2142 Coventry Road, with Dorothy who was now married (Mrs Cousins) and Amelia who was also married (Mrs Cardinal). William was working at the Post Office Engineering Department

27th December 1967 William sadly died whilst he and his wife Kate were residing at 12 Graham Road, South Yardley, Birmingham. His widow received a police widow's pension of £2 9d per week

18th November 1971, William's widow Kate died aged 92 years

