

World War 1 Roll of Honour

Birmingham City Police

PC D243 Arthur Alfred COLE

Corporal 8110 Military Mounted Police

Arthur was born 5th June 1882 in Birmingham and a resident of 40 Wood Green Road, Birmingham. He was the son of Arthur (bn 1852) and Emma Sophia Whittingham (1856-1934). When Arthur was 8 years old, his mother who was now a widow, remarried on 23rd October 1890 to Thomas James Fitzpatrick at Christ Church in Sparkbrook, Birmingham

22nd September 1902 to 22nd September 1905 Arthur served as a private 6275 of the 7th Dragoon Guards and private 5210 with the 5th Dragoon Guards, he requested to join the 7th battalion to serve with his uncle

21st December 1905 Arthur joined Birmingham City police as a cycle worker. He was issued with warrant number 8612 and posted to the D Division with collar number PC D243. Arthur's uncle was Inspector W Whittingham (Arthur's mother Sophia, had a brother William Whittingham, he may therefore be identical to 5654 William Whittingham who joined Birmingham City Police on 5th September 1882)

3rd March 1911 Awarded a guinea for the arrest of three men at night stealing metal from a warehouse

3rd August 1911 Albert married Gertrude Rose Francis (born 9th June 1885) of 3 Tenby Street North, Birmingham. They had four children, Arthur A was born 20th August 1916, Evelyn was born 2nd November 1919, Frederick George was born 20th May 1923 and Winifred Dorothy was born 31st July 1926

18th July 1913 Awarded a gratuity of a guinea for vigilance at night in the arrest of a man breaking into a warehouse

28th May 1914 Arthur was suspended from duty on 20th May and re-instated on 28th May and stopped a day's leave – This was for being drunk on duty in Alum Rock Road at 2am on 20th May

4th August 1914 Arthur was recalled as a reservist to join HM Forces serving in the Military Mounted Police

14th July 1919 Arthur re-joined the police from HM Forces, he was issued with a new warrant number of 9063

24th July 1923 Arthur was attached to the Mounted Police Department

10th January 1932 Arthur retired from the police aged 49, with a police pension of £164 13s 4d per annum

September 1934 Arthur's mother died in Birmingham

December 1960 It is believed Arthur's wife Gertrude died in Birmingham

2nd January 1966 Arthur sadly died. His daughter, Miss Winifred Cole, wrote to inform the police on 13th January, of her father's death. Arthur, who at the time of his death was residing at 450 Bordesley Green East, Stechford, Birmingham, left his estate of £3,350 to his son Frederick George Cole, a colour matcher and his daughter Winifred Dorothy Cole, a spinster

September 1976 The death was registered of Arthur's son Frederick George who died aged 53 years of age in Birmingham

October 2003 The death of Arthur's daughter, Winifred Dorothy, was registered who died in South Gloucester, aged 77 years of age

