

**World War 1 Roll of Honour**  
**Birmingham City Police**  
**PC C45 William WELSHMAN**  
**Sergeant 12100 Royal Warwickshire Regiment**  
**attached to 2<sup>nd</sup> battalion Nigerian Regiment**

William was born 12<sup>th</sup> December 1888 in Duloe, Cornwall and was a resident c/o Dr Webb of Kerswell House, Looe, Cornwall

9<sup>th</sup> February 1910 William joined Birmingham City police as a groom. He was issued with warrant number 7778 and collar number PC C45 and was posted to the C Division

20<sup>th</sup> May 1915 William resigned from the police to join HM Forces as Sergeant 12100 Royal Warwickshire regiment attached to the 2nd battalion Nigeria Regiment - West Africa Frontier Force. William served a total of 5 years and three months with the Royal Warwickshire Regiment

2<sup>nd</sup> May 1919 William married Ethel Elizabeth Richards of 5 Beech Terrace, West Looe, they had two children Constance M who was born 17<sup>th</sup> November 1921 and Eric William who was born 4<sup>th</sup> June 1926 and who died 2012

16<sup>th</sup> May 1919 William re-joined the police after serving with HM Forces and was issued with a new warrant number 8987

4<sup>th</sup> June 1924 William was complimented for rendering first aid (fractured ankle)

15<sup>th</sup> May 1938 William retired from the police aged 49 having completed 28 years and two months service and received a police pension of £165 4s 8d per annum

1939 register shows William residing at 19 Monument Road, Ladywood, William was recorded as a works policeman, Ethel was a housewife and Constance was at school

14<sup>th</sup> November 1980, William sadly died but at the age of 91, and had received over 42 years of police pension since his retirement from the police. He was residing in Nuneaton where his funeral was held on 20<sup>th</sup> November

