

## PERCY A WEDGWOOD

Percy Ashworth Wedgwood was born on 11<sup>th</sup> September 1873 in Kensington, London. He was a descendant of the famous Wedgwood family of potters of Burslam.

The 1881 Census shows him living at 3 Inkerman Terrace, Kensington with his father Joseph James, a practising dentist. At this date Percy was boarding at the Royal Commercial Travellers School in Pinner, Middlesex.

He married Agnes Annie Patterson in 1898, the same year he qualified from the Royal College of Physicians Edinburgh, the Royal College of Surgeons Edinburgh and the Royal Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons Glasgow.

They lived at The Hollies in Partney according to the 1909 edition of Kellys Post Office Directory. However, Percy is also shown as practising as a surgeon and physician living at Painsthorpe Hall, Kirby Underdale near Pocklington in Yorkshire in the 1913 edition of Kellys.

**KIRBY UNDERDALE** is a parish, township and small village, 5 miles south-west from Burdale station on the Malton and Driffield branch, 6½ north-east from Stamford Bridge station on the York and Beverley branch of the North Eastern railway, and 7 north from Pocklington, and is in the Howdenshire division of the Riding, wapentake of Buckross, Wilton Eastern petty assisnal division, Pocklington union and county court district, and in the rural deanery of Pocklington, archdeaconry of the East Riding and diocese of York, situated near a steep declivity of the Wolds. One of the highest hills is about 300 feet above the level of the sea, and descends gradually to the plain of York. The church of All Saints is a building of stone in the Norman style, consisting of chancel, nave, aisles, porch and an embattled western tower containing one bell: it was thoroughly restored and a new chancel built and stained windows inserted in 1871, under the direction of the late G. E. Street esq. B.A. at the expense of the Rev. T. J. Monson, then rector, and the late Viscount Halifax: a stained window, the gift of the present Viscount Halifax F.R.S., has been placed in the chancel: the font was presented by the late Archbishop Long: there are 180 sittings. The register dates from the year 1557. The living is a rectory, net yearly value £602, with residence, in the gift of the Hon. E. F. L. Wood M.P. and held since 1857 by the Rev. William Richard Shepherd M.A. of St. John's College, Cambridge, and rural dean of Pocklington. The Hon.

Marked thus \* Bishop Wilton, York should be added.  
 Market thus † should be addressed Leaveling, Malton.  
 Marked thus ‡ should be addressed Thixendale, Wharffram, Malton.  
 Shepherd Rev. William Richard M.A. (rector, & rural dean of Pocklington), Bectory  
 Wedgwood Percy Ashworth, Painsthorpe hall  
 \*Wood the Hon. Edward Frederick Lindley M.A., M.P., J.P. Garrowby hall; & Carlton & Travellers' clubs, London SW

### COMMERCIAL.

†Aconley Ernest, farmer Hanging Grimston  
 †Almond John Watson, farmer, Hanging Grimston

Agar Belby, farmer, Baffham farm  
 \*Atkin Charles, huntsman to the Hon. Edward F. L. Wood M.A., M.P., J.P. Garrowby  
 Bailey John, gamekeeper to the Hon. Edward F. L. Wood M.A., M.P., J.P. Hanging Grimston  
 Bayston Wm. carrier & shopkeeper  
 Bayes Henry L. carpenter & joiner  
 Dales Thomas & Son, farmers  
 Piesman Frank, farmer, Uncleby  
 Green John, farmer, Glebe farm  
 Griswood John, Painsthorpe  
 †Harper Henry, farmer  
 Harper James, farmer, Woodley  
 Hicks Robert, farmer, Bainsthorpe  
 †Husband Henry, farmer  
 Husband Jas. frmr. Hanging Grimston  
 \*Johnson John, farmer, South wold  
 \*Johnson John, jun. farmer  
 Marwood Jane Ann (Mrs.), farmer, Painsthorpe wold  
 Matthew John Daniel, wheelwright

Edward Frederick Lindley Wood M.P. of Temple Newsum, is owner of all the parish except one small freehold. There is a Wesleyan chapel at Uncleby. The soil is clay and chalk; subsoil, chalk. The chief crops are oats, barley, beans and turnips. The acreage is 5,125; rateable value, £3,432; the population in 1911 was 275.

**GARROWBY** is a hamlet, extending from 1 to 3 miles south-west from the parish church. Garrowby Hall is the property and residence of the Hon. E. F. L. Wood M.P.; it was considerably enlarged in 1855.

**PAINSTHORPE** is a hamlet of scattered houses, half a mile south-east. Painsthorpe Hall is now occupied by Percy Ashworth Wedgwood L.R.C.P. and S.

Uncleby is a hamlet, half a mile north-east. Hanging Grimston consists of three farms, 2 miles north.

Post Office—Mrs. Sarah Wilkinson, sub-postmistress. Letters are received from York; arrive at 9.20 a.m.; dispatched 3.20 p.m.; no Sunday mail. Bishop Wilton, 3 miles distant, is the nearest money order & telegraph office.

Public Elementary School (mixed), erected by Viscount Halifax, for 47 children; average attendance, 37; Mrs. Agnes Browne, mistress.

Carrier to York.—William Bayston, sat.; & to Pocklington, mon

Selfe Robert (Mrs.), smith  
 Simpson Francis, frmr. Manor house  
 Simpson Thomas, frmr. Painsthorpe  
 †Smith Edwd. & Jn. frmr. Brown moor  
 \*Smith George Mitchell, head gamekeeper to the Hon. Edward Frederick Lindley Wood  
 Towse Herbert, farmer, Uncleby wold  
 Towse John, farmer, Brown moor  
 \*Towse William, farmer, Fordham & Warham  
 Webster Robert, saddler, Uncleby  
 Wedgwood Percy Ashworth, L.R.C.P. & S. Edin., L.F.P.S. Glas. physician & surgeon, Painsthorpe hall  
 Wharffram Robert, farmer, Uncleby  
 Whitehead Arthur, cowkeeper  
 Wilkinson St. Allerton, boot & shoe ma  
 \*Wood William Anthony Smith, farmer, Garrowby  
 \*Woodworth Joseph, farm bailiff to the Hon. Edward Frederick Lindley Wood, Garrowby

An explanation can be found in the 1914 Electoral Register. Percy is qualified to vote as a landowner, owning the freehold of The Hollies but living at Painsthorpe Hall, Kirby Underdale, Yorkshire.

Percy served during the First World War as a Lieutenant with the Royal Army Medical Corps and on attachment with the 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> City of London Yeomanry also known as the Rough Riders. He first saw service in Egypt where he was posted on 18<sup>th</sup> May 1917.

He died on 24<sup>th</sup> January 1918 and is remembered at the Jerusalem War Cemetery in Israel. The Jerusalem War Cemetery is 4.5 kilometres north of the walled city and is situated on the neck of land at the north end of the Mount of Olives, to the west of Mount Scopus.

At the outbreak of the First World War, Palestine (now Israel) was part of the Turkish Empire and it was not entered by Allied forces until December 1916. By 21 November 1917, the Egyptian Expeditionary Force had gained a line about five kilometres west of Jerusalem, but the city was deliberately spared bombardment and direct attack. Very severe fighting followed, lasting until the evening of 8 December, when the 53rd (Welsh) Division on the south, and the 60th (London) and 74th (Yeomanry) Divisions on the west, had captured all the city's prepared defences.

Turkish forces left Jerusalem throughout that night and in the morning of 9 December, the Mayor came to the Allied lines with the Turkish Governor's letter of surrender. Jerusalem was occupied that day and on 11 December, General Allenby formally entered the city, followed by representatives of France and Italy. Meanwhile, the 60th Division pushed across the road to Nablus, and the 53rd across the eastern road. From 26 to 30 December, severe fighting took place to the north and east of the city but it remained in Allied hands.

Percy was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

His widow Agnes, born in Northumberland in 1871, continued to live at The Hollies and became a part of life in Partney. She was a member of the first Parochial Church Council in 1920 and is still remembered by some villagers as their Sunday School teacher.



The Hollies, Maddison Lane