

# William Mason Marriott

### Rank: Captain

### 5th Bn. King's Royal Rifle Corps.

(Formerly Pte in Northamptonshire Yeomanry Reg. No 954)



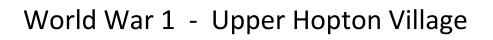


#### Summary

William Mason Marriott in his younger years lived at Hopton Grange, Upper Hopton where he was raised by his parents William Hall Marriott and Hannah Marriott. William Mason attended school in Rugby and later worked as a Land Agent. He married in London in 1916 whilst on sick leave to Violet Helen Gordon.

Whilst serving in the army William Mason damaged an eye.

After the war William worked as a land agent at Powis Castle, North wales and lived with his wife and family in Park House on the Powis Castle estate. William died in hospital in 1960.





### **Family details**

Date of Birth	23 <sup>rd</sup> February 1889
Date of Baptism	
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Father	William Hall Marriott
Father's occupation	Worsted Spinners, Balne Mill, Wakefield
Mother	Hannah
Siblings	Ella Mary, George Armstrong, Margaret Jane, Thomas Francis Hall, Philip Byfield, Hugh Micklethwaite.
Parents residence	Hopton Grange, Upper Hopton
Soldiers residence	Belan, Ruabon, North Wales
Soldiers Occupation	Land Agent
Married	Period July to September 1916 at St Martins, London
Spouse	Violet Helen Gordon (born 17 Jan.1989)
Children	William Gordon Marriott (born 13 <sup>th</sup> June 1917)
Age at death	71 (1960)



#### William Hall Marriott marries Hannah Mason

In the period July to September 1886 William Mason's father and mother married in the district of Newcastle-upon-Tyne

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#### 1901 Census

The 1901 census shows the Marriott family living at Hopton Grange. **Parents:** William Hall Marriott & Hannah Marriott.

**Children:** Ella Mary, George Armstrong, Margaret Jane, Thomas Francis Hall, Philip Byfield, (William Mason is away at Bilton Grange boarding school, Rugby (age 12) and Hugh Micklethwaite is not born until 1902).

**Staff:** Isobel Whitehead - Nurse, Amy Batty - Under nurse, Mary Ellen Oxley - Cook, Anne Mary Shilito - Kitchen maid, Mary Ann Leng - Parlour maid, Laura Dransfield - Housemaid **(this is Harold Dransfield's sister)** 

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#### Marriott family census 1911.

The census of 1911 shows the family living at Hopton Grange, Upper Hopton. **Children at home**: Philip Byfield & Hugh Mickelthwaite - all other children have either left home or at boarding school.

William Hall Marriot occupation is shown as a Retired Knitting Worsted Spinner.

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#### Sisson family Census 1911

William Mason Marriott and his sister Ella Mary were living with his aunt Sarah Sisson at Nunthorpe, Newcastle-upon-Tyne in 1911. The census shows that he was 22 years of age and was a Land Agents pupil and was born in Sandal Yorkshire.

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The Marriot family lived in Hopton Grange between 1898 and 1921. After Hopton Grange, William Hall Marriott (1854-1932) moved to Sandal.



#### William Mason's sister's marriage certificate 28th July 1915

Ella Mary Marriott (25) married Edward Lionel Walker (33) at St John's Church Upper Hopton.

Note that the Rank/Profession of Ella's father (William Hall Marriot) is given as a "Gentleman". Page 116

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#### William Mason's marriage, and son, to Violet Helen Gordon.

In the period October to December 1916 William married Violet at St Martin's London and they went on to have a son (William Gordon Marriott) who was born on the 13<sup>th</sup> June 1917, the birth was registered in the Dewsbury district.



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## **William Mason Marriott**

#### William Mason's address

In a ship's log dated the 9th October 1930 and in the 1939 Register, William Mason's address was given as Powis Castle Park, Powys, Welshpool, Montgomeryshire (the published 'Will' below showed that he was still living at this address in 1960 when he died).

William worked as a Land Agent for the 4th Earl of Powis, George Charles Herbert, whose son (Percy Robert Herbert) died of wounds in October 1916 following a gun shot injury whilst fighting on the Somme.

(On 17th August 1915, Percy returned to France for his second round of active service on the Western Front. With the 1<sup>st</sup> Bn. Welsh Guards, he was involved in heavy fighting in the Battle of Loos and the Battle of the Somme. On 16th September 1916 during the offensive at Flers-Courcellette, Percy was hit in the right thigh by a German machine gun bullet. The bullet badly fractured his femur and remained lodged in his leg. He rolled into a disused German trench at Les Boeufs and lay there injured for several hours. He received medical assistance and was taken to a hospital camp at Rouen. The family arranged for Percy to be urgently transported to the UK for further treatment to remove the bullet. He underwent three operations at the King Edward VII's Hospital, Grosvenor Gardens, London. After the bullet had been removed, Percy suffered severe haemorrhaging and blood poisoning. He died October 1916).

#### William Hall Marriot's death

William Mason's father, William Hall Marriot died on the 31st March 1932 age 77 years and was buried at St John's Upper Hopton on 4th April 1932. (See published Will below). William Mason's mother, Hannah Marriot died five years after William Hall Marriot on the 13th March 1937 age 75.

MARRIOTT William Hall of Sandal Grange Wakefield died 31 March 1932 Probate Wakefield 31 May to Hannah Marriott widow and William Mason Marriott land agent. Effects £137795.

#### William Mason Marriott's Death

William Mason died on the 10th February 1960 at Copthorne Hospital, Shrewsbury. See Will below:

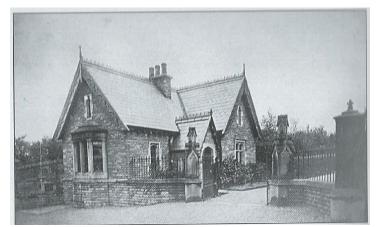
MARRIOTT William Mason of Park House Powis Park Welshpool Montgomeryshire died 10 February 1960 at Copthorne Hospital Shrewsbury Probate London 3 May to Violet Helen Marriott widow and Paul Lipscomb Marriott chartered land agent. Effects £50686 11s. 11d.





William Mason Marriott's family home in Upper Hopton

**Hopton Grange Lodge** 



Hopton grange was owned by the Marriott family, who were worsted spinners of Balne Mill, Wakefield. Between 1898 and 1921, William Hall Marriott occupied the house, later moving to Sandal Grange, Wakefield. His daughter and son-in-law, Mr and Mrs Lionel

Walker of James Walker & Sons lived there after he left. In 1959 it was sold and demolished, to be replaced by two houses using some of the existing stone.



# William Mason Marriott

### **Military Details**

Attestation / Enlistment

Deployment	6th November 1914
Rank	Captain
Medals	1914-1915 Star British War Medal Victory Medal
Regiment number	954 Northamptonshire Yeomanry.
Regiment	5th Bn. King's Royal Rifle Corps. (Formerly Private in Northamptonshire Yeomanry)
Regimental Badge	
Date of death	10th February 1960

Age at death

71

#### 5th (Reserve) Battalion King's Royal Rifle Corps

August 1914 : in Winchester. Depot/training units, they moved on mobilisation to Sheerness.



### William Mason Marriott

William Mason's Medal card

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### **William Mason Marriott**

#### William Mason's Medals



1914 Star

#### Clasp to the 1914 Star

(The Clasp and Roses was awarded to William)

A bar clasp inscribed "5 Aug. to 22 Nov. 1914" was given to all those who qualified for the 1914 Star and who served under fire. Since the same ribbon is used with the 1914-15 Star, holders of the 1914 Star were permitted to wear a small silver rosette on their ribbon when the decoration itself is not worn. On the medal index cards this is usually noted as the "Clasp and Roses" or "C&R" .It was necessary to apply for the issue of the clasp.



**British War Medal** 



Victory Medal



#### **Upper Hopton Parish Magazine - August 1916**

Note comment about Captain Willie Marriott losing his eye.

Killed, Wounded, Missing. — The past month has been overshadowed by sorrow or anxiety for some of the homes in our midst. Our respectful sympathy goes out to Mrs. Arthur Wheatley and to

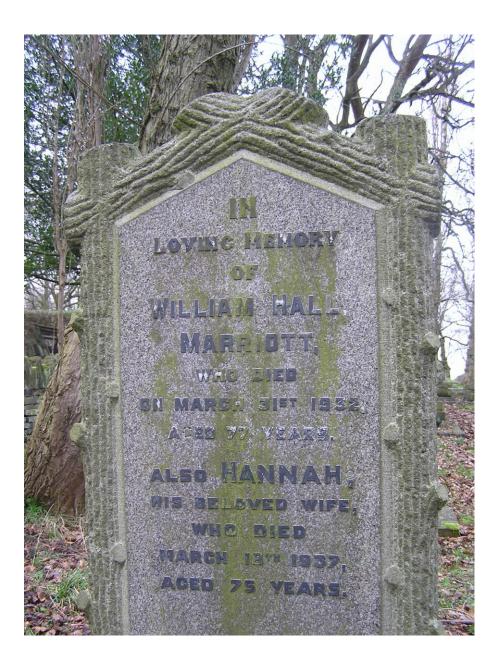
Mr. Joseph Wheatley, on the death from wounds of Major Arthur Nevin Wheatley. Before this is in your hands we shall have paid honour to his memory and commended him to the care and love of God at a Memorial Service, on Sunday, July 30th, at 3-30 p.m. I feel sure there are many who would wish for such an opportunity as this will afford to show their gratitude for what Major Wheatley was, and had done for their boys at the Front. As the Mother of one of them said to me, "there was not one of them but would have given his life for Major Wheatley," and as we know, "greater love hath no man than this."

We are glad to see Captain Willie Marriott and are all so sorry he has lost an eye in the cause. His cheeriness, however, illustrates the remarkable good spirits which prevail at the Front.

It is good to hear that Lionel Appleyard and Alfred Sykes, who were wounded, are doing well. You will be sorry to know that Second Lieutenant George Hebblethwaite, reported missing, has not been heard of. He had only recently been sent to join a new Battalion of his regiment.



William Mason's father and mother's grave St John's Upper Hopton





# Alfred Marriott b.1827----- d.1896. The 1891 census shows that he was living in Hopton.

#### A YORKSHIRE CHURCHMAN'S WILL - Alfred Marriott

About £400,000 has been bequeathed to the Church of England and the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, by the late Mr. Alfred Marriott, of Hopton Grange, Mirfield, whose will has been proved. The testator directs that the money should be devoted towards the erection of churches in the poorest and most thickly populated districts in the metropolis or in foreign parts, or in endowing and enlarging hospitals or refuges for orphan children or fallen women.

The testator devised and bequeathed, all his real and personal estate to his executors as trustees upon trust for conversion into money, and after payment of his debts and funeral and testamentary expenses, to appropriate £56,000, and to stand possessed of £35,000 thereof upon trust for the children of his brother William Thomas Marriott, of Sandal Grange, Wakefield; as to £10,000 upon test for the children of testator's sister. Mrs. Elizabeth Ann Buckton, now of Oxford; and as to the remaining £10,000, upon trust for the children or child of testator's sister, Mrs. Emma Woodhead.

The testator goes on to direct that the trustees are to divide the residue of the proceeds of his estate into six parts, and to pay one of such parts to the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in foreign Parts; one other of such parts to the Lord Bishop of London for the time being; another of such parts to the Lord Archbishop of York for the time being; and another of such parts to the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury for the time being. The receipts of the secretary of the said society and of the said Bishop and Archbishops respectively to be good discharges.

Out of the residue of testator's estate, the trustees are to set apart and invest £10,000, and pay the income to his sister, Emma Woodhead, for life, without power of anticipation. After her death the £10,000 is to fall into the residue. Out of the residue £7,000 is to be set apart and invested, and the income is to be paid to Mrs. Margaret Eleanor Micklethwaite, of Harrogate, for life, without power of anticipation. After her death the £7,000 is to fall into the residue. The trustees are to stand possessed of testator's residuary estate, including any sums which may revert thereto. Upon trust to set apart and invest £6,000 and £10,000, and to stand possessed of the £6,000. Upon trust to pay the income thereof to Mrs. Nellie Ackroyd, the wife of William Ackroyd, Esq., of Birkenshaw, for life, with remainder to her children and other issue absolutely. The £10,000 is to be held by the trustees upon trust for Mr. John Micklethwaite, of Harrogate, absolutely.

Any unapplied residue is to be paid to the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel. to be applied (but without any limitation as to time) in the same manner as directed with regard to the one-sixth part of testator's residuary estate bequeathed to that society.



Moneys bequeathed for c h a r i t a b l e or philanthropic purposes are not to be applied towards the purchase or acquisition of land.

Owing to the alteration in the law of mortmain which has taken place since the will was made, the residuary bequests in favour of the children of testator's brother and sisters is virtually null and void, and the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel takes a large portion of the estate which would otherwise have passed to those children.

One of the codicils contains a bequest of £15,000 to the testator's nephew, William Hall Marriott, and a further provision of £5,000 for the children ff Mrs. Elizabeth Ann Buckton, and a proviso that the £10,000 bequeathed by the will for the benefit of Mrs. Emma Woodhead shall, after her death, be in trust for her daughter Grace. The testator directs that the four several sums bequeathed to the Secretary for the Propagation of the Gospel, the Lord Bishop of London, and the Lord. Archbishops of Canterbury and York are not to be free of duty. Lastly, the testator bequeathed to Sophia, the wife of the executor Mr. Thomas Alfred Smith, the sum cf £7,000.

The value of the personal estate has been sworn at £593.479 18s. 5d., and the value of the real estate is stated at £5,160.