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Picture of Constable Edward Frederick Reynolds, Chesterfield Borough Police 1912 - 1914. He originated from Sheffield but came to Chesterfield in 1912 ...He then lived at 8 South Place, South St, Chesterfield ... where he continued to serve as Police Constable until he volunteered to join the Army at the start of the Great War... He served in France and Belgium throughout the duration... On his return to peace-time, he failed to rejoin the force, for 'medical reasons'.... He had various occupations— Tram driver, labourer etc. and finally as Timekeeper /Ambulance man etc. at Devonshire Works, Staveley.

The above potted history was provided by Edward's son, Jack Reynolds, who will be 106 years old this year (2018). Jack is the grandfather of our own Carl Walters and he's also Godfather to me and my sister. He lives at Hollingwood. Jack is a pretty amazing character. You may have seen his recent exploits featured on the national TV news. Just about everything he does these days qualifies for an entry in the Guinness Book of Records (he's in there several times). He's on Facebook every day and is as still as sharp as ever. In fact, he 'Messengered' me the picture and info about his Dad.

I've seen his written recollection of the time his Dad was in the Force and it's a tale of real hardship and poverty. I know he would love it if you could search him out on Facebook (Jack Reynolds, Staveley Works) and send him a message. I seem to recall Jack telling me one time that the 'medical reasons' preventing his Dad from rejoining the Force were spitefully concocted by the Superintendent because he was annoyed that Edward had left to serve his country in the Great War. The explanation certainly has more than a ring of truth about it.

Edward died, aged 64 years in 1950.



Edward Reynolds

Carl Walters

This was my great grandfather and as you have rightly said, his son Jack is my Grandfather, proud of both of them. I think Edward got to the rank of Sgt in the Chesterfield Borough Police. I did have a photo of him wearing his stripes but gave it to someone who was writing a book about the history of Derbyshire police, not seen it since.

Kev Walton

Wonderful post, Jack remembers watching his dad march through town on Armistice Day 1918 as a 6 year old. He also told me the family were made to leave police accommodation when he signed up to WW1. Wayne Russell did a number of interviews with Jack for a radio station he hosts, where he talked about his mother telling him to listen out for the horse and cart as he played on what is now

Markham Rd. He is living history surrounded by a loving family and it's a great pleasure to call him a friend.



Jack Reynolds b.1912- seen here recently with Kev Walton, his grandson Karl Walters & shaking hands with Wayne Russell.

A short list of Jack's world records...

26 Aug 2014 - The ice bucket challenge has been completed by some of the world's biggest names - but an average Joe from Derbyshire might have just done the most impressive one yet. Jack Reynolds, from Hollinghead, near Chesterfield, is a whopping 102 years old - but was not fazed as he had the freezing bucket of water tipped over his head - while wearing nothing but Union Jack underpants.

The widower, who has four children, eight grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren, is believed to be the oldest person to complete the challenge, which raises money for ALS, also known as motor neurone disease. Once he was done, he joked around by miming swimming underwater, before celebrating with a glass of his favourite whisky.

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2734494/Pensioner-102-Britain-s-oldest-bucketeer-complete-ice-bucket-challenge-celebrated-glass-whisky.html>

7 Apr 2016 - Great-granddad Jack Reynolds has set a new world record for the oldest person to receive their first tattoo, after going under the needle on his 104th birthday. Jack, from Chesterfield, UK, had "Jacko 6.4.1912" tattooed on his upper arm at local parlour Pete Who's this morning.

<http://www.guinnessworldrecords.com/news/2016/4/oldest-person-to-receive-their-first-tattoo-watch-as-104-year-old-man-goes-under-423794>

6 Apr 2017 - Appearing on UK television show Good Morning Britain earlier today, centenarian Jack Reynolds became the oldest person to ride a non-inversion roller coaster. Proving you're never too old to set a world record, the great-granddad from Chesterfield, UK attempted this Guinness World Records title on his 105th birthday in a bid to raise money for a local air ambulance charity.

<http://www.guinnessworldrecords.com/news/2017/4/british-centenarian-sets-world-record-as-oldest-person-to-ride-a-roller-coaster-468134>