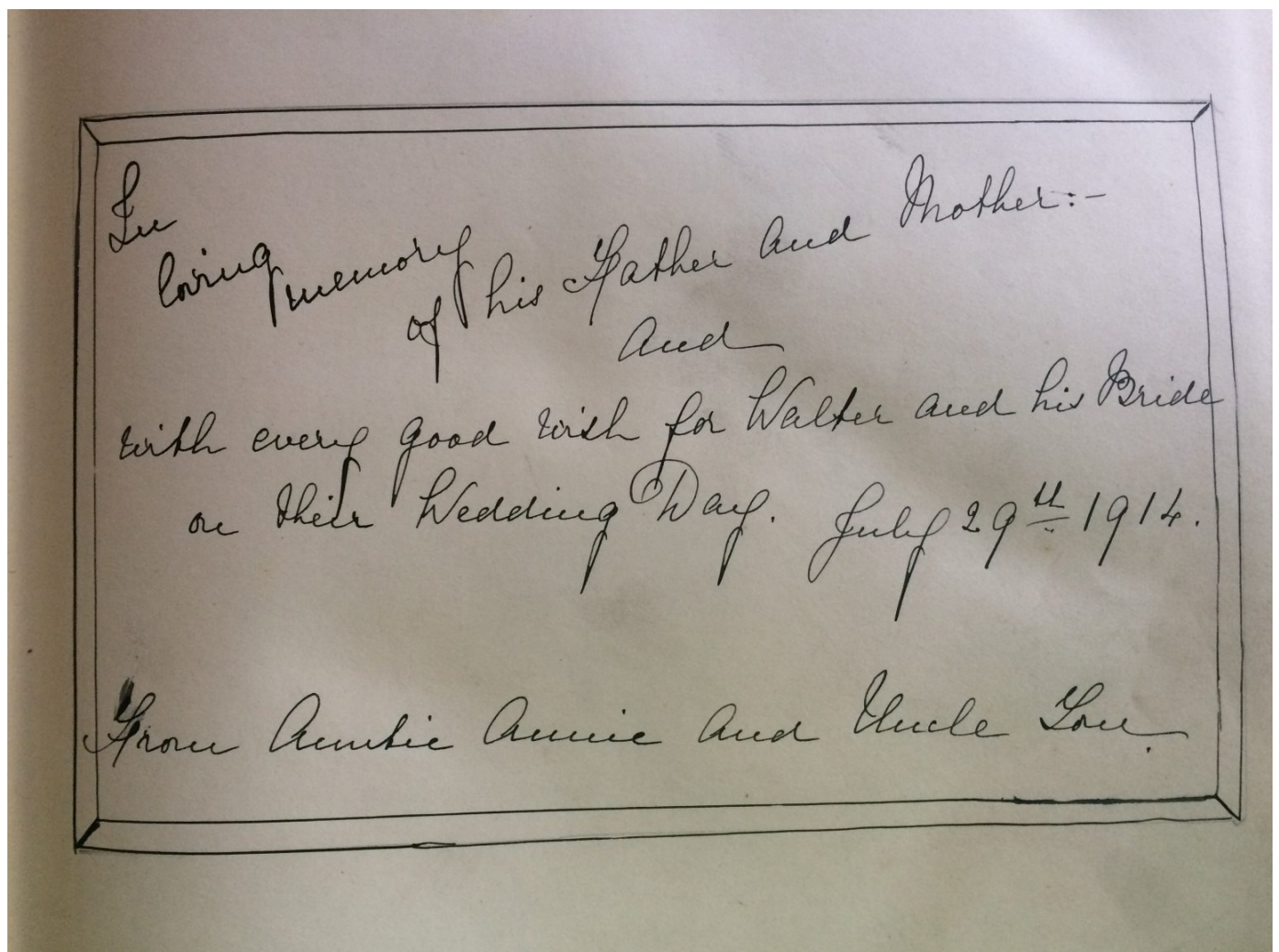


All Hallows' Church, Leeds

Celebrating life together

Walter Ramsbottom Evers

On Remembrance Sunday 2019 Heston shared an old Bible with the church with the following inscription:



*In loving memory of his Father and Mother
and
with every good wish for Walter and his Bride
on their Wedding Day
July 29th 1914
From Auntie Annie and Uncle Tom*

Translate »

Heston wondered if Walter then went off to serve with the forces in World War I and if he came back.

With that challenge, and being keen on family history I set out to find more. The clues that the inscription gave me are as follows:

- we have a date for a wedding
- we have Walter's name
- we have the name of his Aunt Annie and Uncle Tom who we can assume are married and that Annie is his blood relative since her name comes first
- that Walter's parents are deceased at this date

The date is rather an important date as it was the day after Austria-Hungary declared war on Serbia and it was the day on which the first shots of World War I were fired.

A search on [Ancestry](#) revealed only one Walter married on 29th July 1914 in Leeds but he got married at Oxford Place near Leeds Town Hall. Further research showed that he and his wife, Violet Brotherton, did end up living in the parish of All Hallows at 7 Kelso Road so it is quite possible that they became part of the church congregation and that the Bible eventually was left to the church.

Here are the facts that I have so far:

Walter Ramsbottom Evers was the son of Martin Evers and Ada Clara Ramsbottom. He was born on the 13th December 1884 in Hunslet and they were living at 309 Hunslet Road at the time of the 1891 Census. Walter's father was a "*Hydraulic Engineer – Hatters*" but he died on 2nd June 1899.

By the time of the 1901 Census when the family had moved to 323 Armley Road. Walter was now an apprentice (I can't read what sort!) but then his mother died on 27 July 1901.

In 1911 Walter is recorded as a "Commercial Traveller Drapery" and was living with his brother-in-law, James Wiliam Harding, at Rowan Bank in Huby near Harrogate. James was a "Wholesale Draper" with a Drapery Warehouse employing a number of people.

Walter married Violet Brotherton on 29 July 1914 at Oxford Place Chapel, he was described as a "Manchester Warehouseman" living in Huby and Violet was living at 6 Kelso Road.

1914. Marriage solemnized at Oxford Place Chapel
 in the District of Leeds in the County of Yorkshire

No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
9	July Twenty Ninth 1914	Walter Ramsbottom Evers	29 years	Bachelor	Merchant Ware houseman	Cragvale Huby	Walter Evers (deceased)	Hydraulic Engineer
		Violet Brotherton	27 years	Spinster		6 Kelso Road Leeds	Joseph Brotherton	Seaman

Married in the Wesleyan Chapel according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Wesleyan Methodists by Certificate

This Marriage was solemnized between us, Walter R. Evers. in the Presence of us, J. A. Brotherton And in the Presence of George Allen.
Violet Brotherton J. P. Hall Authorized Person for the said Chapel

Marriage Certificate

Walter appears to have served during World War I as Private 104175 with the 1st Garrison Battalion of the Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Regiment being discharged on 3 March 1919

The 1939 register, taken due to the onset of war with the purpose of producing National Identity Cards. shows that Walter and Violet were living at 7 Kelso Road which looks to have been divided into two flats, the other half being occupied by Mary and Ivy Brotherton (Violet's mother and her oldest sister).



Walter and Violet

Walter died in January 1969, Violet in 1971. There are memorial plaques for them and other family members in Lawnswood Cemetery.



If you knew or are related to Walter and Violet, would like to see the Bible with the inscription in or have any information on how they were connected to All Hallows do please leave a reply below:

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What a lovely story nice to be able to know the history



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