

## **First World War Service Record of Wilfrid Saxby Barham**

The following is from the National Archives Ref: WO 339/14067

I WILFRID SAXBY BARHAM a Second Lieutenant in His Majesty's  
East Kent Regiment commonly called "The Buffs" being a Soldier in  
actual Military Service Declare this to be my last Will and I  
DEVISE AND BEQUEATH all my real and personal property of every  
description to my brother Harold Arthur Barham and I APPOINT my  
Father Arthur Saxby Barham to be the Sole EXECUTOR of this my  
Will PROVIDED ALWAYS that if the said Arthur Saxby Barham shall  
be unable or unwilling to act THEN I APPOINT my uncle George  
Titus Barham EXECUTOR hereof in his stead IN WITNESS whereof I  
have hereunto set my hand this twelfth day of August 1914.


S I G N E D by the said Wilfrid Saxby )  
Barham the Testator as and for his )  
last Will in the presence of us both )  
present at the same time who at his )  
request in his presence and in the )  
presence of each other have hereunto )  
subscribed our names as Witnesses. )

WILFRID S. BARHAM.

H. R. Raikes,  
Officer in His Majesty's Service.

Bernard M. Pickering,  
Officer in His Majesty's Service.

STAMP DUTY

**Certified Copy of**  **a Entry of Birth,**

Pursuant to the Births and Deaths Registration Acts, 1836 & 1874.

Superintendent Registrar's District: HAMPSTEAD.

1894. Birth in the Sub-District of **HAMPSTEAD**, in the County of **LONDON**.

COL. 1.	COL. 2.	COL. 3.	COL. 4.	COL. 5.	COL. 6.	COL. 7.	COL. 8.	COL. 9.	COL. 10.	
No.	When and Where Born.	Name, if any.	Sex.	Name and Surname of Father.	Name and Maiden Surname of Mother.	Rank or Profession of Father.	Where, Description, and Residence of Informant.	When Registered.	Signature of Registrar.	Baptismal Name if added after Registration of Birth.
146	Fourteenth November 1894. Dene Wood 33 Daleham Gardens	Wilfrid Saxby.	Boy	Arthur Saxby Barham	Annie Gertrude Barham formerly Edwards	Managing Director of a Public Company	Arthur S. Barham Father Daleham Gardens Hampstead	Tenth December 1894	Fred V. Bridger Registrar.	

I, ROBERT BRIDGER, Superintendent Registrar for the District of HAMPSTEAD, in the County of LONDON, Do hereby Certify that this is a True Copy of the Entry No. 146, in the Register Book of Births, No. 33, for the said Sub-District, and that such Register Book is now legally in my custody.

Witness my Hand this Twentysecond day of May 1914.

The Statutory Fees payable for an ordinary certified copy of an entry in a Register of Births, Deaths, or Marriages are 3/7 (including 1d. for the stamp, and the search.)

*R. Bridger* Superintendent Registrar.

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Form M. T. 348.

REPORT of a Medical Board assembled at Shorncliffe on 2nd July 1914, in accordance with instructions from the War Office, for the purpose of examining and reporting upon the physical fitness of the undermentioned candidate for a commission in the Special Reserve of Officers.

NAME	Age last birthday	Height (inches)	Chest-girth (inches)		Weight (lbs.)	Hearing	Teeth	Vision	Colour Vision	Remarks as to fitness or otherwise
			Max.	Min.						
Barham. Wilfrid S.	19	43	38 1/2	35 1/2	159	Good	Good	Right eye Distant Vision 6 Near 6 Left eye Distant Vision 6 Near 6	Normal	Fit

The President should forward this Report to the War Office (in the envelope provided) by the first available post. If there has been undue delay in carrying out the examination, an explanation of the cause should be forwarded separately.

*C. Lawson* President.  
*Major Ramsdell*

Signatures *A. W. Thompson* Members.  
*W. Roberts* Captain

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# APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO A COMMISSION IN THE SPECIAL RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

The candidate will carefully complete the following particulars, obtain the certificates on page 3 and then forward the application (through the Officer Commanding his unit if a member of the Militia or Territorial Force, the Adjutant of his Contingent if a member of the Senior Division, or the Officer Commanding his Contingent if a member of the Junior Division, Officers Training Corps), as follows:—

A Cavalry Regiment  
The Foot Guards  
The Irish Horse  
A reserve unit of the Royal Garrison Artillery  
A reserve unit of the Royal Engineers (see note (c) on p. 2)  
A reserve unit of Infantry  
The Royal Field Artillery  
The Royal Garrison Artillery, but not to a reserve unit

To the Officer Commanding the Regiment he wishes to join

To the Officer Commanding the Reserve he wishes to join

The officer commanding any brigade of Horse or Field Artillery

The Officer Commanding the Royal Garrison Artillery at the station nearest to his place of residence (see note (b) on page 2)

The President of the Institution of Civil Engineers, Gt. George Street, Westminster, London, S.W., (unless the applicant be a member of the Senior Division of the Officers Training Corps, in which case the application will be forwarded direct to the War Office by the Adjutant of his Contingent.)

The Officer Commanding a Regular battalion of the Regiment he wishes to join

The Secretary, War Office, London, S.W.

If desirous of appointment to

Royal Engineers, but not to a reserve unit

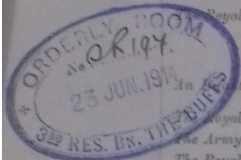
An Infantry Regiment, but not to a reserve unit

Royal Flying Corps

The Army Service Corps

The Royal Army Medical Corps

The Army Veterinary Corps



1. Unit or branch in which the candidate desires to serve	East Kent's (3rd Battalion) The Buffs
2. Name of Candidate (in full) Surname ... (See note (a) on page 2) Christian Names...	Barham Wilfrid Saxby
3. Date of birth (A birth certificate or a baptismal certificate containing the date of birth to be attached.)	November 14th 1894
4. Whether married	No
5. Whether of pure European descent	Yes
6. Whether a British born or a naturalized British subject	British Born
7. Whether the candidate has:— (a) Obtained a leaving or qualifying certificate as required of a candidate for admission to the Royal Military College under the regulations in force up to 1st April, 1912. (Certificate to be attached). (b) Qualified at an Army Entrance Examination. (State date of examination). (c) Passed the matriculation examination of a university, or a test accepted in lieu thereof. (Certificate to be attached). Or failing one of the above:— (d) Can produce a statement from the headmaster of a secondary school, or other competent educational authority, as to his educational attainments. (Statement to be attached.)	No No Yes ?
8. Permanent address	Hole Park, Rolwenden, Kent.
9. Present address for correspondence	5 Green Street Cambridge
10. Profession or occupation	Student
11. Schools and Colleges at which educated	Inalvern & Clare College, Cambridge
12. Whether now serving, or previously served, in any branch of His Majesty's Naval or Military Forces. If so, state:— (a) Regiment or Corps. ... (b) Date of appointment ... (c) Rank ... (d) Date of retirement, resignation or discharge ... (e) Circumstances of retirement, resignation or discharge ... (A Candidate who has served in the ranks should attach his discharge certificate).	Inalvern College O.T.C. Cambridge University O.T.C. in which I am still serving

13. Whether served in any Naval or Military operations. If so, attach a statement of the service, certified by a Senior Officer personally cognizant thereof

No

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14. Whether now serving, or previously served, in any other Government Department (Home, Indian or Colonial). If so, give particulars.

No

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15. Whether now, or previously, a member of the Officers Training Corps. If so state:—

(a) Contingent ... ..

(b) Rank ... ..

(c) If left, date of leaving ... ..

(d) Whether in possession of Certificate A.

(e) " " " " " " B.

(Certificates to be attached.)

Cambridge University O.T.C. ✓  
Private. Sapper.

No

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No

✓

16. Whether a candidate for a commission in the Regular Army.

No

✓

17. Whether able to ride (certificate, if any, to be attached)

No

Yes

18. If passed examination for Associate Membership of the Institution of Civil Engineers

19. If a university candidate, state whether a degree in engineering has been obtained

For the Royal Flying Corps only

20. (a) Weight ... ..

(b) No. of R. A. C. Aeroplane Pilot's Certificate, and whether any experience in flying since obtaining the certificate ... ..

(c) Whether any experience in mechanical, electrical or motor engineering ... ..

(d) Whether accustomed to map-reading

(e) Whether desirous of:—

(1) Continuous service ... ..

(2) Reserve service ... ..

For the Royal Army Medical Corps, or Army Veterinary Corps

21. (a) Qualifications ... ..

(b) Academic and other distinctions ... ..

(c) Appointments held since qualification

(d) If not yet professionally qualified, the probable date of the candidate's "final" examination and also the date of his registration as a Medical Student should be stated (R. A. M. C. only).

I certify the above answers to be correct, and I request that I may be appointed to the

3rd Battalion The Buffs (East Kent Regt)

Date 12th May 1916

Arthur St Barham

(Usual signature of Candidate.)

Signature of parent or guardian, if the Candidate is under 21 years of age.

Arthur St Barham

Colonel, late Commandant 19th Middx V.R.

(a) The names should correspond with those given on the birth or baptismal certificate. When they differ, the names given in the certificate will be used for official record, unless satisfactory evidence as to change of name is produced.

(b) The stations at which an Officer Commanding Royal Garrison Artillery, may be addressed, are as follows:—  
Tynemouth Dover Falmouth Aberdeen  
Harwich Portsmouth Cardiff Gourock  
Sheerness Weymouth Pembroke Dock Londonderry  
Sheerness Plymouth Leith Fort Cork

(c) The reserve units of the Royal Engineers are:—Royal Anglesey—Headquarters at Beaumaris.  
Royal Monmouthshire—Headquarters at Monmouth.



\*Certificate of moral character during the past four years. If the candidate has been at school, college, or other educational establishment during any portion of the period the certificate should be signed by the head of the establishment, otherwise it may be signed by a responsible person (not a near relative or connection), e.g., the minister of the parish or other local clergyman, a magistrate, a senior officer of the Army or Navy who has been well acquainted with the candidate in private life during the period.

If the head of an educational establishment, or other responsible person, cannot certify for the whole period, a second certificate for the period not covered by the first should be signed by a similar person.

I hereby certify to the good moral character of Mr W. S. Barham.  
for the last 4 years (1909-13).

C. J. Signature C. J. Toppin

†Rank, office or occupation Headmaster of Malvern College

Date June 1/14 Address G. H. College. Malvern.

filled in  
the above  
the above  
the above

I hereby certify to the good moral character of \_\_\_\_\_

from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

†Rank, office or occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

If the candidate is a member of the  
Malta, Bermuda or Channel Islands Militia, the officer commanding the unit  
‡Territorial Force, the officer commanding the unit  
Senior Division O.T.C., the adjutant of the contingent  
Junior Division O.T.C., the officer commanding the contingent  
will, after ascertaining that pages 1 and 2 have been properly filled in and the required  
certificates furnished, complete the following certificate, and then forward the application as  
specified at the head of page 1.

I certify that I can recommend Mr W. S. Barham.  
as a fit and proper person for appointment to a commission in the branch of the Special Reserve  
of Officers for which he applies.

Date May 12<sup>th</sup> 1914 L. N. Johnston Captain & Adjt  
Cambridge University O.T.C.

\*Not applicable to candidates who retire from the Regular Forces expressly for the purpose of serving in the  
Special Reserve of Officers.

†Here state whether Tutor, Head of School or College, Minister of Parish or other local clergyman, or Magistrate, &c.

‡In the case of an Officer of the Territorial Force, the Commanding Officer will attach a statement as to whether:—

- (1.) All regimental claims have been paid;  
(2.) He is aware of any outstanding public claim on account of outfit allowance or other service.

[P.T.O.]

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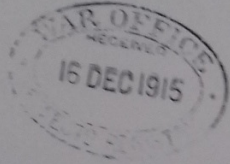
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Dated Stamp.			
TO { <b>Col A. S. Barham</b> <b>Hale Park</b> <b>Baldwenden Kent</b>			
REGRET TO INFORM YOU THAT <b>Capt W. S. Barham</b>			
<b>East Kent Regt died of wounds on 10th Oct</b>			
<b>Lord Kitchener expresses his sympathy.</b>			
FROM { SECRETARY, WAR OFFICE.			
The Name and Address of the Sender, IF NOT TO BE TELEGRAPHED, should be written in the space provided at the Back of the Form.			

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Woodbridge

15 Dec. 1915



Dear Sir

Effects of Capt W.S. Barker The Buffs. dec'd.

Will you kindly notify me the amount which you hold in connection with the above, being the cash that was removed from his effects and other money or goods, if any. I have received the bill from Cox's.

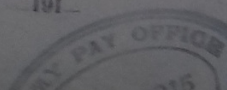
If it be practicable kindly pay over the amount of cash to the credit of the a/c of the deceased at Cox's.

Yours faithfully

Arthur S. Barker  
Col.

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John S. Barker

Colonel  
for Command Paymaster.



Field Service

Dark) CAPTAIN.

DISC

State whether he  
leaves a will  
or not

Adjutant General's Office at the Base.

Put of the Late Captain W S Barham  
3rd Bn The Buff attached 1st Bn

One Wrist Watch, One Cigarette Case  
Two fountain pens Two cheque books  
One Torch & case, One parcel of books &  
One Pocket Wallet, Letters

Containing Two 10/- Notes  
Three 5/- Notes  
Ten 5/- Notes

paid to  
W.O

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