



HE whom this scroll commemorates was numbered among those who, at the call of King and Country, left all that was dear to them, endured hardness, faced danger, and finally passed out of the sight of men by the path of duty and self-sacrifice, giving up their own lives that others might live in freedom. Let those who come after see to it that his name be not forgotten.

202637, PRIVATE, Richard BANISTER

1/4th Battalion (Territorial Force).

Loyal North Lancashire Regiment

Killed in action, France & Flanders, 31/07/17

Born: Longton, Lanes, Enlisted: Preston, Residence: Longton

**In Memory of
Private RICHARD BANISTER**

**202637, 1st/4th Bn.,
The Loyal North Lancashire Regiment**

who died on 31 July 1917

**Remembered with honour
YPRES (MENIN GATE) MEMORIAL**



**Commemorated in perpetuity by
the Commonwealth War Graves Commission**

Name: BANISTER, RICHARD

Initials: R

Nationality: United Kingdom

Rank: Private

Regiment/Service: The Loyal North Lancashire Regiment

Unit Text: 1st/4th Bn.

Date of Death: 31/07/1917

Service No: 202637

Casualty Type: Commonwealth War Dead

Grave/Memorial Reference: Panel 41 and 43.

Memorial: [YPRES \(MENIN GATE\) MEMORIAL](#)

Cemetery: YPRES (MENIN GATE) MEMORIAL

Country: Belgium

Locality: unspecified

Visiting Information: Panel Numbers quoted at the end of each entry relate to the panels dedicated to the Regiment with which the casualty served. In some instances, where a casualty is recorded as attached to another Regiment, his name may appear within their Regimental Panels. Please refer to the on-site Memorial Register Introduction. The Addenda Panel lists those service personnel whose details are awaiting addition to the Regimental Panels. Steps on either side of the memorial leading to the rear of the memorial, make wheelchair access to the rear impossible. There is however, a slope at the side of the memorial which gives wheelchair users some access but due to the incline, it may not be possible to ascend/descend unaided.

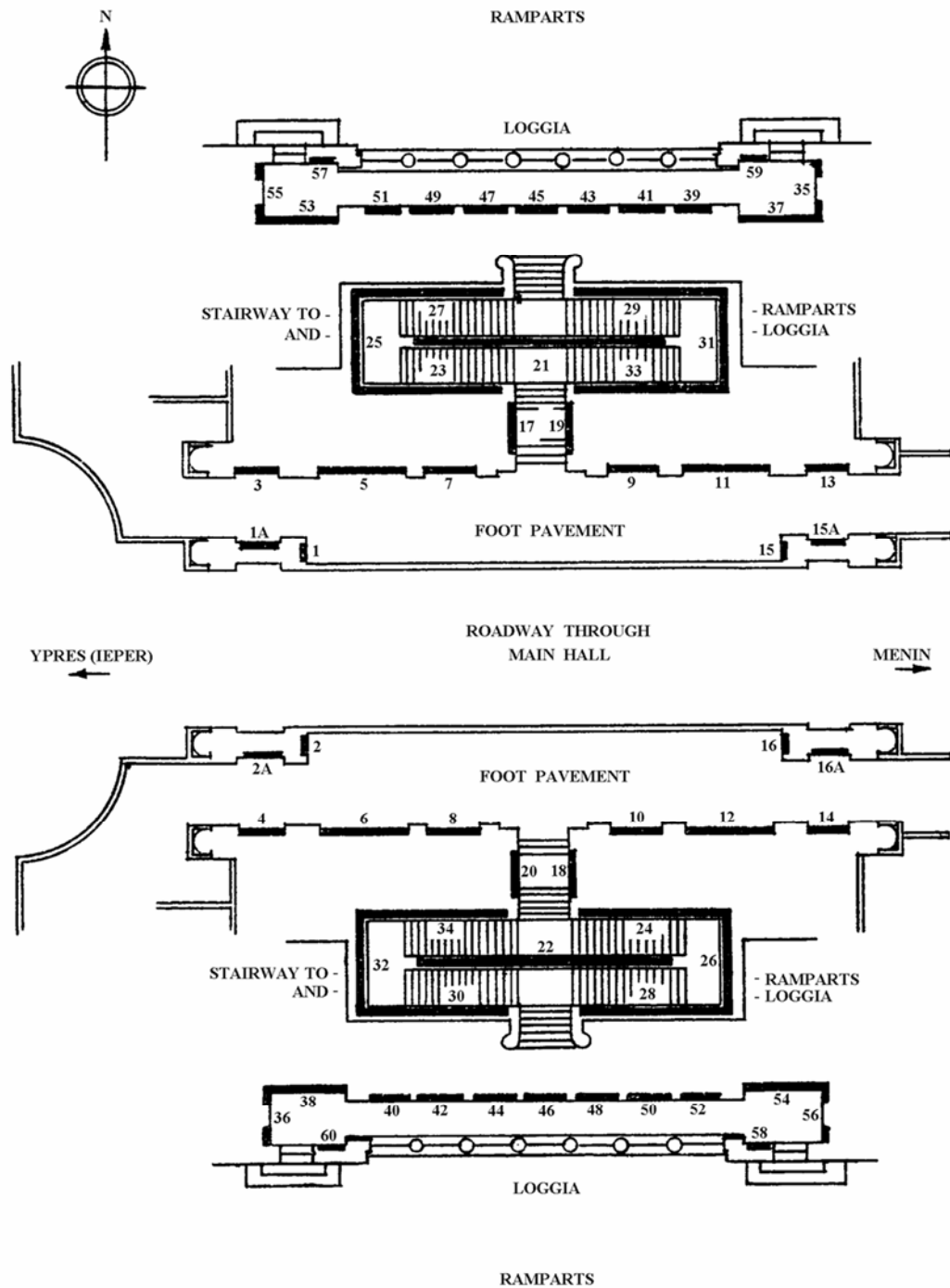
Location Information: Ypres (now Ieper) is a town in the Province of West Flanders. The Memorial is situated at the eastern side of the town on the road to Menin (Menen) and Courtrai (Kortrijk). Each night at 8 pm the traffic is stopped at the Menin Gate while members of the local Fire Brigade sound the Last Post in the roadway under the Memorial's arches.

Historical Information: The Menin Gate is one of four memorials to the missing in Belgian Flanders which cover the area known as the Ypres Salient. Broadly speaking, the Salient stretched from Langemarck in the north to the northern edge in Ploegsteert Wood in the south, but it varied in area and shape throughout the war. The Salient was formed during the First Battle of Ypres in October and November 1914, when a small British Expeditionary Force succeeded in securing the town before the onset of winter, pushing the German forces back to the Passchendaele Ridge. The Second Battle of Ypres began in April 1915 when the Germans released poison gas into the Allied lines north of Ypres. This was the first time gas had been used by either side and the violence of the attack forced an Allied withdrawal and a shortening of the line of defence. There was little more significant activity on this front until 1917, when in the Third Battle of Ypres an offensive was mounted by Commonwealth forces to divert German attention from a weakened French front further south. The initial attempt in June to dislodge the Germans from the Messines Ridge was a complete success, but the main assault north-eastward, which began at the end of July, quickly became a dogged struggle against determined opposition and the rapidly deteriorating weather. The campaign finally came to a close in November with the capture of Passchendaele. The German offensive of March 1918 met with some initial success, but was eventually checked and repulsed in a combined effort by the Allies in September. The battles of the Ypres Salient claimed many lives on both sides and it quickly became clear that the commemoration of members of the Commonwealth forces with no known grave would have to be divided between several different sites. The site of the Menin Gate was chosen because of the hundreds of thousands of men who passed through it on their way to the battlefields. It commemorates those of all Commonwealth nations (except New Zealand) who died in the Salient, in the case of United Kingdom casualties before 16 August 1917. Those United Kingdom and New Zealand servicemen who died after that date are named on the memorial at Tyne Cot, a site which marks the furthest point reached by Commonwealth forces in Belgium until nearly the end of the war. Other New Zealand casualties are commemorated on memorials at Buttes New British Cemetery and Messines Ridge British Cemetery. The YPRES (MENIN GATE) MEMORIAL now bears the names of more than 54,000 officers and men whose graves are not known. The memorial, designed by Sir Reginald Blomfield with sculpture by Sir William Reid-Dick, was unveiled by Lord Plumer in July 1927.

No. of Identified Casualties: 54327

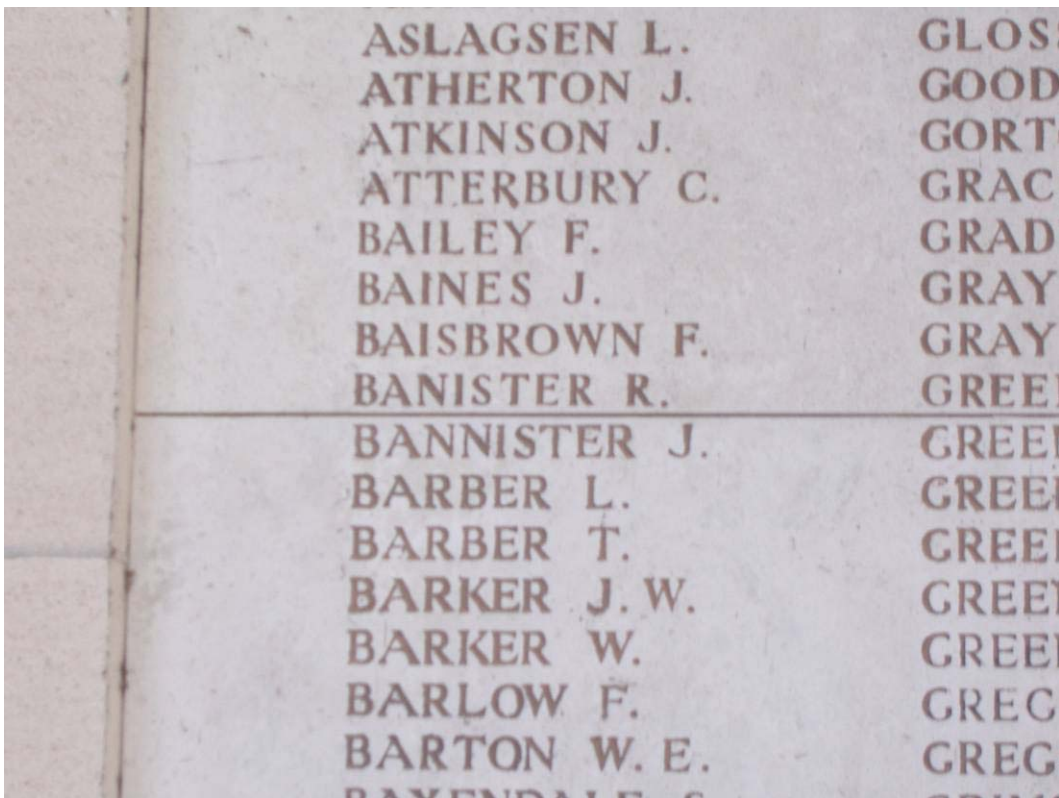
Cemetery Plans

YPRES (MENIN GATE) MEMORIAL



LAYOUT OF THE YPRES (MENIN GATE) MEMORIAL PANELS

With Richard BANISTER's memorial highlighted



Photographs of the upper gallery (loggia) where Banister's name is recorded on Panel 41

Name.	Corps.	Rank	Regtl. No.
BANISTER Richard	L. V. Lan. R.	Pte	5666.
	— " —		202637
Medal.	Roll.	Page.	Remarks.
VICTORY	H/2/101 ^{B22}	3529.	
BRITISH	do	do	
STAR			
Theatre of War first served in			
Date of entry therein			

K. 1380.

Correspondence.

Address.

Private Banister's medal record card

Medals awarded to Private 202637 Richard Banister



The Allied Victory Medal

Also known as 'Wilfred'

It was decided that each of the allies should each issue their own bronze victory medal with a similar design, similar equivalent wording and identical ribbon.

The British medal was designed by W. McMillan. The front depicts a winged classical figure representing victory.

Approximately 5.7 million victory medals were issued. Interestingly, eligibility for this medal was more restrictive and not everyone who received the British War Medal ('Squeak') also received the Victory Medal ('Wilfred'). However, in general, all recipients of 'Wilfred' also received 'Squeak' and all recipients of 'Pip' also received both 'Squeak' and 'Wilfred'.

The recipient's service number, rank, name and unit was impressed on the rim.



The British War Medal 1914 - 1918

Established on 26th July 1919.

Also known as '*Squeak*'.

The silver or bronze medal was awarded to officers and men of the British and Imperial Forces who either entered a theatre of war or entered service overseas between 5th August 1914 and 11th November 1918 inclusive. This was later extended to services in Russia, Siberia and some other areas in 1919 and 1920.

Approximately 6.5 million British War Medals were issued.

Approximately 6.4 million of these were the silver versions of this medal.

Around 110,000 of a bronze version were issued mainly to Chinese, Maltese and Indian Labour Corps. The front (obv or obverse) of the medal depicts the head of George V.

The recipient's service number, rank, name and unit was impressed on the rim.

Private 202637 Richard BANISTER

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Richard was the eldest son of Elizabeth and James Banister of 117 Marsh Lane, Longton, and a former Hutton Grammar School boy. He was employed in his father's agricultural merchandising business working mainly out of the Longton Bridge railway station. He died during the third battle of Ypres.

Preston Guardian

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8th September, 1917

Seventeen men from Longton have fallen in the War, the latest being Private R. Banister, Loyal North Lancashire Regiment. He had been three months in France.

Penwortham St. Mary's Church Magazine

September, 1917

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Since the last list was compiled, we greatly regret to have to announce that another of our men have been killed. Private R. Banister of the L.N.L. Regt. Had been in France for three months. Three brothers are serving in the Army and the family have our deepest sympathy.

Civil Parish of LONGTON. Ecclesiastical Parish of St Mary (Part) County Borough, Municipal Borough, or Urban District of PRESTON. Rural District of PRESTON. Parliamentary Borough or Division of BLACKPOOL. Town or Village or Hamlet of Longton

No. of Schedules	ROAD, STREET, &c. and No. or NAME of HOUSE	HOUSES			Name and Surname of each Person	RELATION to Head of Family	Condition as to Marriage	Age last Birthday of		PROFESSION OR OCCUPATION	Employer, Worker, or Own account	If Working at Home	WHERE BORN	(1) Deaf and Dumb (2) Blind (3) Lunatic (4) Imbecile, feeble-minded
		Inhabited	Uninhabited	Building				Males	Females					
66	Marsh Lane (House No. 1)	1			Thomas Harples	Head	M	45		✓ Bridge Manager	Worker		Lancs. Walton-le-Dale	
					Ann H. do.	Wife	M	46					do. Blackburn	
					Thomas Pearson	Neph.	L	21		✓ Barber Assistant	Worker		do. Brindle	
					Isaac A. Howson	Serv.	L	25		General Serv. (Domestic)			do. Longton	
67	do.	1			Edward Harrison	Head	M	62		✓ Labourer	Worker		do. Longton	
					Caroline do.	Wife	F	59					do. Cressens	
					William do.	Son	L	21		Buttman on Farm	Worker		do. Little Hockley	
					Charles H. do.	Son	L	20		Blackburn Labourer	Worker		do. Longton	
					James do.	Son	L	18		Blackburn Labourer	Worker		do. do.	
					Margaret do.	Daughter	L	11					do. do.	
					Wesleyan Sunday Chapel									
68	do.	1			Robert Cross	Head	M	63		✓ Farmer	Own account		Lancs. Howick	
					Alice do.	Wife	F	60					do. Leyland	
					John do.	Son	L	28		Railway Signalman	Worker		do. Longton	
					Robert do.	Son	L	21		✓ Farmer	Worker		do. do.	
					Elizabeth do.	Daughter	F	18		Knitting Machine	Worker		do. do.	
					Mary Turner	Serv.	F	65		Robert's Cotton Weaver			do. Ashton-on-Ribble	
69	do.	1			Henrietta Norris	Niece	L	19		✓ Dressmaker	Own account	At home	do. Brinscote	
					Ann Wright	Head	Wid.	60					do. Longton	
					Nicholas do.	Son	L	28		Labourer (Produce Dealer)	Worker		do. do.	
					Ann V. Turner	Niece	L	20		✓ Cotton Weaver	Worker		do. Baskle	
70	do.	1			Elizabeth Banister	Wife	F	37					do. Skelton	
					William do.	Son	L	9					do. Longton	
					Richard do.	Son	L	7					do. do.	
					John do.	Son	L	5					do. do.	
					Harry do.	Son	L	4					do. do.	
					James do.	Son	L	1					do. do.	
					Helen do.	Daughter	F	3mo.					do. do.	
					Ann Ashton	Serv.	L	14		General Serv. Domestic			do. Burroughs	
5	Total of Schedules of Houses and of Tenements with less than Five Rooms	5			Total of Males and of Females...			15	13					

NOTE—Draw your pen through such words of the headings as are inapplicable.

The Banister family (minus the Head) at The Parke, Marsh Lane, Longton
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CENSUS OF ENGLAND AND WALES, 1911.

Number of Schedule 80
(To be filled up by the Enumerator after collection.)

Before writing on this Schedule please read the Examples and the Instructions given on the other side of the paper, as well as the headings of the Columns. The entries should be written in Ink.

The contents of the Schedule will be treated as confidential. Strict care will be taken that no information is disclosed with regard to individual persons. The returns are not to be used for proof of age, as in connection with Old Age Pensions, or for any other purpose than the preparation of Statistical Tables.

NAME AND SURNAME	RELATIONSHIP to Head of Family.	AGE (last Birthday) and SEX.		PARTICULARS as to MARRIAGE.					PROFESSION or OCCUPATION of Persons aged ten years and upwards.				BIRTHPLACE of every person.	NATIONALITY of every Person born in a Foreign Country.	INFIRMITY.		
		For Infants under one year state the age in months as "under one month," "one month," etc.	Ages of Males.	Ages of Females.	Write "Single," "Married," "Widower," or "Widow," opposite the names of all persons aged 15 years and upwards.	State, for each Married Woman entered on this Schedule, the number of—			Personal Occupation.	Industry or Service with which worker is connected.	Whether Employer, Worker, or Working on Own Account.	Whether Working at Home.					
of every Person, whether Member of Family, Visitor, Boarder, or Servant, who		State whether "Head," or "Wife," "Son," "Daughter," or other Relative, "Visitor," "Boarder," or "Servant."		Completed years the present Marriage has lasted. If less than one year write "under one."		Total Children Born Alive.	Children still Living.	Children who have Died.	The reply should show the precise branch of Profession, Trade, Manufacture, &c.				Write opposite the name of each person engaged in any Trade or Industry. (1) "Employer," (that is employing persons other than domestic servants), or (2) "Worker" (that is working for an employer), or (3) "Own Account" (that is neither employing others nor working for a trade employer).		Write the words "At Home" opposite the name of each person carrying on Trade or Industry at home.		
No one else must be included. (For order of entering names see Examples on back of Schedule.)														(1) If born in the United Kingdom, write the name of the County, and Town or Parish. (2) If born in any other part of the British Empire, write the name of the Dependency, Colony, etc., and of the Province or State. (3) If born in a Foreign Country, write the name of the Country. (4) If born at sea, write "At Sea." NOTE.—In the case of persons born elsewhere than in England or Wales, state whether "Resident" or "Visitor" in this Country.		State whether:— (1) "British subject by parentage," (2) "Naturalised British subject," giving year of naturalisation. Or (3) If of foreign nationality, state whether "French," "German," "Russian," etc.	
1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.	11.	12.	13.	14.	15.	16.		
1 James Banister	Head	48		Married	207	-	-	-	Coal & Farm Produce Merchant		Own acct		Longton W. Co. Caucashire				
2 Elizabeth Banister	Wife	47		Married	207	7	7						Tarleton Caucashire				
3 William Banister	Son	19		Single					Traveller for Farm Produce	98	Worker	4	Longton Caucashire				
4 Richard Banister	Son	17		Single					Articles Clerk to Chartered Accountant	495	Worker	9	Longton Caucashire				
5 John Banister	Son	15		Single					School	390		9	Longton Caucashire				
6 Harry Banister	Son	14							school				Longton Caucashire				
7 Isaac Banister	Son	12							school				Longton Caucashire				
8 Helen Banister	Daughter		10						school				Longton Caucashire				
9 Margaret Banister	Daughter		7						school				Longton Caucashire				
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(To be filled up by the Enumerator.)

I certify that:—

(1) All the ages on this Schedule are entered in the proper sex columns.
 (2) I have counted the males and females in Columns 3 and 4 separately, and have compared their sums with the total number of persons.
 (3) After making the necessary enquiries I have completed all entries on the Schedule which appeared to be defective, and have corrected such as appeared to be erroneous.

Total:
Males: 6 Females: 3 Persons: 9

Initials of Enumerator: JA

(To be filled up by, or on behalf of, the Head of Family or other person in occupation, or in charge, of this dwelling.)

Write below the Number of Rooms in this Dwelling (House, Tenement, or Apartment). Count the kitchen as a room but do not count scullery, landing, lobby, closet, bathroom; nor warehouse, office, shop.

I declare that this Schedule is correctly filled up to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature: James Banister
 Postal Address: Longton W. Co. Caucashire

Nine

The 1911 Census showing the Banister family in Marsh Lane, Longton
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ALPHABETICAL NAMES INDEX OF THE GRAVE REGISTERS OF

LONGTON ST. ANDREW'S PARISH CHURCH

<u>Name</u>	<u>Burial Date</u>	<u>Page No</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Other Details</u>	<u>Grave No</u>
BANISTER, James	17. Sep. 1918	361	56	Mill Cottage, 23/- paid by Mrs Banister	361
War Memorial to Richard BANISTER					
BANNISTER, Alfred	12. Feb. 1930	168	64	Hall Lane, Longton, Pd £1.16..6	168
BANNISTER, Harry	03. Nov. 1965	195	68	The Cottage, Liverpool Road	NE195
BANNISTER, Henry	29. Dec. 1910	53	8 ms	Liverpool Road, Much Hoole	53
BANNISTER, John	26. May. 1910	53	53	Liverpool Road, Much Hoole	53
BANNISTER, John	27. Nov. 1920	53	1 ms	Liverpool Road, Much Hoole	53
BAN(N)ISTER, John	17. Mar. 1956	54	73	1 Villiers Street, Preston, (Family insist on Banister being spelt with one 'N')	54
BANNISTER, Margaret	17. May. 1910	53	56	Liverpool Road, Much Hoole, 23/- paid by John Bannister	53
BANNISTER, Margaret	30. May. 1933	54	51	Paid by John Bannister June 8, 1910, £1.13..6	54
BANNISTER, Margaret	10. May. 1954	195	51	The Cottage, Liverpool Road	NE195

FROM 19TH JULY 1895 THESE ENTRIES ARE SHOWN IN THE INDEX UNDER BLACK TYPE.

THE SECOND REGISTER WAS COMMENCED ON 14TH AUGUST 1939 AND THESE ENTRIES ARE SHOWN IN MAGENTA TYPE. THE REGISTERS CONCLUDE ON 27TH MAY, 1987.

Lancashire **BMD**

Births, Marriages and Deaths on the Internet

In the results below, the reference number will be a link. Clicking on this link will add your choice to a summary list on a new page. From this [summary page](#) you will be able to review all your search results and you will find links to printable application forms which can be used to order the certificate for the index entry. Full details of the charges and the Register Office address can be found on the form.

Lancashire Marriage indexes for the years: 1890

Surname	Forename(s)	Surname	Forename(s)	Church / Register Office	Registers At	Reference
BANISTER	James	HULL	Elizabeth	Holy Trinity, Tarleton	Preston	CE19/2/91

Total records matching : 1

If you haven't found the **BANISTER** that you're looking for, it may be that the indexes for your area of interest have not been transcribed yet. See our [coverage](#) page for more information.

Where the first surname is a web link followed by an asterisk (*), it signifies that there are alternative entries in the database for this reference number. Click on the surname to display the full list of alternatives and an explanation of why this occurs.

Many other counties have their BMD indexes on-line. If you can't find the entry in this area, perhaps you could try a neighbouring area. See the **Local BMD** section of



Information regarding the purchase of certificates can be found in the [Marriages Information](#) page.

Click on the appropriate reference number in the tables above to add your choice to your [summary page](#). From the summary page you will be able to review all your search choices and print off application forms to order copy certificates.

NOTE: Each Region's Register Office has a different address. Please be sure to send your application to the correct office, otherwise your application may be rejected. The appropriate address will be found near the bottom of the application form.

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Lancashire Birth indexes for the years: 1892

Surname	Forename(s)	Sub-District	Registers At	Mother's Maiden Name	Reference
BANISTER	William	Longton	Preston	HULL	LONG/24/4

Lancashire Birth indexes for the years: 1893

Surname	Forename(s)	Sub-District	Registers At	Mother's Maiden Name	Reference
BANISTER	Richard	Longton	Preston	HULL	LONG/24/68

Lancashire Birth indexes for the years: 1895

Surname	Forename(s)	Sub-District	Registers At	Mother's Maiden Name	Reference
BANISTER	John	Longton	Preston	HULL	LONG/25/37

Lancashire Birth indexes for the years: 1897

Surname	Forename(s)	Sub-District	Registers At	Mother's Maiden Name	Reference
BANISTER	Harry	Longton	Preston	HULL	LONG/26/9

Lancashire Birth indexes for the years: 1899

Surname	Forename(s)	Sub-District	Registers At	Mother's Maiden Name	Reference
BANISTER	James	Longton	Preston	HULL	LONG/27/11

Lancashire Birth indexes for the years: 1901

Surname	Forename(s)	Sub-District	Registers At	Mother's Maiden Name	Reference
BANISTER	Helen	Longton	Preston	HULL	LONG/27/75

Lancashire Birth indexes for the years: 1903

Surname	Forename(s)	Sub-District	Registers At	Mother's Maiden Name	Reference
BANISTER	Margaret	Longton	Preston	HULL	LONG/28/68

Total records matching : 7.

No matching records were found for BANISTER in the following years:

1891, 1894, 1896, 1898, 1900, 1902, 1904, 1905, 1906, 1907, 1908, 1909, 1910

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