

**In Memory of
Second Lieutenant W R GIBSON**

The Loyal North Lancashire Regiment

who died on 17 June 1918

**Remembered with honour
LONGTON (ST. ANDREW) CHURCHYARD**



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

Name: GIBSON

Initials: W R

Nationality: United Kingdom

Rank: Second Lieutenant

Regiment/Service: The Loyal North Lancashire Regiment

Date of Death: 17/06/1918

Casualty Type: Commonwealth War Dead

Grave/Memorial Reference: 360.

Cemetery: LONGTON (ST. ANDREW) CHURCHYARD



2nd Lieut. GIBSON's grave at Longton Church, no. 360

On Monday morning, in the grounds at Woodside Nursery, Station Road, New Longton, the body of ex-Lieut. Wm. Ranshaw Gibson (30) was found with a shot wound in the head. An inquest was held on Tuesday night by Mr. John Parker, at New Longton School.

Evidence was given showing that deceased, a former leather merchant's salesman, joined the Army in 1914, and obtained a commission in the Loyal North Lancashire Regt. He returned from France about 12 months ago suffering from shell shock, and he had since had an operation for appendicitis. He had been discharged from the Army with a pension, but the pension had been reduced on his obtaining employment in the Ministry of Food Office, Preston. He had been somewhat depressed since the operation for appendicitis, but had never threatened to do anything to himself, and his demeanour had not led his relatives to apprehend any likelihood of such a contingency.

Henry Hastwell Gibson, Woodside Nursery, brother of the deceased, said that a man named Thomas Mooney told him about 10.30 on Monday morning that there was a man at the bottom of the garden, and witness saw it was his brother. The gun found there was not his or his brother's. Witness had not had a firearm on the premises since he took them.

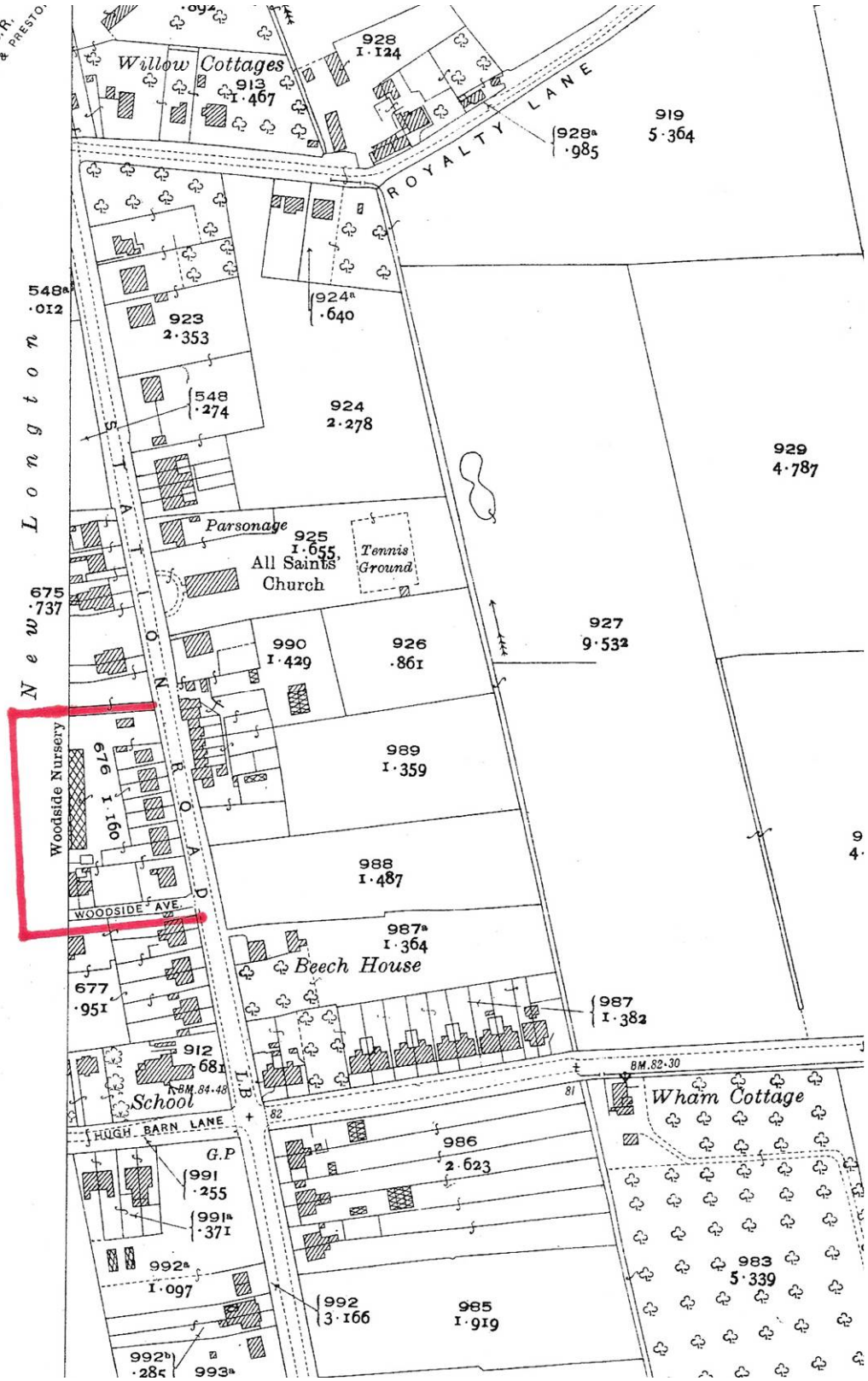
In reply to the Coroner, witness said his brother made a will in 1914, and a fresh one last week. On one occasion when at home they heard some shooting, probably rabbits, and his brother remarked, "Harry, I wouldn't be surprised if shooting would suit me. It would not be any physical exercise," and witness replied, "I think it would be better to leave it alone."

Richard Bretherton, landlord of the Farmer's arms, New Longton, said that last April deceased had asked him if he would lend him a gun to shoot some rabbits in the garden, and witness agreed. Deceased then asked if witness could sell him some cartridges, but witness said he could not. Deceased said he had an old gun at home that he wanted to try, and witness lent him a couple of cartridges. On Sunday about two o'clock witness's horseman, Joseph Hague, came into the house and asked for the gun for Mr. Gibson, and witness let him take it.

P.C. Wilson said that deceased had fixed the butt of the gun, a double-barrelled breech-loader, in the ground, the butt being embedded up to the trigger guard. It was firmly wedged, and to secure it must have occupied a considerable time. The right barrel was discharged, and apparently deceased had leaned with his face over the muzzle, the charge having entered the left eye, and pushed the trigger with a short piece of wood. A will, found in deceased's coat pocket, was dated January, 1915.

The jury returned a verdict of 'Suicide whilst of unsound mind.'

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Ordnance Survey map showing the location of Woodside Nursery, New Longton



The Gibson family home. "Woodside", Woodside Nursery, New Longton

No entry can be found on the “Soldiers Died in the Great War” CD-ROM, as it is thought that with Lt. Gibson’s death being “at home”, it therefore did not make the Regimental Casualty lists from which the CD-Rom is derived.

Penwortham St. Mary’s Church Magazine July, 1918, Page viii

Buried at Longton:- June 20th William Ramsbottom Gibson, New Longton, aged 30 years

Longton St. Andrew’s Burial Register

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No. 1625

William Ranshaw
Gibson

New Longton

June 20th
1918

27 years

Rev. W. H.
Norris

Table of births with columns for Name, District, Fol., Page. Includes entries for GIBSON, Ann Elizabeth; GIBSON, Lily; GIFFORD, Emma Ellen; and many others.

The GRO index of Lt. GIBSON's birth at Teesdale 10a 238 with slight variation of spelling in middle name

	Age.	District.	Vol.	Page.		Age.	District.	Vol.	Page.
Gibson, Lavinia	74	Macclesfield	8 a	167	Gifford, Raymond le N.	1	Samford	4 a	960
— Louisa J.	81	St. Thomas	5 b	39	— Susan	18	Frestwich	2 d	280
— Nabel	1	Wolstanton	6 b	157	— William	77	Lunesdale	8 e	911
— Margaret	54	Carlisle	10 b	673	Giffkins, Lizzie S.	49	Hertford	3 a	727
— Margaret	0	Basford	7 b	226	— W. Ham	75	W. Ham	4 a	68
— Margaret	78	Alnwick	10 b	547	Giggins, Charlotte	61	Whittechapel	1 c	230
— Maria	50	Leicester	7 a	286	— George W.	1	Darlington	10 a	17
— Mary	66	Wigan	8 c	39	— William	67	Maidstone	2 a	1027
— Mary	5	Bradford	9 b	169	Gilbank, William	41	Islington	1 b	209
— Mary A.	62	Willesden	3 a	274	Gilbert, Alice	49	W. Derby	8 b	655
— Mary A.	71	Crimsby	7 a	702	— Amy A.	38	E. Preston	2 b	428
— Mary B.	66	Gateshead	10 a	978	— Ann	79	Penzance	5 c	260
— Mary E.	19	Wolstanton	6 b	162	— Annie	48	Plymouth	5 b	303
— May	35	Huddersfield	9 a	341	— Annie	68	Portsmouth	2 b	555
— Michael	76	Wigan	8 c	81	— Annie E.	53	Dudley	6 b	914
— Minnie	17	Spalding	7 a	387	— Arnold F.	0	W. Ham	4 a	4
— Nellie	0	Northwich	8 a	305	— Arthur	0	Bristol	6 a	76
— Nellie	2	Islington	1 b	170	— Arthur	1	Wolstanton	6 b	143
— Norah	5	Nantwich	8 a	348	— Bernhardt	29	Nottingham	7 b	392
— Percy	23	Leeds	9 b	558	— Betsy	40	Lincoln	7 a	547
— Percy	0	Sunderland	10 a	698	— Caroline	38	Stratford	6 d	791
— Rachel	57	S. Shields	10 a	827	— Charles	73	Lewisham	1 d	1111
— Robert	43	Middlesbro	9 d	725	— Charles H.	55	Mt. Harbro	7 a	14
— Ruth	29	Sculcoates	9 d	306	— Charles J.	57	E. Stonehouse	5 b	373
— Samuel	63	Bolton	8 c	354	— Charles W.	73	Islington	1 b	186
— Sarah	69	Leicester	7 a	196	— Charlotte	0	Newcastle T.	10 b	219
— Sarah	68	Tynemouth	10 b	332	— Charlotte	44	Ipawich	4 a	1003
— Sarah	74	Cookermouth	10 b	719	— Charlotte	85	W. Ashford	2 a	1092
— Sarah	76	Toxteth P.	8 b	266	— Clifford C.	0	Penzance	5 c	288
— Sarah E.	59	Burton	6 b	365	— Donald	1	Southampton	2 c	72
— Thomas	75	Stokesley	9 d	816	— Doris	0	Sheffield	9 c	745
— Thomas	0	Newcastle T.	10 b	112	— Dorothy A.C.	19	Marylebone	1 a	590
— Thomas	24	Auckland	10 a	276	— Edward	26	Chesdle	6 b	348
— Thomas	66	Bolton	8 c	458	— Eliza	39	Reigate	2 a	274
— Thomas	40	Greenwich	1 d	1051	— Elizabeth	55	W. Bromwich	6 b	778
— Walter	57	Leeds	9 b	512	— Elizabeth	84	Cardiff	11 a	402
— William	70	Woolwich	1 d	1230	— Elizabeth J.	56	Fontypridd	11 a	593
— William	67	Todmorden	9 a	290	— Ellen	65	Dartford	2 a	800
— William	0	Sunderland	10 a	704	— Ellen	58	Norwich	4 b	156
— William	44	Alnwick	10 b	539	— Ethel M.	17	Portsmouth	2 b	598
— William	0	Basington	10 a	496	— Fanny L.E.	16	Mansfield	7 b	123
— William	24	Newcastle T.	10 b	126	— Florence B.	5	Devonport	5 b	392
— William	40	Newcastle T.	10 b	172	— Francis T.	62	Huddersfield	9 a	383
— William	65	Newcastle T.	10 b	60	— Frank E.	36	Yarmouth	4 b	5
— William H.	57	Kings N.	6 d	46	— George	55	Shoreditch	1 c	44
— William J.	69	Greenwich	1 d	1068	— Grace	76	Holsworthy	5 b	597
— William R.	30	Preston	8 e	587	— Henry	70	W. Bromwich	6 b	795
— Winifred A.	17	Tynemouth	10 b	243	— James	0	Hemsworth	9 c	205
Gick, Mary J.	58	Toxteth P.	8 b	209	— James	80	Wantage	2 c	362
Giequel, Marguerite M.	60	Upton	6 c	150	— James	77	Luton	3 b	429
Giddens, Alfred	50	Maidstone	2 a	1029	— James	74	Shardlow	7 b	495
— Ronald S.	0	Darlington	10 a	52	— Jane A.	37	Ulverston	8 e	940
Giddings, Clarissa	56	Islington	1 b	209	— Jessie M.	54	Lancaster	8 e	898
— Florence	60	Bradford-on-A.	5 a	128	— John	69	Louth	7 a	639
— Jacob	83	Melksham	5 a	112	— John	62	Chester	8 a	399
Giddy, Arthur B.	1	St. Columb	5 c	96	— John	0	Chesterfield	7 b	687
Gidley, Amelia	67	Brighton	2 b	251	— John F.	10	Elham	2 a	1351
Gidlow, William	9	Preston	8 e	581	— John J.	76	Colchester	4 a	727
Gidman, George H.	58	Stoke T.	6 b	194	— John T.	30	Lincoln	7 a	522
— Hilda	1	Leek	6 b	291	— Joseph S.	87	Hull	9 d	349
— John	18	Gwesity	6 a	735	— Julia	0	St. Geo. East	1 c	281
— Mary E.	69	Liverpool	8 b	99	— Kathleen	0	Coventry	6 d	687
Gidney, Clarence P.	53	Gateshead	10 a	976	— Mabel B.	36	Truro	5 c	145
— Edward	56	Shoreditch	1 c	55	— Marian J.	1	Fontypridd	11 a	516
— James N.	28	Wakefield	9 c	88	— Mary A.	73	Guilsbro	9 d	612
— James N.	77	Lambeth	1 d	468	— Mary E.	42	Northwich	8 a	300
Giernos, Jane E.	70	Plymouth	5 b	277	— Mary J.	65	Lincoln	7 a	561
Giertz, Ernst	21	Stafford	6 b	15	— Nora L.	14	Daventry	3 b	99
Gieseler, Louisa S.	78	Hampstead	1 a	666	— Percy	44	E. Stonehouse	5 b	384
Giffin, Eliza	59	Edmonton	3 a	551	— Richard	46	Fontypridd	11 a	549
Gifford, Arthur J.	68	Holsworthy	5 b	606	— Robert S.	2	Brentford	3 a	144
— Gertrude R.	72	Wincanton	5 c	462	— Rose	0	Whittechapel	1 c	205
— James	71	Pancras	1 b	30	— Rose E.	14	Birmingham	6 d	172
— Louisa	0	Bristol	6 a	72	— Sarah	80	Kingston	2 a	619
— Lucy L.	67	Dorchester	5 a	364	— Sarah	80	Mile End	1 c	374

The G.R.O. index of Lt. GIBSON's death at Preston, aged 30, 8e 587

Administrative County of Durham The undermentioned Houses are situate within the Boundaries of the Page 12

Civil Parish		Municipal Borough		Municipal Ward		Urban Sanitary District		Town or Village or Hamlet		Rural Sanitary District		Parliamentary Borough or Division		Ecclesiastical Parish or District		
of <u>Barnard Castle</u>						of <u>10th Castle</u>		of <u>10th Castle</u>				of <u>10th Castle</u>		of <u>10th Castle</u>		
Col. 1	2	3 4 5		6	7	8	9 10	11			12	13	14	15		
No. of Schedule	ROAD, STREET, &c, and No. or NAME of HOUSE	Inhabited	Uninhabited (U.S. or other)	Number of rooms occupied by five or more persons	NAME and Surname of each Person	RELATION to Head of Family	CON-DITION as to Marriage	AGE last Birthday of	PROFESSION or OCCUPATION			Employed	Employed	Employed	WHERE BORN	(1) Deaf-and-Dumb (2) Blind (3) Lunatic, Imbecile or Idiot
61	Market Place (Anten's Yard)	1		2	Sarah Ann Smith	Head	Wid.	18							Norwich, Norfolk	
					Samuel Do	Son	S.	24	Engine Cleaner		X				Durham, 10 th Castle	
					Henry Do	Son	S.	15	Do			X			Do	
					Fredk Do	Do	Do	17	Scholar						Do	
					George Do	Do	Do	17	Do						Do	
62	Do Do	1		4	Fredrick Oley	Head	M.	26	Jarvis			X		Do	Coast	
					Emily W	Wife	M.	22							Staffordshire, Blackheath	
					Samuel J. Do	Son	Do	17							Yorkshire, Bradford	
63	Market Place	1			John George Hall	Head	S.	26	Coal Mine Merchant		X			Durham, 10 th Castle		
					Elizabeth Ann Do	Sister	S.	23	Living on her own means					Do	Do	
					Elizabeth Do	Do	S.	24	Do					Do	Do	
					Elizabeth Tallentire	Serv.	S.	22	General Servant (Domestic)					Do	Middleton, Tendale	
64	Do (Sudale House)	1			John Walter Ray	Head	M.	30	Draper		X			Do	West Hartlepool	
					Ann Do	Wife	M.	32						Do	10 th Castle	
					Jane Buchanan	Widow	Wid.	29	Milliner			X		Do	Sunderland	
					John W. Cartwright	Do	S.	20	Draper's Assistant			X		Do	Staincross	
65	Home Market	1			James Harris	Head	M.	26	Carver &c.		X			Do	10 th Castle	
					Elizabeth Do	Wife	M.	23						Do	Do	
					Mary Jo Do	Serv.	S.	27						Do	Do	
					Oprie Do	Do	S.	28						Do	Do	
					Margaret W. Do	Do	S.	24						Do	Do	
					James Do	Son	S.	16				X		Do	Do	
					Joseph Topping	Apprentice	S.	18	Coal Mine Merchant			X		Yorkshire, Cothelstone		
					Robert B. Pugh	Serv.	S.	16	General Servant (Domestic)					Do	Hutton	
					William R. Gibson	Grandson	Do	5						Durham, 10 th Castle		
66	Do	1		3	Henry Lee	Head	M.	62	Carver		X			Norwich, Norfolk		
					Thomas Do	Wife	M.	56				X		Do	Do	
6	Total of Houses and of Tenements with less than Five Rooms ...	6		3	Total of Males and Females...			14	13							

Notes.—Draw the pen through each of the words of the headings as are inappropriate.

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Reference:-

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The 1891 Census showing William R. GIBSON with his maternal grandparents in Barnard Castle Folio 35, Page 12, Schedule 65

Administrative County <i>Essex</i>		The undermentioned Houses are situate within the boundaries of the															Page 24	
Civil Parish <i>Earls Colne</i>		Ecclesiastical Parish <i>St. Andrew's</i>			County-Borough, Municipal-Borough, or Urban-District of			Ward of Municipal-Borough or of Urban-District of			Rural District <i>Haberghampten</i>		Parliamentary Borough or Division <i>Essex & Malden</i>		Town or Village or Hamlet <i>Earls Colne</i>			
No. of	ROAD, STREET, &c. and No. or NAME of HOUSE	HOUSES				Name and Surname of each Person	RELATION to Head of Family	Usual Residence as to Marriage	Age last Birthday of		PROFESSION OR OCCUPATION	Employer, Worker, or Own account	If Working at Home	WHERE BORN	Physical Defects			
		Inhabited	Uninhabited	Partly Inhabited	Partly Uninhabited				Males	Females					(1) Deaf and Dumb	(2) Blind	(3) Lame	(4) Imbecile, feeble-minded
						Edward Lee	Boarder		15					Essex, Witham				
						Henry H. Gibson	Boarder		9					Yorkshire, Middleham				
						William R. do	Boarder		13					do do				
						Reginald A. Wain	Boarder		13					Suffolk, Harwell				
						James M. Rouse	Boarder		13					Essex, Dovercourt				
						Harold H. Birchall	Boarder		14					Essex, Yeldham				
						Anthony Middleton	Boarder		14					Essex, Harwich				
						Edley H. Skipper	Boarder		10					Middlesex, Hornsey				
						Ronald Hammers	Boarder		10					Essex, Brightlingsea				
						Ralph Marshall	Boarder		13					Essex, Chappel				
						Robert C. Cox	Boarder		15					Essex, Chappel				
						Mary M. Selby	Maids	S	33		Maids	Worker		London, Bloomsbury				
						Margaret Clarke	Servant	S	20		Domestic			Essex, Stanborough				
						Alice Argent	Servant	S	14		Domestic			Essex, Tappanfield				
						Edna M. Broadgate	Servant	S	15		Domestic			Suffolk, Acton				
1574	York Road (York Villas)	1				Mary Ann M. Valentin	Daughter	S	25					Essex, Fincham				
1575	York Road (York Villas)	1				Lark Heard	Servant	S	20		Domestic			Essex, Fincham				
						Elizabeth Spurgeon	Head	Mid	63					Essex, Earls Colne				
						Thomas C. do	Son	S	30		Churchman			Essex, Earls Colne				
						James A. Turner	Servant	S	19		Domestic			Essex, Harwell				
						Agnes M. Amey	Servant	S	15		Domestic			Essex, Harwell				
1576	Hay Lane Rd.	1				Samuel Suttle	Head	M	82		Pensioner			Suffolk, Micklemoot				
						Ann do	Wife	M	80					Suffolk, Ballam				
						Amelia Sharp	Housekeeper	Mid	44		Domestic			Essex, Witham				
3	Total of Schedules of Houses and of Tenements with less than Five Rooms	3			1	Total of Males and of Females...			13	11								

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

The 1901 Census showing the two brothers William R. and Henry H. Gibson as boarders at Earls Colne Grammar School near Colchester, Essex

CENSUS OF ENGLAND AND WALES, 1911.

Number of Schedule 103
(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.				
of every Person, whether Member of Family, Visitor, Boarder, or Servant, who (1) passed the night of Sunday, April 2nd, 1911, in this dwelling and was alive at midnight, or (2) arrived in this dwelling on the morning of Monday, April 3rd, not having been enumerated elsewhere. No one else must be included. (For order of entering names see Examples on back of Schedule.)	State whether "Head," or "Wife," "Son," "Daughter," or other Relative, "Visitor," "Boarder," or "Servant."	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," or opposite the names of all persons aged 15 years and upwards.		State, for each Married Woman entered on this Schedule, the number of:— Completed years the present Marriage has lasted. If less than one year write "under one."			Children born alive to present Marriage. (If no children born alive write "None" in Column 7.) Total Children Born Alive. Children still Living. Children who have Died.			Personal Occupation. The reply should show the precise branch of Profession, Trade, Manufacture, &c. If engaged in any Trade or Manufacture, the particular kind of work done, and the Article made or Material worked or dealt in should be clearly indicated. (See Instructions 1 to 8 and Examples on back of Schedule.)		Industry or Service with which worker is connected. This question should generally be answered by stating the business carried on by the employer. If this is clearly shown in Col. 10 the question need not be answered here. No entry needed for Domestic Servants in private employment. If employed by a public body (Government, Municipal, etc.) state what body. (See Instruction 9 and Examples on back of Schedule.)		Whether Employer, Worker, or Working on Own Account.	Whether Working at Home.	(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.	If any person included in this Schedule is:— (1) "Totally Deaf" or "Deaf and Dumb," (2) "Totally Blind," (3) "Lunatic," (4) "Imbecile," or "Feeble-minded," state the infirmity opposite that person's name, and the age at which he or she became afflicted.
			1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.	11.	12.	13.	14.			
1 William Henry Gibson	Head	55	—	Married						Collector	405	Customs & Excise	0	Orkham, Hindlestone	220				
2 Annie Gibson	Wife	—	48	"	24	4	4	—						do - Barnard Castle					
3 William Remshaw Gibson	Son	23	—	Single					Traveller in leather	494	804	Worker	4	do	do				
4 Beatha Gibson	Daughter	21	—	"					art student	380	461	0		do	do				
5 Henry Haswell Gibson	Son	19	—	"					Gardener (hobby man)	564		Worker	4	Yorkshire Middleburgh	032				
6 Annie Harrie Gibson	Daughter	17	—	"					Student (music)	380	465	0		do	do				
7																			
8																			
9																			
10																			
11																			
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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 sum 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.

Initials of Enumerator: JG

Total.		
Males.	Females.	Persons.
3	3	6

(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: W H Gibson
Postal Address: 201 Park Road, Bolton

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The 1911 Census showing the Gibson family at 201 Park Road, Bolton