

Penson – pension papers and personal effects

Pension

On November 29th 1915, Charles' widow, Ethel, was awarded a widow's pension of 28 shillings and 8 pence per week for herself and four children. Her claim seems to have been supported by certificates apparently supplied by the Rector at Bingham. It is not clear to whom his note was addressed; it reads:

"Certificate for her first marriage to H Mastin and refers to child Hilda Ruby.
Certificate for Charles' first marriage to AE Trafford and refers to child Gladys Mabel"

Certificate for marriage of Charles and Ethel and refers to children Eric, Charles and Lewis George.

It notes:

"The child Hilda Ruby lives half the year with her grandmother at Lincoln and half the year with her brother at Bingham. She is a very delicate child and ever since her birth she has been in the care of S Young of Lincoln. Her brother pays for her support".

Signed KRM Hutt and George Brown JP on 28th May 1916.

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Widows—Form 3.

Any further communication on this subject should be addressed to—
The Secretary,
Ministry of Pensions,
Widows and Dependents Branch,
45, Grosvenor Road,
London, S.W. 1,
and the following number quoted.

MINISTRY OF PENSIONS
(Widows and Dependents Branch),
45, GROSVENOR ROAD,
LONDON, S.W. 1,
Rev. 50 1917

RECORDS DIVISION
1-1000-1000

NO. 25151 R 2 (Rev.)

SIR,

I am directed by the Minister of Pensions to inform you that the widow of No. 65002
Sam Stables Penison
Ray of Engineers
has been awarded a Pension of 28/8 a week, for herself and four children, with effect from the 1/11/15.

The Officer issuing Separation Allowance has been informed of the award.

The Pension will be paid from the Pension Issue Office.

The certificates received in support of the application have been returned to the widow.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
Matthew Hutton
Secretary.

The Officer in Charge of Records,
Brookman

She is a very delicate child & ever since her birth she has been under the care of S. Young of Lincoln. Her brother pays for her support.

28th May 1916.

*KRM Hutt
Geo Brown JP*

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LONDON

i. Marriage Certificate Herbert H. Maston & Ethel Cook. refers to child Hilda Ruby.

ii. Marriage Certificate C. R. Penison & A. E. Trafford. refers to child Gladys Mabel.

iii. Marriage Certificate C. R. Penison & Ethel Maston refers to children Eric Charles & Lewis George.

The child, Hilda Ruby, lives half the year with her grandmother at Lincoln & half the year with her father at Bingham.

R4/Cas/S. Royal Engineers Record Office,
Chatham.

1st June, 1917.

Madam,

re No. 65092, Sapper Charles R. Penson, R.E.

I return herewith certificate of your marriage to Herbert Henry Waters Mastin; also certificate of the marriage of the late Charles Robert Penson to Ann Elizabeth Trafford, as these are not required in support of your application to pension.

Your marriage certificate to Charles Robert Penson and the birth certificates of the four children have this day been forwarded in support of your claim to pension to the Ministry of Pensions from whom they will be returned to you in due course.

I am, Madam,
Yours faithfully,

Captain.
for Colonel i/c R. E. Records

Mrs Ethel Penson,
Chapel Lane,
Bingham, Notts.

Disposal of his effects

This must have been a poignant business for the family.

The image on the right notifies The RE office that any personal effects should be sent to ;

Mrs Ethel Penson, 145 Sneinton Boulevard, Nottingham.

The Image below right lists these possessions, for which she had to sign a receipt:

Disc, letters, watch (broken), key and strap, scissors in case, hat, cards, handkerchief, 1 gold stipe.

(8.1.9) W1225-7152 50,000 676 HWV(P247) H16744 Effects—Form 118A.

MEMORANDUM FOR
The Officer in charge of Royal Engineers Records,
Chatham.

Any further communication on this subject should be addressed to—
The Secretary,
WAR OFFICE,
Imperial Institute,
South Kensington,
LONDON, S.W.7.
and the following number quoted.

WAR OFFICE,
PARK BUILDINGS,
ST. JAMES'S PARK,
LONDON, S.W.,
11th August 1917

E. 125-0657/1 (Accounts 4)

Will you please note that any articles of personal property now in your possession or subsequently received by you belonging to the late
Mrs. 45092 Sapper Charles R. Penson
45 Sneinton Boulevard
Nottingham
should be despatched to—
Mrs Ethel Penson
145 Sneinton Boulevard
Nottingham

Any medals granted to the deceased that are now in your possession or that may hereafter reach you should be disposed of to—
Mrs Penson
Despatched
17-8-17

Chambers
Assistant Financial Secretary.

W1225-11821 50,000 417 HWV(P16163) Army Form B. 104-126.

Any further letter on this subject should be addressed to:
Office i/c R. E. Records,
R. E. Record Office,
and the following No. quoted, 572

From _____
To _____
Let _____
Station _____ Date _____

Sum on MADAM.

I am directed to forward the undermentioned articles of private property of the late No. 45092 Rank Sapper
Name C. R. Penson Regt. Royal Engineers
and would ask that you will kindly acknowledge receipt of the same on the form opposite—
Disc Letters
Watch (Broken) Key & strap
Scissors in case hat
cards Handkerchief
1 gold stipe

These are the only articles at present forthcoming, but should any further articles be received at any time they will be duly forwarded.

Yours faithfully,
G. S. Smith
Officer in Charge of Records.

I have to acknowledge receipt of the articles as stated opposite
Yours faithfully,
(Sign here) Ethel Penson
R. E.
The Officer i/c Records,
Station _____

Medals

In 1920 and 1921 Ethel signed three receipts for his various medals.

I hereby acknowledge the receipt of the
1917 British War Medal
granted in respect of the service of
65092 C. R. FENSON R.F.
Date January 4th 1921
Signature E. Fenison

1918 I hereby acknowledge the receipt of the
Victims Medal
granted in respect of the service of
65092 C. R. FENSON R.F.
Date 30-9-21
Signature E. Fenison

I hereby acknowledge the receipt of the
1914-15 Star
granted in respect of the service of
65092 C. R. FENSON R.F.
Date 13-11-20
Signature E. Fenison
Receipt part sign & return to me



Charles' plaque, known as the "Widows Penny".

