



Police Whistle Issued to the Metropolitan Police c1884

Jess Barlow, Metropolitan Police Officer

Jesse Barlow was born in Corsley, Warminster, Wiltshire on 30 March 1865. He joined the Metropolitan Police (Warrant number 70890), on 20 July 1885, following the footsteps of his father, William Barlow, who was a Police Constable at Corsley when his son was born. Jesse Barlow was one of five officers detailed for duty in the precincts of Windsor Castle - and Queen Victoria presented him with a silver mounted engraved walking stick. He received a pocket watch from the Tsar of Russia. When he married Janet Mary Best, they received a present of a table cloth from Queen Victoria. He was later detailed for duty at the Tate Gallery. He retired from the Police on 22 August 1910.

The 1881 census shows 16 year old Jesse, a visitor to his aunt and uncle, (a miller), George and Harriett Stone, at Milton Lilbourne.

1891 census shows Jessie Barlow, 26, a single police constable at King's Quay, St. Mildred Parish, on the Isle of Wight, with two other police constables.

He married Janet May Best in 1893 in the Windsor Registration District.

1911 census shows Jesse Barlow, aged 46, at Bottlesford, North Newnton, with his wife Janet May, 42, and family, son Herbert James, 13, daughter Jessie May, 10, both born at Clewer, near Windsor, and sons William George, 5, and Francis John, 3, both born in Westminster, London.

His son Herbert James Barlow was killed in action in Iraq in 1916 during WWI.