

John McConnon (1911 – 1938)



John McConnon was born in the fourth quarter of 1911 at 201 Barrow Hill, Derbyshire. His parents were Patrick McConnon (1870 – 1954) and Mary Bunney (1874 – 1954). His father came from Ireland and his mother was from Barrow Hill, Derbyshire. John was their eleventh of fourteen children.

In June 1935 John married Olive Winifred Longmate (1908 – 1991) when he was 23 years of age. The wedding which took in New Whittington on the 8th June 1935, was reported in the Derbyshire Times

CHESTERFIELD

McCONNON – LONGMATE

The wedding took place at St Patrick's Roman Catholic Church, New Whittington, on Saturday, of Mr. John McConnon, fifth son of Mr. and Mrs. P. McConnon, 201, Barrow Hill, and Miss Olive Longmate, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Longmate, 5 Bamford Street, New Whittington. Fr. P. Sweeney officiated.

Given away by her father, the bride wore a dress of white satin, with wreath and veil, and carried a bouquet of red carnations and fern. Her sisters Edna and Florrie were bridesmaids and they were attired in dresses of pink and blue suede georgette respectively, and both wore white satin gloves, white satin shoes, and head-dresses of cornflowers. They carried bouquets of cornflowers, forget-me-nots and fern. Two small attendants, both nieces of the bridesgroom, Brenda Caffrey and Monica Rooney, were dressed in flowered blue georgette, and carried small replicas of the bridesmaid's bouquets. Mr Arthur Longmate (bride's brother) was best man, and Mr William Caffrey (bridegroom's brother-in-law) was groomsman.

After the ceremony, 80 guests attended a reception at the home of the bride's aunt, Mrs. True, 29, London Street, New Whittington. The bride has been an attendant at Whittington Hall Institution for the past seven years, and on her resignation 14 wedding presents were handed to her by the Matron and various members of the staff.

In June 1937 John and Olive had the first and only child, John McConnon (1937 - 2011)

At the time of the disaster, John, aged 26, was working at Markham Colliery as a rope greaser and was living with his wife and new son at 14 Cross London Street, New Whittington, Derbyshire.

In May 1944 the family placed an 'In Memoriam' notice in the Derbyshire Times.

McCONNON – In loving memory of Jack, a dear dad, son and brother killed Markham Pit Disaster May 10th 1938.

“Memories fade and life departs,
He lives for ever in our hearts”

Parents

Father: Patrick McConnon (1870 – 1954)

Patrick McConnon (1870 – 1954) was born in Nobber, County Meath, Ireland. Patrick left Ireland at the age of twenty in 1890 and started as a labourer at the Staveley Works. In 1893 Patrick married Mary Bunney (1874 – 1951). Patrick and Mary had fourteen children between 1894 and 1917. In 1943 Patrick and Mary celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. The anniversary was reported in the Derbyshire Times

GOLDEN WEDDING

Mr. and Mrs. P. McConnon, Barrow Hill


Mr. and Mrs Patrick McConnon, 201, Barrow Hill, celebrated their golden wedding on Saturday. They were married at the Church of the Annunciation, Spencer Street, Chesterfield, by Father Winder, on June 19th, 1893. Mr. McConnon who is 73, came from Ireland 53 years ago and worked as a labourer at the Staveley Works. He afterwards worked as a miner at Hartington, Staveley, until the pit closed, and he then went to Markham until his retirement. Mrs. McConnon, who is 69, was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs W. Bunney, of Barrow Hill. They have had 14 children, of whom eight living and married. There are 18 grandchildren and there is a grandson and a granddaughter married. Andrew, youngest son, is serving in the Middle East.

Patrick died in 1954 at the age of 84.

Mother:

Mary Bunney (1874 – 1951)

Mary Bunney (1874 – 1951) was born in Barrow Hill on 18th May 1874. Her parents were William Bunney (1853 – 1923) and Sarah Ellen Cokeley (1854 – 1917). Her father had been born in Staveley, and her mother was from Chesterfield. On the 1881 Census, Mary, aged 6 is living with her parents and two younger siblings on High Street, Whittington. Her father is employed as a coal miner. On the 1891 Census, Mary aged 19, is working as a servant at the vicarage at Bestwood Colliery. In 1893 Mary married Patrick in Chesterfield. They had 14 children between 1894 and 1917. Their youngest son, Andrew, was still living with his parents in September 1939 when the 1939 Register was taken.

 McConnor household (3 people)								
First name(s)	Last name(s)	Birth year	DOB	Sex	Occupation	Marital status	Schedule	Schedule Sub Number
Patrick	McConnor	1870	27 Apr 1870	Male	Watch Manretired	Married	121	1
Mary	McConnor	1874	18 May 1874	Female	Unpaid Domestic Duties	Married	121	2
Andrew	McConnor	1917	07 Apr 1917	Male	Motor Mechanic	Single	121	3

The Register shows Mary, Patrick and their youngest son, Andrew, living at 201 Barrow Hill.

Mary died in 1951 at the age of 77. She had been married to Patrick for 58 years.

Wife: Olive Winifred Longmate (1908 – 1991)

Olive Winifred Longmate (1908 – 1991) was born in Whittington, Derbyshire on 15th December 1908. Her parents were Tunnard Arthur Longmate (1885 – 1953) and Martha Fane (1888 – 1927). Her father was from Barrow Hill and her mother was from Whittington. Olive was their first child. On the 1911 Census, Olive is living with her parents and a younger sibling at 5 Bamford Street in New Whittington. Her father was employed as a pipe moulder labourer. In the 1935 Olive married John McConnon and in 1937 they had their first child, John McConnon.

After her husband was killed in May 1938, Olive and her young son continued to live at the same address, 14 Cross London Street, New Whittington.

Olive W Lilley (Mcconnon) on the 1939 Register

1939 REGISTER TRANSCRIPTION



Lilley (Mcconnon) Household (2 People)

14 Cross London Street , Chesterfield M.B., Derbyshire, England

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FIRST NAME(S)	LAST NAME(S)	DOB	OCCUPATION	
John	McConnon	16 Jun 1937	Under School Age	>
Olive W	Lilley (Mcconnon)	15 Dec 1908	Unpaid Domestic Duty	>

In 1947 at the age of 39 Olive married Clarence Lilley (1912 – 1969) and had a further two children in 1948.

Olive died in 1991 at the age of 83.