

From: [Marie Shaw](#) **To:** archives@wirral-libraries.net **Sent:** Tuesday, August 05, 2003 6:35 AM **Subject:** Tranmere Union Infirmary

I recently obtained the Death Registration for my great grandfather. His name was Jacob Alfred HASTINGS. Jacob died at the Infirmary on March 25, 1906 of pulmonary tuberculosis (certified by OJ Parry - Edwards MB). His age was recorded as 55 years, but I believe that he was actually 49.

Jacob's occupation was fireman on Steam Vessel of Birkenhead. He was a marine fireman when he married in 1883 and appeared to be at sea at the time that the 1891 and 1901 census returns were recorded. His wife, Ellen, was the informant on the death registration. Ellen lived at 18 Eldon Place, Birkenhead.

Are there any other sources of information that I could check? I would appreciate any advice that you could give me.

[Response – received August 29, 2003](#)

We have found entries for the admission and death of Jacob Hastings in the **Tranmere Workhouse** records. Unfortunately I don't think these entries give you much more information than you already have. The Creed Register (A/HH/50/4) records his **admission to the Workhouse** as follows:

Date of birth: 1850
Name: Hastings. Jacob
Abode: 18 Eldon Place, Birkenhead
Religion: C of E
Occupation: Marine Fireman
Informant: Wife, Ellen
Address of Informant: 18 Eldon Place, Birkenhead
Date of admission: 18 January 1906
Date of discharge: 8 February 1906

The record in the **Workhouse death register** (A/HH/55/4) is as follows:

Date of death: 25 March 1906
Name: Hastings, Jacob
Age: 55
Cause of death: Pulmonary Tuberculosis
Religion: C of E

We also hold in this office indexes to the Wirral registers of births, marriages and deaths for certain dates. I was able to find an entry for the marriage of Jacob Hastings, which I will record in case you do not have these details already:

Date of marriage: 3 March 1883 (My note - THIS DATE IS NOT CORRECT)
Jacob A. Hastings and Ellen Adams
Holy Trinity Church, Birkenhead
Register ref: Book 2, Entry 356

To acquire this marriage certificate you would have to contact the Register Office, Town Hall, Mortimer Street, Birkenhead, CH41 5EU tel. 0151 666 4096 with the details above. (there is a charge for that service). I hope that this information will be of some interest to you.

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