

FUNERAL OF ROAD ACCIDENT VICTIM

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Long memory 28/7/75

A BIDEFORD veteran with vivid memories of boyhood here around the turn of the century has joined in the interest in my recent reference to the old daubing of a donkey on a wall near the River Bank.

He is 87-year-old Mr Charles Whitlock, of 25 Lime Grove, Bideford, who was born at Cleavehouses. Of the daubing of the donkey he told me: "My father was one of those who helped to do it."

Mr Whitlock recalls going to school over the narrow bridge

near where the then open Pill joined the river. He also remembers the filling-in of the Pill, the construction of the long-departed Bideford-Westward Ho! railway and the creation of the Victoria Park from what was earlier a refuse dump.

Not many local memories nowadays can go back so far, or so clearly. 28/7/75

The funeral took place at Huntshaw Church of Mr Thomas Alfred Whitlock, of 2 Ford Cottages, Huntshaw Water, who died in a car accident on the Bideford - Torrington road.

Mr Whitlock, who was 23, was the only son of Mr and Mrs C Whitlock. A member of North Devon Motor Club, he was formerly with Kingsbury Fisheries and latterly worked for Bideford Toy Works.

Family mourners were: Mr and Mrs C Whitlock, parents; Miss J Shorland, sweetheart; Mr and Mrs Shorland; Mr and Mrs C Hutchings; Mr and Mrs A Johns, Mr W Parish, Mrs O Whitlock, Mr and Mrs R Taylor, Mr and Mrs K Bailey, Mr and Mrs D Walter, uncles and aunts; Mr and Mrs B Whitlock, Mr and Mrs P Hutchings, Mr A Johns, Miss Johns, Mr T Street, Miss K Taylor, Mr G Taylor, Mrs J Baker, Mrs S Sanders, Mr M Bailey, Mr and Mrs G Gammon, Mr and Mrs E Tucker, Mr and Mrs B Bond, Mr and Mrs B Maynard, Mr and Mrs P Takel, Mr and Mrs F Bailey, Mr and Mrs J Heard, Mr and Mrs A Fanson, Messrs H Fletcher, W Jennings, J Bailey, A Bailey, Mrs C Wade, Miss I Bond, cousins.

Unavoidably absent were Mrs W Parish, Mrs T Hancock, Mr and Mrs J Bond, aunts and uncles; Mrs M Colwill, Mrs R Street, Keith and Stephen Taylor, Barry and Alison Walter, cousins. Bearers were Messrs R Smith, I Shorland, A Cappell and R Luxton.

Flowers were: A family cross, in loving memory of our darling Tom, from Mum and Dad and sweetheart Jacky. — All are heartbroken; from aunty Mary and uncle Cyril; Peter, Margaret and family; Eddie, Nina, Debbie, Lisa and Natasha; aunty Phil and uncle Bill, Margaret, John and children; aunty Ber, uncle David, Barry and Alison; aunty Olive; Chris and Margaret Shambrook; aunty Una, uncle Albert, Sandra and Arthur; Mr and Mrs R Smith, Ivor and Jack of Kingsbury Fisheries; Nick and Shirley; Mum and Dad Shorland, Ian and Christine; Mrs W Northcott; all at Higher Guscott; Mr and Mrs J Trathen and family; Rebecca and David; all at Huntshaw Barton; little John Cloak; Mrs A B Leitch; Roger, Louis, Rachel and Polly (Brownscombe); Barbara and family; N and G Watkins, Rachel and Chris; Alf and Hilda; Cyril, Margaret, Susan and Carole; great aunt Flo, uncle Jack and families (Killhampton); H O Walters and families; George and Rosamund Winter and the boys; all your friends of the North Devon Motor Club; all at Hadicott; Nigel, Roy, Stan, Eric, Alan, Nicky, Nancy, Trevor,

WHITLOCK—The family of the late Mr W J Whitlock, of 7 Saltrens Cottage, Monkleigh, wish to express their sincere thanks to all relatives, friends and neighbours for their kindness in their recent sad bereavement. We would also like to thank the bearers, all who attended the crematorium, for the many messages of sympathy received, and those who kindly gave donations for Heart Research.