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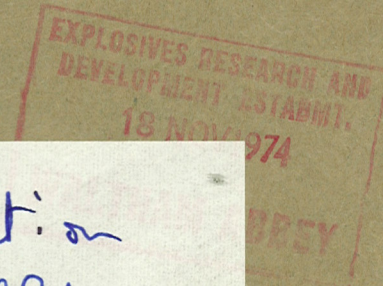
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Mr. McLaren,



Letters of recommendation
for would be employees
of RGPF 1885-1887

Handed to Mr Lock SAO/ERDE
by Mr Len Stocking Dec 1974

Lossen.



April 23. 1883

I hereby certify that
James Parker was in
my employ for about
eighteen Months, and
I have pleasure in recommending
him as steady, attentive,
industrious & persevering

W. A. Walther
Crossbrooks St
Chesham
Herts

Sold 10th 87

Nyn Park.

Potters Bar. N.

Major Barker

Sir

William Parker has asked
me to give him a character, he
has always been a steady
and industrious labourer.

Yours truly
R. Simpson

82 Hamulton Rd

West Norwood

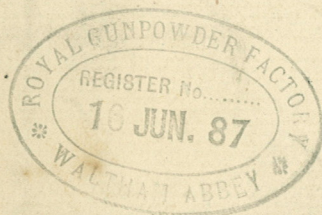
15th June 1887

Sir, I have looked for
employment without success
since I applied to you
last. If you have a vacancy
for a man and would
give me a trial I should
feel very grateful -

I remain

Your obedient servant

Geobright.



The Gardens
Warlies

May 4th

Major Barker

Sir

Alfred Farling
wishes to get employment in
the Powder Mills. and has
asked me to write to you on
his behalf . . . he has worked
here for more than 2 years and
I have known him previously
for several years . . . and I
have always known him as
a steady industrious. and well
behaved young fellow . . .

I remain Sir

Yours obediently

John Green

Gardener to Sir. J. F. Buxton, Bart

Joseph Pegram

Late Sesto Juanos

Character Good

James Lewis

Age 22.

1. G. L. Barge

9 Railway Terrace
Wren Road
Hertford —

I have known Edw^d Cortis
for the past 3 years & can
confidently recommend him
as an honest & hardworking
man.

9. 3. 87

J. James Smith
J. M. S. H. S. H. S.

Farm Hill
Waltham Abbey
March 18th

Dear Col Noble
Richard Scott the bearer
is a very steady
respectable man.

If there is a vacancy
of any kind in the
Powder Works you
would find him a
very satisfactory man.

Believe me
Very truly yours
F. B. Johnston

June 66th Aug¹⁵
Elias Eoen -

26 $\frac{10}{12}$ years of age

Character Good
Not Wicked

Cannot read -

Employed for 2 or 3
years in

M^r Hall Silvertown

Manner Works

Silvertown

Pleinstow

Address

E. Eoen

Stamstead

Essex

64 St George's Square SW

24th October 187

Dear Colonel Noble

The bearer of this is
Ernest Duns who, when I knew
him first, was in G/2 RA under
my command at Masekabad
in 1876. He had served his
twelve years in May last, and
has been out of Work Ever
Since - He is a teetotaler
& has been one for years, but
what is better he is a real
Christian and a good steady
Soldier - In fact his discharge
Certificate speaks for him -

If you can give him
Work under you, I feel sure
You will never regret it;

indeed, such men are
few & far between now-a-days.

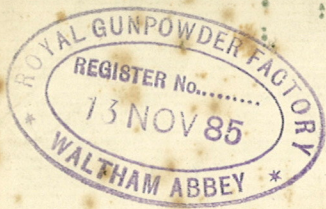
He at present is
living at Eltham near
London -

Believe me

very sincerely yours

J. P. Taylor

Imp^d



41. Warwick Rd
High Street
G. B. M.

Dear Sir

I am informed that
There is employment
On the works that
You are in command
Of I should be very
Thankful to you if
You could take me
On I was discharged
From A Division District

Staff i am in possession
of four conduct stripes
With good character
I Remain Your
Obedient Servant

P. J. Wilson

Sir

I am willing to
Come at once and
Will you let me
Know as soon as you
Possibly can

Sewardston

Nov. 12/9/07

Dear Sir

The bearer H. Massey
has worked for me ~~the~~
since he left school till
about three months
back He is a good
workman & steady

Yours faithfully

John A. Combs

Chas. H. Combs

- F. M. Dyer Jr.

Clinch Yard
Waltham Abbey.

23. 10. 1885.

Dear Mr. Findlay,

The bearer of this note
is a quiet hard working
lad - G. Stutters. If
you can possibly find
him employment - I shall
be personally glad as I
know his parents to be
honest and industrious people.
He has been trying for weeks
at the Lock but others get
before him. Yours very sincerely
W. Winters.

You may trust him
to work in sight - or
out of sight. His last
place was at Mr. W.
Pauls, who would
if needed give him
a good character
I am sure. Do kindly
excuse me troubleing
you on this occasion.

P S

I know you have many
calls. The father of the lad
tried several times to get
work but failed because he
had no one to speak for him.

St. Stephen's Vicarage,
Walthamstow.

13 Aug 85-

The Rev Dr Bullinger has
known Albert Walker for
some years - and is
pleased to recommend
him. He bears a
good character, & I believe
deserves it -

18 Hollingsworth Street,
St. James' Road,
Holloway, N.
21st. Augt. 1886.

Captⁿ Ward R. A.
Waltham Abbey Powder Mills.

Sir,

Some few months
since, you kindly wrote
me as to my obtaining
employment as a laborer
at the "Gunpowder Works,"
I have up to the present
been unsuccessful, but
when I was down there

Golden Hill Fort
Isle of Wight
1st June 1887

Sergeant Weston

I have much pleasure according to your wish, in giving you these few lines expressive of my great satisfaction with your conduct, while I have been in command of this Battery (9th Bde R.A.) in which you have performed the duties of Pay Sergeant.

You have a thorough knowledge of accounts and

During the time Thomas Sampford
was in my employ I found him
Honest, Steady and Industrious.

From "Mr. J. A. Patmore"
Hatfield 13th Oct

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GREAT EASTERN RAILWAY.—MEMORANDUM.

Waltham Cross
Station,

To

Mr Findley

Royal Gunpowder
Factory Waltham Abbey

Oct 17 1885

Dear Sir

The Bearer William Barnes
has resigned from our service
and is anxious for employment in
Royal Gunpowder Factory; if you
can put him in the way I should
feel obliged. I always found him
a steady & obliging young man

Yours very truly
C. St. John

Portsmouth
15th April 1812

I have much pleasure
in recording my entire sat-
isfaction with the manner
in which Sergeant Charles
Weston has conducted the
responsible duties of Pay
Sergeant of the Battery under
my Command since I joined
it. I trust his honesty
and intelligence will gain
him employment suitable
to his talents, should he
seek it, when he leaves Her-

William Alby.

Nov. 21st. 1887.

Dear Col. Webb.

If you happens
to have a vacancy in the
Royal Mills for the reason
often told (Joseph lines).
Will you kindly put him
to work for he has done
work for me for many
months & given me
satisfaction
Yours very truly
John Dawson

Collard Rd.
Walthamstow
30/7/88

Sirs,

I Can give, you
the best of Characters,
of Albert Walker,
as regards myself for
the 2 years that he
was with me, for
Honesty, Sobriety, &
punctuality, to all
the work I entrusted

to him, only having
to part with him
on acct of scarcity of
work, yours &c

J. E. Turner,
Steward
of Watson's
To Messrs H & B

Farmers Hill
Waltham Abbey
Oct 30th -

Dear Major Barber
If you are in want
of any land for work
at the Powder Factory
I can highly recommend
the Beacon Forge Farming
Believe me
Very truly yours
F. B. Johnston

Emb^d /

Orderly Room
+ 1891
REGIMENTAL DISTRICT
TRAIL

Dr. *Traler*
Gunner *14. 6. 86*
Thomas Manton
Army Reserve. He wishes
for employment in any
capacity for which he is
suitable as a laborer, in
~~military~~ *any other*

His Character, on transfer
to Reserve in November
last, was good.

He lives in this Regt. Dist.
Law.

Yours Obedt Servant,
R. T. Knight Captain
Adjutant 101st Regt Dist.

ROYAL GUNPOWDER FACTORY
REGISTER No.
JUN 17 38
WALTHAM

WIRE
GEORGE WARD, LONDON.

Bell Yard, Gracechurch Street,
London, E.C.

G. WARD & CO
TAILORS.

(ENTRANCE ALSO FROM CORRIDOR OF 9 GRACECHURCH ST.)

G. WARD,
J. A. BOARDMAN,
G. H. ARNOLD.

September 7, 1887

Mr. Blanchard

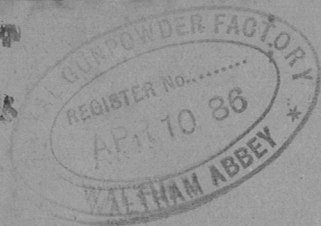
Sir

I am glad to learn from
your letter that your son
James Blanchard has obtained
a situation in the Royal Gunpowder
Factory.

With references to your enquiries
respecting his character during
the period he was with us

(I think over twelve years) I
have pleasure in stating that
we always found him honest
industrious and willing

Yours faithfully
E H Arnold
of Edward & Co



L. Warwick Esq
High Street
Gloucester Wells
9. 2. 86

Sir

Pardon
Me in taking the
Liberty writing to you
if there is a vacancy
in the powder factory I
should be most happy
to accept it Sir you
informed me that
you had entered my
name on your Book
I hope you will do what

John Hartnett has applied
to me for a character, he has merely
harvested with me therefore can say
little of his private or general character,
while in my service I found him do
his work in a proper manner.

Sept: 22nd 85

J. J. Green
Gt. Parndon

Aged 25 years.

Broadley Commons
Roxdown

Read & write a little

MEMORANDUM.

FROM

EDWIN J. HANCHET,
Monumental & General Mason,
SUN STREET, WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.

Head Stones, Tombs, Crosses, etc., erected to order.

Sept 6th 1887
To Mr. Hindley

Dear Sir

The bearer John Young
has been employed by me at several
times & I have always found him
steady and honest,

Yours truly
E. Hanchet

Memorandum.

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From

JAMES CARR & SONS,
MILLERS,
WALTHAM ABBEY, N.

To

Aug 6 / 85

William Savile has worked for
us nearly two years we found
him honest hard working & sober
& shall be glad to answer any further
inquiries James Carr & Sons

Warkis Farm Waltham Abbey

Oct. 21st 1883

Mr. Finley

Sir /

Alfred Milton applies
to me to give him a recom-
mendation I do ^{not} know
much about him only
that he worked for me
some years ago & I then
found him very steady
his Father I have
known for many years
as a hard working
steady honest man

Richard Scott:

32 years of age

Married

5 children -

8 years with Mr.

Parker Eagle Brewery

Westham Abbey

Highbridge Street

Westham Abbey

Is entered in
Employment Book

19/3/87 Lyb

Rose Cottage
Hamstead End,
Chesham,
Jan 28th 1886

Ralph Howard, was with
me, two & half years, &
during that time, I found
him sober, honest; &
his reason for leaving, I
believe was, that he wished
for some other occupation;
then gardening -

R.A. Regimental District Staff.

27. 10. 85.

My dear noble -
Herewith I send four

men -
 " Stapleton
 " Haddon
 " Dorton
 " Wilson

Whom I have seen, & consider
suitable for employment in
R.G.D.F. - all of good character
and have served 8 years, now
being passed to Reserve.

13 Janth 1888

The beaver John Speller
has worked for me at
different times in all
5 or 6 years, he left my
service in July last
I believe him to be
honest, steady, & active

JOHN DEWEY,
THE FARM,
WALTHAM CROSS, N.

Truzywater
Waltham Cross
Berks.

Oct 6th 1887

Sir

I have been asked by
Mr. Shannon for a Character
I beg to state that he worked
in my Department about
18 months previous to his being
discharged through slackness
of work. His work was always done
satisfactorily. I have pleasure
in recommending him to
you for employment. I remain
yours &c

H. Fitch

The Girs, Loughston
11 Oct 1887.

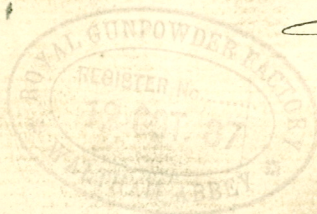
To the Superintendent
of Royal Gunpowder Factory
Wexford

Charles Herd who
is I believe applying for
work at above Factory
has from time to time
worked for me for the
last 3 years & I have always
found him honest, steady,
industrious, civil & willing

Generally, trustworthy -

Yrs faithfully

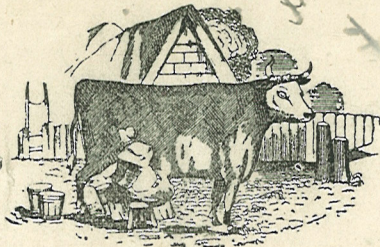
Wm H. Wright



Memo rium.

FROM

H. H. BANES,
Cowkeeper and Dairyman,
CLAIRVILLE + FARM + DAIRY,
118, ROMFORD ROAD,
STRATFORD, E.



To

September 1st 1881

James Furlong was in my employ two
year and three months during that time I
always found him honest, sober and industrious
he left me for no fault, only that I gave up
cowkeeping and did not require him

H. H. Banes

Upshire Hall.

Waltham Abbey.

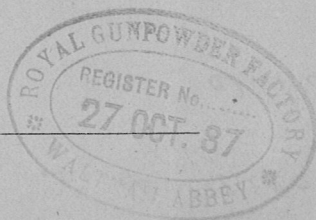
Essex. 2nd May 1885-

I beg to state that
Mr. Warr has
been removed from me
from a claim. &
I have no reason
to part with his
services. He shall
at his own time
be at liberty on
Wednesday 6th Inst.
J. G. Symonds

ROYAL SMALL ARMS FACTORY,
ENFIELD LOCK, N.,25th October 1887Supt. R.G.F.With reference to your enquiry relative to the
character of J. C. Jones I beg to inform you thathe was employed in this Factory as a Fitterfor a period of 4 years during which time heconducted himself in a satisfactory mannerand was considered an ordinary Workman.His wages were 9.00 per hour during the
time he was in this Establishment, and he left on reductionon 12.5.87.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

John Rogers
~~Colonel R.G.F.~~, Superintendent.

Col. Noble. Sir.

I have called to ask if you can find me some
kind of employment in the Powder Mills &c. I
have been the last summer instructing English
Farmers in the art of growing and curing
Tobacco but the business is all over for this
season & I have since been trying to get a

Farm Bailiffs situation to which I was brought
up under my Father the late Bailiff to the Duke
of Manchester - (before I went to Virginia) I
have applied for so many places now & waited
so long that my means are completely exhausted
& I have a wife and 2 poor little boys now
entirely destitute - I shall be very thankful indeed
if you can find me something - Jno. C. Wallis.

The Supr. writes
the name of the
men mentioned in
these papers & the
entries in the
Ensign's Books.

Aug 1st 1877
The Police, who

recommend this man
P. Kennedy, states
that he is young
(21) strong, healthy
& of good character

11/11/87

John C. Wallis

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if you can find me something - Jno. C. Wallis.

Wrote you please send
The papers back to
Police Capt Lee when
the entry has been
made in Supp.
Book

West Street
Hertford

Sir

I beg to say Thomas Milton
lived in my service 7 years
and during that time I
found willing and obliging
truthful Steady and Honest
In fact a thorough good
Servant

Yours obediently
E M Baxter

January 14th 1836

MEMORANDUM.

From

THE SUPERINTENDENT,

ROYAL GUNPOWDER FACTORY,

WALTHAM ABBEY.

To

John Bell Esq.

General Manager

Metropolitan Railway

32. Westbourne Terrace

Paddington

W.

R.L. 1500-28-9-78

Register No.

18. May 1881.

Joseph Rann ^{now} aged 18 years, was employed in this Factory from 16th July 1877 to 29 March 1879. During that period his character was good, and he was discharged on a reduction of hands owing to the closing of the Gun Cotton Works, in which he was engaged.

L. H. Wardell.

Majr RA

Asst. Sup^r R. G. P. F.f. Sup^r

14. 12. 86.
21 Union Crescent
Union Street
Kingsland Rd
London E

Sir

Excuse me in
taking the liberty
writing to you in
hope it shall not give
any offence Sir I
think my case deserves
looking into I have
been out of employment
about ten weeks
I came to Waltham Abbey

Good conduct badges
Also a good character
Sir I have tried all
the government works
And cannot get work
I think it very hard
Sir if you could do
anything for me
I am with oblige
your Obedient
Servant G Wilson

Late Gunner
A division district
Staff B et



About two months
ago I did not see
you but your lady
took my address
And promised to
bring it to you
Notice Sir I hope
you can give me some
kind of employment
I was five years in
A division district
Staff also under
your command when
discharged I was in
possession of four

Write that his
name as been
noted but as there
are no vacancies
and numerous
applications ^{regret that} no
prospect can
be held out.

MH

21/12

Wrote 21/12/86
J.P.

35 Saville Place
Laureth Road S. E.
21st December 1885

Sir

In answer to your letter dated 19th inst
I beg most respectfully to state that I have
been employed at Marshall Sons & Co Engineers
74 Harrington Road E. C. where my character
could be obtained if required my work for
the above named has been as an assistant to
Engine Fittus the following are the replies
to questions requested.

Where born? Eastbourne 25th May 1851

Services abroad? Gibraltar 4th Feb 1871 till 25th Oct 75

Married or Single? Married

If Married what family? None

Next of Kin? Brother George and Cousin General

Residence of Relations? G. Weston R Battery 1st Bde

R & C Bellary India. Mrs J. Ottery 8 Casburn

Terrace Ranelagh Road West Haver.

Certificate or Recommendation from any Officer?

Copies of Testimonials herewith.

Character on Discharge? Good

Whether fit for Physical labour? Yes

To Major Barker Charles Weston
Royal Artillery
Royal Gun Powder Factory
Waltham Abbey



copy
Union Club
Malta

The bearer Driver William Mc
Adam now a pensioner from
Royal Horse Artillery was my
servant for over five years from
Sept 1881 to Dec^r 1886

I found him always honest
sober & trustworthy he is a
good Groom & careful with
horses, also he understands
and is fond of Gardening and
he is clever at carpentering work
about a house and is always
willing to make himself useful

I only parted with him
because I was ordered abroad
and cannot say more than I
should be glad to employ him
again should I ever have an
opportunity of doing so

H. Skel

Major R. A.

His wife is an excellent
Landress

Residence 19. Arm. Strong Street
Woolwich