

Police Constable 62 William Tribe Surrey Constabulary Horley





SURREY CONSTABULARY APPOINTMENT BOOK

Examination of William Tribe No. of Appointment 829

Age 30 years in 1872 Height 5 ft 8 ins. Complexion Fair

Hair Brown Eyes Blue Marks _____ Figure Proportional

Born in the parish of East Meon In the county of Hants

Single or Married _____ No. of Children None

Trade or Calling Laborer Last Residence Bordean, near Petersfield, Hants

By Whom Last Employed, And Where. In the Hants Constabulary in the Isle of Wight

What Relatives Residing In Surrey And Where None

Previous Public Service Hants County Constabulary

Length Of Service November 1868 to August 1873

No. On Collar 62

Date Of Appointment 21 August 1873

When Sworn In And Where 23 August 1873, at Guildford

Before What Magistrates Mr Chandler and Mr Braby

Where First Stationed Lee Street, Horley

Promotions

Date	From	To
<i>Jan 1/74</i>	<i>Constable Third Rate of Pay</i>	<i>Constable Second Rate of Pay</i>
<i>April 1/77</i>	<i>Constable Second Rate of Pay</i>	<i>Constable First Rate of Pay</i>

Date Of Removal From The Force *Superannuated 10 December 1893*





PC Tribe at Horley and with his family at their police house; note the old constabulary sign over the door.

John Molyneux: William Tribe joined the Surrey Constabulary 21 August 1873 on transfer from the Hampshire County Constabulary. He was appointment number 829 and allocated the collar number 62.

Tribe had been transcribed as Trilie in Census documents and has been difficult to find, although once I had discovered this error I found his details on Ancestry for 1891. The same poor quality of transcription probably applies to his entry in the 1871 census, but unfortunately I don't have the disks for Hampshire/Isle of Wight and his name does not appear in their index.

In 1851 William he was living at home with his parents, Joseph and Mary and his grandfather, also Joseph. In 1861 he was in lodgings in Bordean, near Petersfield, Hampshire working as an agricultural labourer.

William Tribe describes himself, in the 1901 census, as a retired police constable and lived in Church Road, Horley, next to the Six Bells PH. Back in 1881 he was a police constable living in Lee Street, Horley.

Combining details from both the 1881, 1891 and 1901 censuses. (1891 census transcribed as Trilie) I have come up with the following:-

William Tribe was born about 1843 in East Meon, Hampshire. His wife, Jane, was born about 1850 in Calbourne, Isle of Wight. They had a total of 8 children, all born in Horley; William James born 1877; Joseph Henry, also born about 1877 (twins?); Mary Jane, born 1878, Walter Percy, born 1880, Tillie, born 1883, Fanny, born 1886; James Albert, born 1881; and Harrie (sic but repeated in 1891 census) born 1888.

His helmet plate seems unusual as it is all chrome and doesn't appear to bear his collar number. If his number is on his collar it is well hidden by his beard!

Mr Tribe was superannuated on the 10 December 1893

I still can't find Apps the photographer in Horley.

From the caption to this picture - 'Branch's Corner in 1906, looking south-west along Massetts Road' below Mr Branch had a butcher's shop on the corner, previously, when Mr Grinstead had the shop, it was known as Grinstead's Corner. Now it is just known as the traffic lights in the town centre, although the spot from where the photo was taken is now part of the pedestrianised area of the High Street. The shop was demolished in 1937 when Central Parade was built. These shops are almost opposite the New Pavilion Cinema and the police station - both now closed! The people in the picture are carrying parasols.



John Willson: The photo of PC Tribe taken by Apps is definitely an original and was given to me by his daughter who was 76 when I met her in 1993. The photo of the pilots also came from her as her brother is in the picture. Not sure which officer now.

REIGATE BOROUGH POLICE



Members of the Regular Force and Special Constabulary Aircraft Section (formed in 1935) being inspected by the Chief Constable, Mr. William H. Beecher. The Section consisted of a dozen pilots using Redhill Aerodrome, who carried regular Police as observers during duty flights.



Horley Police Station about 1910

