

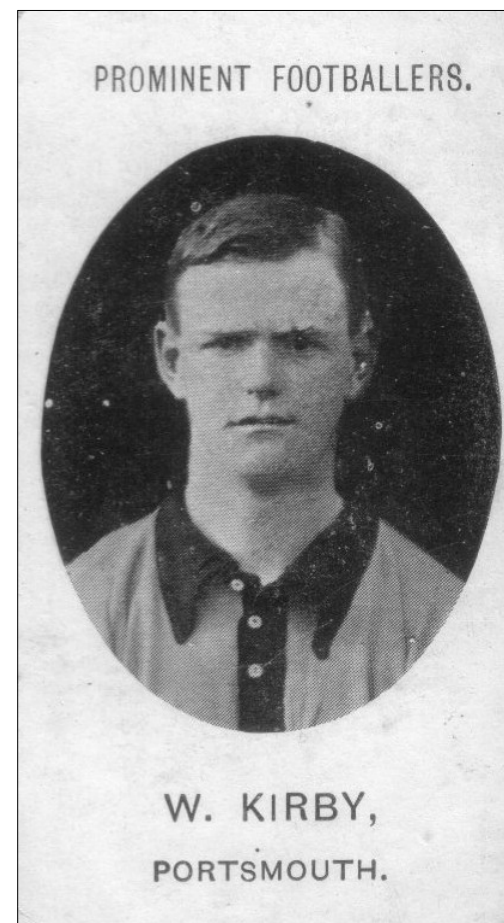
KIRBY	William
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<i>Date of Birth</i>	21.6.1882	<i>Place of Birth</i>	Preston		
<i>Date of Death</i>	3.10.1917	<i>Place of Death</i>	Ypres, Belgium		
<i>Height</i>	5ft 10.5in	<i>Weight</i>	11st 7lb to 12st 3lb	<i>Position</i>	Forward

<i>Club</i>	<i>Joined</i>	<i>Season</i>	<i>F L</i>		<i>F A</i>		<i>S L</i>		<i>W L</i>		<i>L C</i>		<i>TOTALS</i>	
			<i>A</i>	<i>G</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>G</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>G</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>G</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>G</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>G</i>
Emmanuel Rovers														
Preston North End	11.1900													
Oswaldtwistle Rovers	7.1901													
Swindon Town	8.1902	1902-03			5	5	28	6					33	11
West Ham United	cs1903	1903-04			3	1	33	10					36	11
Swindon Town	5.1904	1904-05			2	2	19	2					21	4
Portsmouth	3.1905	1904-05					11	2	5	2			16	4
		1905-06			1	1	28	6	11	7			40	14
		1906-07			3	1	36	21	6	6			45	28
		1907-08			2	0	36	11	8	5			46	16
		1908-09			3	2	38	11	11	2			52	15
		1909-10			2	0	41	21					43	21
		1910-11			1	0	34	9					35	9
Preston North End	1911	1911-12	38	14	1	0							39	14
		1912-13	17	8									17	8
Exeter City	cs1913	1913-14					5	0					5	0
Merthyr Town	10.1913	1913-14			5	2	24	4					29	6
		1914-15			?	?	?	?					?	?
Croydon Common	1.1916	1915-16									16	6	16	6
Brentford		1916-17									18	2	18	2
		TOTALS	55	22	28	14	333	103	41	22	34	8	491	169

<i>Internationals</i>	None	<i>F.A. Cup Finals</i>	None
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<i>Cigarette/Trade Cards</i>				
<i>Company</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Series</i>	<i>Club</i>
Taddy	1907	N/A	Prominent Footballers	Portsmouth



Taddy 1907

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<i>Jottings</i>

Was known as "Sunny Jim"

Preston North End (a Football League club) retained his registration between 1901 and 1911 and so his periods with four Southern League clubs in the interim were tantamount to loan spells

Received a benefit of £220 in October 1910 after scoring 100 goals for Portsmouth, for whom he hit 5 hat tricks and 14 pairs

Was Portsmouth's top scorer when the club came second in the Southern League championship in 1906-07 and also Preston's top scorer in 1911-12

Scored on his debut for West Ham United

Scored from the spot on six occasions for Preston North End and was sent off at Bradford Park Avenue on 23 November 1912

Won a Division 2 championship medal with Preston North End in 1912-13

Played regularly for Merthyr Town, along with future Robin Alexander Weir, during the 1913-14 season when the club was relegated from Division One of the Southern League

Fractured two ribs playing for Merthyr Town against Swansea Town on Christmas Day 1914

Played in Croydon Common's last ever match

Served in the Royal Engineers and when invalided out went to work at Woolwich Arsenal - but didn't like the conditions and so re-enlisted with his old regiment in 1917

Was killed in France, serving as Private 40391 with the 6th (Pioneer) Battalion of the Royal Engineers, attached to the East Yorkshire Regiment

His Army number was formerly 230539, in the Royal Engineers, possibly prior to being invalided out earlier in the war

He is buried in the Bard Cottage Cemetery near Ypres and he tragically left a wife and five children below the age of 11

Returns to his native town more experienced if older than when he went to Portsmouth



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Swindon Town 1902-03



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West Ham United 1903-04

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Swindon Town 1904-05

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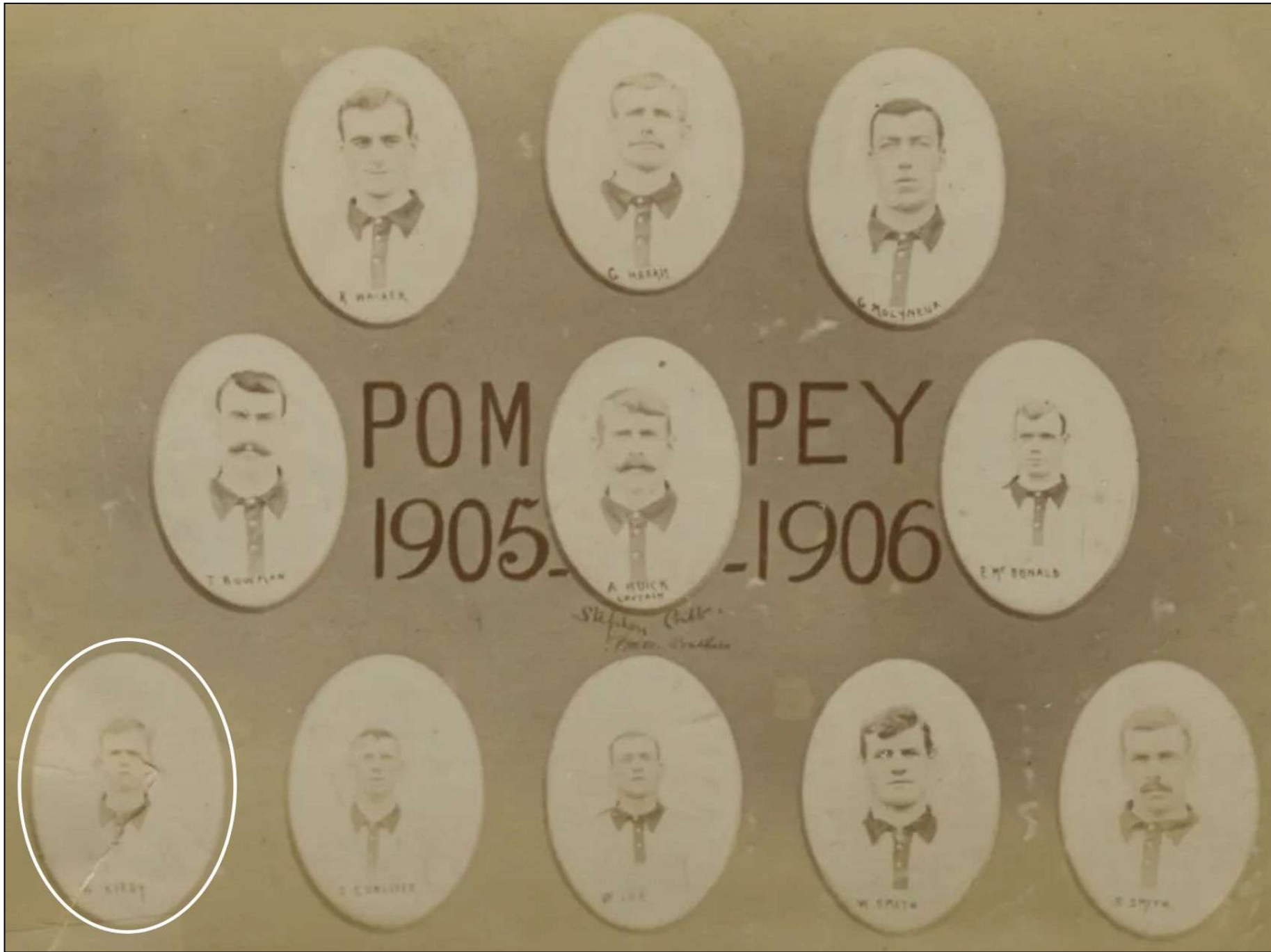
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Portsmouth 1905-06



Portsmouth 1906-07



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Portsmouth 1907-08



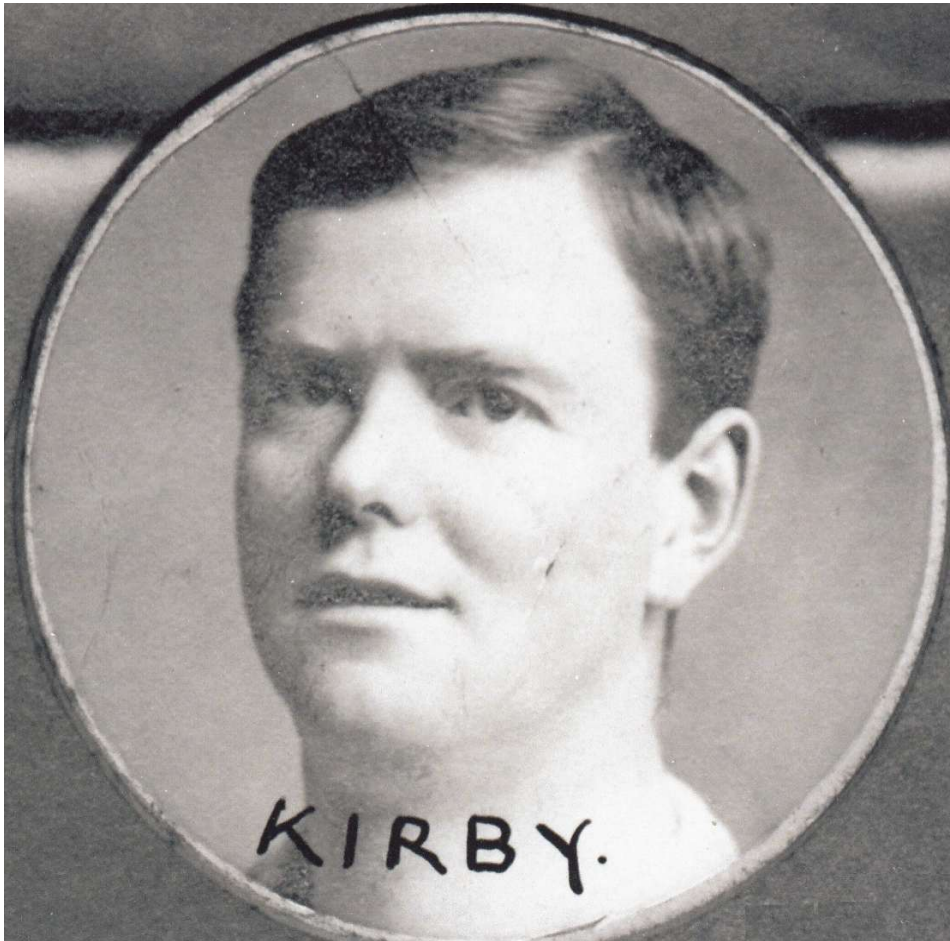
Portsmouth 1907-08



Portsmouth 1909-10

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At Preston North End in 1912



Exeter City 1913-14



Merthyr Town 1913-14

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Portsmouth 1911



Preston North End 1911-12

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Portsmouth 1910-11

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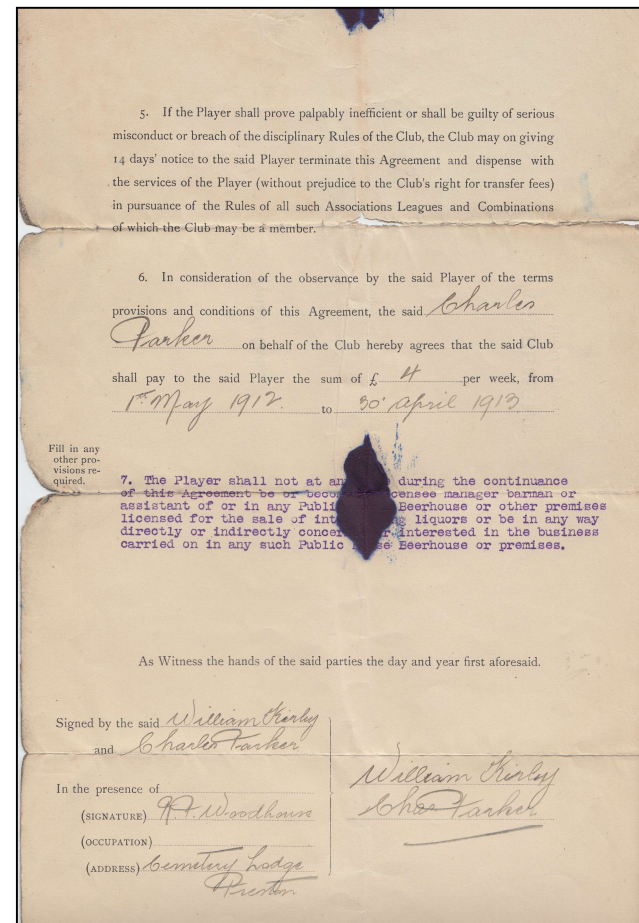
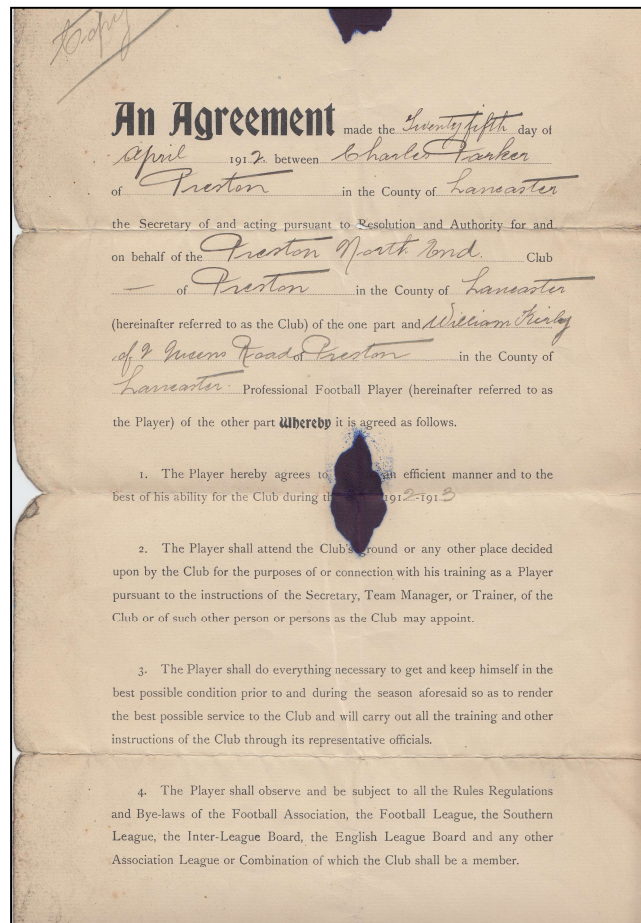
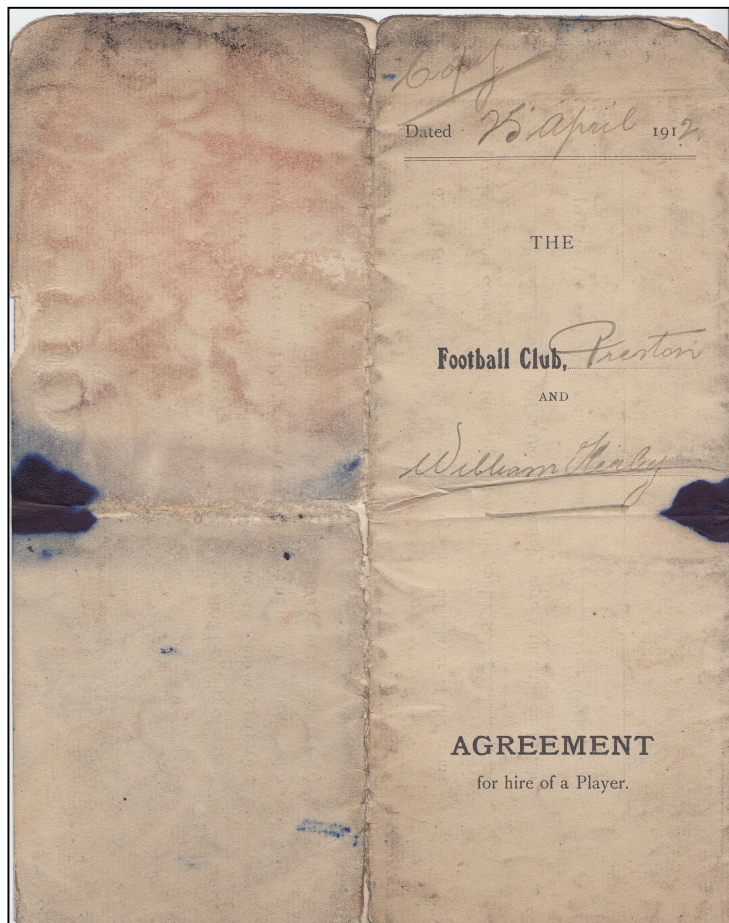
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Portsmouth 1910-11

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His contract with Preston North End in 1912

With thanks to his great granddaughter, Sharon Hill, for many of the photographs