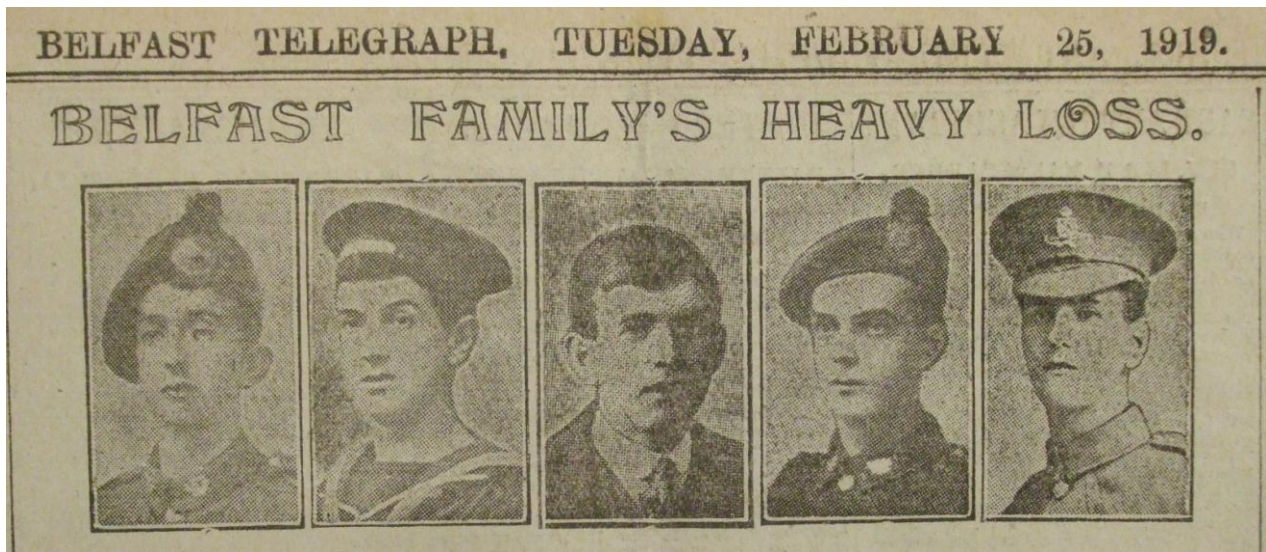


# Section 1



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This section documents families where several members – sometimes brothers, sometimes fathers and sons, sometimes uncles and nephews, sometimes cousins – served in the First World War.

Where additional details are included in Section 2 (Servicemen Biographies) section, an \* appears against the family name.

### **Allen** (Maryville Street)

Private Samuel David Allen served with the Royal Flying Corps and survived the war.

Private Ernest Allen served with the Royal Army Service Corps and was killed on 16<sup>th</sup> March 1918.

### **Baillie\*** (Ravenhill Park)

Lieutenant Robert Baillie served with the Royal Irish Rifles and survived the war, although he was listed as wounded.

Captain Hugh Montgomery Baillie served with the Royal Irish Rifles and was killed, aged 24, on 21<sup>st</sup> March 1918.

### **Barbour** (Salisbury Street)

Trooper James Albert Victor Barbour and Trooper Robert Taggart Barbour both served with the North Irish Horse and survived the war.

### **Barrett** (Vernon Street)

Trooper A. Barrett (1st Canadian Military Police) and Sergeant-Major Benjamin Barrett (Royal Irish Rifles) both survived the war.

### **Boland** (Gosford Street)

Private Robert Charles Boland served with the Royal Army Medical Corps and was listed as wounded.

Private Alexander Boland, served with the Royal Irish Rifles was killed, aged 20, on 1<sup>st</sup> July 1916, the first day of the Battle of Somme.

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### **Bratton** (Pine Street)

Private John Bratton served with the Royal Army Service Corps and survived the war.

Private George Bratton served with the Royal Irish Regiment and was killed, aged 22, on 12<sup>th</sup> August 1918.

### **Brown** (Beech Street)

Driver Thomas Brown (Royal Army Service Corps) and Gunner W. D. Brown (Royal Garrison Artillery) both survived the war.

### **Buchanan** (University Street)

Thomas McClurg Buchanan and James Arnold Buchanan both survived the war.

### **Burns** (Beech Street)

Private George Cron Burns (Royal Army Medical Corps) and Rifleman William James Burns (Royal Irish Rifles) both survived the war.

### **Collins** (Pine Street and Ormeau Street)

Private William Robert Collins served with the Royal Irish Rifles and Able Seaman Joseph Meredith Collins served in the Royal Navy. Both survived the war but William was discharged after having been wounded.

### **Colquhoun** (Wellington Park)

Lieutenant John Workman Coly (or Cody) Colquhoun served with the Royal Irish Fusiliers (and later with the 152nd Punjabi Regiment of the Indian Army) and Midshipman William Colquhoun served with the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve (RNVR). They were the sons of the Rev. William Colquhoun, Minister of Fitzroy Avenue Presbyterian Church, and both survived the war.

William Colquhoun was born in 1899 and joined the Queen's University Officer Training Corps on 13<sup>th</sup> November 1915 (on the same day as his neighbour and friend, Alexander Dunn Patton) and left the OTC in March 1918, when he joined the RNVR. William Colquhoun did his basic naval training on *HMS Hermione*, a depot base in Southampton, and served on Motor Launch 575 (HMS Victory shore base) and Motor Launch 348 (HMS Vigorous, a depot base in Larne). William Colquhoun was demobilised in February 1919 and he rejoined the Officer Training Corps when he resumed his academic career.

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### **Craig** (Penrose Street)

Sapper John Craig and Lance-Corporal Samuel Craig both served with the Royal Engineers and survived the war.

### **Davidson** (Southview Cottages, Rugby Road)

Frederick Norman Davidson was listed as wounded but survived the war whilst Private Duncan Malcolm Davidson (Royal Irish Rifles) was killed, aged 26, on 16<sup>th</sup> August 1918.

### **Donald** (Wellington Street)

Private David Alexander Donald (Royal Irish Rifles) and “Boy” Henry William Donald (Durham Light Infantry) both survived the war, although David was listed as wounded.

### **Ervine\*** (Magdala Street)

Petty Officer George Gray Ervine served with the Royal Naval Air Service (Armoured Car Division) and survived the war.

Sergeant William John Ervine served with the Royal Irish Rifles and was killed, aged 21, on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 1916.

### **Gordon\***

Private Thomas Edward Gordon served with the 236th Canadian Overseas Battalion and was killed, aged 30, on 5<sup>th</sup> April 1918.

Private Henry (Harry) Andrew Gordon also served with the 236th Canadian Overseas Battalion and died, aged 23, on 24<sup>th</sup> January 1919. He contracted pneumonia whilst recuperating from wounds received in battle.

Private David Gordon served with the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers and died, aged 19, on 10<sup>th</sup> August 1915 of wounds received in battle.

Gunner Frederick Gordon served with the Royal Field Artillery and was killed, aged 20, on 14<sup>th</sup> May 1918.

A fifth brother, Stoker Joseph Gordon, served with the Royal Navy and survived the war – his name does not appear on the PCI Roll of Honour for the Crescent congregation.

### **Gourley\*** (Elm Street)

Private Richard Gourley served with the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers and survived the war.

Private William Gourley served with the 2nd Canadian Mounted Rifles Regiment and was killed, aged 27, on 5<sup>th</sup> September 1916.

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### **Greer** (Roden Street)

Rifleman James Greer (Royal Irish Rifles), Private Thomas Greer (Royal Irish Fusiliers) and Corporal John Greer (Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers) all survived the war.

### **Hanna** (Maryville Street)

Rifleman James Hanna and Lance-Corporal Robert Hanna both served with the Royal Irish Rifles and survived the war. James was listed as wounded whilst Robert was imprisoned in a Prisoner of War camp.

### **Hanna**

Private Samuel Hanna served with the Royal Irish Rifles and Private William John Hanna served with the Royal Army Service Corps. Both father and son survived the war, although William John Hanna was listed as wounded. In 1911, Samuel Hanna was coachman for Sir William Whitla and was living at Lennoxvale. In the PCI Roll of Honour for the Crescent congregation, Samuel Hanna is listed as living in Spruce Street whilst William John Hanna was living with his uncle and cousins (*above*) in Maryville Street.

### **Herdman** (Elm Street)

Rifleman Henry Herdman and Rifleman John Herdman served with the Royal Irish Rifles, whilst Private Thomas Herdman and Private William Herdman served with the Royal Army Service Corps. All four brothers survived the war.

### **Hilditch\*** (Oak Street)

Private Thomas Hilditch (Toronto Regiment, Canadian Infantry), Private John Henry Hilditch (Canadian Expeditionary Force) and both survived the war

Private James Herbert Hilditch served with the Royal Army Service Corps and was killed, aged 17, on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 1916.

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### **Hogg** (Ormeau Road)

Lieutenant Thomas William Gerald Hogg received his commission with the Royal Army Medical Corps in November 1914.

Second Lieutenant James Hugh Bryson Hogg received his commission with the Manchester Regiment in June 1915.

They were the sons of Dr Thomas Simpson Hogg and both survived the war. At the start of the war, Thomas W G Hogg was a qualified doctor whilst James H B Hogg was studying medicine at QUB.

*(Both names appear on the PCI Roll of Honour lists for both the Fitzroy Avenue and Donegall Pass congregations!)*

### **Irwin** (Balfour Avenue)

Private Robert George Irwin (Royal Irish Fusiliers) and Rifleman William Dickey Irwin (Royal Irish Rifles) both survived the war, although William was listed as wounded.

### **Jackson** (Edinburgh Street)

Driver John Jackson and Driver Samuel Jackson both served with the Royal Army Service Corps and survived the war.

### **Jackson\*** (Lower Crescent)

Lieutenant James Sinclair Jackson MC (Royal Engineers), Lieutenant Culbertson Jackson MC (Royal Irish Rifles) and Captain Maurice Jackson (Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers) were all listed as wounded but survived the war.

### **Johnston**

Eric Johnston, Stanley Johnston and Thomas Johnston all survived the war, although Eric was listed as wounded and had been incarcerated in a Prisoner of War camp.

### **King** (Cromwell Road)

Father and son, Jack King and John King both survived the war, although John was listed as wounded.

### **Kinnen** (Craigmole Street)

Private Henry Kinnen (Royal Flying Corps) and Rifleman James Kinnen (Royal Irish Rifles) both survived the war.

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### **Kidd/Kydd** (Abbott Street)

Private George Ernest Kidd served with the London [Post Office Rifles] Regiment and was killed, aged 23, on 20<sup>th</sup> July 1917.

Lieutenant Samuel Kidd served with the Royal Berkshire Regiment and survived the war, although he was listed as wounded.

### **Loney** (Essex Street )

James Loney, Alexander Loney and Charles Albert Loney all survived the war.

### **Mackey** (Damascus Street )

Private Hugh Mackey and Private Thomas Mackey both served in the Royal Army Medical Corps and survived the War.

### **Marshall** (Craigmore Street)

Rifleman Robert Shaw Marshall and his elder son, Rifleman Alex Marshall, served with the Royal Irish Rifles whilst a younger son, Private Andrew Marshall, served with the Royal Flying Corps. All three survived the war, although Alex was listed as wounded.

### **Martin** (Spruce Street)

Rifleman John Martin and Rifleman Hugh Martin both served with the Royal Irish Rifles whilst Sapper James Martin served with the Royal Engineers. All three brothers survived the war.

### **Martin\*** (College House, Botanic Avenue/College Green)

Lieutenant Sidney Todd Martin served with the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers and was killed in action, aged 25, on the first day of the Battle of the Somme.

Lieutenant Norman Todd Martin served with the Royal Field Artillery and survived the war, being awarded the Military Cross in the January 1919 New Year's Honours list

### **McAlister** (Abbott Street)

Rifleman Herbert McAlister and Rifleman William McAlister both served with the Royal Irish Rifles and survived the war, although William was listed as wounded.

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### **McAlister\*** (Toronto)

Lance Corporal Samuel McAlister served with the 1st Central Ontario Regiment (Canadian Infantry) and was killed, aged 25, on 11<sup>th</sup> October 1918

Bombardier Robert McAlister served with the Canadian Field Artillery and was killed, aged 20, on 31<sup>st</sup> July 1917.

### **McCallum/McCollam** (Peveril Street)

Sergeant John McCallum served with the Royal Irish Rifles and was killed, aged 23, on 21<sup>st</sup> June 1917.

Rifleman James McCallum also served with the Royal Irish Rifles and was killed, aged 24 or 25, on 24<sup>th</sup> November 1917

(The Donegall Pass War memorial plaque and congregation's entry in the PCI Roll of Honour records the name as **McCollam**, but the Commonwealth War Graves Commission records the name as **McCallum**.)

### **McClinton\*** (Windsor Park)

Captain Arthur Norman McClinton MC and Captain Fredric Hurst McClinton both served with the Royal Irish Rifles and survived the war.

Captain John Stuart McClinton served with the South Lancashire Regiment and was killed, aged 29, on 5<sup>th</sup> July 1916.

### **McClune** (Craigmore Street)

Rifleman James McClune (Royal Irish Rifles) and his stepbrother Driver John McClune (Royal Army Medical Service) both survived the war, although James was listed as wounded.

### **McClune** (Rutland Street)

Private John McClune (Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers) and Private William McClune (Royal Army Service Corps) both survived the war.

*[It is possible that these two sets of McClune brothers were cousins.]*

### **McCone** (Landseer Street)

Able Seaman John McCone (HMS Carpathia), Private Thomas McCone (Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers) and Rifleman Samuel McCone (Royal Irish Rifles) all survived the war.



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### **McConnell** (Penrose Street)

Rifleman James McConnell and Corporal William McConnell both served with the Royal Irish Rifles and survived the war, although William was listed as wounded.

### **McCord** (Craigmore Street)

Private John McCord (Royal Irish Rifles) and Private William McCord (Royal Flying Corps) both survived the war, although John was listed as wounded.

### **McCoubrie** (St. Andrew's Square)

Private William J. McCoubrie served with the Royal Irish Fusiliers and was killed, aged 26 or 27, on 9<sup>th</sup> November 1917.

Sergeant Moses McCoubrie served with the Irish Guards and survived the war, although he was listed as wounded.

### **McKay** (Apsley Street)

Private Charles McKay (Royal Army Medical Corps), Rifleman James McKay (Royal Irish Rifles) and Samuel McKay all survived the war.

### **McKernan** (Auburn Street)

Private Frederick McKernan (Royal Field Artillery) and Private Thomas McKernan (American Army) both survived the war.

### **McLaughlin\*** (Fitzroy Avenue, later of South Parade)

Private John McLaughlin served with the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry and was killed, aged 26, on 27<sup>th</sup> February 1915.

Private Hugh Millar McLaughlin survived the war.

### **McManus** (Penrose Street)

Private John McManus MM (Royal Irish Fusiliers) and Private Thomas McManus (Royal Dublin Fusiliers) survived the war.

Horse-shoer David McManus served with the North Irish Horse was killed, aged 20, on 8<sup>th</sup> June 1917.

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### **McVeigh** (University Avenue)

Rifleman Albert McVeigh, Rifleman Richard McVeigh, Rifleman William McVeigh and Lance-Corporal Stewart McVeigh all served with the Royal Irish Rifles.

Private Herbert McVeigh served with the Royal Flying Corps whilst Gunner Walter McVeigh served with the Royal Field Artillery.

All six brothers survived the war, although Richard, Stewart, William and Walter were listed as wounded.

### **McWilliams** (Coyle Place)

Sergeant Hugh Stewart McWilliams served with the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers and was killed on 25<sup>th</sup> July 1916.

Lieutenant William Robert McWilliams served with the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers and survived the war.

### **Morgan\*** (Stranmillis Road)

Second Private Cecil Barrows Morgan served with the Royal Flying Corps and survived the war.

Second Lieutenant William Morgan served with the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers and was killed, aged 23, on 9<sup>th</sup> September 1916.

### **Nickels** (Agincourt Avenue)

Petty Officer Walter Nickels (Royal Naval Air Service) and Trooper Henry Nickels (North Irish Horse) both survived the war.

### **Nixon** (Curzon Street)

Rifleman Charles Nixon served with the Royal Irish Rifles and was killed, aged 19, on 1<sup>st</sup> July 1916, the first day of the Battle of the Somme.

Trooper James Nixon served with the North Irish Horse and survived the war.

### **Patterson** (Pine Street)

Private Robert Patterson served with the Royal Army Service Corps and survived the war.

Corporal William Patterson served with the Royal Irish Rifles and was killed, aged 19 or 20, on 7<sup>th</sup> June 1917.

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### **Patton\*** (Wellington Park)

Captain John Henry Alexander Patton MC (Royal Irish Rifles), Second Lieutenant William Francis Patton (1st King George's Own Gurkha Rifles) and Lieutenant Alexander Dunn Patton (Royal Horse Artillery) all survived the war. William Francis Patton was listed as wounded and spent some time in a Prisoner of War camp.

### **Pinion** (Toronto Terrace, Lisburn Road)

Private Francis Martin Pinion and Private William Robert Pinion both served with the Royal Army Service Corps and survived the war.

### **Porter** (Essex Street)

Private Hugh Porter MM (Royal Army Service Corps), Rifleman John Porter (Royal Irish Rifles) and Private William Porter (Seaforth Highlanders) all survived the war, although John and William were listed as wounded.

Private James Porter also served with the Seaforth Highlanders and was killed, aged 22 or 23, on 25<sup>th</sup> September 1915.

### **Reaney** (McClure Street)

Able Seaman Robert Reaney (HMS Diligence) and Able Seaman James Reaney (HMS Benbow) both survived the war.

### **Russell** (Gordon Terrace, Agincourt Avenue)

Rifleman Andrew Russell and Rifleman George Russell both served with the Royal Irish Rifles and survived the war, although George was listed as wounded.

### **Russell** (Auburn Street)

Driver George Russell (Royal Army Service Corps) and Trooper William Russell (Irish Guards) both survived the war

Their elder brother, James, was married to Sarah Speers, sister of William and George Speers (*below*).

### **Scott** (Damascus Street)

Private Norman Scott (Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers) and Private Albert Scott both survived the war, although Norman was listed as wounded.

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### **Scott** (Charlotte Street)

Rifleman Frederick Scott, Rifleman Harry Scott and Rifleman Walter Scott all served with the Royal Irish Rifles and survived the war, although Frederick and Harry were listed as wounded.

Lance-Corporal Robert Scott served with the Royal Irish Rifles and was killed, aged 25, on 10<sup>th</sup> December 1914.

### **Shaw** (Cromwell Street)

Rifleman Thomas Shaw (Royal Irish Rifles), Lieutenant William Shaw (Royal Irish Rifles) and Lieutenant Martin Shaw (Royal Garrison Artillery) all survived the war.

Lieutenant Martin Shaw, who was awarded the Military Cross, was also attached to the Colonial Office in November 1915 and served with the Nigeria Regiment as part of the West Africa Frontier Force.

### **Smyth\*** (University Street)

Corporal John Alexander Smyth served with the Royal Engineers and survived the war, having been discharged in 1916 due to wounds received in battle.

Second Lieutenant Gordon Dill Long Smyth served with the Royal Irish Rifles was killed, aged 21, on 16<sup>th</sup> August 1917.

### **Speers** (Auburn Street)

Private George Speers served with the Warwickshire Territorials and survived the war.

Guardsman William Speers served with the Irish Guards and was killed, aged 27 or 28, on 28<sup>th</sup> July 1918.

Their sister, Sarah was married to James Russell, the elder brother of William and George Russell (*above*).

### **Taylor** (Wesley Terrace, Cooke Street)

Private Harry Taylor (Cameron Highlanders) and Private James Taylor (Royal Engineers) were both listed as wounded but survived the war.

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### **Thompson** (Craigmore Street)

Gunner William A Thompson (Royal Field Artillery), Rifleman James Thompson (Royal Irish Rifles), Sergeant Robert Thompson MM (Royal Engineers) and Major Joseph Thompson (Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers) all survived the war, although James was listed as wounded. Robert Thompson was awarded the Military Medal in 1916

Rifleman David Thompson (Royal Irish Rifles) was killed, aged 23 or 24, on 16<sup>th</sup> August 1917.

### **Thompson** (Beech Street and Dufferin Street)

Private Charles Thompson (Royal Irish Fusiliers), Private Robert Thompson (Royal Army Service Corps) and Rifleman Samuel Thompson all survived the war, although Charles was listed as wounded. A fourth brother also served in the war.

### **Wightman** (Fitzroy Avenue)

The 1901 Belfast Street Directory records a “David Wightman”, with a jewellery business at 188 North Street, as living at 128 Fitzroy Avenue. In the 1907 Belfast Street Directory, his widow, Jane Wightman, was residing at 112 Fitzroy Avenue. The 1911 Ireland Census records that Jane Wightman and eight of her ten surviving children – four sons (Harold Thomas, Brice Miller, Herbert and George Frederick) and four daughters (Eliza Sanderson, Jessie, Helen Mary and Janie Louisa) – were living at 112 Fitzroy Avenue. Her two eldest sons, David Alexander and William Vint, had left home.

Rifleman Herbert Wightman served with the Royal Irish Rifles and was awarded a Divisional Gallantry Certificate. He was killed, aged 19, on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 1915 by a sniper whilst on sentry duty. The Commonwealth War Graves Commission records that Herbert Wightman was the brother of Harold T. Wightman of 133 Ormeau Road, Belfast.

Sergeant Major Brice Miller Wightman served with the Royal Army Medical Corps and survived the war. On 27<sup>th</sup> July 1917, he suffered a serious shrapnel wound to the thigh and was subsequently awarded the Legion D’Honneur Croix de Guerre by the French Government. He had previously been awarded a Divisional Gallantry Certificate for:

*“continuous zeal, devotion to duty, and conscientious behaviour ever since his arrival in France.”*

George Frederick Wightman, David Alexander Wightman and William Vint Wightman survived the war, although David and William were both listed as wounded.

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### **Wilson** (Craigmore Stree)

Rifleman Joseph Wilson served with the Royal Irish Rifles whilst Private Francis Wilson and Private Thomas Wilson both served with the Royal Flying Corps. All three brothers survived the war, although Francis was listed as wounded.

### **Wilson** (Apsley Street)

Corporal Thomas Wilson served with the Royal Irish Rifles and survived the war.

Rifleman William Wilson served with the Royal Irish Rifles and was killed, aged 22 or 23, on 27<sup>th</sup> June 1917.

### **Wilson\*** (Rugby Road)

Private William Bell Wilson served with the Winnipeg Rifles (Canadian Infantry) and died, aged 33, on 2nd September 1918.

Lance Corporal John (Jack) Wilson served with the Royal Irish Rifles and, although listed as wounded, survived the war.

### **Yeates** (Agincourt Avenue)

Sergeant Andrew Breakey McKee Yeates served with the Royal Irish Rifles and was killed, aged 31, on 16<sup>th</sup> August 1917.

Sergeant Hugh McKee Yeates also served with the Royal Irish Rifles and survived the war.

(The Donegall Pass war memorial records **Sgt A Yates** but the name is spelled as **Yeates** in the PCI Roll of Honour entry for Donegall Pass, the Commonwealth War Graves Commission record and the 1911 Ireland Census.)

### **Young** (Bagot Street)

Private Samuel Leslie Young and Private David Marshall Young both served with the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers and survived the war, although Leslie Young was listed as wounded and had been incarcerated as a Prisoner of War.