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From: Bradley.Alan <Bradley.Alan@comcare.gov.au>  
To: Ballarat Tramway Museum <btm@netconnect.com.au>  
Date: Wednesday, May 8, 2002 10:36:48 AM  
Subject: family history  
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I have not been able to find anything about this person in my notes. Perhaps Warren could check if he is listed on the microfiche, as I cannot access a fiche reader at present.

Regards,

Alan

-----Original Message-----

From: Ballarat Tramway Museum [mailto:btm@netconnect.com.au]  
Sent: March 10, 2002 9:56  
To: Alan Bradley (E-mail)  
Subject: FW: family history

Alan

Could you oblige please?

I have replied to the effect that our historian would investigate.

Regards, Peter

-----Original Message-----

From: annalee [SMTP:annalee@cnl.com.au]  
Sent: Sunday, 17 February 2002 5:32 PM  
To: [btm@netconnect.com.au](mailto:btm@netconnect.com.au)  
Subject: family history

Dear Sir/Madam,

I have recently started looking into my family history and I am told that my grandfather Albert Ernest Willmott worked with Ballarat Tramways I would imagine early 1900's.

He apparently invented something to do with stopping electrocution on the overhead wires of the trams and was paid 5 pounds. I am wondering if you have any written records regarding anything to do with him.

Any information would be greatly appreciated.

Thank You

Lee Willmott

[annalee@cnl.com.au](mailto:annalee@cnl.com.au)

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From: Warren Doubleday <tramwad@alphalink.com.au>  
To: Annalee@cni.com.au <Annalee@cni.com.au>  
Date: Friday, May 17, 2002 9:40:58 PM  
Subject: Albert Willmott  
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Lee Willmott

Re you email of 17/2. Alan Bradley recently passed this on to me. I have been away on holidays.

I have had a look through the Electric Supply Co. employees register. They were the operator of the Ballarat Tramways.

I did find one reference to a Albert Willmott in the "applications for employment section". The date given was 4.1.19, address 7 Grant St. Ballarat, Age 33 at 19/4/18, weight 11 stone, 0 pounds and Religion - Church of England.

Unfortunately the page opposite which gave more details is missing.

I could not find any other reference to him in the register, such as a appointment to a motorman or a conductor at the time in 1919, or earlier. This is not to say, that they are not any.

If you could give me some more details, I will search further.

Warren Doubleday  
Manager Museum Services

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Best regards,  
Warren

<mailto:tramwad@alphalink.com.au>

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**From:** annalee <annalee@cni.com.au>  
**To:** tramwad@alphalink.com.au <tramwad@alphalink.com.au>  
**Date:** Friday, June 7, 2002 11:03:17 AM  
**Subject:** Albert Willmott  
**Folder:** Inbox/Wtramwad

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Dear Warren,

I believe that the information you found on Albert Willmott was indeed my Grandfather.

All I can tell you was that he was highly respected having invented a device to stop the sparking of overhead wires when the boom was connected and as there was no such thing as a patent at the time he recieved 5 pounds a week for life. He had been a Sergeant in the first world war in France where he was gassed and consequently developed TB and eventually became an invalid. He worked for the Tramways on his return from the army. I don't know how long for as he became very sick from the TB.

I have also discovered that there is a tree in the Avenue of honour at Ballarat with his name on it. Does that still exist?

I have also discovered in my never ending search for answers that my Grandmother Willmott{nee Gordon} was related to the Australian Poet Adam Lindsay Gordon whom I believe had ties to Ballarat. Is there an historical society in Ballarat that may be able to help me further with my search for information?

Regards  
Ms Lee Willmott  
annalee@cni.com.au

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From: Warren Doubleday <tramwad@alphalink.com.au>  
To: annalee <annalee@cnl.com.au>  
Date: Saturday, June 15, 2002 10:58:46 AM  
Subject: Albert Willmott  
Folder: Sent Mail/Wtramwad

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Annalee,

Sorry for the late reply - flu and other problems.

Thanks for the advice.

A Ballarat site which will most likely be helpful is the Ballarat based Central Highlands Historical Association and in turn the Ballarat Genealogical Society - at <http://www.ballaratgenealogy.org.au/chha/chha.htm>

I hope they are further to help. We would be most interested in any further tramway items.

Warren  
Manager Museum Services

Friday, June 07, 2002, 11:03:17 AM, you wrote:

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a> Ms Lee Willmott  
a> [annalee@cnl.com.au](mailto:annalee@cnl.com.au)

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Best regards,  
Warren

<mailto:tramwad@alphalink.com.au>

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