

## Ernest Charles WELLS (1902- )

**Ernest Charles WELLS**, son of Henry (Harry) Musk WELLS (c. 1861- ) and Sarah Ellen MANEY (c. 1861- ), was born on 26 February 1902 in Willesden, Middlesex<sup>1</sup>

He appeared in the census in 1911 at Frenze Lane in Diss, Norfolk - 9, scholar, Dr. Barnardo's Home child, living in the household of Robert LEATHERS (62, shepherd) and his family, and his brother George WELLS (11, scholar, Dr. Barnardo's Home child)<sup>2</sup>

On 27 June 1917 he joined the Royal Navy as a boy sailor. (See notes.). On 26 February 1920 he fully engaged in the Royal Navy. On 27 May 1937 he was invalided out of the Royal Navy.

He married **Lily E CHILDS** circa 1938<sup>3</sup>

He was recorded on the 1939 Register living at 1 Rowton House, King's Cross Road, Mount Pleasant in Islington, London - b. 26 Feb 1902, single, general labourer (heavy), naval pensioner. [Rowton House was a hostel for down-and-out or low-paid working men in London.].<sup>4</sup>

### Notes:

### Ernest's Naval Record:

Joined as a boy seaman (No. J,73973) on 27 June 1917:

Establishment/Ship	From	To	Rank/Promotion/Notes
Ganges	27 Jun 1917		Boy II
- : -	25 Oct 1917	7 Jun 1918	Boy Sig
Coventry	8 Jun 1918		
- : -	17 Oct 1919		Boy I

Fully engaged on 26 February 1920:

Establishment/Ship	From	To	Rank/Promotion/Notes
Coventry	26 Feb 1920	3 May 1920	Ordinary seaman
Pembroke I	4 May 1920	17 May 1920	
Castor	18 May 1920	29 Nov 1920	
Pembroke I	30 Nov 1920	31 Dec 1920	
Repulse	1 Jan 1921		
- : -	28 Jul 1921	15 Jan 1922	Able seaman
Pembroke I	16 Jan 1922	7 Jul 1922	

Diligence (Montrose)	8 Jul 1922	22 Oct 1923	
Pembroke I	23 Oct 1923	15 Dec 1923	
Vulcan	16 Dec 1923	4 May 1924	
Pembroke I	5 May 1924	2 Jan 1925	
Vernon	3 Jan 1925	12 Mar 1925	
Pembroke I	13 Mar 1925	2 Jun 1925	
Hermes	3 Jun 1925	15 Aug 1926	
Pembroke I	16 Aug 1926	25 Feb 1927	
Ark Royal	26 Feb 1927	9 Nov 1927	
Pembroke I	10 Nov 1927	10 Feb 1928	
Columbine	11 Feb 1928	2 Mar 1928	
Pembroke I	3 Mar 1928	13 Jun 1928	
Royal Sovereign	14 Jun 1928		
- : -	14 Mar 1929		
- : -	17 May 1929		

(The latest date above would be an approximation of the completion of the 12 years full service.)

Appears to have signed on for a further 6 years.

Establishment/Ship	From	Notes
Royal Sovereign	FB	AB (6 yrs)
Pembroke I.3	15 Sep 1930	
Repulse	3 Sep 1931	
Rensnon?	9 Jun 1932	
Pembroke I	3 May 1934	
Pembroke II (Pangbourne)	7 May 1934	
Emerald	21 Jun 1934	
	17 Mar 1937	Invalided out P.U.N.S.**

\*\* Permanently Unfit for Naval Service.

### Spouse:

Lily E CHILDS was born on 7 March 1910.

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