

WILLIAM MARTIN

William Martin was born near Sheringham, Norfolk in 1843.

As a young man he became an apprentice joiner and lived in Great Grimsby, Lincolnshire.

He entered the Wesleyan ministry in 1868.

He later married a lady called Eleanor but they had no children.

Very little information has so far been found about him

His obituary notice in the Minutes of Conference reads:

WILLIAM MARTIN

Born at Sheringham, in Norfolk, December 19, 1842. His first religious impressions were received at a service conducted by Dr and Mrs Palmer, the American evangelists.

As a youth at Grimsby he came under the influence of the Rev Richard Martin, who led him to decision for Christ.

He began his ministry in 1869, and laboured for eight years with great acceptance.

An accident laid him aside for two years, and though he resumed his ministry he always suffered from its effects, and in 1893 was compelled to retire from active work.

His retirement was spent at Bacton, in Norfolk, not far from the village where he was born.

As a preacher he was direct and practical. He was earnest and forceful in delivery of his message, and his own example did much to enforce the truth upon his people. The young especially felt the charm of his companionship and his evident fellowship with Christ.

As a superintendent he was wise and careful, tactful and patient. The whole tone of his life was serious and highly spiritual, and the suddenness of his call to the higher ministry of heaven was to him no surprise.

He passed to his rest on March 30, 1909, in the sixty-seventh year of his age and the forty-first of his ministry.