

## MASON newspaper clippings

**ASSAULT AND BREACH OF THE PEACE.**—Joseph Mason was charged with having assaulted and used abusive language to a female named Agnes Raynor, thereby creating a breach of the peace, in Barker Gate, at four o'clock on Tuesday morning. The woman stated that the defendant had been out to dinner in Barker Gate at that unusually late hour, and that she had gone to fetch him home. Being rather excited at the time he had ordered her to be gone about her business, and had said something else which she would rather not repeat, but which was all the more painful to her feelings because she felt that it was undeserved. She had consequently retorted in rather angry terms and had scratched his face, upon which he had violently assaulted her. She had lived with him for some time as his wife, and had one child by him (although he had "another wife" living and four children), but in consequence of his late misconduct she would remain in his house no longer. The police officer came up while they were quarrelling, and took her assailant into custody against her will and in spite of her intercession. She did not wish anything to be done to him, as she desired mercy rather than justice. The man was ordered to be discharged on paying 7s. to the poor box and 3s. expenses.

Nottinghamshire Guardian: 4 Jun 1857

Joseph Mason was our Gt. Gt. Grandfather. He was the subject of a maintenance order in respect of an illegitimate child born to Agnes Raynor in 1854. He was a real nasty piece of work. He left our Gt. Grandmother Maria and moved to Castle Gresley, Derbyshire, in the early 1860s. Together, they had three more children before moving back to Nottingham in 1880 abandoning their children to the workhouse in Burton upon Trent. He died in the Nottingham workhouse in 1887.

**ASSAULT.** — John Mason, of 32, Sneinton-road, was charged with assaulting Margaret Martin, of 7, Milner's-yard, Charlotte-street, on the 16th inst. Martin stated that the prisoner struck her in the mouth in Charlotte-street, and knocked one of her teeth out. Prisoner said that the prosecutrix was drunk, and using filthy language. Fined 20s., or in default 14 days' imprisonment.

Nottingham Evening Post: 27 Dec 1893

John Mason: Grandma Russell's brother. He married Margaret Martin in 1895.

## ASSAULT ON A SOLDIER IN NOTTINGHAM.

At the Guildhall, Nottingham, to-day, William Fall, 61, Kirkwhite-street, tool maker, was charged with assaulting John Mason, 2, Collishaw-yard, Upper Eldon-street, on the 19th inst. Mr. H. B. Clayton appeared for the prisoner, who pleaded guilty under provocation. The prosecutor, a private in the Sherwood Foresters, said that the prisoner caught hold of him by the throat and forced him up against the window of a butcher's shop. Prisoner then took up a weight which was lying in the window and struck witness on the head with it. Cross-examined: He did not strike the prisoner.—Corroborative evidence was given by another witness, and Dr. Herrick deposed to finding a scalp wound about three inches in length on the head of the prosecutor. The wound was not a dangerous one.—Inspector Stubbs said that he arrested prisoner in Clare-street about midnight on Saturday, and charged him with unlawfully wounding John Mason by striking him on the head with a 7lb. weight.—Prisoner said that he was going down Glasshouse-street with a young woman when two soldiers used bad language to him, and one of them struck him with a whip. He did not recognise the prisoner as one of the soldiers, but at the same time he was very sorry.—Mr. Clayton said that the prisoner passed the soldiers and several women. Objectionable expressions were made use of by the women and the soldiers, and upon the prisoner remonstrating he was set upon and assaulted. He got away, but subsequently saw the soldiers and their companions, who were waiting for him. The prosecutor struck him, and the prisoner admitted that in his temper he did take up the weight and strike the prosecutor with it.—Evidence in defence was given by several witnesses, who stated that the soldier's bad conduct provoked the disturbance. The prisoner was first assaulted by him.—Mr. Blain said that had the prisoner not used the weight they might have taken a different view of the matter, but it was a very dangerous thing to use the weight. A fine of 40s. would be imposed, or in default of payment a month's imprisonment.

Nottingham Evening Post: 21 Oct 1895. John fought in the Boer War and spent a few weeks in the army during WW1 before being discharged because of his epilepsy.