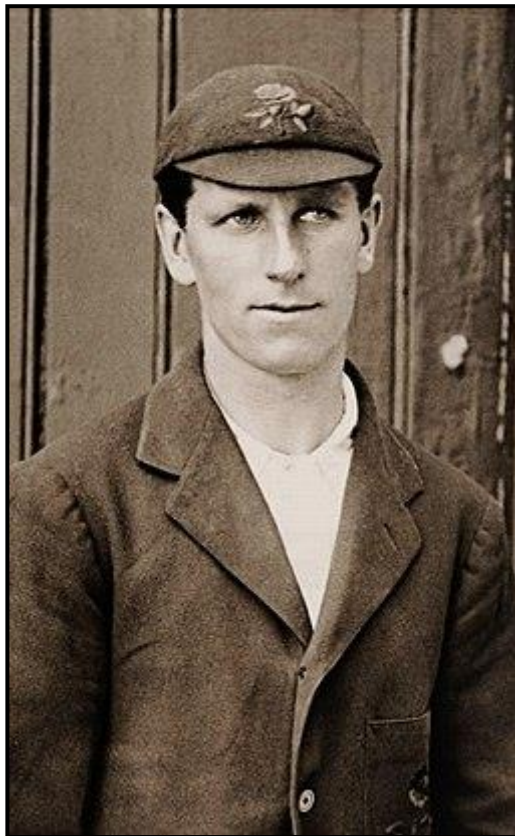
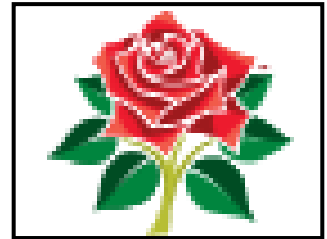
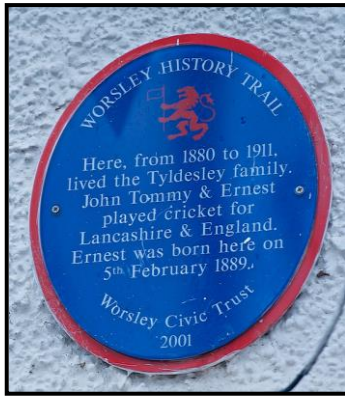


George Ernest TYLDESLEY



Born: 5 February 1889

Died: 8 May 1962

PROFESSIONAL CRICKETER



George Ernest TYLDESLEY

Burial: 8 May 1962 St Mark, Worsley.

George Ernest Tyldesley

Age: 73

Abode: 8 Francis Avenue, Rhos-on-Sea

Grave: N.P. 1252

Buried by: T. Billington

Just like his older brother John Thomas, **George Ernest** was born in Roe Green, on 5 February 1889. And like his brother, (over 15 years his senior), he became an outstanding cricketer for both Lancashire and England. To this day, he remains Lancashire's most prolific run-getter of all time, and is one of only a few batsmen to have scored 100 centuries in the first-class game. For most of his life, he preferred to use the name **Ernest** and this is how he was referred to in the daily newspapers.

1891 census: 71 Roe Green, Worsley.

Joseph Tyldesley	Head	M	38	Potato Dealer
Elizabeth A.	Wife	M	36	
John T.	Son	S	17	Book Keeper
Ada	Daur.		15	Mother's help
Frank	Son		12	Scholar
Jess	Son		10	"
Ethel	Daur.		7	
Austin	Son		5	
Ernest	Son		2	

1901 census: 71 Roe Green, Worsley.

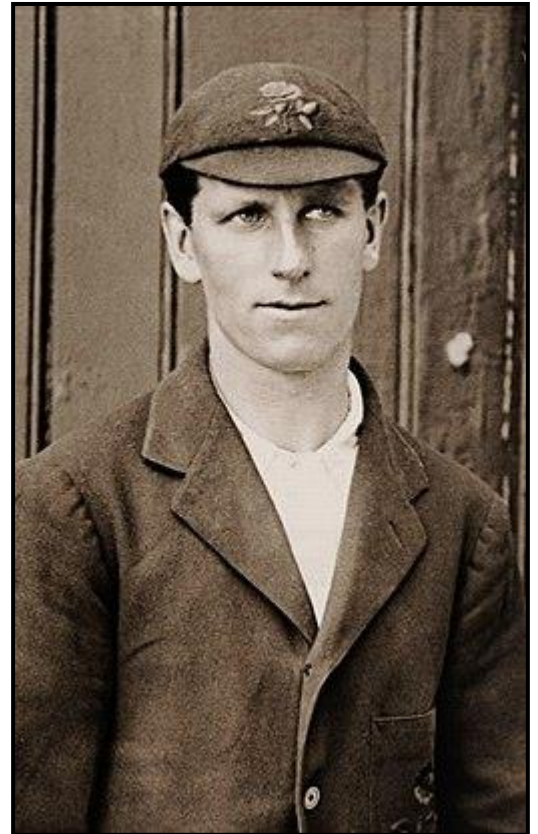
Joseph Tyldesley	Head	M	48	Grocer
Frank	Son	S	22	Joiner, Carp.
Jess	Son	S	20	Steam Engine Maker
Ethel	Daur.	S	17	
Austin	Son		15	Joiner Apprentice
Ernest	Son		12	
Edna	Daur.	S	9	

1911 census: 71 Roe Green, Worsley. (5 rooms)

Joseph Tyldesley	Head	M	58	Grocer & Coal Merchant
Elizabeth Alice	Wife	M	56	(8 children)
Austin	Son	S	25	Joiner
George Ernest	Son	S	22	Professional Cricketer Lancs. C.C.
Edna	Daur.	S	19	

In the third quarter of 1920, he married Ellen Fothergill. The marriage was registered at Barton-upon-Irwell. No other details have been found, but it could have been a Registry Office marriage. It seems that they did not have any children.

On 16 March 1925, his name appeared on a passenger list for a vessel arriving at Southampton. He arrived there on the *Balmoral Castle* from Cape Town, with his wife Ellen, along with other professional cricketers.



On 31 January **1927**, he left Avonmouth alone, on board the *Bayano*, bound for Kingston, Jamaica. The ship was owned by Elders & Fyffes, Ltd.

On 19 March **1929**, his name appeared on a passenger list for a vessel arriving at Southampton. He arrived there, first class, on the *Arundel Castle* from Durban, with his wife Ellen, along with Herbert Sutcliffe and his wife. His home address was Woodend, Worsley.

In Kelly's Directory for Manchester for the year **1929**, his details were **Tyldesley Ernest**, 97 Greenleach Lane, Worsley. Newsagent

The Indian Express in its edition on Monday 9 July **1934** reported his one hundredth century in cricket. This was in a game against Northamptonshire when he scored 122. [And this at age 45].

1939 Register. Grenleach Lane, Worsley.

Fothergill Richard R.	Male	17 July 1868	Managing. Cotton Spinning.
Tyldesley George Ernest	Male	21 February 1889	Traveller. Electric lamps
Tyldesley Ellen	Female	11 April 1889	Unpaid domestic duties

[This record gave his date of birth as 21 February 1889. Other records suggest 5 February].

The Observer on 6 May **1962** reported on his death:

Century-maker dies at 73

Ernest Tyldesley, England Test batsman of the 1920's and a member of Lancashire's most famous cricketing family, died at his home at Rhos-on-Sea, North Wales, early yesterday. He was 73, blind, and had been ill for some time.

When he retired in 1936, he had knocked up 38,874 runs in 28 seasons, an achievement which has never been equalled by any other Lancashire batsman. He scored 102 centuries, made over 1,000 runs in each of 19 seasons, and knocked up over 2,000 in a season five times.

The Guardian (London) on 7 May **1962** announced:

TYLDESLEY - on May 5, at his home, Normanhurst, Francis Avenue, Rhos-on-Sea, ERNEST, the dearly loved husband of Nellie. Service at Worsley Parish Church on Tuesday, May 8, at 12.30pm. followed by interment in the churchyard. No flowers please. Inquiries to Percy L. Roberts and Son, Rhos-on-Sea. Tel. Colwyn Bay 43351.

His death was announced in all the national and regional newspapers, and it received a special mention in the *Illustrated London News* on 12 May of that year.

NP 1252	George Ernest Tyldesley	Francis Avenue Rhos-on-Sea	8 May 1962	73	J Bullington
No. 1599					

Ellen (Nellie) Tyldesley	Awelau 145 Conway Road Colwyn Bay	2 nd Dec. 1974	85	Cameras Vicar	NP 1252
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TYLDESLEY George Ernest of 8 Francis Avenue Rhos-on-Sea
 Colwyn Bay Denbighshire died 5th May 1962 Probate
 Bangor 28 May to Ellen Tyldesley widow.
 Effects £1975 14s.

His Cricket Career

<u>Career Statistics</u>	Tests	First-class
Matches	14	648
Runs	990	38,874
100s/50s	3/6	102/191
Batting ave.	55.00	45.46
Top score	138	295*
Catches	2	295

An online article by Graham Holburn, in 2001, can be found on 'ESPN cricinfo.com'. It contains the following information about him:

Ernest Tyldesley was one of the giants of post-First World War cricket in England. Despite playing only 14 Test Matches, his batting was instrumental in contributing to "the golden age of cricket". The statistics tell it all - between 1919 and 1936 he amassed 38,874 runs at 45.46, a formidable record.

*His genius is encapsulated in "Ernest Tyldesley: His Record Innings by Innings, No. 60 in the Famous Cricketers Series". Author Geoff Wilde, a former chartered accountant, has put his professional abilities with numbers to good use by producing an admirably researched statistical work. The narrative in Wilde's work includes interesting asides, such as how **Tyldesley** was stationed in the UK for the entire First World War because his Commanding Officer was too keen on cricket to allow him to go overseas*

Tyldesley had a strange career. Like good wine, he improved with age. England's selectors didn't turn to him until he was 32 and he won the last of his 14 caps when he was 40. And remarkably, at the age of 45 in Lancashire's last Championship-winning season of 1934, he scored 2,487 runs at 57.83. The season also saw him strike his 100th century.

The Lancashire Evening Post reported on Thursday 20 October 1932:

*ERNEST TYLDESLEY HONOURED SECOND BENEFIT GRANTED. Lancashire Batsman and Captaincy. At a meeting of the Lancashire County Cricket Committee Manchester, this morning, it was decided to give **Ernest Tyldesley**, the senior professional of the Lancashire eleven, a second benefit on the occasion of the visit of Gloucester to Old Trafford early next August on a date not yet decided upon.*

*It is about nine or ten years since he had his first benefit and although it was » fairly successful one. there was play on the third day of the match. **Tyldesley** has been a member of the eleven for over 23 years for he played his first match for the county in June 1909, and since the retirement from the side of his late elder brother, "J.T.," and of Makepeace, he has been a batsman in it, but much the most accomplished. There is some*

talk, writes "Perseus", of his succession to the captaincy in an amateur capacity next season, but at the present time, the question of whether Mr. Peter Eckersley will continue in office or not is undetermined

Typical of his approach to cricket the match against Derbyshire as reported in the Lancashire Evening Post on Saturday 9 July 1932.

*TYLDESLEY'S GREATNESS. Lancashire themselves had their bad time, on Thursday morning, when their innings slumped against Townsend. But they had an asset that their opponents lacked - the supreme skill of **Ernest Tyldesley**, who, had the situation been other than it was in its demand for quick runs early yesterday, would probably have made two centuries in the match. He it was who rescued the batting in both innings from colourlessness and a certain degree of ineffectuality to open up the chance victory which Iddon and Sibbles took well in the last hour and a half. He was the man of the match, for had he failed on Wednesday the whole course of the game, and its result, would have been materially altered. There is a certain "moodiness" about **Tyldesley**. Sometimes he does not look like making runs at all. At others he has no superior as an effective scoring machine and an artist in combination. In this match he was batting for six hours and 10 minutes, and in his method there was no flaw, no tendency to error. Such men are the salt of cricket.*

1932 quotes: *The Manchester Guardian*

5 May: *Lancs v Worcs. "From the moment he came in **Ernest Tyldesley** told us he was in fine form. ... with a quiet modesty which makes **Ernest Tyldesley's** cricket so likeable and so true to the man himself. He is never a vulgar or blatant batsman; even when he drives or pulls strongly there is a certain courtesy in his play, the poise of taste and discretion. **Ernest Tyldesley's** pretty play, to leg and to the on, shone in the encircling gloom like lights of warm human comfort and security".*

3 June: *Lancs v Oxford Univ. "At one period Tyldesley seemed to be hitting a boundary every ball; yet it was all true batsmanship. ... In his best mood Ernest Tyldesley has few equals in the country for clean, handsome, proportionate batsmanship; he is a courteous player, his strokes are never brutal, no matter how powerfully he sends the ball to the field's edge".*

16 June: *Lancs v Worcs. [225 not out]. "Ernest Tyldesley threw off restraint to delight the lover of beautiful batsmanship with the strokes whose abundance and variety make him still one of our finest players."*

11 July: *Lancs v India. "Ernest Tyldesley made the long day distinguished. He is, on present form, the country's finest batsman. ... [In the first innings, to which this refers, he scored 196 - Ed.]. ... Ernest Tyldesley is one of the few contemporary batsmen who would have been great in any period of the game's history".*

10 August: *Lancs v Notts. [with Harold Larwood bowling at his very best]. "This afternoon, Ernest Tyldesley stood head and shoulders above his colleagues. He alone showed the semblance of a technique; the others were like so many novices".*

Ernest played in a county team that included Eddie Paynter, John Iddon and George Duckworth, and alongside his brother but briefly. However, there were moments when he was less than successful. In an article for the Guardian at Christmas 1962, reminiscing about test matches played at Melbourne, Neville Cardus (when referring to the tour of 1929) wrote: "*No great batsman has been as ungenerously treated by the governing powers as Ernest Tyldesley v Australia*". In test matches against Australia in the UK, he was far more successful.

The grave plot N.P.1252 is today surmounted by this memorial:



It does not bear the name of **George Ernest Tyldesley**. In fact, the only clue to him is in the name Nellie Tyldesley. This was his wife Nellie (or Ellen) Fothergill, who married him in the third quarter of **1920**, he married Ellen Fothergill. The marriage was registered at Barton-upon-Irwell. No other details have been found, but it could have been a Registry Office marriage. It seems that they did not have any children.

Ellen (or 'Nellie') was buried here on 2 December **1974**.

