

# Private William Patton, Newmills

Editor's notes: (dated 8<sup>th</sup> September 2017)

- The Courier report from 17<sup>th</sup> June 1915 mentions that '**young Patton from Pike's Bridge** was killed'.
- [Private James Stewart](#), who also died in the war, is also listed as being from **Pike's Bridge**, which is believed to be near Newmills.
- In the census, we found [William James Patton](#) living with his grandfather in the Newmills area. It was noted that he was born in County Antrim.
- From the census, his grandfather was Joseph Seawright. This would mean his mother's maiden name was **Seawright**.
- Knowing that he died around May 1915, and that he is described on the [Newmills L.O.L plaque](#) as Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, we found the most suitable [CWGC record](#). This William Patton was born and enlisted in Belfast. He died on 16<sup>th</sup> May 1915.
- From GRONI, we found three entries in the birth records from that time whose mother's maiden name was Seawright.
- Also from GRONI, we could deduce who the parents were and when they were married.

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- The first contradiction we have is that with the census, his middle name was **James**. With the CWGC, his middle name was **John**.
  - The second contradiction is with the two Newmills memorials. The **Newmills L.O.L plaque records him as R.I.F.** (Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers). The Newmills **Church plaque records him as R.I.R.** (Royal Irish Fusiliers).