

## Civilian Veterinary Surgeon JOSEPH BRAITHWAITE COWX A.V.D

Joseph Braithwaite Cowx was born in Liverpool in 1872/73

He qualified MRCVS (New Edinburgh) on 30 March 1896. During the Anglo- Boer War (1899-1902) he saw service in South Africa for an unknown period as a Civil Veterinary Surgeon attached to the Army Veterinary Department. He returned to England on board the British Princess on the 13 May 1901. Thereafter, he practised in Teignmouth and Liverpool. He died in Bournemouth on 11 March 1949, aged 76 years.

For his service in the Anglo-Boer War he was awarded the Queen's South Africa medal date clasp 1901 inscribed:  
CIV: VET: SURG: J. B. COWX. A. V. D.

For his service in the First World War, Lieutenant J.B.Cowx A.V.C was awarded the 1914 Star with bar (5 August-22 November 1914), British War Medal and the Allied War Medal

The First Striking Queen South Africa medal (with ghost dates) and 1901 bar, together with the 1914 Star with bar (5 August-22 November 1914) make this an unusual combination. The involvement of a Civilian Veterinary Surgeon makes the combination rare.

### REFERENCES :

- 1) <http://www.nda.agric.za/vetweb/History>
- 2) The Veterinary Record 1949;61(13);170 26 March 1949 "R.C.V.S. Obituary"



## GENEALOGY

1 John Cowx m Mary BARKER

1.1 Joseph Braithwaite Cowx b. Liverpool ~ 2 November 1834 St. Peter, Liverpool m. (first)

1.1 Joseph Braithwaite Cowx b. Liverpool ~ 2 November 1834 St. Peter, Liverpool m. (second) Mary GILDEA (b. 28 October 1858 ~ 9 November 1858 St. Peter, Liverpool do. Charles Francis and Elizabeth Gildea)

1.1.1 Joseph Braithwaite Cowx b. Liverpool 1872/1873

1.1.2 brother

1.1.3 sister

1.1.4 sister

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The following is supplied:

Joseph Braithwaite Cowx ~ "His birth is reported in the first quarter of 1873 in Liverpool registration district (it could have taken place in that quarter or in 1872). Parents were Joseph Braithwaite Cowx 1 and his 2nd wife Mary Gildea. I do not have the certificate giving the exact date/place. He is the 4th child of that family, There were also 2 brothers and 2 sisters. He does not appear to have married, at least not in England and Wales.

"Joseph Braithwaite Cowx 1 was also born in Liverpool, to John Cowx and Mary Barker, but the surname is a Cumbrian one, distinct from Cox."

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