

Richard Wilding

Born, Preston, Lancashire *circa* 1842.

Honorary Curator of the Preston Observatory [*The Observatory*, vol. 8, p. 153 (1885)]. The current Preston Observatory in Moor Park is a replacement dating from 1927. [*Wikipedia*, Moor Park, Preston]

Royal Astronomical Society

Elected Fellow 1885 December 11.

Address, Sunny Bank, Victoria Road, Fulwood, Preston. [*MNRAS* vol. 46, p. 35]

British Astronomical Association

Original Member [BAA Membership list published as a supplement to *JBAA* vol. 1, no. 3 (1890 December)]. Address, Nooklands, Fulwood, Preston, Lancs.

Photographic Section Director 1898 to 1906, Address Swillbrook House, Bartle, near Preston. [*BAA History*, pt. 1, p. 110, and, eg, *JBAA* vol. 10, p. 140 + 5 (1900)]

“Mr. R. Wilding, F.R.A.S., of Bartle, near Preston, exhibited a number of very fine stellar photographic prints, examples of his work. They comprised constellations, star clusters, and nebula, and the excellence of the photographs more than justifies the choice of the Council in appointing Mr. Wilding active Director of this Section of the Association's work. Mr. Wilding uses a 19-inch reflector, on which is mounted a 6-inch refractor as guiding telescope with 5-inch lens.” Report of the North-Western Branch (Manchester). [*JBAA* vol. 8, p. 218 (1898)]

Members of Photographic Section: Wilding, R. Bromley, Kent (Director of the Section) 19-in. reflector and 5-in. portrait lens. [*JBAA* vol. 12, p. 265 (1902)]

Census Data

1871, age 24, cotton manufacturer, living in Lancs., born Preston, 1847 (error in date or identification?)

1881, age 38, cotton manufacturer employing 377 adults and 147 children, living in Lancs., born Preston, 1843.

1891, age 49, cotton manufacturer, living in Lancs., born Preston, 1842.

1911, age 69, private means, living in Kent, born Preston, 1842.

Addresses

1895, Brookvale, Nooklands, Fulwood, Preston. [RAS]

1896, Swillbrook House, Bartle, near Preston. [RAS]

1900, 1901, 1903, Dalwhinnie, Highland Road, Bromley, Kent. [RAS]

1911, 1912, Arima, Denbridge Road, Bickley, Kent. [BAA]

1915, Carlton Lodge, Lewisham Park, S.E. [BAA]
1918, Sand Hills, Exeter Road, Bournemouth. [RAS]
1919, 2, Courtlands Avenue, Eltham, S.E. 12. [RAS]
1923, 2, Courtlands Avenue, Eltham, S.E. 12. [BAA]
1925, 1927, Oakover, 45, Sydenham Hill, S.E. 26. [BAA]
[Taken from membership list for year and organisation stated.]

Died *circa* 1930. [*MNRAS* vol. 91, p. 315 (1931)]