

Harold Walker Aynsley  
1884 - 1885

John Gerrard Aynsley (1855–1924) was a prominent English pottery manufacturer, part of the dynasty behind Aynsley China. He was the son of **John Aynsley** (the famous potter and Mayor of Longton) and **Julia Gerrard**.

Wife

John Gerrard Aynsley married **Annie Walker** (also recorded as Ann Walker, 1856–1953).

Children

The couple had eight children:

Ethel Beatrice Aynsley (1879–1932)

**Gerrard Aynsley** (1880–1959): He followed in the family business, becoming managing director of Sampson Bridgwood and succeeding his father.

John Aynsley (1882–1921)

**Harold Walker Aynsley** (1884–1885): Died in infancy.

Gladys Elizabeth Aynsley (1886–1985)

Wilfred Leslie Aynsley (1888–1975)

Kenneth Aynsley (1893–1975)

**Ronald Walker Aynsley** (1895–1915): Killed in action during World War I.

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E  John G Aynsley (III) 1884 – 1921

John Gerrard Aynsley (III) (1884–1921) was a member of the prominent **Aynsley pottery family** based in Longton, Staffordshire, England. He was the son of John Gerrard Aynsley (1855–1924) and the grandson of John Aynsley (II), the founder of the historic **Portland Works** and former Mayor of Longton.

Key Facts

**Family Business:** The family company, **Aynsley China**, was founded in 1775 by his great-grandfather, John Aynsley (I), and became world-renowned for high-quality fine bone china and royal warrants.

**Siblings:** He was one of several children, including siblings Gerrard (1880–1959), Kenneth (1894–1975), and Gladys Elizabeth (1886–1985).

**Legacy:** While his life was relatively short, the Aynsley brand continued through his brothers and descendants until it was acquired by the **Belleek Pottery Group** in 1997.

**John Aynsley (I) (1752–1829):** Founder of the business in 1775.

**John Aynsley (II) (1823–1907):** Built Portland Works in 1861 and served as Mayor of Longton.

John Gerrard Aynsley (1855–1924): Father of John G. Aynsley (III).

John Gerrard Aynsley (III) (1884–1921): Subject of the inquiry.