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| GITTINS | Alfred George |
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| <i>Date of Birth</i> | 22.2.1885 | <i>Place of Birth</i> | Manchester | | |
| <i>Date of Death</i> | 24.1.1960 | <i>Place of Death</i> | Blackpool | | |
| <i>Height</i> | 5ft 9in | <i>Weight</i> | 11st 2lb | <i>Position</i> | Inside Forward |



| Club | Joined | Season | F L | | F A | | S L | | U L | | L A | | Sc L | | S C | | TOTALS | | |
|--------------------------------|------------|---------|--------|---|-----|----|-----|----|-----|---|-----|----|------|----|-----|---|--------|-----|----|
| | | | A | G | A | G | A | G | A | G | A | G | A | G | A | G | A | G | |
| Adlington | cs1902 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bolton Wanderers | 4.4.1903 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Blackpool | 29.8.1904 | 1904-05 | 1 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | 0 | |
| Atherton Church House | 16.5.1905 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Luton Town | 7.5.1906 | 1906-07 | | | 4 | 0 | 23 | 5 | 4 | 3 | | | | | | | 31 | 8 | |
| Queens Park Rangers | 3.5.1907 | 1907-08 | | | 2 | 0 | 36 | 16 | | | | | | | | | 38 | 16 | |
| | | 1908-09 | | | | | 6 | 1 | | | | | | | | | 6 | 1 | |
| Aston Villa | 26.10.1908 | 1908-09 | 1 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | 0 | |
| Croydon Common | 8.5.1909 | 1909-10 | | | 3 | 0 | 27 | 7 | | | | | | | | | 30 | 7 | |
| Fulham | 10.8.1910 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Portsmouth | 15.12.1910 | 1910-11 | | | | | 4 | 0 | | | | | | | | | 4 | 0 | |
| Accrington Stanley*** | 31.8.1911 | 1911-12 | | | 2 | 2 | | | | | 7 | 7 | | | | | 9 | 9 | |
| Barrow | 11.1.1912 | 1911-12 | | | | | | | | | 16 | 5 | | | | | 16 | 5 | |
| Partick Thistle | 5.6.1912 | 1912-13 | | | | | | | | | | | 19 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 21 | 5 | |
| | | 1913-14 | | | | | | | | | | | 12 | 0 | | | 12 | 0 | |
| Dumbarton | 4.4.1914 | 1913-14 | | | | | | | | | | | 5 | 1 | | | 5 | 1 | |
| | | 1914-15 | | | | | | | | | | | 30 | 8 | | | 30 | 8 | |
| | | 1915-16 | | | | | | | | | | | 16 | 1 | | | 16 | 1 | |
| Clydebank | 5.1916 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Johnstone | 8.1917 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Vale of Leven | 8.1918 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| King's Park | 7.1919 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Clackmannan | 6.8.1921 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Stenhousemuir | 12.9.1922 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dunkeld & Birnam | 1923 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| *** see note in Jottings below | | | TOTALS | 2 | 0 | 11 | 2 | 96 | 29 | 4 | 3 | 23 | 12 | 82 | 15 | 2 | 0 | 220 | 61 |



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| <i>Internationals</i> | None | <i>F.A. Cup Finals</i> | None |
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| <i>Cigarette/Trade Cards</i> | | | | |
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| <i>Company</i> | <i>Year</i> | <i>Number</i> | <i>Series</i> | <i>Club</i> |
| Taddy | 1907 | N/A | Prominent Footballers | Queens Park Rangers |
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Alfred George

Jottings

Although referred to in some quarters as Alfred George, his birth was registered as Alfred only and this was the only forename that appeared on his marriage certificate

His name was often misspelt in the press as Gittens or Gettins, with the latter being used regularly during his time in the North of England or with Scottish clubs

No first team appearances for Bolton Wanderers or for Fulham, where the handbook for the 1910-11 season records him as 5ft 8in

His single appearance for Blackpool, where he was an amateur, was in a 1-1 home draw with West Bromwich Albion on 17.9.1904

Won a Southern League Championship medal with Queens Park Rangers in 1907-08, when he was the club's joint top scorer along with future Robin, Walker

Played in both games in the first ever Charity Shield when, as Southern League champions, Queens Park Rangers drew 1-1 with Manchester United (the Football League) at Stamford Bridge on 8.4.1908 - with Manchester United winning the replay, also at Stamford Bridge, 4-0 on 8.8.1908

Appeared for Croydon Common in 3 minor cup matches, scoring 1 goal

Represented the London select

The appearances/goals in the Lancashire Combination shown above while he was at Accrington Stanley are the minimum confirmed; he may have played/scored more, but full details are not readily available

Scored two hat tricks for Accrington Stanley; Hyde 3 Accrington Stanley 3 on 9.9.1911 and Accrington Stanley 6 Denton 2 on 16.12.1911

Was Dumbarton's joint top league scorer in the 1914-15 season with 8 goals and he also scored at least 4 goals in the Dumbartonshire Cup

At Partick Thistle, he played twice in the Glasgow & District Midweek Cup in 1912-13 and three times in the Glasgow Cup in 1913-14, all without scoring

On 12.1.1924, he played for Dunkeld & Birnam away against his old club, Partick Thistle, in an 11-0 defeat in the 1st. Round of the Scottish Cup

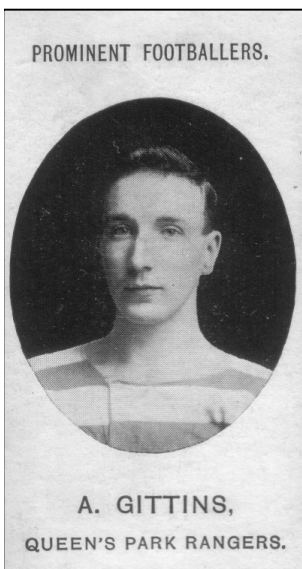
The 1901 Census records him living at 11 Oakley Street, Salford with his father (a fish monger), his mother and his five siblings

The 1911 Census records him as a professional footballer living with his wife Alice as boarders at 110 Frensham Road Southsea, as he was with Portsmouth at the time

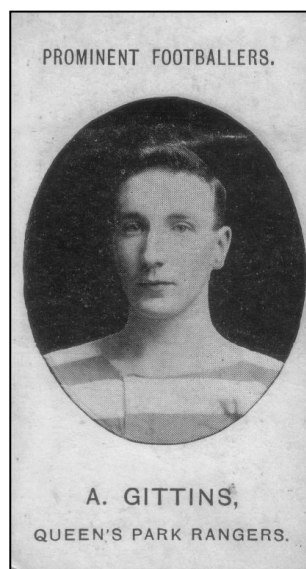
Rreputed to be a clever capture (Athletic News on his signing with Luton Town)

An artistic dribbler and an expert at sending the ball low and hard into the net

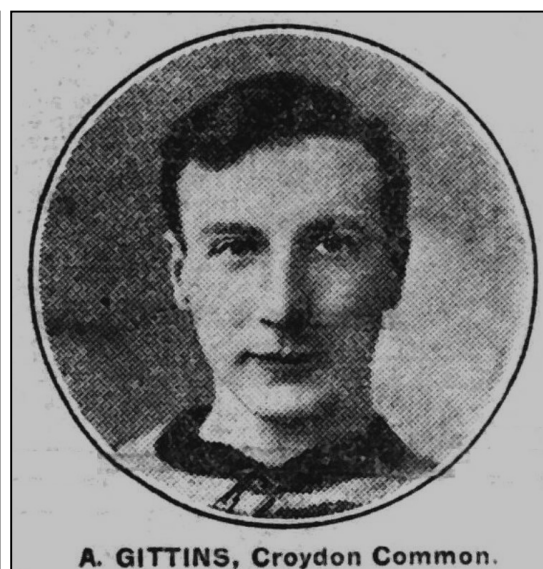
Gittins is a brainy forward, a good deal of an optimist and a capital shot

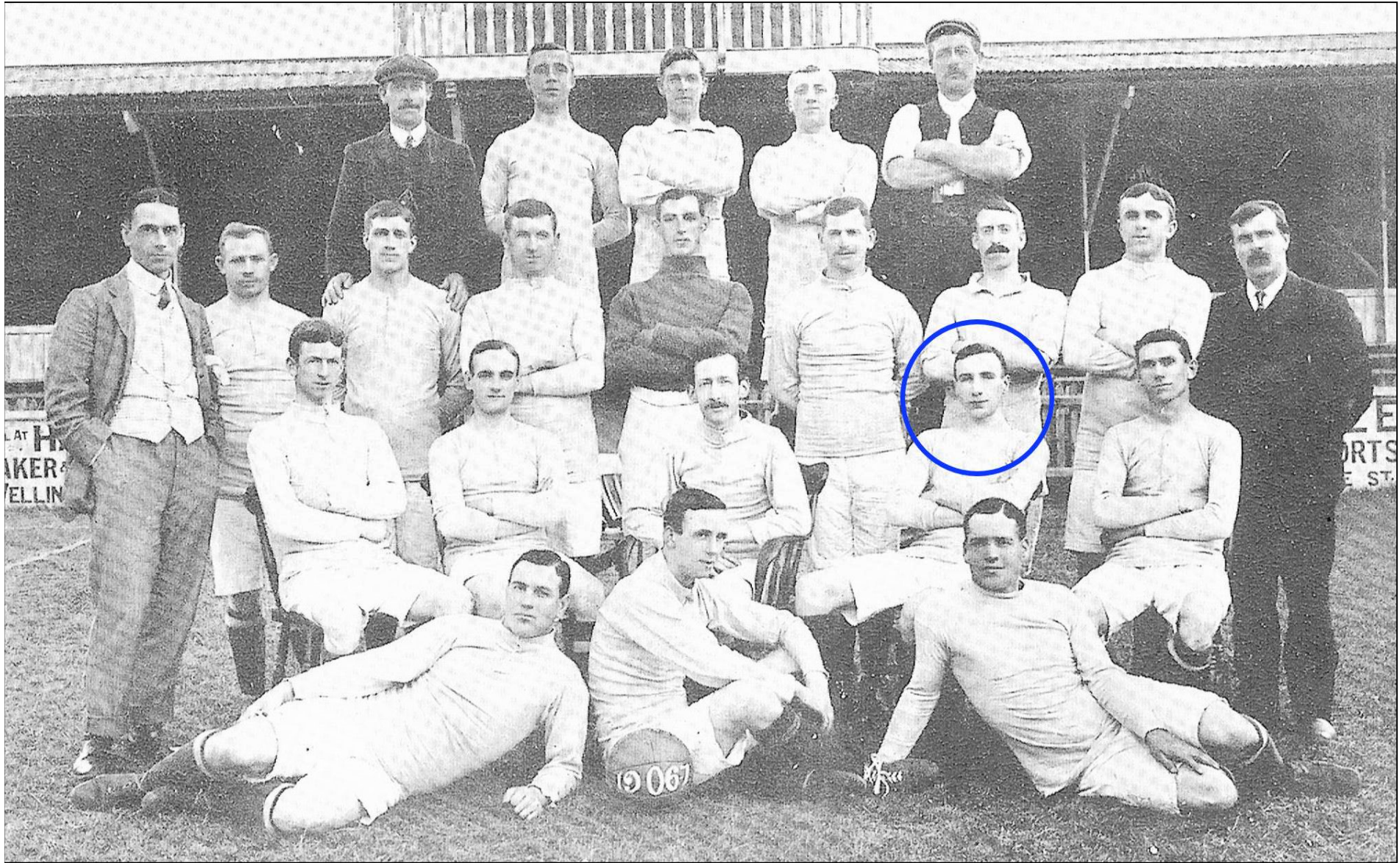


Taddy 1907



Taddy 1908





Luton Town 1906-07

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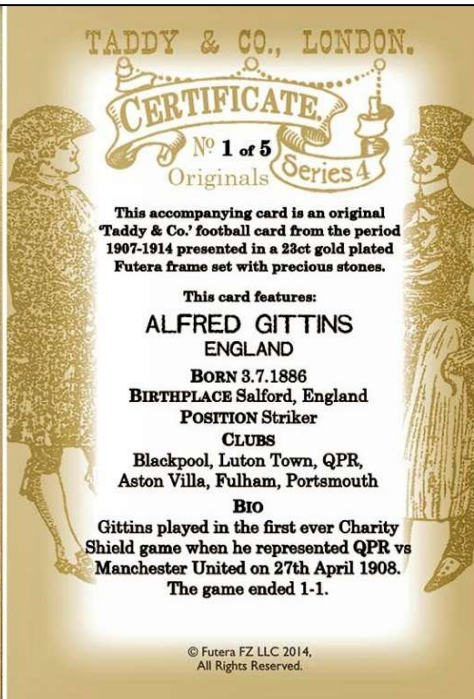
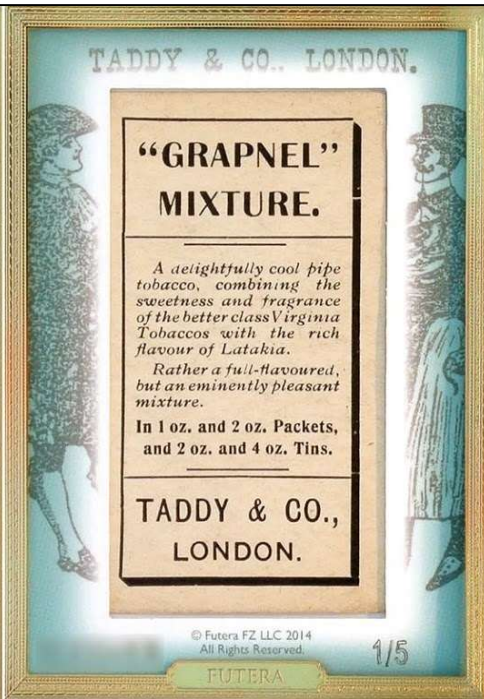
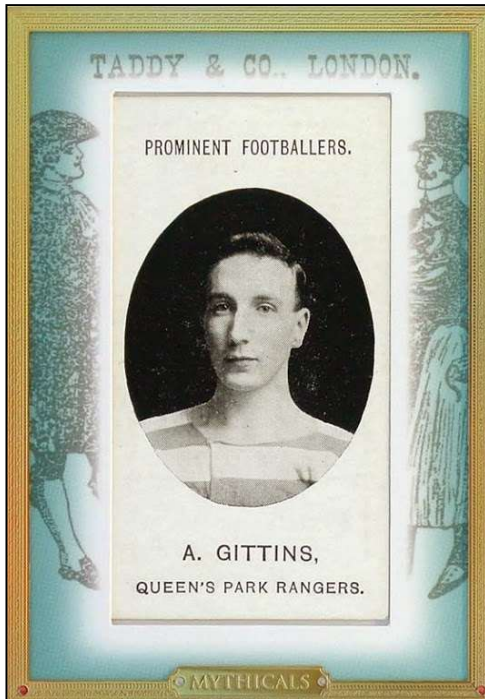
Queens Park Rangers 1907-08

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Queens Park Rangers 1908-09



The Futera 2014 reissue of the Taddy Prominent Footballer card. The date of birth shown is almost certainly incorrect



Fulham 1910-11



Queens Park Rangers 1907-08

Manchester, England, Non-Conformist Births and Baptisms, 1758-1912 for Alfred Gittins

Manchester > Wesleyan Methodist, Swan Street > 1863-1912

| No. | Name | Parents | Address | Date | Age | Signature |
|--|----------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|-----|---------------|
| 1885 March 17 th No. 615. | Annie daughter of | Henry and Caroline | 58 Chapman St. | Born Jan 7 24 1885 | | Wm. Dickinson |
| 1886 March 17 th No. 616. | Alfred son of | John and Emma | 92 Rathbone St. | Born Feb 7 22 1885. | | Wm. Dickinson |

The record of his baptism in Manchester

1907. Marriage solemnized at St John's Church Kensal Green in the Borough
of Paddington in the County of London

| No. | When Married. | Name and Surname. | Age. | Condition. | Rank or Profession. | Residence at the time of Marriage. | Father's Name and Surname. | Rank or Profession of Father. |
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| 194 | 8 th September 1907 | Alfred Gittins | 22 | Bachelor | Professional Footballer | 76 Harvist Rd | John Gittins | Gentleman |
| | | Alice Lucy Summerfield | 23 | Spinster | — | 76 Harvist Rd | James Summerfield (deceased) | Plate-layer |

Married in the Church of St John according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church by Robert William Pringle or after Rites by me A. Thomas

This Marriage was solemnized between us, Alfred Gittins in the Presence of us, Adam Liegenheim

His marriage certificate