

**FOI Release**  
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**Title:** Archive information regarding a former IPO staff member

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**Information request:**

Information and, hopefully, a photograph of Lyndon Bolton who worked for the Patent Office from 1885 until he retired aged 65 in 1926, and became senior examiner. Part of research into the process by which Willington dovecote was acquired by the National Trust in 1914. Lyndon Bolton was instrumental in helping during the early stages of efforts to preserve the dovecote for the nation.

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We have not been able to find a photo - we have very few from that time and those we have are not usually named. We've attached the entry for Mr Bolton in the personnel ledger, showing dates and salary details.

The staff list from 1888 shows a generic list of examination duties on the left hand column of the second page, with Mr. Bolton's name listed as an assistant examiner at sixth from the bottom of the page.

The 1903 list shows him as a 'deputy examiner' (page two, line 26).

The fourth document is an extract of an internal directory of 1924, showing that he had risen to 'senior examiner', in charge of a patent group examining in a diverse range of technologies including those related to batteries, fish, horse shoes and railway signals. That doesn't mean that he was fully competent in all these subject headings himself, but these were his areas of responsibility in a supervisory capacity.