

Roll: **19140829-0808**

Camera: **Monochrome Print: MPS**

Film:

**Subject:**

Eclipse of the Sun 1914.

**Notes:**

At first I thought this was Elsie but then as I recovered more of the image I noticed the wedding ring and the arms of an older woman. This I think is Eliza at the age of 66 watching the eclipse of the Sun at 12.34 on the 21st of August 1914.

I imagine the photograph was taken by Eliza's husband John Hannett, although it might have been Elsie that was behind the camera. The location I am assuming was 134 Queens Drive, the family home in the Meadows. All of Eliza's surviving children except Elsie and Nelly May had married, Florence 1898, Annie 1901, Beatrice 1903, Albert 1906, Kate 1907.

On 27th July Austria had declared war on Serbia, 1st August Germany had declared war on Russia. Germany invaded Luxembourg on the 2nd and declared war on France on the 3rd. On the 5th Britain had declared war on Germany, 16 days before the solar eclipse. Did Eliza, Elsie and her dad John expect as we are so often told expect the war to be over by Christmas?

**People:**

Eliza Hannett nee Booth

**See also:** [Eliza Hannett nee Booth](#)

**Dates:**

The date and time of the eclipse are known as a matter of scientific and historical record. Postcard photographs at that time were created in the camera and could be produced by amateurs.

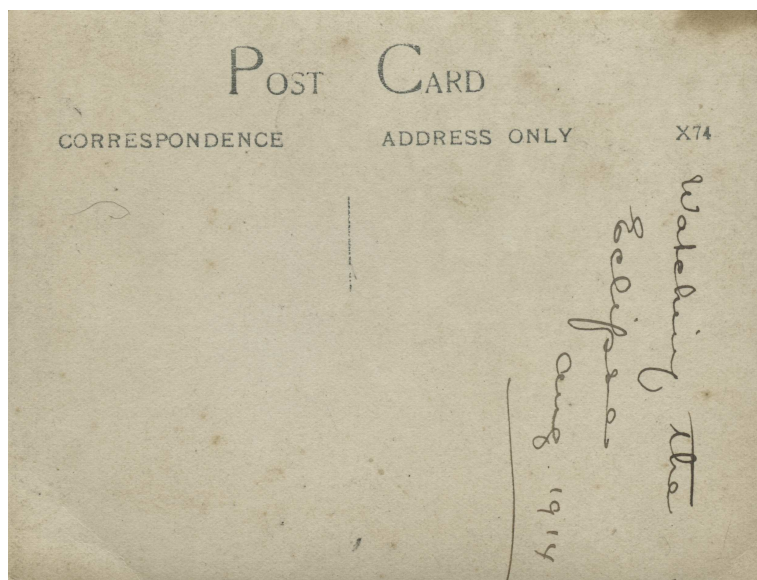
**Frames:**

MPS-0001 19140821 12:34:00 Eclipse 1914.

MPS-0002 19140821 00:00:00 Reverse of "Eclipse 1914".



MPS-0001 - Eclipse of the Sun 1914.



MPS-0002 - Reverse of Eclipse of the Sun 1914.