

William Reilly

- 1867 William Reilly was born at 10 Wood Street, Salford on 11th January 1867 the son of Peter Reilly, a dairyman born in Ireland c1828.
- 1871 William living at 10 Wood Street, Salford (age 4 and born at Salford). With his father Peter (age 43 and born Ireland), Dairyman and his mother Rose A. (age 41 and born Salford), Dairywoman. Also his siblings John (age 18), Mechanic; Mary A. (age 16), Apprentice Dressmaker; Jane A. (age 14), Employed at home; Peter (age 11), Scholar; Joseph (age 10), Scholar; Selena (age 8) Scholar; James E. (age 6 (Scholar); and Rose H. (age 2). ^[1]
- 1881 William living at 1 Lee Grove, Salford (age 14 and born at Salford), Engine Turner. Living in home of his brother John and family. ^[2]
- 1891 William living at 19 Port Erin Street, Salford (age 24 and born at Salford), Iron Founder. With his wife Martha (age 21 and born at Galway) and daughter Florence (age 5 months). ^[3]
- 1896 William Reilly of Salford filed patent 6062 of 1896 for a two-speed hub
- 1901 William living at 57 Vere Street, Salford (age 34 and born at Salford), Electrical Engineer. Living with his wife Martha (age 31 and born in Ireland), and children Florence (age 10), Scholar, and William H. (age 8) plus William's brother Joseph (age 39), Railway Inspector. ^[4]
- 1902 Reilly designed a 3-speed hub gear. He parted company with the manufacturer of 'The Hub' ([Hub Two-Speed Gear Co](#)) but had signed away to them the intellectual rights to his future gear designs.
- To circumvent this problem, the patents for Reilly's 3-speed were obtained in the name of his colleague, [James Archer](#).
- Henry Sturmey had also invented a 3-speed hub. In 1903 [Frank Bowden](#), head of the [Raleigh Cycle Co](#), formed the [Three-Speed Gear Syndicate](#), having obtained the rights to both the Reilly/Archer and Sturmey 3-speeds. Reilly's hub went into production as the first [Sturmey-Archer](#) 3-speed.