

Arthur Blake

..... was born at Richmond, Tasmania and his brother Charles at Kiama, NSW. Both lived in the Ashfield locality in the early 1900's. Charles eventually moved to the NSW North Coast in the late 1920's while Arthur remained in the Ashfield area until at least 1943.

Arthur Blake played rugby union with the Ashfield Buccaneers in the early 1900's before moving on to the Ashfield Borough Rugby Union team. He played with the Ashfield Second Grade rugby union team in 1907 before switching across to play rugby league with Wests in 1908. The Ashfield rugby union teams provided many of Wests early players.

He has been credited with one First Grade game in 1908 and another game in 1909. No doubt he played more Reserve grade games during this period, but records of these matches are quite limited.

Arthur Blake's son, Alan Blake (birth registration Allen Joseph Blake, b. 1911), played First Grade with Wests between 1933 and 1935. Allen Joseph Blake lived with his parents at Liverpool Rd Ashfield. Allen Blake played junior rugby league with the Summer Hill Club in 1931.

After the war, Arthur Blake moved to the Wyong district on the NSW Central Coast where he died in January 1955.