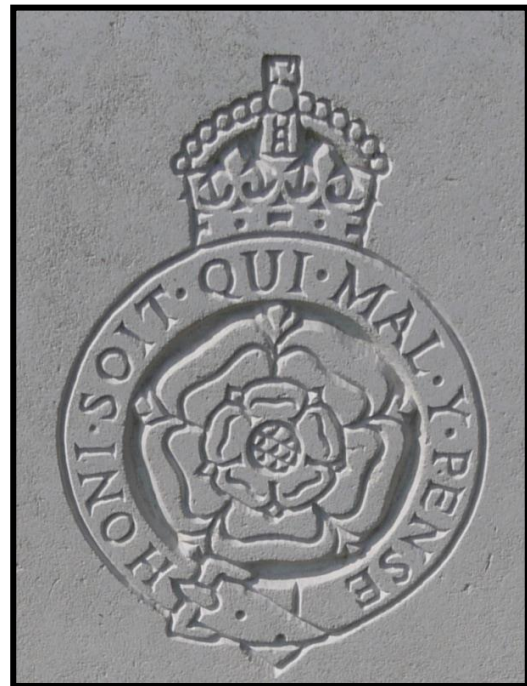


Private Thomas G. R. ELLIS



Born: 1897

Died: 26 July 1916

*OFFICE CLERK, Insurance Company
9th Battalion, ROYAL FUSILIERS*

Private THOMAS GEORGE ROWLAND ELLIS



Also **TOM**, Their Son
Who Was Killed in France
26th July 1916 Aged 18 years

ELLIS, Pte. Thomas George Rowland, 3968.
9th Bn. Royal Fusiliers. Died of wounds 26th
July, 1916. Age 18. Only son of George Rowland
Ellis and Ellen Ellis, of Worsley, nr. Manchester.
Born at Beccles, Suffolk. Volunteered in 1915.
Was in France only 17 days. IV. E. 1.

PRIVATE THOMAS GEORGE ROWLAND ELLIS

Service Number: 3968

Regiment & Unit/Ship

Royal Fusiliers
9th Bn.

Date of Death

Died 26 July 1916
Age 18 years old

Buried or commemorated at

DOULLENS COMMUNAL CEMETERY EXTENSION NO.1 (Somme region)
IV. E. 1.
France

1897: Fourth Quarter. Birth of **Thomas George Rowland ELLIS**, in Wangford, Suffolk.

1901 census: Alexandra Road, Beccles, Suffolk.

George R. Ellis	Head	M	30	Architect's Assistant	b. Northants
Ellen	Wife	M	27		b. "
Thomas G. R.	Son		3		b. Beccles

1911 census: 62 Albert Grove, Longsight, Manchester. (6 rooms)

George Rowland Ellis	Head	M	40	Architect	b. Peterborough
Ellen	Wife	M	37	(married 14 years; 2 children)	b. "
Thomas G. R.	Son		13	School	b. Beccles
Dora Ellen	Daur.		9		b. Beccles

1916: Died of wounds received in France on 26 July, aged 18 years.



18-year-old Thomas George Rowland Ellis was employed in the Manchester Town Planning Department and lived at Park House in Worsley, with his mother Ellen Ellis and his father, noted Worsley architect George Rowland Ellis. His uncle was Reverend T. Ellis from Winton Church, so the family name was well established in the area.

And with this more privileged background the family could no doubt have persuaded the authorities to give him a safer billet.

But had volunteered to sign up at the age of just 18 with the Royal Fusiliers.

Thomas was educated at the Central Schools, Whitworth Street, Manchester and after leaving he was employed on the office staff of the General and Fine Arts Insurance Company, Manchester.

He must have been eager to 'do his bit' and joined the Royal Fusiliers (Sportsmen's Reserve Battalion), training at

Leamington, Oxford and Edinburgh before being shipped over to France.

He was overseas for less than three weeks before he met his untimely end.

Thomas George Rowland Ellis, Service No. 3968, died on 26 July 1916 and is buried at Doullens Communal Cemetery Extension No.1, just north of Amiens in Northern France.

In a horrible twist of fate, his mother and father received two letters on the same day: one was from Thomas which described the 'nerve-wracking' effect of the shell fire raining down on the trenches.

Thomas had written home several times before but his parents were surprised to hear that he was under heavy gunfire because of his young age.

The second letter was from the Army Chaplain, who with a heavy heart sadly informed them that Thomas had died in the army hospital from injuries received the previous day, on 26 July 1916.

In an effort to soften the blow, he assured the family that they were going to bury Thomas, "in a sweet little cemetery in town" with a cross bearing his name over the grave.

A further letter was received from the Sister of the hospital extending her sympathy that told George and Ellen that she was with their teenage boy in his final hours.

The Managing Director of General and Fine Arts Insurance Company also wrote to the family offering their condolences: "The staff are deeply affected and have asked me to offer their sympathy in this your sad affliction.

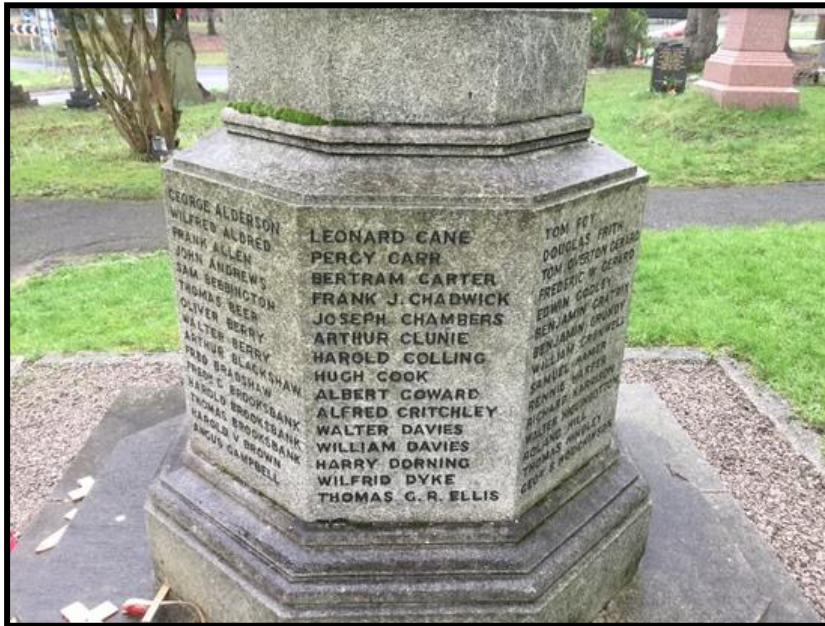
"I had great regard for your son, who always took a real interest in his work, but, what is more, he was a good lad."

A memorial service was held for him at Winton Church where he had been a member of the Church Lads' Brigade. The service was led by his uncle, Reverend T. Ellis.

So a young life ended at the tender age of 18, a life that seemed to promise so much for him – that would never come to be.

TONY FLYNN

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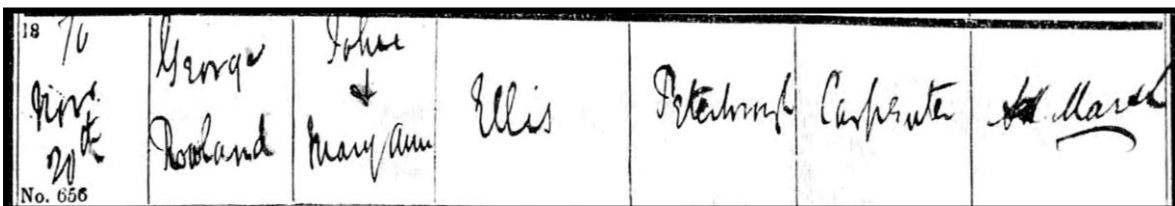


The ELLIS Family



George Rowland ELLIS,
Beloved Husband of **Ellen ELLIS**
13 March 1942, aged 71 years.

1870: Born 30 October 1870. Baptism of **George Rowland Ellis** at Peterborough, the son of John Ellis and Mary Ann, at St. John, on 20 November. Carpenter.



1871 census: Eastgate, Peterborough.

John Ellis	Head	M	33	Carpenter	b. Gresford
Mary A.	Wife	M	30		b. Liverpool
John O.	Son	S	6	Scholar	b. Chester
Thomas	Son		4	Scholar	b. Peterborough
Mary S.	Daur.	S	2		b. Peterborough
George R.	Son	S	3mo.		b. Peterborough

+ 1 servant.

1876: Death of Mary Ann Ellis. She and John had 5 children. John remarried in 1877 to Frances Davis. They had 1 child, Walter Llewellyn.

1881 census: Stone Lane, Orchard Cottages, Peterborough.

John Ellis	Head	M	42	Carpenter	b. Wrexham
Frances	Wife	M	43		b. Gresford
John Oliver	Son	S	16		b. Chester
Thomas	Son		14	Scholar	b. Peterborough
Mary S.	Daur.	S	12	Scholar	b. Peterborough
George R.	Son	S	10	Do.	b. Peterborough
Charles A.	Son	S	8	Do.	b. Peterborough
Walter L.	Son		6 mo.		b. Peterborough

1891 census: 20 Stone Lane, Peterborough.

John Ellis	Head	M	50	Railway Wagon Foreman	b. Denbighs.
Frances	Wife	M	54		b. Wrexham
John O(liver).	Son	S	26	Postman	b. Chester
Mary S.	Daur.	S	22	Dressmaker	b. Peterborough
George R.	Son	S	20	Carpenter	b. Peterborough
Charles A(lbert).	Son	S	18	Printer's Apprentice	b. Peterborough
Walter L.	Son		11	Scholar	b. Peterborough

1897: Marriage of **George Rowland Ellis** and **Ellen Samworth** on 2 April 1897 at Peterborough.

1901 census: Alexandra Road, Beccles, Suffolk.

George R. Ellis	Head	M	30	Architect's Assistant	b. Northants
Ellen	Wife	M	27		b. "
Thomas G. R.	Son		3		b. Beccles

1902: Birth of Dora Ellen Ellis on 6 January.

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Ellen	Wife	M	37	(married 14 years; 2 children)	b. "
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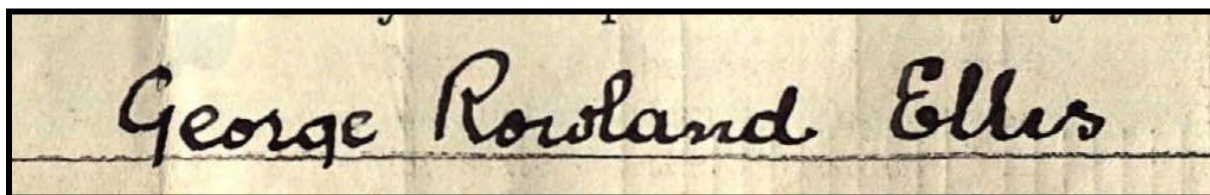
1917: Birth of Joan M. Ellis on 21 October.

1939 register: 1 Houghton Lane, Swinton.

Ellis, George R.	M	born 30 October 1870	Architect Retired	A.R.P. Warden
Ellis, Ellen	M	born 24 November 1873	Unpaid Domestic Duties	
(Ellis) Bateson, Joan	M. S	born -- October 1917	Invoice Typist	A.R.P. Warden

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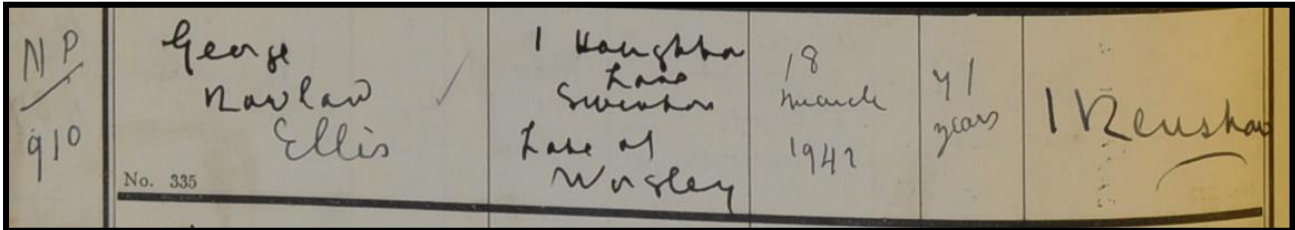
Matthews, Reginald A.	M	born 5 July 1899	Deputy Borough Surveyor	
Matthews, Dora Ellen	M	born 6 January 1902	Unpaid Domestic Duties.	A.R.P. Warden



George Rowland Ellis

ELLIS George Rowland of The Hollies 1 Houghton-lane Swinton Lancashire died 13 March 1942 Probate Manchester 8 May to Ellen Ellis widow. Effects £1190 15s.

1942: 18 March. Burial of **George Rowland Ellis** at St. Mark's.



Manchester Evening News: Tuesday 17 March 1942

ELLIS. — On March 13, 1942, suddenly, **GEORGE ROWLAND ELLIS**, retired architect, the dearly-loved husband of Ellen Ellis, of The Hollies, Houghton Lane, Swinton, aged 71 years. Service at St. Mark's, Worsley. Wednesday March 18, at 2 p.m.



Also **Ellen ELLIS**
Beloved Wife of **George R. ELLIS**
Died 1st Dec. 1950, aged 77 years.

1873: Birth of **Ellen Samworth** on 24 November at Peterborough, Northants.

1881 census: 6 Bright Street, Peterborough.

Mary Ann Samworth	Head	W	50		b. Fleet, Lincs.
Charles F.	Son	S	16	Pupil Teacher	b. Warboys, Hunts.
Lewis	Son		14	Scholar	b. Do.
Walter	Son		12	Scholar	b. Do.
Ellen	Daur.		7	Scholar	b. Peterborough

+ 3 boarders.

1891 census: 2 Russell Street, Peterborough.

Mary Ann Samworth	Head	W	60	Living on Own Means
Walter	Son	S	22	Green Grocer
Ellen	Daur.	S	17	Draper's Assistant

1897: Marriage of **George Rowland Ellis** and **Ellen Samworth** on 2 April 1897 at Peterborough.

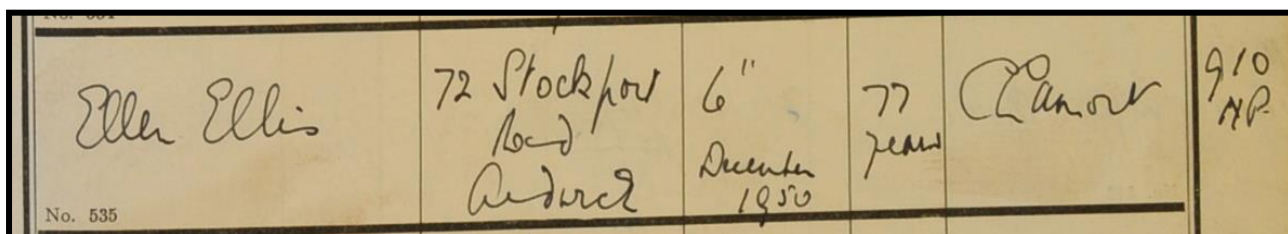
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1950: Burial of **Ellen ELLIS** on 6 December 1950 at St. Mark's.



About the memorial: Stone cross on octagonal shaft and plinth, one octagonal step and one square step. The inscription is incised and painted into the sides of the octagonal plinth.

The memorial standing near the west door of St Mark's church in Worsley, Manchester, is a Cornish granite cross fleury on a slim pillar which stands on an octagonal plinth and a three-stepped base. The top two steps are octagonal, the lowest is a shallow square. The memorial stands in a square gravelled area surrounded by a stone kerb. The plinth has moulding above and below, and the names of the fallen are inscribed around its faces.

In 2008/9 English Heritage and the Wolfson Foundation gave £1,075 towards work to clean the memorial, remove the paint from the lettering, replace worn or damaged letters and re-black all letters, rake out and re-point joints and clean the surrounding area and kerbs.

The memorial was unveiled on Sunday 10th April 1922 by the Earl of Ellesmere.

A granite memorial to over 100 Salford men who died in the First World war has been given national recognition.

Salford City Council has welcomed the news that Worsley's war memorial has been listed by Historic England as part of a national project to protect war memorials.

The Cornish granite stone cross, which stands near the west door of Grade I listed St Mark's Church, Worsley, has now become a Grade II listed monument. It was raised by the local community and unveiled on April 10, 1922 by the Earl of Ellesmere to commemorate 103 local servicemen who died in the war.

Councillor Derek Antrobus, lead member for planning and sustainable development said: "The loss of so many local young men must have been devastating for the small community of Worsley at the time. The village created an elegant tribute to them to show they will never be forgotten.

"It's an unusual monument among First World War tributes as the names of those who died in World War II were not added to it later on. I'm delighted it has been listed as this supports all Salford City Council has done to remember the anniversary of the First World War."

The stone cross has stands on an octagonal plinth and the names of the fallen are inscribed around the faces. The dedication is on the front face of the plinth in Gothic script and reads:

REMEMBER/ BEFORE GOD/ THE GALLANT DEAD/WHOSE NAMES/ ARE WRITTEN HERE/

THOUGH MANY LIE/
IN OTHER LANDS/
THEY FELL/ IN THE
GREAT WAR/ 1914 –
1919.

***ELLIS, Thomas.**—St. Paul's Coll. Burgh, 1884. St. Aug. Coll. Cant. 1885. Hatf. Hall, Dur. B.A. 1896, M.A. 1899, B.D. 1913. d 1889, p 1890 Rang. S.P.G. Miss. at St. Gabr. Ch. (Tamil), Rang. 1889-1904; St. Barn. (Burmese) Miss. Rang. 1890-1904; Dioc. Sec. 1897-1901; Furlough 1895-97 and 1901-02; Sick Leave 1904-06 and 1911-13; M. Edit. Cte. Burmese Bible Revision 1908; Prin. S.P.G. Th. Coll. Kemmendine, Rang. 1906-11; C. of Worsley, 1914-20 (on Active Service 1919); Ashton-on-Ribble 1921-22; Bury 1923-24; L.Pr. Dio. Man. 1924-25; R. of Winforton, Dio. Heref. from 1925. (P, Dr. E. Hobhouse and T. M. Dew Esq. alt; T.R.C. 261l w 14 a of Gl. val. 36l; Gross Inc. 297l, Net 258l and Ho; Pop. 130.) Rectory, Winforton, Herefs.