

Thomas George Rowland ELLIS, Pte.



ALSO:

George Rowland ELLIS 1870 - 1942

Ellen ELLIS (née PRATT) 1873 - 1950

Born: late 1897

Died: 26 July 1916

Buried in Doullens Communal Cemetery, Département de la Somme,
Picardie.



Pte. Thomas George ELLIS



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.

He served in France from 8 July 1916 to 26 July 1916 and was granted the Victory Medal and British War Medal on 6 August 1921. He died of wounds suffered.

UK, Commonwealth War Graves 1914 – 1921. Buried at Doullens Communal No. 1 and 2. Extension 1.

1863: Marriage of John Ellis (25) and Mary Ann Edmondson (26) at Everton, Liverpool, on 18 October 1863. John was a Carpenter.

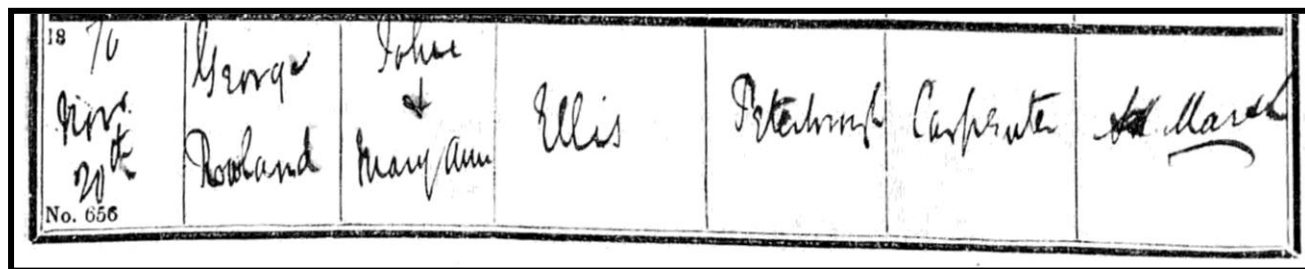
No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
172	18 th Oct ^r 1863	John Ellis	25	Bachelor	Carpenter	36 Gordon St.	Thomas Ellis	Carpenter
		Mary Anne Edmondson	23	Spinster		36 Gordon St.	John Edmondson	Millwright

Marrjed in the Church of St. Peter according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church, by George French or after Banns by me,

This Marriage was solemnized between us, John Ellis and Mary Anne Edmondson in the Presence of us, John Edmondson and Catherine Edmondson

1870: Birth of **George Rowland Ellis** on 30 October 1870.

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



1871 census: Eastgate, Peterborough.

John Ellis	Head	M	33	Carpenter	b. Denbighshire
Mary Ann	Wife	M	30		b. Liverpool
John O.	Son		6	Scholar	b. Chester
Thomas	Son		4	Scholar	b. Peterborough
Mary L.	Daur.		2		b. “
George R.	Son		3 mo.		b. “
Elizabeth Bain	Servant		12		b. Peterborough

1876: Death of John’s wife Mary Ann in the ¾ of 1876 at Peterborough.

1877: Marriage of John Ellis and Frances Davis in Peterborough in ¾ of 1877.

1881: Stone Lane, ‘Orchard Cottages’, Peterborough.

John Ellis	Head	M	42	Carpenter	
Frances	Wife	M	43		
John Oliver	Son		16		
Thomas	Son		14	Scholar	
Mary Sophia	Daur.		12	Scholar	
George R.	Son		10	Scholar	
Charles Albert	Son		8	Scholar	
Walter L.	Son		6	Scholar	
Elizabeth Bain	Servant		12		b. Peterborough

1891 census: 20 Stone Lane, Peterborough.

John Ellis	Head	M	53	Railway Wagon Foreman	b. Denbighshire
Frances	Wife	M	54		b. Wrexham
John Oliver	Son	S	26		b. Chester
Mary S.	Daur.	S	22	Dressmaker	b. Peterborough
George R.	Son	S	20	Carpenter	b. “
Charles A.	Son	S	18	Printer’s apprentice	b. “
Walter Llewellyn	Son		11	Scholar	b. “

1897: Marriage of **George Rowland Ellis** and **Mary Ellen Pratt** in ¼ 1897.

1897: Born: 4/4 1897. at Wangford, Suffolk.

1901 census: Alexandra Road, Beccles, Suffolk.

George R. Ellis	Head	M	30	Architect’s assistant	b. Peterborough, Northants.
Ellen	Wife	M	27		b. Northants.
Thomas G. R.	Son		3		b. Beccles

1911 census: 62 Albert Grove, Longsight, M’cr. (6 rooms)

George Rowland Ellis	Head	M	40	Architect	b. Northants.
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Ellen Ellis	Wife	M	37	(m. 14 years; 2 children)	b. Northants.
Thomas G. R.	Son		13		b. Suffolk
Dora Ellen	Daur.		9		b. Suffolk

1916: Death of **George Rowland Ellis** on 26 July 1916. Buried in Doullens Communal Cemetery, Département de la Somme, Picardie.

1939 Register: 1 Houghton Lane, Swinton.

Ellis, George R.	born 30 Oct. 1870	Architect (retired)	A. R. P. (Warden part time)
Ellis, Ellen	born 24 Nov. 1873	Unpaid domestic duty	
Ellis, Joan M.	born 25 Oct. 1917		A. R. P. (Warden part time)

Burial: 6 Dec 1950 St Mark, Worsley, Lancs.

Ellen Ellis -

Age: 77 years

Abode: 72 Stockport Road, Ardwick

Grave: 910 N.P.

Buried by: C. Lamont

Burial: 18 Mar 1942 St Mark, Worsley, Lancs.

George Rowland Ellis -

Age: 71 yrs.

Abode: 1 Houghton Lane, Swinton / late of Worsley

Buried by: I. Renshaw

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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.

100 years ago: Worsley architect's only son, 18, killed days after signing up with Royal Fusiliers

Hearing daily stories from 100 years ago in Salford can desensitize us to the suffering of local families – but the First World War was in full swing and poignant tales are everywhere of young lives snuffed out.

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 he 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.

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