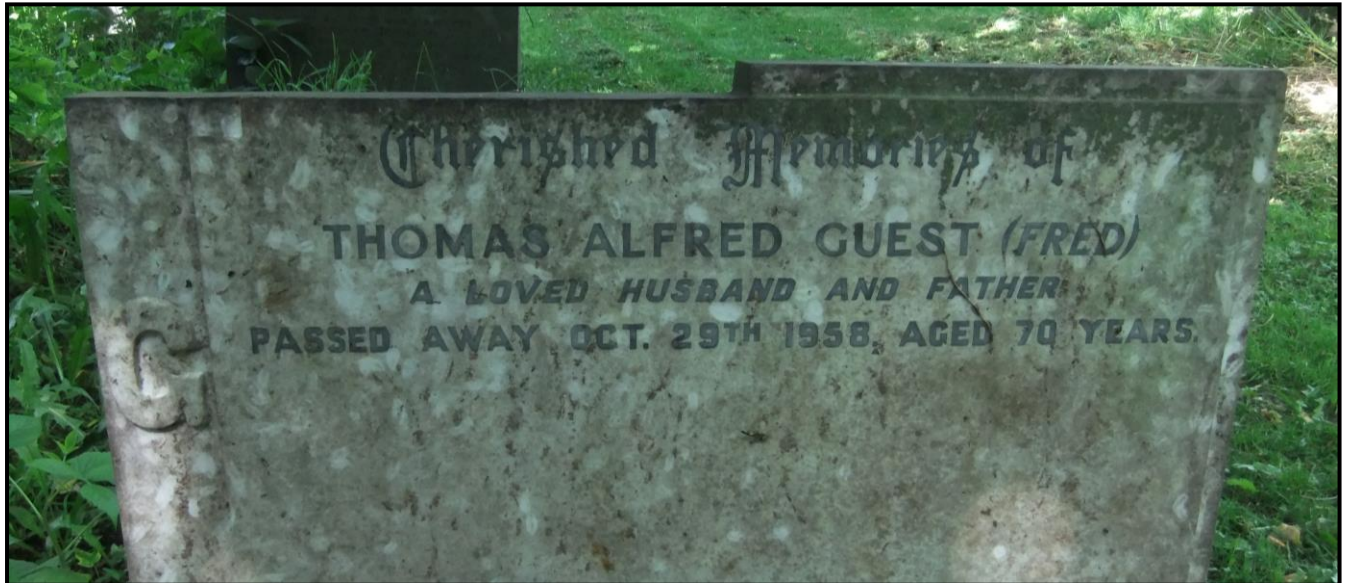


Thomas Alfred GUEST



Born: 20 April 1888

Died: 29 October 1958

MECHANICAL ENGINEER
O. B. E. Jan. 1948



Thomas Alfred GUEST

1888: Baptism of **Thomas Alfred Guest** on 3 June at St. Edburgha, Yardley, Worcester, son of Thomas Edward Whitmore Guest and Mary Ann Ward Guest.

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| 1888 | June 3 | Thomas Whitmore Guest | Mary Ann Ward | St. Edburgha Yardley Worcester | Rev. S. H. Dadd Vicar |
| No. 376 | | | | | |

1891 census: 31 Darlington St., Wolverhampton.

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|---------------------|--------|---|----|----------------------|
| Thomas Ed. W. Guest | Head | M | 29 | Clerk at Railway |
| Mary A. | Wife | M | 30 | Manageress Hotel Inn |
| Thomas A. | Son | | 2 | |
| John H. | Son | | 1 | |
| Kate L. | Sister | S | 21 | Companion Domestic |

+ 3 servants

1901 census: 123 Antrobus Road, Handsworth, Staffs.

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|--------------------|-------|---|-------|---------------|
| Thomas E. W. Guest | Head | M | 38 | Railway Clerk |
| Mary A. W. | Wife | M | 39 | |
| Thomas A. | Son | | 12 | |
| John H. | Son | | 11 | |
| Ida | Daur. | | 9 | |
| Olive W. | Daur. | | 4 | |
| Robert L. | Son | | 9 mo. | |

+ 1 servant

1911 census: 123 Antrobus Road, Handsworth, Staffs. (9 rooms)

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|----------------------|-------|---|----|--|----------------------|
| Thomas E. W. Guest | Head | M | 49 | Assistant Dist. Supt. (Railway) | b. Worcs., Dudley |
| Mary Ann Ward | Wife | M | 50 | (married 23 years; 7 children, 1 died) | b. Warwick |
| Thomas Alfred | Son | S | 22 | Engineer's Tool Maker | b. Stechford, Worcs. |
| John Harry | Son | S | 21 | Railway Clerk | b. Handsworth |
| Ida Guest | Daur. | S | 19 | Asst. Teacher | b. Wolverhampton |
| Olive Ward | Daur. | | 14 | School | b. Handsworth |
| Robert Leslie | Son | | 10 | School | b. Handsworth |
| George Stanley | Son | | 7 | School | b. Handsworth |

+ 1 servant

| 1922. Marriage solemnized at <u>S. Mark's Church</u> in the <u>Parish</u> | | | | | | | | | |
|--|-----|----------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------|----------------------------|---|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| of <u>Worsley</u> in the County of <u>LANCASTER</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| Columns:— | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | | |
| | 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. |
| | 162 | August 30th 1922 | Thomas Alfred Guest | 34 | Bachelor | Engineer | Beech Lane Broad Oak Park Worsley | Thomas Edward Whitmore Guest | Railway Superintendent |
| | | | Dorothy Ethel Waddle | 32 | Spinster | — | The Green Worsley | John Richard Waddle (decd) | Secretary. |
| Married in the <u>above church</u> according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the <u>Church of England</u> by <u>James Edward Kirkham Robert</u> or after <u>Worm</u> by me, | | | | | | | | | |
| This Marriage was solemnized between us, | | <u>Thomas Alfred Guest</u> | | in the Presence of us, | | <u>Richard John Waddle</u> | | <u>St. W. Thomas</u> | |

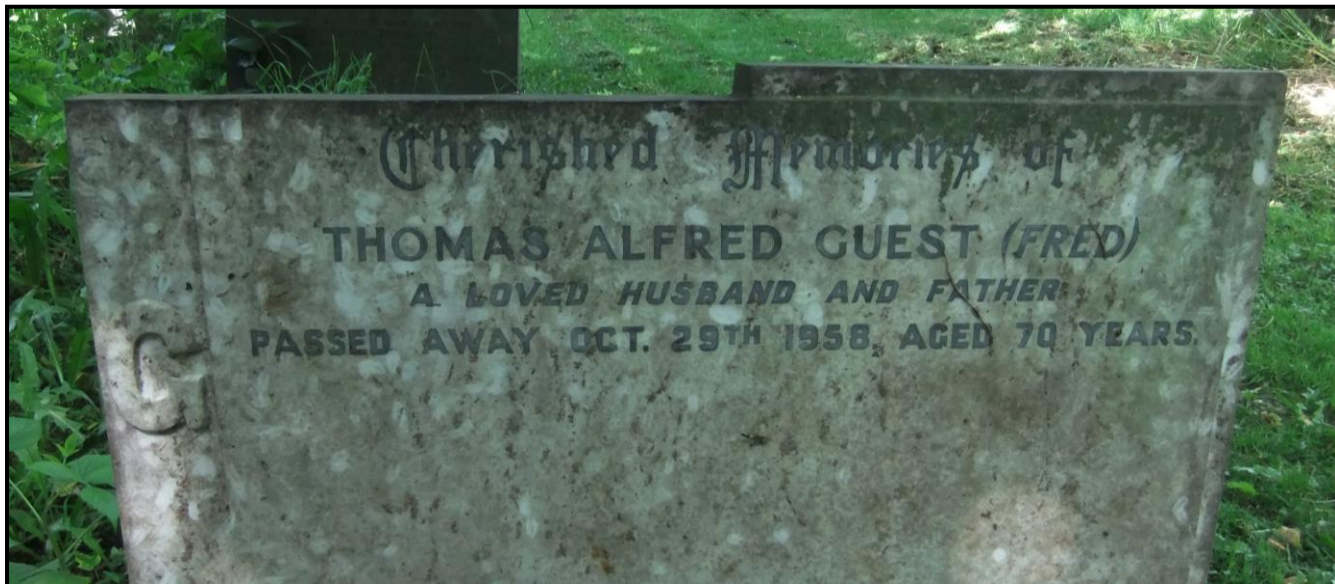
1939 Register: 129 The Green, Worsley.

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| Guest Thomas A. | b. 20 April 1888 | M | Mechanical Engineer |
| Guest Dorothy E. | b. 20 Dec. 1890 | M | Unpaid Domestic Duties |

In the New Year Honours List for 1 January 1948, the following announcement was made:

Officer of the Order of the British Empire (OBE) - Civil Division

Thomas Alfred Guest, Mechanical Engineer, Manchester Ship Canal Company



*Cherished Memory of
THOMAS ALFRED GUEST
A Loved Husband and Father
Passed away Oct. 29th 1958, aged 70 years.*

Burial: 3 November 1958 St Mark, Worsley, Lancashire, England

Theo Alfred Guest [Transcription error - Ed.].

Age: 70

Abode: 129 Worsley Green

Grave: N.P. 779

Buried by: C.A. Simister

**GUEST Thomas Alfred of 129 The Green Worsley Lancashire
died 30 October 1958 Probate Manchester 9 February to
Dorothy Ethel Guest widow. Effects £2739 10s.**

Thomas and Dorothy had 1 daughter -

Baptism: 30 December 1923 St Mark, Worsley, Lancashire, England

Dorothy Sheila Guest - [Child] of **Thomas Alfred Guest** & Dorothy Ethel

Born: 3 Oct ?

Abode: Abbotsford, Whitby Rd. Ellesmere Port

Occupation: Engineer

Baptised by: H.W. Thorne

She married Wilfred Barlow in Barton District in the 3rd quarter of 1947 and died in 2007 in Scotland.

The following three pages are taken from the *UK Mechanical Engineer Records 1847 - 1938*. They give a succinct summary of his life, qualifications and work before 1938.

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22.NC. 1938

[FORM A.]

PROPOSAL AS MEMBER, ASSOCIATE MEMBER, COMPANION, OR ASSOCIATE.
(To be used also for Transference from Graduateship to Associate Membership.)

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4-SEP 1935

The Institution of Mechanical Engineers.
ESTABLISHED 1847. INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER 1930.
Storey's Gate, St. James's Park, London, S.W. 1.

[Before filling in this Form please read the back page.]

(1) Name in full Thomas Alfred Guest

(2) Place of Birth Stechford Warwickshire

(3) Date of Birth April 20th 1888 (4) Age (at date of signing) 47.

(5) Nationality British

(6) Official Designation of present Occupation Assistant principal Engineer of the Manchester Ship Canal Co

(7) Business Address Ship Canal House King Street Manchester

(Members of Council do not sign this form.)

(8) Having known the Candidate personally for 15 years, I propose and recommend him as a proper person to belong to the Institution.

W. E. Smith Signature. of Proposer.
Date 15 August 35 Grade (M. or A.M.) in Institution. Member

(9) I second this proposal. I have known the Candidate personally for 20 years.

James Wilson Signature. of Secondar.
Date Aug 16/35 Grade (M. or A.M.) in Institution. Member

(10) Names and addresses of three persons, other than the Proposer and Secondar, to whom reference can be made; two at least being Members or Associate Members.

| NAMES— | ADDRESSES— |
|-----------------------------|--|
| <u>Geo. West. C.B.E. M.</u> | <u>Springfield, Wilmslow N. Manchester.</u> |
| <u>A.W. Ardway M.</u> | <u>15 New Brown St. Manchester</u> |
| <u>Alfred Dixon M.</u> | <u>Openshaw Engineering Works Manchester</u> |

Names to be filled in by the Candidate. Personal acquaintance with the Candidate for at least two years is desired.

(11) Details of any examination passed by the Candidate which would exempt him from passing the Associate Membership Examination.†
Board of Trade examination as a First Class Marine Engineer. N° of Certificate 5514A.

† Certificate to be sent in with this proposal.

Dates and duration for each heading.
1895 to
1900.

(12) General Education (with dates).

Bolton Road Council School
Handsworth Birmingham

Initials of persons verifying each statement (when obtainable)

(13) Technical Education (with dates, subjects, and principal successes).

1900 to
1904.
1904 to
1907.
1908 to
1911.

Bridge Trust Grammar School (Science Section)
Handsworth Birmingham. Mathematics, Chemistry,
Physics, Euclid, Algebra, Woodwork, French, English.
Handsworth Technical College Handsworth.
Mechanical Engineering + Machine Drawing,
Birmingham Technical College, Mechanical Engineering
+ Machine Drawing.

(14) Apprenticeship (with dates, and particulars of training received).

May 1904
April 1911.
May 1911
Feb. 1912.

Apprenticeship with Messrs Langley & Co Birmingham, General
mechanical Engineering + Machine Tool Section. Before
leaving was assistant chargehand of the small Tool + Gear
cutting Dept.
Improves under C. J. B. Cooke Esq. Chief Mechanical Engineer L.N.W.
Railway Co. In the locomotive erecting, Boiler + Millwrights,
and Steel manufacturing Dept.

(15) Subsequent Career (with dates, positions held, and responsibility).

March 1912
to
Sept 1917.
Sept 1917 to
Nov 1917.
Nov 1917 to
April 1919.
June 1919 to
Oct 1920
June 1920
March 1921 to
Oct 1926.

Sailed as Sixth, Fifth, Fourth + Third Engineer on The
SS Mechanician, SS Candidate, SS Hope, SS Chama, SS Nigeria
+ SS Petchen during which time I obtained my Second
Class B.O.T. Engineers Certificate
Studying at a Marine Engineers College Liverpool for a
First Class B.O.T. Engineers Engineers Certificate and passed on
The 26th day of November 1917. No. of Certificate 55144.
Held Temp. Commission as Second Lieutenant I.W.T. + D. R.E.
Sailed as Engineer Officer on the H.M. S.P. 13 from Fawey to
Alexandria Egypt, was then appointed Officer in Charge of the
Building shallow draught ships at the Anglo American Nile Co
Works Cairo Egypt + finally appointed Officer in Charge of The
Sultan's Slipway Royal-Tine Palace Alexandria Egypt
upon which the H.M. S. Tugs + other craft were surveyed and
Repaired under my supervision
Sailed as Second Engineer on the SS. Prak, SS. New Brooklyn and SS.
Southern Coast.
Joined the Staff of The M.S.C Co as an assistant to the Chief Mech. Engineer
appointed Mech. Superintendent at Ellismere Port Docks + Standard
Oil Dock. Responsible for the assembly of new plant on the Docks.

John

John
Wells

Dates and duration for each heading.

1926

and the maintenance of existence plant including the erection of cranes, Coaling plants and Dredgers Etc working in that Section, and also the Survey + Repairs of Tugs Dry Docked at the Port.

W.S.D

(16) Present Employment, commencing date, and particulars.

Appointed as a principal assistant to the Chief Mech. Engineer at Head Office. Directly responsible for the maintenance of all Boilers, Engines, Steam + Electric Cranes Tugs, Dredgers, Pumping plants, Locomotives, Rock Saws Etc and the design of Boilers, Engines + Floating craft, also conducting tests on lifting gear + the material suitable for same.

Initials of persons verifying each statement (when obtainable).

(17) Degree of personal responsibility involved in Present Employment. (Candidate should state to whom he is directly responsible and for what personnel.)

Directly responsible to the Chief Mech. Engineer for all the outdoor assistant Mech. Engineer and their personal (1000) which includes for complete maintenance of plant + workshops for the repair + maintenance of Tugs, Dredgers + other craft, also Locomotives (73), Steam, Electric + Hydraulic Cranes + Hoists (274), Hydraulic power stations (10), Boilers (271), Rocks, Grain Elevators + general dock machinery. Also assisting in the design + erection of new plant + machinery + any water treatment for Boilers.

W.S.D

(18) Brief details of most important Mechanical Engineering work for which Candidate has been personally responsible.

The Building + equipping of the Dredger M.S.C. Hollin + Dewey. The construction of two 400 Tons per Hf. capacity coal conveying plants at Ellismere Port. The design + layout of Boilers, pumps, Water softening plant, Steam Range, oil main drainage pumps, + all equipment at Stanlaw Oil Docks. The design + construction of the New Fire + salvage Tug M.S.C. Fire Fly + the installation of

W.S.D

(19) Membership in other Societies. Diesel Engineer in two Bridge Pumping stations

ENGAGEMENT.

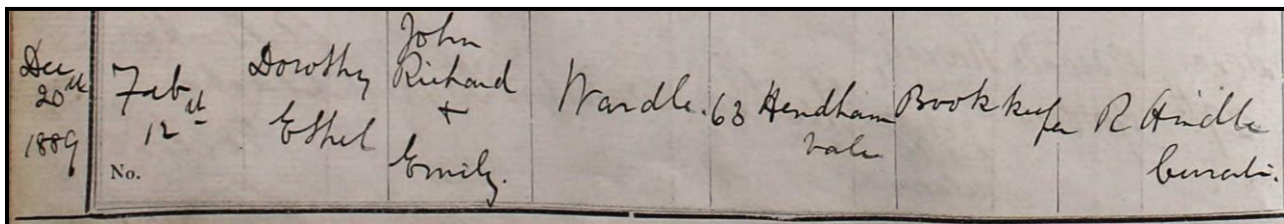
I, the undersigned, certify the above statement, and do hereby agree that in the event of my Election as Member, Associate Member, Companion, or Associate, I will be governed by the Royal Charter and By-laws of The Institution of Mechanical Engineers as they are now formed or as they may hereafter be altered; that I will advance the objects of the Institution as far as shall be in my power, and will attend the Meetings thereof as often as I conveniently can: provided that, whenever I shall signify in writing to the Secretary that I am desirous of withdrawing from the Institution, I shall (after the payment of any arrears which may be due by me at that period) be free from this obligation.

Signature of Candidate

T. A. Guest

[TURN OVER.]

Dorothy Ethel Wardle was born on 20 December 1889 and baptised at St. Oswald, Collyhurst, on 12 February 1890. She was the daughter of John Richard (a book keeper) and Emily Wardle, living at 63 Hendham Vale. She died on 29 December 1977, her address given as 129 The Green, Worsley, but the National Index of deaths shows that it was registered in South Tyneside. Probate was granted in Manchester on 16 March 1978. She was not buried at St. Mark's.



According to the 1911 census, her father John (60) was a Secretary in a Soap and Chemical works. He had been born in Howden on Tyne, Northumberland, and her mother (59) came from South Shields. They had 7 children, of whom 1 had died by the time of the census. Dorothy had a sister Eleanor Annie (36) and a brother James Reed (34), both born in Blaydon on Tyne. She also had 2 other brothers, Lionel Shaun (29) and Frank Wood (27), both born in Peckham Rye, London. At this time Dorothy Ethel was aged 2 and born in Harpurhey, Manchester. The family was living by now at Avondale, Brackley Road, Monton.

