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*GAMEKEEPER*

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*LANCASHIRE FUSILIERS*



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*In Loving Memory of*  
**THOMAS WHITEHEAD**  
*who died Oct. 2nd 1940*  
*aged 85 years*

*Also ROSE ANN his wife*  
*who died Nov. 13th 1939*  
*aged 77 years*

**ANNIE**

*Daughter of Thomas & Rose Whitehead*  
*of Worsley*

*who died December 1895*

*Aged 1 year 9 months*

*Also WILLIAM their son*

*Killed in Action*

*April 16th 1917 aged 18 years*

*Duty Nobly Done*

*Also ANNIE UNDERWOOD*

*sister to above Rose Ann*

*who died July 26th 1933*

*aged 69 years*

**Thomas Whitehead** was born on 12 July **1857**, at Brayton, near Selby, Yorkshire. He was the son of William, a Woodman, and Ann Whitehead. Thomas married Rose Ann Underwood at All Saints, Pontefract, on 31 January **1889**. She was born on 24 March **1862**, also at Brayton, Yorkshire. Thomas spent most of his early years in that district.

At the time of the first census, **1841**, William was already married to Ann, both aged 20, but ages then were not accurate because they were rounded down to the nearest 5. Thomas Settrington (50) was working on the farm, owned by Thomas Whitehead (65). From this we can conclude that Ann's maiden name was likely to be Settrington.

In the census of **1851**, William (37) was living at an address in Blayton with his wife Ann (27) and their first 2 children. With them was an uncle, Thomas Settrington (61). At that time, William was a farmer of 20 acres of land and the uncle was a farm servant.

**1861** census: Village, Brayton.

William Whitehead	Head	M	48	Labourer
Ann	Wife	M	37	
Elizabeth	Daur.		12	
Hannah Mary	Daur.		10	
William	Son		8	
George	Son		6	
<b>Thomas</b>	Son		3	
Frederick	Son		6 mo.	

**1871** census: Cottage, Brayton.

William Whitehead	Head	M	55	Woodman
Ann	Wife	M	46	
<b>Thomas</b>	Son		13	
Frederick	Son		13	

Arthur                      Son                      7  
 Rose Ann                 Daur.                   5  
 Ruth                        Daur.                   10 mo.

**1881 census:** Brayton.

William Whitehead    Head    M        66     Woodman  
 Ann                        Wife    M        56  
 Anna Mary             Daur    S        30  
 George                 Son     S        26     Woodman  
**Thomas**                Son     S        23     Gamekeeper  
 Arthur                 Son     S        17     Farm Labourer  
 Rose Ann             Daur.   S        15     Scholar  
 Ruth                     Daur.         10     Scholar

1889. Marriage solemnized at *All Saints' Church* in the *Parish of Preboscote* in the County of *York*

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.
338	Jan <sup>y</sup> 31 <sup>st</sup>	Thomas Whitehead	29.	Bachelor	Gamekeeper	Toll Hill	William Whitehead	Woodman
		Rose Ann Underwood	27.	Spinster	—	Toll Hill	William Underwood	Gardener

Married in the *Church of All Saints* according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the *Est<sup>d</sup> Church of England*, by *Walter M. Thurling* me,

This Marriage was solemnized between us, *Thomas Whitehead* & *Rose Ann Underwood* in the Presence of us, *William Underwood* & *Mary Ann Underwood*

**1891 census:** Barton Moss.

**Thomas Whitehead**    Head    M        31     Gamekeeper  
**Rose**                        Wife    M        29  
 Dennis                     Son     S        11 mo.  
 Sarah Underwood     Vis.    S        14

**1894.** Annie Whitehead. Born 30 March **1894**. Baptised St. Mark's on 18 April 1894. Canal Bank, Worsley, Gamekeeper. Sadly, she died in December 1895.

In **1897**, they had a son **William**, born on 25 September 1897 and baptised in Ferry Fryston, St. Andrew's (Ferrybridge) on 31 October 1897. It becomes clear that at this stage, the family was moving around quite a lot.

1897	1897	Rebecca						
Sept. 25 <sup>th</sup>	October 31 <sup>st</sup>	Thomas & Rose Ann	William	Whitehead	New Fryston	Game-keeper	Wm. James	Asst. Carate.
	No. 3240							
1897	1897							

**1901 census:** Butts Cottage, Roseacre, Treales and Wharles (on the Fylde coast, land owned by Lord Derby).

**Thomas Whitehead**    Head    M        41     Gamekeeper  
**Rosann**                    Wife    M        38  
 Dennis                     Son     S        10  
 Albert                     Son     S        9  
**William**                 Son     S        3  
 New born child        Son     S        4 days

**1911** census: Heaps Cottage, Outwood, Stoneclough (near Kearsley).

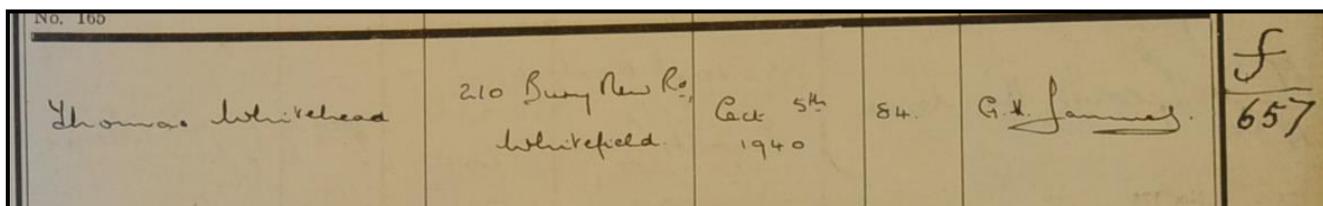
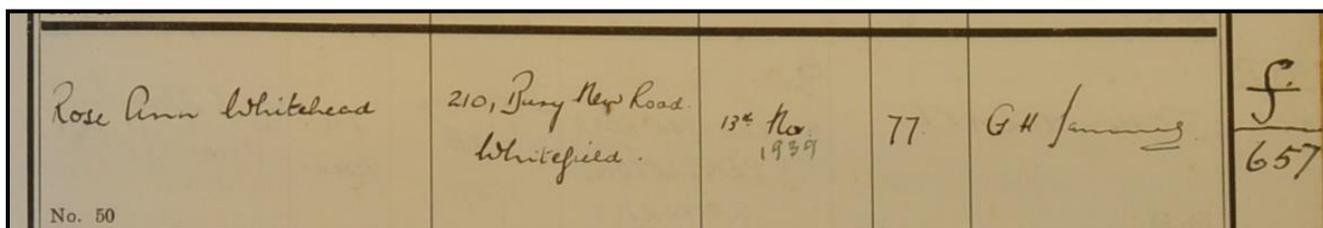
<b>Thomas Whitehead</b>	Head	M	51	Gamekeeper	b. Selby
<b>Rose Ann</b>	Wife	M	49		b. Selby
Dennis	Son	S	20	Engineer Tool Maker	b. Pontefract
Albert Edward	Son	S	19	Lord Derby's Estateman	b. Pontefract
<b>William</b>	Son		13	School	b. Fryston, Yorks.
Wilfred	Son		10	School	b. Treales, nr. Kirkham
Fred	Son		7		b. Singleton, Lancs.

**1939** Register: 210 Bury New Road, Whitefield.

Whitehead Albert E.	15 Jan. 1892	M	Gardener Green Keeper
Whitehead Esther	19 June 1891	M	Unpaid Domestic
Whitehead Gertrude M.	29 Dec. 1932		School
Whitehead Thomas	24 Mar. 1862	M	Pensioner Old Age
Whitehead Rose A.	12 July 1857	M	Pensioner Old Age

*There is a discrepancy here in the records. The dates of birth for Thomas and Rose Ann have been inserted the wrong way round.*

The grave site F657 was owned by Thomas Whitehead, Game Keeper, of Swing Bridge, Worsley.



The fourth name on the headstone is **William Whitehead**, who was *Killed in Action, April 16th 1917, aged 18 years*. He is not buried here, but his name is inscribed on the walls in Bay 5 of the ARRAS MEMORIAL. The ARRAS MEMORIAL commemorates almost 35,000 servicemen from the United Kingdom, South Africa and New Zealand who died in the Arras sector between the spring of 1916 and 7 August 1918, the eve of the Advance to Victory, and have no known grave. The most conspicuous events of this period were the Arras offensive of April-May 1917. He died, killed in action, on 16 April 1917. This would have occurred during the second battle of Arras (9 April - 16 May 1917), as part of the British contribution to the Allied spring offensive of 1917. The French had handed over Arras to Commonwealth forces in the spring of 1916 and the system of tunnels upon which the town is built were used and developed in preparation for the major offensive planned for April 1917.



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**WILLIAM WHITEHEAD** held the rank of *Private* and was a member of the *1st Battalion Lancashire Fusiliers*. His service number was **41826**. His official residence in the military records was *Outwood, Stoneclough, Lancs*. In addition, his death place was recorded as *France and Flanders*, and the type of casualty was stated as *Killed in Action*. the theatre of war as the *Western European Theatre*. He had enlisted in *Bury*, where the Headquarters were based at Wellington Barracks.

