

Stoke St Mary History Group

THOMAS BURT

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Thomas Burt's parents were Thomas and Ellen nee Hooper who married 5 Oct 1876 in West Hatch. Thomas senior was listed on the Census as an Agricultural Labourer. Thomas was one of seven children. Georgina, William, Annie [Hannah], Thomas, George and Sarah Ann.

Thomas' grandparents were George and Eliza Channing who married in Thurlbear in 1851. [His grandfather married a second time, conveniently to another Eliza Channing from Thurlbear in 1875].

Thomas was born in Stoke St Mary and baptized in St Mary's Church on 7 Feb 1886.

His parents were living at Tuckers Cottage. By the 1901 census he was employed as a quarry labourer, presumably at the Lime Kilns on Stoke Hill and was still working there in 1911.

In 1911 he married Susan Ellis and they had one daughter, Florence Mary, born 1912, and baptized 31 March 1912 at St Mary's. Susan died in 1937 and was buried on 16 Mar 1937 at St Mary's.

During the First World War, he like his brother William, joined the Somerset Light Infantry but whilst William was in the 1st Battalion and served in France, Thomas was in the 2nd Battaion which was sent out to India and he spent his whole war on the Indian sub continent. We have one photograph of him in his army uniform. So far not been able to find any record of his World War I service, other than the medal record.

When the war ended he returned with the Battalion to England in 1919 and initially stayed in Tuckers Cottage, but not long after, moved up to Lime Kiln Cottage where his sister lived with her husband, Fred Challice.

For details of his life and work at the Lime Kilns – see following documents.

Thomas died in 1963 and was buried at Stoke St Mary on 9 January 1963.