

Matthew Henry Balls



Matthew was born in Battersea in 1880 and soon after the family moved to Isleworth. He enlisted in Hounslow into the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry, 2nd Battalion (6694). In the 1891 census, Matthew (aged 10) is living at 8 Queen's Terrace, Worple Road in Isleworth with his father James, mother Jane, younger sister Florence and younger brother Alfred. The family name is listed as Balls, but listed on the Memorial as Ball. In 1901, Matthew is recorded as living at 6 Stuarts Place in Twickenham.

In the 1911 census, Matthew is a trenchman for the Metropolitan Water Board, living at 4 Algar Road, Isleworth with his father, James, aged 63, a jobbing gardener and a widower.

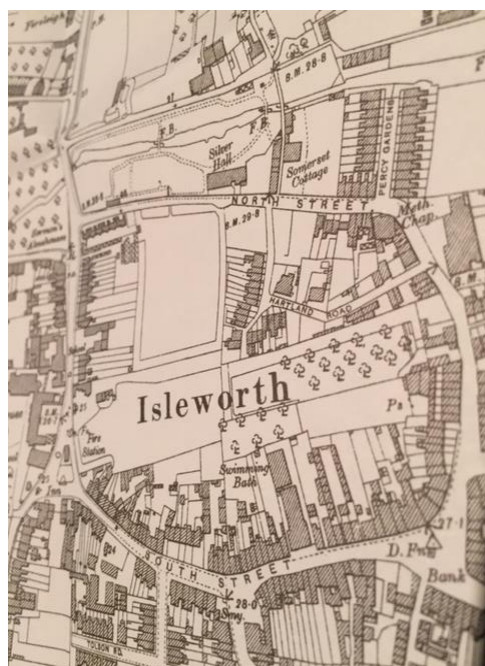
In June 1912, Matthew married Elsie Elizabeth Gertrude Sims and they lived together at 42 North Street, Isleworth and they had a daughter, Edith Elsie born on 8th April, 1912.

In the 1915 electoral register, Matthew is shown as having been resident at 2 Watson's Cottages, Sutton and 28 North Street, Isleworth. He was commemorated at the Isleworth Mission Church along with his mother-



in-law, Isabella. Matthew died from wounds on 15th

Algar Road, off South Street in Isleworth C 1915, Ordnance Survey map



North Street Isleworth C 1894, Ordnance Survey Map

November, 1914, aged 34 and is buried in Le Touquet – Paris Plage Communal Cemetery, grave ref. 1. A. 4. He was awarded the Victory and 1914 Star medals and is listed on his grave as “a native of Isleworth”. Tragically, his brother, Alfred George Balls also died in WW1 on 25th July 1916

Mathew Henry Ball

6694, 2nd Bn., King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry who died on 15 November 1914 Age 34

Husband of Mrs. E.E.G. Ball, of 42, North St., Isleworth, Middx. Native of Isleworth.

Remembered with Honour
Le Touquet-Paris Plage Communal Cemetery

A photograph of a grave in a cemetery. The grave is a simple rectangular stone on a grassy plot. In the background, there are trees and other graves. A small circular logo is visible in the bottom right corner of the image area.

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