

## Edward Thomas Kaine



Edward Thomas Kaine was born in Addlestone, Surrey in 1881. He was the eldest son of Thomas Kaine, a coachman/groom (later a painter) and his wife Rebecca Jane, nee Wesley. Thomas and Jane married in Addlestone on 17<sup>th</sup> August 1880. They had 6 children of whom only 5 survived to adulthood.

The family moved around in the first years – Edward, and his brother Henry, were born in Addlestone and his sister Ellen was born in Scarborough in 1888, but by 1891, they were living in Hersham, Surrey.

Sometime between 1891 and 1896, the family moved to Isleworth, where the two youngest children- Charles and George were born. In 1901, Edward was living at home in 7 Lower Square, Isleworth- see *left* and working as a butcher's assistant. He married Florence Smith in 1905, and in 1910, they emigrated to Australia.



In 1915 Edward and Florence were living in Armadale, Victoria, and it was here that Edward joined the Australian Imperial Forces. He attested on 26<sup>th</sup> June and embarked on the HMS *Anchises* on 26<sup>th</sup> August. However, he returned to Australia in October 1915 and was discharged as medically unfit. He died of pulmonary tuberculosis on 26<sup>th</sup> June 1917, just two years after joining up. His brother Charles was killed in action in France one month later.



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The family's youngest son, George, born in 1900, was just too young to fight in WW1 and would have been too old for conscription in the early days of WW2. He was one of the casualties of an air-raid over Isleworth on 29<sup>th</sup> September 1940. His name is on the WW2 Civilian War Memorial on the Isleworth North Street Green- see *left*.