

George Osmond King



George Osmond King, born in 1878, St George's Hanover Square, was the son of Oliver Asa King (born in Colchester) and his wife Clara (nee Day, born in St Leonards, London) both around 1850. Oliver was a cloth cutter and they are recorded in the censuses as living in 2, Everilda Street, Finsbury in 1881, 7 Theobold Street, Chatham in 1891 and Bartholomew Buildings, Holborn in 1901. Oliver Asa married Clara Day in Shoreditch in 1871; Oliver died in 1907 and Clara in 1914, both in the Islington area.



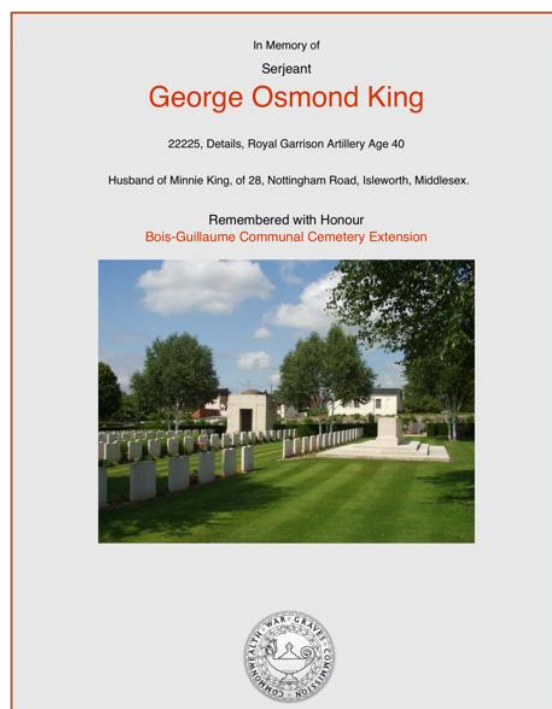
In the censuses, George is recorded as having nine brothers and sisters: Harry, Kate, George, Alice, Frederick, Frank, Ethel, Robert and Charlotte; he was the sixth oldest. In 1911, George was working at the Westminster Union Workhouse, 49 Poland Street as an attendant, so too was Minnie Davis (born in Isleworth in 1882), whom he married later in 1911 in Westminster. Sometime after this, they lived in Pimlico. George was working for the London County Council in the Schoolkeepers' section of the Education Officer's Department. Minnie lived in Isleworth before their marriage with her brother William, a

railway engineer and then an engine fitter in the Navy and his wife, Minnie (nee Walker, married in 1896) and their children, and his mother in law, Mary Walker, a nurse and widow, at 1 Elizabeth Cottages, Linkfield Road and later at 28 Nottingham Road (*see left*), also the address given on George's CWGC certificate. This road was directly opposite St John's Church in Isleworth (*see below*), where George is also remembered on the memorial inside the church.



George enlisted in Gosport, Hampshire and became a Serjeant in the Royal Garrison Artillery (22225). According to the London County Council Record of War Service he was in France for three years and nine months. He died on 11th May 1918, from heart failure on the Western Front, as recorded on his LCC papers.

He was buried in the Boisguillaume Communal Cemetery Extension in Normandy (*see left, photographed by David I Gray, Find a Grave*). His headstone records 'Deeply mourned by his loving wife and daughter Babs.' He was awarded the 14 Star, The Victory and British War Medals.



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