

George Thomas Pollard



George Thomas Pollard (1885-1916) was the son of Alfred Pollard (1842-1893), born in Brighton, and Mary Perrin Skeet (1846-1921) born in Poplar. His parents married in 1863 in Erith in Kent and the family lived in that area before moving to Isleworth by 1891. Alfred was a farm labourer and a gardener in 1891, when they were living in 8 Magdala Road. By 1901, they had moved a short distance to 22 Worple Road and by 1911 to 25 Percy Gardens, North Street in Isleworth. In the 1911 census, Mary recorded that she had 14 children, eight of whom were still alive.

Robert Alfred, born in 1866 in Erith in Kent, was a gardener and living with his brother

1863. Marriage solemnized at <i>St Pauls Church</i> in the Parish of <i>Plumstead</i> in the County of <i>Kent</i>								
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.
297	<i>June 14th</i>	<i>Alfred Pollard</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>Bachelor</i>	<i>Labourer</i>	<i>Plumstead</i>	<i>Robert Pollard</i>	<i>Gardener</i>
		<i>Mary Skeet</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>Spinster</i>		<i>Plumstead</i>	<i>Isaac Skeet</i>	<i>Miller</i>
Married in the <i>Parish Church</i> according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church, by <i>David Adams</i> or after <i>By</i> <i>David Adams</i> <i>vicar</i>								
This Marriage was solemnized between us,		<i>Alfred Pollard</i>		in the Presence of us,		<i>David Adams</i>		

George, mother Mary and sister Ethel, born in 1890 in North Street. Albert Walter, born in 1879, married Margaret Blackabey, from Windsor and was living with his family in 7 Lower Square in Isleworth in 1911. Emily was born in 1871 in Kent, as was Alice Clara born in 1882. In 1901 she was a laundress and a visitor to 121 Haliburton Road. In 1911, she married John William Mills, who is also listed on the Isleworth Memorial, losing his life when his ship, HMS Cressy, was torpedoed on 22nd September 1914. Florence Janet (1887-1974) married Robert Charles Maunders, a market gardens salesman in 1905 in Brentford and in 1911 was living with her family in West Drayton.

George Thomas married Bessie Florence Monaghan in 1907 in Brentford. He was a market gardener and they had two children: Violet Ethel and George Thomas. Tragically Bessie died in 1908 with complications following the birth of her son. In 1911, George was living with his two children at his mother's home in Percy Gardens. George enlisted in Hammersmith and served with the Middlesex Regiment, 12th Battalion (G/7536). He was killed in action on September 26th 1916 in the assault on and capture of Thiepval, aged 31. He is remembered on the Thiepval Memorial, and also locally on the church memorials at All Saints and St Bridget's (see right).

