

Thomas Egerton

Holmes Chapel

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His Story

Thomas was born to John (an agricultural labourer) and Elizabeth in 1878 at Cross Lanes, Cotton.

By the time of the census in 1891 the family were living at The Green, Sproston. Thomas was aged 13 and at school.

Thomas had moved away by 1901 to Gayton, Northants where he was aged 23, a boarder, and working as a groom.

By 1911 he was at the Red Lion Inn, Welton aged 33, working as a groom.

He is not recorded on the Church Roll of Honour although he did have connections with the village.

His War Record

According to the Parish Magazine, in June 1915 he joined the Army Service Corps.

There were no further reports.

His military record provides more information and confirms he enlisted into the 3rd Battalion Cheshire Regiment with Nr. 26366 He was aged 35 at the time, working as a groom with height 5ft 4in. In August 1915 he joined the BEF but in early July 1916 he received a gunshot wound to the right leg.

He rejoined his unit by the end of July but in February 1917 was wounded in the back and did not rejoin the services until July 1917 when in October he was posted to the Labour Corps.

In October 1919 he was demobilised when he received a 20% disablement pension of 5 shillings and sixpence from 24/2/1919. His home address was 27 Harvey Lane, Golbourne.