
Thomas EMMS (c. 1828-1901)

Thomas Emms' connection to North Lopham is by birth and residency.

Thomas EMMS, son of John EMMS (c. 1799-c. 1884) and Lydia BANHAM (c. 1799-c. 1866), was born circa 1828 in North Lopham, Norfolk.

At the time of the 1841 Census, Thomas was living at The Park in North Lopham - 15, male servant, living in the household of Lucy MORNAMENT? (60, farmer).¹

Thomas was attested into the military on 3 October 1846 at Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk and assigned to the 94th Regiment of Foot, Private 3276. From 20 August 1847 to 21 October 1859 he served in the East Indies.

He married **Ann BENNETT** on 8 May 1862 in Winchester, Hampshire.²

On 23 October 1862 he had a medical examination, "Having examined Private Thomas Emms I am of opinion he is unfit for further service owing to varicose state of veins both leg". Thomas was discharged on 11 November 1862 in Chatham, total service 16 years and 14 days.

On 2 Apr 1871, (the 1871 Census), he was living at Bolton Terrace in St. Pancras, London - 50, public carriage attendant, living with wife Ann (40) and daughters Aanes A (17, scholar), Ellen (3m)³

In the 1881 Census (3 Apr 1881) he appeared at 8 Bolton Terrace in St. Pancras - 51, laboring asst. to local board of works surveyor, living with wife Ann (45) and daughters Anne A (17, general domestic servant), Ellen (10, scholar), Alice (9, scholar), Lydia (7, scholar) and Matilda (5, scholar).⁴

Thomas appeared in the 1891 Census at 26 Sidmouth Street in St. Pancras - 61, labourer, living with wife Ann (54), daughters Alice (19, drugist), Lydia (17, tailoress) and Matilda (13, silkwindler), and adopted child (Thomas BARKER (4)).⁵

On 28 August 1900 was admitted to a convalescent home in Sandgate, Kent.

At the time of the 1901 Census, Thomas was living at Royal Hospital, Queen's Road in Chelsea, London - 71, pensioner.⁶

Thomas died on 30 October 1901 in Camden, London - aged 73 years.⁷ He was buried on 6 November 1901.

Ann BENNETT was born circa 1837. She died circa 1892. She and Thomas EMMS had the following children:

Ann Agnes EMMS (c. 1863-c. 1940)

Ellen EMMS (c. 1871-)

Alice EMMS (c. 1872-)

Lydia EMMS (c. 1874-c. 1946)

Matilda EMMS (c. 1876-)

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