

Pensioner Details
<i>Pensioner name:</i> Thomas Brooks
<i>Person ID:</i> DV1003
<i>Your name:</i> Mustafa Khatib
<i>U3A group:</i> South West
Part One: Birth and Family
1: When and where was your pensioner born?
<p><b>Thomas Brooks</b> was born on 8 April 1842 in Courtenay, Devon to Thomas and Johanna Brooks who were 27 and 36, respectively when Thomas the son was born.</p>
2: Who were your pensioners' parents? Record any details you can find out about them here (e.g. occupation, religious affiliation, whether they could read or write)
<p><b>Father:</b> Thomas Brooks, same name as son, born in Bondleigh (Paignton Civil Parish, Devon) in 1814</p> <p><b>Mother:</b> Johanna Brooks, was born in Broadwood Keleigh, Devon in 1809</p> <p><b>Marriage</b> Only one marriage index is available on search databases. The marriage is registered in Totnes, Devon in 1859. Thomas, a shoe maker, is aged 26 and Johanna is 30.</p> <p><b>Thomas Brooks</b>  <b>Born</b> 1813 in Bondleigh, Devon,  <b>Baptised</b> at Whitechapel St Mary, Tower Hamlets on 19 Nov 1815, present his parents William and Elizabeth. William is listed as Artist of Fine Arts.  <b>1851 Census:</b> Thomas 36 lives in the same locality with his wife and with his son Thomas, aged 8. No one else is living with the family.  <b>1861 Census:</b> Still living in Paignton with his wife Johanna, Thomas his son is now 19, still at home, no job listed. A visiting nephew also called Thomas 12, is listed in the census as a visitor. Thomas is the head and listed as master shoe maker  <b>1889 Death Record:</b> This record is registered in Newton Abbot for Thomas Brooks, died in 1889 age 75. <b>Error! Reference source not found.</b></p> <p><b>Johanna, nee Wonnacott?</b>  <b>Born</b> 1809 in Broadwoodkelly, Devon  (Unable to find definitive data about Johanna before she got married, nearest is Johanna Wonnacott [DOB did not match]. Father George Wonnacott and mother Jane Ware)  <b>Census 1851,61,71,81:</b> Listed Johanna as Shoe Maker Wife  <b>Death:</b> According to the Civil Death Index 1837-1915, Johanna died in April 1881 at the age of 73 and her death was registered in Totnes Devon. <b>Error! Reference source not found.</b></p>
3: Did your pensioner have any siblings? What were their names, and how old were they in relation to your pensioner? Use this space to record anything else you have found out about them (e.g. occupation)

Thomas did not have any siblings and did not board with other people.

1861 census shows that a cousin also named Thomas Brooks aged 12 as being at the same address, listed as the nephew of Thomas Brooks' senior. The nephew is registered as Visitor and there is no evidence that he continued to live there

## Part Two: Marriage and children

1: Did your pensioner marry? What was their spouse's name, and when and where did they marry them? Use this space to record any extra details you can find out about their spouse (e.g. when/where they were born, their occupation)

### Marriage

Thomas Brooks age 24 married a local girl named Lucy Farrant age 22 at the parish church of Paignton, Devon on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of December 1866. Thomas worked as a shoe maker then. In attendance were Thomas's parents Harriet and Thomas Brooks. Both Thomas and Lucy signed the register

### Wife Lucy Brooks (nee Farrant)

**Born** in Torre, Torquay, Devon and registered in Newton Abbot, in 1844, to parents William, listed a Gardener (born 1813) and Jane Farrant (born 1817), also residents of Paignton Parish, Devon

**1861 Census:** Lucy is then 16 single and listed as domestic servant still living at home with her other 7 siblings (Hannah 14, Thomas 12, William 9, Emily 6, Janet 4, Henry 2 and Arthur 1)

**1871 Census:** Lucy and Thomas had been married for 5 years and have 4 children (Sydney St Clair Brooks 4, Victor 3, Albert 1 and baby Frances 8 months old). The family lives in Paignton, Devon and Lucy is full time mother and house wife while Thomas is Post Office Letter Carrier

**1881 Census,** Lucy 36 and Thomas 38 live with their 11 children (Sydney St Clair Brooks 14, Victor 13, Albert 11, Bernard 10, Eva Mary 6, Lucy Bertha 5, Florence Lucy 9, Mabel Blanche 4, Thomas 2, Blanche 1, and baby Lillian Hamilton). The family lives in Paignton, Devon and Lucy is full time mother and house wife, Thomas is still a Letter Carrier. Absent from this census is son Frances who appeared in the 1871 census return as 8 months. It is likely that he died in the period between the period 1871-1881, he does not appear in any returns

**1891 Census:** Lucy 46 and Thomas 48 still live in Paignton and the 6 older children have left home but 3 new ones had been born since the 1881 census. 8 children live now at home (Bernard 20- Rural Messenger, Mabel Blanche 14, Thomas 12, Blanche 11, Lillian Hamilton 10, Norman F 8, Winifred 6 and Franklin 3). The family lives in Paignton, Devon. Thomas is still with Post Office and and Lucy is full time mother and house wife

**1901 Census:** Lucy 56 and Thomas 58 still live in Paignton and more children had left home. 3 children live now at home (Norman F 18- a Letter Carrier, Winifred 16 and Franklin 13). The family lives in Paignton. This census is the last in Lucy's life time

**1909 Death Record:** Lucy Brooks passed away on 18 Dec 1909 aged 65 and the death was registered in Totnes leaving behind her husband Thomas and her grown up children and their families

**1910 Probate Record:** The probate was held on 16 February 1910 for Ernest Farrant for effects, valued at £331 7s 2d

2: Did your pensioner have any children? What were their names, and when they were born? Use this space to record any extra details you can find out about them (e.g. occupation, where they lived later in life)

See Appendix: Children

### Part Three: Work

1: What occupation was your pensioner recorded as doing in census years? Please make sure to state clearly which year you are referring to

1851: Age 7, listed as scholar  
1861: Age 17, single, listed as Back Maker Labourer  
1871: Age 27, Married, listed as Letter Carrier  
1881: Age 38, listed as Letter Carrier  
1891: Age 48, listed as Letter Carrier  
1901: Age 58, listed as Letter Carrier-Retired

2: What occupations were people living with your pensioner (e.g. spouse, children, boarders) doing in the census years? Please make sure to state clearly which year you are referring to

Thomas Brooks (Father)

1851- Death: Shoe Maker, Master Shoe Maker **Error! Reference source not found.**

Mother- Harriet Brooks

1851- Death: Shoe Maker Wife (non-paid duties)

Wife Lucy Brooks (nee Farrant) **Error! Reference source not found.**

1861 Census: listed as domestic servant  
1871- 1891 Census: Married and listed as house wife  
1901 Census: Living with her son Norman and his family, listed as mother

#### Children

Sydney St C Brooks (Son)

1861-1891 Census (refer to Part 2 Q2, mother's census returns)  
1901: Warehouse Worker (London Area) **Error! Reference source not found.**  
1901 --: Unknown (after moving to Australia)

Victor T Brooks (Son)

1861-1891: Census (refer to Part 2 Q2, mother's census returns)  
1891: Assistant **Error! Reference source not found.**

Alfred G Brooks (Son)

1861-1891 Census (refer to Part 2 Q2, mother's census returns)  
1902- 1918: Military active service **Error! Reference source not found. Error! Reference source not found.**

Frances (Son)

Early Death

Bernard (Son) **Error! Reference source not found. Error! Reference source not found.**

1861-1881 Census (refer to Part 2 Q2, mother's census returns)  
1891 census: Rural Letter Carrier  
1901, 1911 Censuses: Rural Letter Carrier

Florence Lucy Brooks (Daughter) <b>Error! Reference source not found.</b> <b>Error! Reference source not found.</b>
1892- Death: Housewife
Eva Mary Brooks (daughter) <b>Error! Reference source not found.</b> <b>Error! Reference source not found.</b>
1861-1891 Census (refer to Part 2 Q2, mother's census returns) 1901: Domestic Servant 1902- Death: Housewife
Lucy Bertha Brooks (Daughter) <b>Error! Reference source not found.</b>
1861-1891 Census (refer to Part 2 Q2, mother's census returns)
Mabel (Daughter) <b>Error! Reference source not found.</b>
<b>1911 Census</b> listed as Housekeeper Domestic
Thomas (Son) <b>Error! Reference source not found.</b> <b>Error! Reference source not found.</b>
1911 Census: Listed as Bill Poster 1939 Register: Listed as Hotel Waiter ( Kitchen Porter)
Blanche (Daughter) <b>Error! Reference source not found.</b>
<b>1901 Census:</b> listed as Servant
Lillian Hamilton Brooks (Daughter) <b>Error! Reference source not found.</b>
1913: Domestic Servant 1913- Death: Housewife
Norman Franklin Brooks (Son) <b>Error! Reference source not found.</b>
1900: Military Active service 1901- 1939: Postman
After 1940: No employment record, but likely to have stayed with Post Office
Winfred Brooks (Daughter) <b>Error! Reference source not found.</b>
Domestic Servant/Cook
Franklin Brooks (Son) <b>Error! Reference source not found.</b> <b>Error! Reference source not found.</b>
1902 Joined Military Service
<b>Part Four: Anything Else</b>
Please use this space to record anything else you have found out about your pensioner
<p>Thomas Brooks died at 19 Garden Terrace, Paignton on 25th February 1913, 4 years after his wife's passing in 1909. He was 69 when he died and the cause of death was given as cancer of the liver. Present at his death was his son Norman Brooks</p> <p>Thomas Brooks born 1844 came from modest background, his father a shoemaker and his mother unemployed. He joined the post office when he was 23 and served for 35 years as a letter carrier after which he retired for ill health in 1901, age 58. There is no evidence that he took up another employment after he retired or before his death in 1913.</p> <p>Thomas's life story was that of continuous struggle, a man of limited means, single income trying to bring up a family of 15 children. Lucy, his wife would have led a difficult life, looking after those children and taking care of the family affairs. All that in the face of diseases, basic healthcare and poverty</p>

Yet Thomas and Lucy managed to get those children safely through harsh conditions until they all found employment and survived to long ages, with the exception of one little boy, Frances who died in infancy.

The stretched resources of Thomas had reflected on the welfare of the children, none of whom received good education and they all took up manual labour jobs. All the daughters went into domestic service, servants and cooks. Two of the boys joined the military and fought in the great war. Both survived the war and distinguished themselves with war medals for bravery and exceptional service

Thomas's life beyond retirement would not have been very comfortable, suffering from cancer of the liver which eventually led to his death in 1913. He was alone during the last 4 years of his life as his wife had died in 1909. However most of his sons and daughters stayed in the same town or nearby and would have provided company and care to Thomas and Lucy to the end of their time

Although Thomas's family conditions seem very harsh in present day's standard, it would have not been out of place in the 19th century.

#### Part Five: Your Sources

Please use this space to record the sources you have used

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### **Appendix One: Children**

Thomas and Lucy had 15 children, eight sons and seven daughters between 1867 and 1888. All the children with the exception of one little boy, Frances, lived their full life. Below is a summary of the lives of the children

#### **Sydney St. Clair Brooks**

- **Born:** Sydney was born in Paignton, Devon in 1867. For earlier census refer to part 2 Q1 (mother's census)

- **1901 Census:** Sydney 36 had moved to London area, working as a Warehouse Manager
- **1903 Marriage:** He married Winifred on 31 Aug 1903 at Great Ilford, St.Alban The Martyr, Essex. His spouse was Winifred Marston Cox 29. (No marriage register available, just an index)
- **1909 Passage to Australia:** Sydney, his wife and their 2 children immigrated to Australia on the Royal Prince in January 1909
- **Death:** Sydney passed away in Victoria, Australia on 21<sup>st</sup> April 1844 aged 77

### Victor T.B. Brooks

- **Born:** Victor was born in Paignton, Devon in 1869. For earlier census refer to part 2 Q1 (mother's census)
- **1891 Census:** Victor 22 is listed as lodging near Paignton with a family of 8 plus 16 other lodgers, working as an Assistant Grocer
- **Marriage:** There is a probable marriage index record listing Victor getting married in 1897
- **Census beyond 1891:** There are no census data for Victor. The name however shows up in U.S records including US newspaper obituary for Victor. Unable to search US records.

### Alfred E. Brooks

- **Born:** Alfred was born in Paignton, Devon in 1870. For earlier census refer to part 2 Q1 (mother's census)
- **Military Record:** Alfred joined the Dragon Guards Regiment in 1902
- **UK, World War I Service Medal and Award Rolls:** Alfred was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.
- **Chelsea Pensioners Service Records:** Records show that Alfred enlisted in 1902 at the age of 33 and served during the Great War

### Frances C Brooks Error! Reference source not found.

- Deceased (infant)

### Bernard Courtenay Brooks

- **Born:** Bernard was born in Paignton in 1870. For earlier census refer to part 2 Q1 (mother's census)
- **1891 census,** Bernard is 20 living at home and working as Rural Letter Carrier
- **1899 Marriage,** Bernard 28, still a letter Carrier married Maud Elizabeth Westaway 22, in Totnes, Devon
- **1901 Census:** Bernard 30 and Maud Brooks 24 live in Paignton and have 2 children ages 1 year and 3 months. A sister of Maud's 12 also lives with them

- **1911**, At age 40, Bernard and Maud have 5 children altogether and he still holds his post office job. The family had moved to Surrey and live at 1 Elm Cottage, Godstone Road Kenley, Surrey
- **1939 Death**: Bernard died in Surrey in 1937 age 65 and was cremated on 1<sup>st</sup> June 1937

#### Florence Lucy Brooks

- **Born**: Florence was born in Paignton, Devon in 1872. For earlier census refer to part 2 Q1 (mother's census)
- **1891 Census**: Age 19, Florence as listed as Servant working at a family house in Paignton
- **Marriage**: Florence age 20 got married in Totnes to Albert King 21, a bricklayer, in 1892
- **1901 Census**: Florence moved to Risca, Monmouthshire, Wales with her husband
- **1939 Register**, shows Florence 68 and her husband 69 living in Wales with two of their children ages 24 and 17
- **Death**: Florence died in Monmouthshire, Wales in 1964 aged 92

#### Eva Mary Brooks

- **Born**: Eva Mary was born in Paignton, Devon in 1875. For earlier census refer to part 2 Q1 (mother's census)
- **1891 Census**: At the age of 16, Eva is listed as a domestic servant
- **1901 Census**: Eva is 25 and listed as Servant living at her employment address caring for a 77 year old lady in Paignton

#### Lucy Bertha Brooks

- **Born**: Lucy Bertha was born in Paignton, Devon in 1875. For earlier census refer to part 2 Q1 (mother's census)
- **1891 Census**: At the age of 15, Lucy is listed as a domestic servant. Lucy Bertha does not appear in other census reports, and there is no evidence that she had got married
- **Death**: Lucy died in Paignton, Devon as Miss Brooks Oct 1953 age 78

#### Mabel Blanche Brooks

- **Born**: Mabel Blanche was born in Paignton, Devon in 1877. For earlier census refer to part 2 Q1 (mother's census)
- **1911 Census**: At the age of 30, Mabel is listed as Housekeeper Domestic
- **1916 Marriage**: Mabel 38 got married to her employer George B Pedrich, 59 in Totnes in 1916
- **Death**: died in Paignton, 1917 aged 39

#### Thomas Brooks

- **Born**: Thomas was born in Paignton, Devon on 14 Apr 1879. For earlier census refer to part 2 Q1 (mother's census)
- **1911 Census**: Thomas is married with 2 children and working in Devon as Bill Poster
- **Marriage**: According to the marriage index, Thomas married Nellie in 1904 when he was 25

- **1939 Register:** Thomas 60, is still living in Paignton and working as Hotel Waiter (Kitchen Porter)
- **Death:** Thomas died in 1940 aged 61

### Blanche Brooks

- **Born:** Blanche was born in Paignton, Totnes Devon in 1879. For earlier census refer to part 2 Q1 (mother's census)
- **1901 Census:** Blanche age 22 is listed as Servant

### Lillian Hamilton Brooks

- **Born:** Lillian was born in Paignton, Devon in 1881
- **1901 Census:** Lillian age 19 is listed as domestic servant
- **1911 Census:** Lillian is listed as domestic servant
- **1913 Marriage Record (index):** Lillian got married to John Heath in Totnes in 1913

### Winifred Brooks

- **Born:** Winifred was born in Paignton, Devon on 26 Sep 1884. For earlier census refer to part 2 Q1 (mother's census)
- **1939 Register:** The register of 1939 lists Winifred as living in Torquay and working as a Cook at a family house, still single age 55
- **Death:** Winifred Brooks died in Jul 1953 aged 68

### Franklin Cameron Brooks

- **Born:** Franklin the last of Thomas Brooks' children was born in Paignton, in 1887. For earlier census refer to part 2 Q1 (mother's census)
- **1911 Census:** Census shows Franklin at 27 working as Bill Porter and still living at home with his father, siblings and some of their wives
- **1842-1925 Military Records:** Enlisted in the Army in 1914 aged 26 with the Devonshire Regiment
- **Military Honour Records:** Like his brothers, Franklin was awarded two medals, the British War Medal and the Victory Medal
- **Marriage Record:** Unable to find a marriage record
- **Death:** Franklin died in Paignton in 1966 aged 78

