

Thomas Harvey Turvey 1883 - 1929

His parents Thomas Turvey & Mary Ann Jones of Stone Staffordshire were married in 1881 at Whittington Worcester.

1881 22nd December a daughter Eleanor was born. They resided at South Street, Blockhouse Worcester.
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1889 5th June Thomas Harvey starts work at Worcester as an Railway Engine Cleaner.

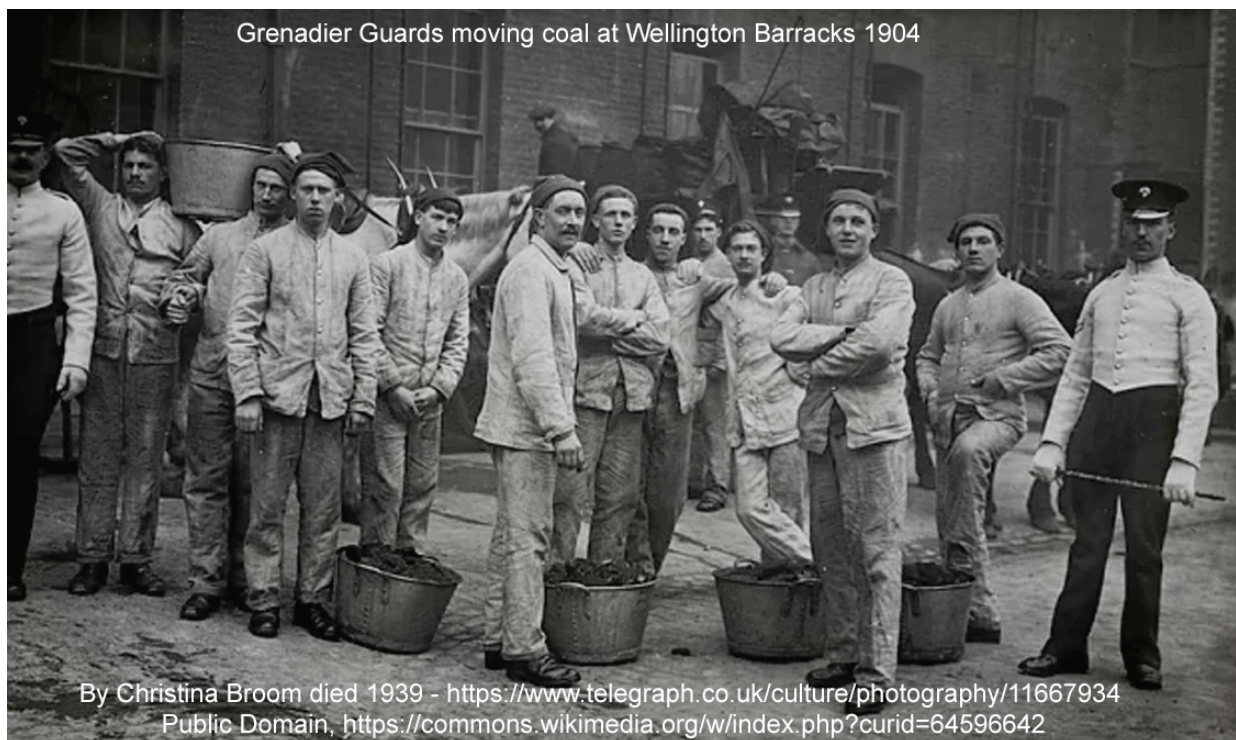
1891 Census finds the family at 46 Lower Chestnut Street, Worcester. Thomas Snr, age 33 a printers compositor, Mary Ann age 31, Eleanor age 9, Harvey age 8, Anthony age 2 and Norah age 9 months.

1901 Census finds them at Ashmore (No 20) Woolhope Road, Green Hill, Worcester. Thomas age 43, a printer, Mary age 41, Eleanor age 19 a glove maker, Thomas Harvey age 18 an engine cleaner, Anthony Charles age 12, Gertrude Kate age 9, Norah Isabelle age 10 and Phyllis Mary age 6.

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1901 5th Thomas Harvey October Finishes work on the railway.

1902 31st January he enlisted at Worcester into the Grenadier Guards for 12 years "Short Service" - *Private soldier.No 10126. Height 5 ft 8.1/2 ins, Weight 131 lbs, Chest 34 inches, Eyes grey & Hair light brown.* There is no indication that he served overseas but his papers show he was at Caterham Barracks, Woolwich Barracks and Wellington Barracks London. After serving 7 Years with 'The Colours', and in accordance with the terms of the "Short Service" contract, on 23rd June 1909 he transferred to the army reserve He returned to live in Worcester and went back to work on the railway in Worcester.



The 1911 census shows the family living at Ferndale, (No 34) Woolhope Road. Thomas Snr age 53 is a letterpress printer. Mary is age 51, Thomas Harvey age 28 is a railway porter, Anthony Charles age 22 is a Lithographic Printer, Norah Isabelle age 21 is a shop assistant, Gertrude Kate age 19 is a clerk and Phyllis Mary age 16 is a tailoress.

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Thomas Harvey Turvey was finally discharged from the army reserve on 31st January 1914.

On 18th January 1929 While working on the Railway near Droitwich, Worcestershire, Thomas Harvey Turvey was knocked down and killed by a passing train.

He was buried at Astwood Cemetery Worcester (plot 33294). Later buried in the same plot were his father Thomas (1940) and mother Mary (1951).

Railway Accidents. Reports by the Inspecting Officers of Railways records the following:

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Location Droitwich - date of accident - 1929 Dec 18th.

First name(s) / initial(s) - Thomas Harvey. surname - Turvey, sex M, age 46.

County Worcestershire, Country England.

Grade - Shunter

Primary railway company responsible for location - Great Western Railway.

Nature of casualty - Fatal

Precise details of injury - Fell in front of an engine and run over.

Type of accident - Whilst about the track

Details of accident:-

Turvey proceeded towards the down main line to be in position to attach the engine and 4 wagons, and that, in crossing the compound, he was tripped and thrown to the ground by the coupling pole coming in contact with the rails or his legs and fell immediately in front of the engine.

Other people mentioned - Battersea, driver; White, engine driver.

Responsibility/ cause - The accident may, I think, be attributed to misadventure.

Inspector Wm Worthy Cooke.

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Warwickshire Evening Dispatch, December 19th 1929

SHUNTER KILLED.

Harvey Turvey, aged 46, single, a shunter, was killed last night while at work on the railway at Droitwich. No one saw the accident, but it is supposed that when leaving the cabin he was struck by a train.

He was terribly injured. his right leg and arm being completely severed. Turvey had lived with his sister in Chestnut-street, Worcester, since going to work at Droitwich a week ago, but his home is in Birmingham.

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There is no clear record of Harvey between 1914 and 1929. He never married and had no known children.

Possibly he had been living with a brother or sister in Birmingham.

What Became of the rest of the family:-

In 1939 Harvey's father **Thomas Turvey** and mother **Mary Ann** were living with their daughter Gertrude and son in law Ben Jackson at 92 Quinton Road, Birmingham. Thomas Snr. passed away in Worcester on 9th December 1940. Mary Ann was living with her daughter Gertrude and son in law Cecil Martin at 23 Menin Road, Billesley, Birmingham at the time of her death on 9th February 1951.

Harvey's elder sister **Eleanor** was married in 1905 to Ernest James Williams at Coventry. They had 2 sons, Percy, born 1907 & Hubert, born 1909. The 1939 register finds the couple at Bolston Road Worcester.
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Eleanor passed away in Worcester in July 1957.

Harvey's brother, **Anthony Charles Turvey** was married in 1913 in Birmingham to May Latham. The 1927 Electoral register finds him at 10 Bournbrook Road, Selly Park, Birmingham.

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May Passed away in September 1939 in Birmingham. The 1939 register finds Anthony at 156 Hubert Road Bournbrook, Birmingham and working as a Lithographic Transfer Printer. Also in the house are his son Leslie (born 1917) a Lithographic Transfer Printer and a lodger, Henry Latham, a retired organ pipe maker.
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Anthony remarried in January 1949 to Dorren Silcock. Anthony passed away in Birmingham in 1974.

Norah Isabelle remained unmarried. The 1939 register finds her living at 92 Quinton Road Birmingham with her Sister Phyllis, brother in law Ben and both parents. She was living in at 165 Swanshurt Lane Moseley at the time of her death. Norah died when her home was struck by a bomb on 11 December 1940. A pair of post war semi detached houses now stand on the plot.

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This was a very sad time for the family, Norah's father, Thomas Snr had passed away 2 days earlier .

Gertrude Kate Turvey was married in Worcester in 1915 to Cecil George Martin. They had 2 children Douglas, born 1920 and Doreen Born 1922. the 1939 register finds them at 23 Menin Road, Billesley, Birmingham. Getrude was still residing at that address when she passed away November 11th 1962.

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Phyllis Mary Turvey was baptised, age 13, at St Mary Church, The Tything, Worcester in 1908. She was married at Kings Norton, Birmingham in 1918 to Benjamin C Jackson. The 1939 register finds the couple at 92 Quinton Road, Birmingham. Ben is a Driller /Filer at an aero works. Also at the property are Thomas Turvey, age 72, retired printer, Mary Turvey age 71 & Norah Turvey, age 49 a railway clerk.

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