

Private Thomas Brindley

Thomas Brindley was born in early 1896 in Sheen, Staffordshire. He was the second child and eldest son of William and Hannah (nee Harrison).

His siblings were Elizabeth (born 1894), Maria (born 1898), William Harrison (born 1900), Hannah (born 1902), Jane Ann (born 1905), Hilda (born 1909) and Frank (born 1914).

The first census record for Charles is in 1901, where he is living with his family in Milldale

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| | | | William Brindley | Had | 31 | | | | | General | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | Hannah | Wife | 30 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | Elizabeth | Daughter | 6 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | Thomas | Son | 5 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | Maria | Daughter | 3 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | William | Son | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

In 1911, at the age of 15, he is working as a cowboy on farm at Broad Close farm Tissington.

CENSUS OF ENGLAND AND WALES, 1911.

Before writing on this Schedule please read the Examples and the Instructions given on the other side of the paper, as well as the headings of the Columns. The entries should be written in Ink.

The contents of the Schedule will be treated as confidential. Strict care will be taken that no information is disclosed with regard to individual persons. The returns are not to be used for proof of age, as in connection with Old Age Pensions, or for any other purpose than the preparation of Statistical Tables.

| NAME AND SURNAME | RELATIONSHIP to Head of Family | AGE (last Birthday) and SEX | PARTICULARS as to MARRIAGE | | | | | PROFESSION or OCCUPATION of Person aged ten years and upwards | | Whether English, Welsh, or Working on this Schedule | Whether Working at Home | BIRTHPLACE of every person. | NATIONALITY of every Person born in a Foreign Country. | INFIRMITY. |
|----------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|---------------------|--------------------|--|----------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------|-----------------------------|--|------------|
| | | | State, for each Married Woman entered on this Schedule, the number of— | Children born alive | Children born dead | Children who have been born alive and died | Children who have been born dead | Personal Occupation | Industry or Service with which worker is connected | | | | | |
| William Henry Halsey | Head | 44 | Married | 3 | 3 | | | School | | | Reading, Staffordshire | ENG | | |
| Ruth Maria Halsey | Wife | 42 | Married | 3 | 3 | | | School | | | Reading, Staffordshire | ENG | | |
| Quinn Halsey | Daughter | 13 | Single | | | | | School | | | Reading, Staffordshire | ENG | | |
| Sarah Halsey | Servant | 26 | Single | | | | | Servant | | | Reading, Staffordshire | ENG | | |
| Thomas Brindley | Servant | 15 | Single | | | | | Cowboy on farm | | | Reading, Staffordshire | ENG | | |

(To be filled up by the Enumerator.)

I certify that—

(1) All the ages on this Schedule are entered in the proper sex column.

(2) I have counted the names and families in Columns 3 and 4 separately and have compared their sum with the total number of persons.

(3) After making the necessary corrections, I have compared all figures on this Schedule which appeared to be defective, and have corrected such as appeared to be erroneous.

Initials of Enumerator: Q. H.

(To be filled up by, or on behalf of, the Head of Family or other person in occupation, or in charge of the dwelling.)

Write below the Number of Rooms in this Dwelling (Kitchen, Parlor, or Apartment), counting the Kitchen as a room but do not count outhouses, lavatories, outhouses, closets, bathrooms, and warehouses, offices, shops.

I declare that this Schedule is correctly filled up to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature: William Henry Halsey

Postal Address: Reading, Staffordshire

Thomas enlisted to 2nd Btn. Prince of Wales's Volunteers (South Lancashire Regiment). Records have not been located to ascertain exactly when or where he enlisted or where he served, however, this battalion spent the entire War on the Western Front.

His medal record confirms that Thomas was awarded the Victory Medal and the British Medal, both of which were awarded for campaign service.

| Name. | Corps. | Rank. | Regtl. No. |
|--------------------------------|--------------|--------|------------|
| BRINDLEY | Lan. Fus. R. | Pte | 24188 |
| Thomas | S Lan R. | | 43314 |
| Medal. | Roll. | Page. | Remarks. |
| VICTORY | J/1/03 | B8/592 | |
| BRITISH | do | do | |
| STAR | | | |
| Theatre of War first served in | | | |
| Date of entry therein | | | |

K. 1380

Thomas was killed in action on 10 April 1918. He is remembered at the Ploegsteert memorial, Hainaut, Belgium and on the headstone of his sister Elizabeth in the church yard in Alstonefield



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