

My Thomas Family History

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This document is about the life of:

Walter Thomas (1826-1886)

Walter was the father of

John Thomas (1860-1938)

who was the father of

Hubert David Thomas (1889-1979)

who was the father of

Gordon David Thomas (1921-1985)

who was the father of

Roger Nicholas Hedley Thomas (1950-)

And Peter David Brandon Thomas and Michael Gordon Howard Thomas

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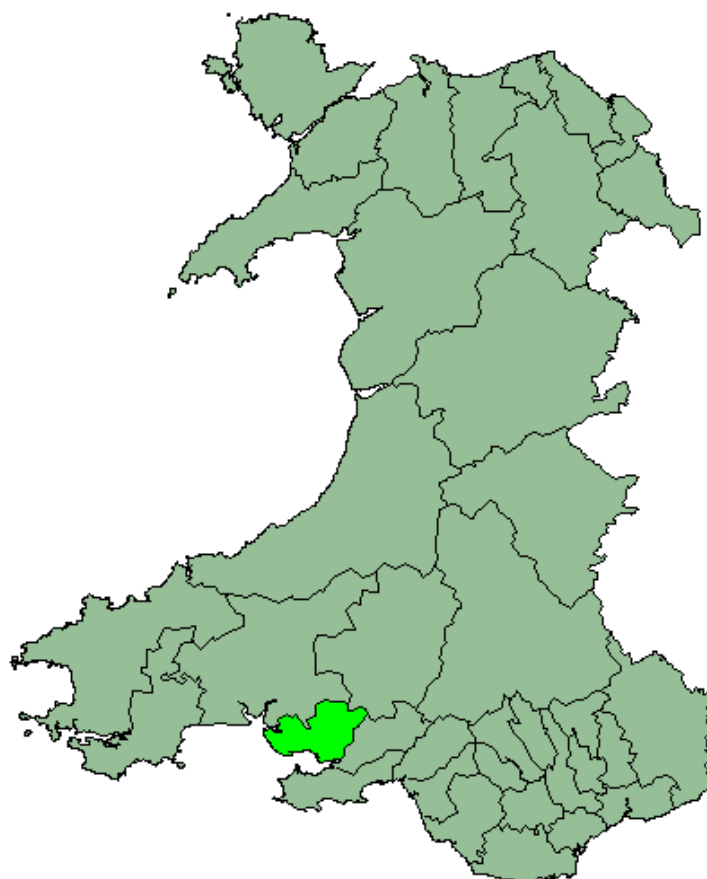
Walter Thomas (1826-1886)

Early Life

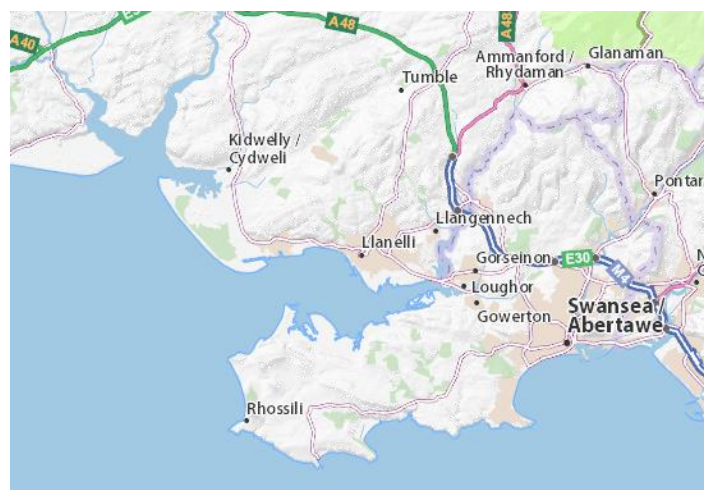
Walter Thomas was the son of John Thomas and Mary Bowen, and the father of John Thomas.

Walter was born on 17th March 1826 in Wern, Llanelly, Carmarthenshire, Wales.

He was christened on 16th April 1826 at Capel Als, Llanelly, Carmarthenshire, Wales.



*District of Llanelli – highlighted
Llanelly is now spelt Llanelli*



He had 6 siblings:

- Mary, born 1810, who married John Clement
- John, born 1815 in Llanelly
- William, born 24th May 1819 in Llanelly
- Rachel, born 1822 in Llanelly, and died in infancy
- Rachel, born 27th November 1823 in Llanelly, who married William Rees
- George, born 26th March 1829 in Llanelly, who married Elizabeth Evans.
George was his younger brother, and was also a Copper Refiner.

Employment History

Walter was a Copper Refiner at the Poulton cum Seacombe Copperworks, in Wallasey, Cheshire, and later at the Copperworks in St Helens, Lancashire.

All of his male descendants in my direct line were involved in Copper Refining, Metallurgy etc.

Seacombe is an area in the district of Wallasey, on the Wirral, in Cheshire. It is now connected to Liverpool by the Mersey Tunnel.



Family Life

Walter married Margaret Evans on 1 October 1848 in St Paul's Church, Liverpool, Lancashire. The witnesses at the marriage were Mary Clement (Walter's sister) and George Thomas (Walter's brother). [See Marriage Certificate in Appendix.](#)

He had 3 children from his marriage to Margaret Evans:

- Mary Ann, born 26th August 1850 in Poulton cum Seacombe, Wallasey, Cheshire.
- Frances (Fanny), born 16th November 1852 in Poulton cum Seacombe, Wallasey, Cheshire, who married Joseph Ambrose.
- John, born 19th June 1856 in Poulton cum Seacombe, Wallasey, Cheshire, who died in infancy.

Margaret died when she was 33 years old, on 29 September 1856 in Poulton cum Seacombe, Wallasey, Cheshire. The cause of her death was Phthisis (tuberculosis). Ann Morgan was the informant of her death. [See Death Certificate in Appendix.](#)

She was buried on 4 October 1856 in St Hilary's Church, Wallasey, Cheshire, in section 22, grave 39, with a slate flatstone.

Her gravestone had the following inscription:

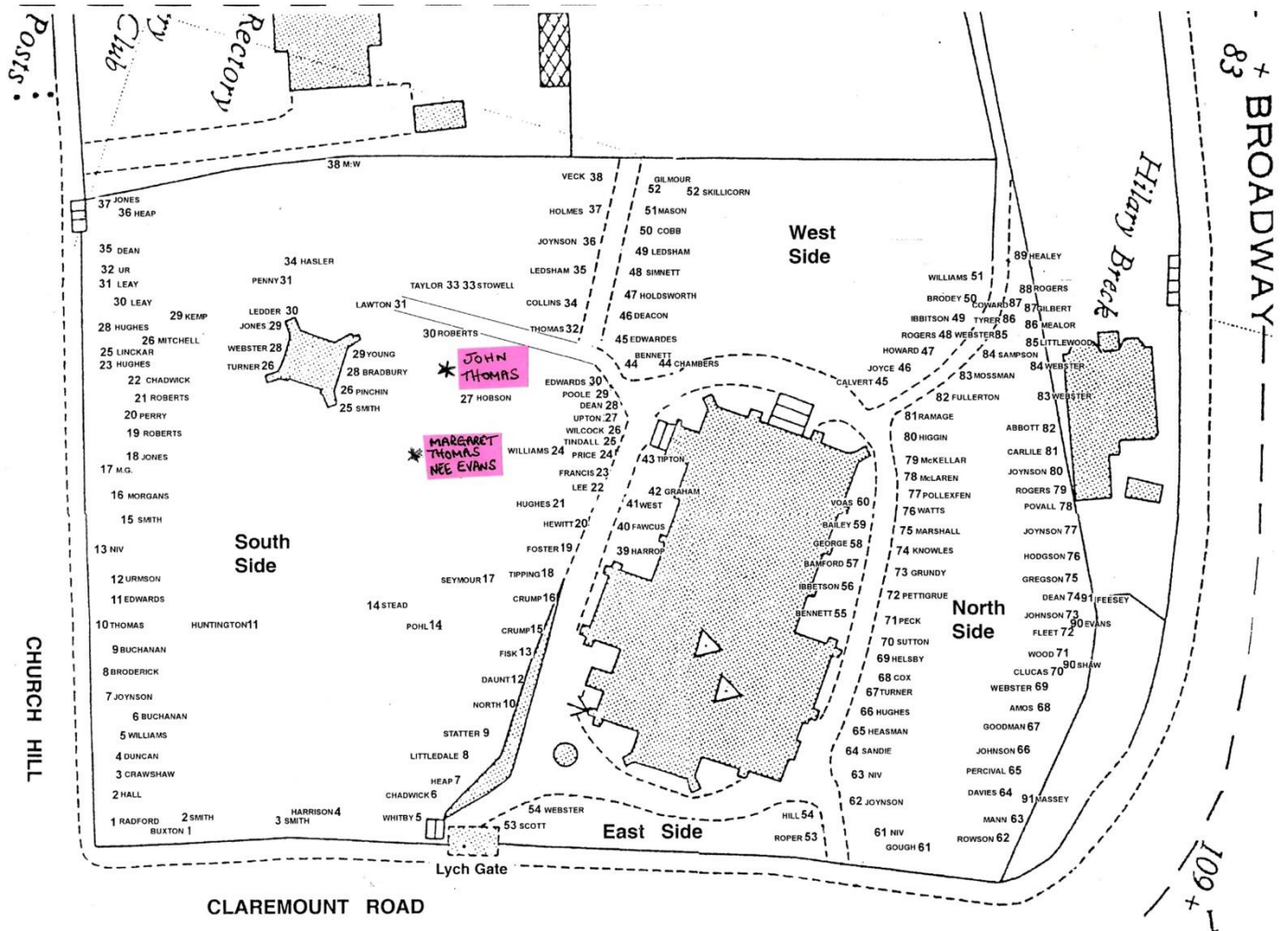
Sacred
To the memory of
Margaret, wife of
Walter Thomas
of Seacombe, who departed
this life on the 29th of Sepr 1856
Aged 34 years



Margaret Thomas's, nee Evans, Gravestone, St Hilary Church, Claremount Road, Wallasey, Cheshire



Margaret Thomas's, nee Evans, Gravestone, St Hilary Church, Claremount Road, Wallasey, Cheshire



*Layout of Cemetery at St Hilary's Church, Wallasey
Showing where Margaret Thomas, nee Evans, was buried
and also John Thomas*

Walter's second marriage was to Maria Louiza van den Boom on 30th October 1860 in St Mary's Church, Edgehill, West Derby, Liverpool, Lancashire. The witnesses at the marriage were William Rees (Walter's brother-in-law) and Rachel Rees (Walter's sister). Walter was 35 years old and Maria was 18 years old when they married. [See Marriage Certificate in Appendix.](#)

Maria Louiza was born on 15th July 1842 in Amsterdam, Noord-Holland, in the Netherlands.

She was the daughter of Hubertus van den Boom and Clasina Mulder.

She went by her second name of Louiza.

Op Wednesday den 27^{den} July Achtienhonderd Twee-en-Vertig,
 is voor ons ondergeteekende Herbertus Ambtenaar
 van den Burgerlijken Stand der Stad Amsterdam, verschenen: van beroep Timmerman
van den Boom van beroep Rechtsgeleerde Kantoor
 oud kerk Jaren, wonende aan de op den
 N^o. 1 welke heeft verklaard dat des middags ten twee ure, in het huis,
 is geboren een Kind van het geloof
 geslacht, Clasina Mulder
 van beroep gans wonende aan de de

welk Kind zal genaamd worden Maria Louisa

van welke Verklaring wij deze Akte hebben opgemaakt in tegenwoordigheid van Johannis
Adriaans Kommissaris van beroep gans oud kerk Jaren,
 wonende halweg N^o 10 en van B. Hoekker
Hoekker van beroep gans oud kerk Jaren,
 wonende Leidsestraat N^o 7 en is deze Akte door ons, benevens
de Getuigen, na verhoering ondertekend.

Herbertus van den Boom
H. Hoekker
B. Hoekker } Deuts

Maria Louisa van den Boom's birth registration

He had 12 children from his marriage to Maria Louisa van den Boom:

- John, born 17th December 1860 in Poulton cum Seacombe, Wallasey, Cheshire, who married Annie Elizabeth Ambrose, and is the direct line of my ancestry.
- Willem, born 3rd July 1862 in Burgerlijke Stand, Amsterdam, Noord-Holland, Netherlands. They must have been travelling to and from Amsterdam, and had Willem there. I have not been able to trace him further, and perhaps he died in infancy.
- Herbert, 3rd March 1864 in Poulton cum Seacombe, Wallasey, Cheshire, and married Louisa Owen. He was a Joiner.
- Clasina, 12th May 1866 at Ravenshead, Sutton, St Helens, Lancashire, and married William Green.
- Maria Louisa, 10th December 1867 at Ravenshead, Sutton, St Helens, Lancashire.
- William, 13th December 1869 at Ravenshead Copperworks, Sutton, St Helens, Lancashire, and died as a small child, aged 4 years old.

- Walter, 31st December 1871 at Ravenshead, Sutton, St Helens, Lancashire, and married Medina Hopkinson. He was also a Copper Refiner and worked with his brother, John, at the Rio Tinto Company Limited, Copper Smelters, Grange Metal Works, Western Road, where the manager was James A. McFarlane.
- Margaret (Maggie), 12th June 1873 at Ravenshead, Sutton, St Helens, Lancashire.
- Annie, 8th November 1874 at Ravenshead Copperworks, Sutton, St Helens, Lancashire.
- Rachel (Jessie), 30th September 1876 at 85 Oxford Street, St Helens, Lancashire, and married Herbert Tarrant.
- Georgina, 26th April 1878 at Oxford Street, St Helens, Lancashire, and died in infancy at the age of 3 years
- Wilhelmina, 26th April 1878 at Oxford Street, St Helens, Lancashire. She was a twin of Georgina, and sadly died aged 3 months.

His son, John, is the direct line of my ancestry.

In 1841, he was living at Copper Mills, Poulton cum Seacombe, near Birkenhead, Cheshire

In 1851, he was living at 9, Oak Dale Lane, Poulton cum Seacombe, near Birkenhead, Cheshire

In 1860, he was living at 64, Clarence Street, Lancashire, when he married Maria Louiza.

In 1861, he was living at Oak Dale Lane, Poulton cum Seacombe, near Birkenhead, Cheshire

Between 1866 and 1874, he was living at Ravenhead Copperworks, Sutton, St Helens, Lancashire when his children Clasina, Maria Louisa, William, Walter, Margaret and Anne were born.

In 1871, he was living at 1, Bibbys Works, West Sutton, St Helens, Lancashire

Between 1876 and 1881, he was living at 85, Oxford Street, St Helens, Lancashire when his children Rachel, Georgina and Wilhelmina were born.

He died when he was 59 years old on 9th March 1886, in 87, Oxford Street, St Helens, Lancashire. Maria Louiza Thomas (his wife) was the informant of his death.

He was buried on 12 March 1886 in St Helen's Cemetery, Rainford Road, St Helens, Lancashire, in section 8, grave 205.

His gravestone had the following inscription:

In affectionate remembrance of

William son of Walter and Maria Louisa Thomas
Who departed this life March 22 1874 aged 4 years and 3 months

The Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away
Blessed be the will of the Lord

Also the above Walter Thomas
Who died March 9th 1886 aged 60 years

His languishing head is at rest
Its thinking and aching are o'er
His quiet immovable breast
Is heaved by affliction no more

May he rest in peace

Also Maria Louisa Thomas wife of the above
Who died Novr 12th 1893 aged 51 years

May she rest in peace
Gone but not forgotten



*Walter and Maria's Gravestone
Section 8 Grave 205 St Helens Cemetery, Rainford Road, St Helens*



Close up of the inscription on Walter and Maria's Gravestone



Position of Walter and Maria's Gravestone - Centre of the picture to the right of the cross



*Close up of the position of Walter and Maria's Gravestone - Centre of the picture to the right of the cross
With Michael Thomas's hand on the gravestone*

Appendix

Documents relating to Walter Thomas (1826-1886)

- Marriage Certificate to Margaret Evans
- Death Certificate of Margaret Thomas (nee Evans)
- Marriage Certificate to Maria Louiza van den Boom
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Appendix

Marriage Certificate to Margaret Evans

between us, |

1848. Marriage solemnized at St Pauls Church in the Parish of Liverpool in the County of Lancaster

No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the Time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
464	1 st	Walter Thomas	full	Bachelor	Labourer	George Street	John Thomas	Farmer
	October 1848	Margaret Evans	full	Spinster	"	George Street	William Evans	Farmer

Married in the Church of St Pauls according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church, after Banns by me, J. H. Stafford Minister

This Marriage was solemnized between us, Walter Thomas his mark in the presence of us, Mary Clement & her mark Margaret Evans her mark George Thomas

Walter Thomas marriage to Margaret Evans on 1st October 1848

Registration District Liverpool

1848 Parish Marriage solemnized at St. Pauls Church in the County of Lancaster in the District of Liverpool

Columns— 1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
No.	When married	Name and surname	Age	Condition	Rank or profession	Residence at the time of marriage	Father's name and surname	Rank or profession of father
464	1 st October 1848	Walter THOMAS	Full	Bachelor	labourer	George Street	John Thomas	Farmer
		Margaret EVANS	Full	Spinster	—	George Street	William Evans	Farmer

Married in the Church of St. Paul according to the rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church after Banns by me, J. H. Stafford Minister

This marriage was solemnized between us, Walter Thomas his X mark in the presence of us, Mary Clement her X mark Margaret Evans her X mark George Thomas

Certified to be a true copy of an entry in a register in my custody, Registrar } G. Roberts Deputy
 Superintendent Registrar }
 Date 5th October 1999.

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WARNING: THIS CERTIFICATE IS NOT EVIDENCE OF THE IDENTITY OF THE PERSON PRESENTING IT

Walter Thomas marriage to Margaret Evans on 1st October 1848

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Death Certificate of Margaret Thomas (nee Evans)

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Deaths Registration Act 1953

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Registration District <u>Birkenhead</u>									
1856. Death in the Sub-district of <u>Wallasey</u> in the <u>County of Chester</u>									
Columns:—	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
No.	When and where died	Name and surname	Sex	Age	Occupation	Cause of death	Signature, description, and residence of informant	When registered	Signat regis
418	Twenty-ninth September 1856 Poolton-cum-Seacombe	Margaret Thomas	Female	33 Years	Wife of Walter Thomas. A Copper Refiner	Phtthisis 9 Months. Certified.	X The mark of Ann Morgan, Present at the death. Poolton-cum-Seacombe	Third October 1856	Jan Cro Regis

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Deputy

Superintendent

12th August 1999

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Margaret Thomas (nee Evans) Death Certificate on 29th September 1856

Appendix

Marriage Certificate to Maria Louiza van den Boom


1860. Marriage solemnized at St Mary's Edge Hill in the Parish of West Derby in the County of Lancaster

No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
310	October 30	Walter Thomas	35	Widower	Copper Refiner	64 Clarence St	John Thomas	Copper Refiner
		Maria Louiza Boom	18	Spinster	Refiner	64 Clarence St	Hubert Boom	Joiner

Married in the Church of St Mary according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church, by _____ or after Banns by me, Walter Thomas _____ John Justin Austin

This Marriage was solemnized between us, { Maria Louiza Boom } in the Presence of us, { William Rees _____ Nashel Rees her + Mark }

Walter Thomas marriage to Maria Louiza van den Booms on 30th October 1860

Pursuant to the  Marriage Act 1949 [Printed by the authority of the Registrar General]

Registration District WEST DERBY

1860. Marriage solemnized at St Mary's Edge Hill in the Parish of West Derby in the County of _____

No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
310	October 30	Walter Thomas	35	Widower	Copper Refiner	64 Clarence St	John Thomas	Copper Refiner
		Maria Louiza Boom	18	Spinster	-	64 Clarence St	Hubert Boom	Joiner

Married in the Church of St Mary according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church, by _____ or after Banns by me, Walter Thomas _____ John Justin Austin

This Marriage was solemnized between us, { Maria Louiza Boom } in the Presence of us, { William Rees _____ Nashel Rees her + Mark }

Certified to be a true copy of an entry in a register in my custody, Sherlock Arny Deputy Regt. Registrar 2

Walter Thomas marriage to Maria Louiza van den Booms on 30th October 1860

Appendix Death Certificate

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Registration District PRESCOT									
1886 . Death in the Sub-district of St. Helens in the County of Lancaster									
Columns—	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
No.	When and where died	Name and surname	Sex	Age	Occupation	Cause of death	Signature, description, and residence of informant	When registered	Signature of registrar
211	Ninth March 1886 87 Oxford Street St. Helens U.S.D.	Walter THOMAS	Male	59 years	Copper Refiner	Bronchitis Certified by James Ricketts L.R.C.P.	Maria L. THOMAS Widow of deceased Present at the Death 87 Oxford Street St. Helens	Tenth March 1886	P. CHOR

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Superintendent Registrar

5th January, 1998

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Walter Thomas Death Certificate on 9th March 1886

Appendix Death Certificate

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Registration District <u>Prescot</u>									
1893. Death in the Sub-district of <u>St Helens</u> in the Counties of <u>St Helens and Lanc</u>									
Columns:—	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
No.	When and where died	Name and surname	Sex	Age	Occupation	Cause of death	Signature, description, and residence of informant	When registered	Signature
382	Twelfth November 1893 87 Oxford Street St Helens U.S.D	Maria Louisa THOMAS	Female	51 years	Widow of Walter THOMAS labourer at Copper Works	Cancer Exhaustion Certified by Thomas M. Bellew L.R.C.S	Clasina GREEN Daughter Present at the Death. 87 Oxford Street St Helens	Thirteenth November 1893	P. Che

Certified to be a true copy of an entry in a register in my custody.

Superintendent
 21st July 1991

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Maria Louiza Thomas (nee van den Boom) Death Certificate on 12th November 1893