

Thomas George Yates (1900 - 1938)

Thomas George Yates was born in January 1900 in Brimington in Derbyshire. His parents were Thomas George Yates (1878 – 1960) and Isaline Bagshaw (1877 – 1923). Thomas George was a few months old when the 1901 Census was taken. The family were living in Brimington Common and his father was working as a coal miner. On the 1911 Census, Thomas George was 11 years and attending a local school. They were living at 164 South Moor Road in Brimington. His father was still working as a coal miner – hewer.

Thomas George, married Gladys Smith in March 1919, when he was nineteen years of age. Gladys was slightly older. They had five children:

Elsie Yates	(1919 - 1986)
Alan Yates	(1922 - 1995)
George Yates	(1924 - 2010)
Ronald Yates	(1925 - 2007)
Harold Yates	(1929 - 2005)

Thomas George was 38 year old at the time of the disaster in 1938 and was living at 5 Poolsbrook Cottages in Poolsbrook. He was employed as a timber drawer.

He was buried in Brimington Cemetery on 14 May 1938.

Two years after the disaster, the relatives of Thomas George placed 'In Memoriam' notices in The 'Derbyshire Times and Chesterfield Herald'

“Treasured memories of a dear husband and father
What would I give to see his face
And see him smile again:
Never will his memory fade
While our love does still remain”

From Wife and Family. Poolsbrook

“We’ve been lonely since he left us
Home has never been the same
All this world would be like heaven
To have our father back again”

From the boys

Parents

Father - Thomas George Yates Snr (1878 -1960)

The father of George Thomas was George Thomas Yates Snr, who was born 21 July 1878 in Brimington. His parents were Francis Yates (1853 – 1929) and Hannah Hargreaves (1853 – 1915). His father had been born in Mottran in Cheshire, although his father, Francis Yates had been born in Bolsover in 1814. His mother, Hannah Hargreaves was born in Matlock.

On the 1881 Census George Thomas Snr was living in Brimington Common. His father is employed as a 'Iron Fettler' An 'Iron Fettler', sometimes called an 'Iron Dresser', was a general term covering all foundry workers engaged in removing adherent sand from castings and chipping off any irregularities from the cast item. In 1891, Thomas was twelve years old, still living at Brimington Common, and attending the local school.

In 1896, at the age of 18, he married Isaline Bagshaw (1877 – 1923) and on the Census of 1901 they were living in Brimington Common, with two children, Violet and Thomas George Jnr. Unlike his father, who was an 'Iron Fettler', Thomas George Sr was employed as a coal miner. On the 1911 Census the family (Thomas George Sr, Isaline, Violet, Thomas George Jnr, and Louis (Lewis)) were living at 164 South Moor Road, Brimington. He was still employed as a coal miner – hewer.

His wife died in 1923, but he continued to live at 194 South Moor Road in Brimington. He was still living there at the time of the 1939 Register and was now employed as a general labourer.

He died in 1960 at the age of 81

Mother – Isaline Bagshaw (1877 – 1923)

Isaline Bagshaw was born in 1877 in Brimington. Her parents were Edwin Winterbottom Bagshaw (1857 – 1949) and Laretta Elizabeth Neal (1858 – 1930). Her father was born in Brimington, although his father, William Bagshaw (1825 – 1921) came from Farnsfield in Nottinghamshire. Laretta was also born in Brimington

On the 1881 Census, The Bagshaw family are living at the Playground in Brimington. Isaline is three years old and her father was employed as an 'Iron Fettler'.

On the 1891 Census, Isaline at the age of 13, had already left home and was working as a servant in Barrow Hill. The head of the house on Station Road was Joseph Knighton who was a 'furnace and foundry manager'. Another servant was Josephine Neal, who was related to the mother of Isaline, Laretta.

In 1896 Isaline married Thomas George Yates snr. On the 1911 Census, Isaline had been married for 14 years, had eight children, of which, only three were still alive at the time of the Census.

Isaline died in 1923 at the young age of 46.

Wife – Gladys Smith (1899 – 1998)

Gladys Smith was born in Brimington on 12 December 1899. Her father was William Stephen Smith (1865 – 1936) and her mother was Mary Nettleship (1868 – 1937). Her father came from Dullingham in Cambridgeshire.



William Stephen married Mary in 1887 in Eckington and their first child, Ethel was born in 1888. Gladys was their fourth child. In total they had eight children, all of which were still alive on the 1911 Census. Her father was a foundry labourer.

The 1911 Census shows that Gladys was 11 years old, and with the rest of her family were living at 7 High Street, Brimington.

In March 1919 she married Thomas George snr and between 1919 and 1929 had four children. On the 1939 Register, Gladys was still living at 5 Poolsbrook Cottages, Poolsbrook.

Gladys died in 1998 at the age of 98, 60 years after the death of her husband