

## **CLARKE, Tom**

Tom Clarke was born on 9 October 1889 in Membury. His father was John Clarke, a Carpenter from Membury and Fanny Clarke (nee Lentell).

In 1851 John Clarke aged 4 was living with his carpenter and wheelwright father Daniel Clarke and mother Ann, at the Rising Sun Inn, Holey, Whitestaunton, Somerset, together with his siblings. In 1861 and 1871 the family were at the Globe Inn, Heathstock, Stockland.

In 1881 John and his wife Mary (nee Moore) was living at Longbridge Inn and is recorded as the inn keeper and carpenter, with William Clarke (9), John (6), Elizabeth (4) and Charles (2). Meanwhile his father Daniel was the inn keeper and carpenter at the Red Lion Public House, Membury.

Mary died at the age of 32 in 1882 leaving him with their 4 children to take care of. So in 1885 he married Fanny Lentell, but she died a few months later and by 1891 he was a widower, living at Goddards with John (17) and James (9). In 1901 he was living at Furley Farm with James (19). And in 1911 he (63) was still there with James (28) and Elizabeth (32)

John died on 12 June 1931 when living at Fox Cottage, Membury and left £3,163 14s to William Henry Clarke (butcher) and sister Elizabeth Ann Clarke, spinster.

Meanwhile Tom Clarke, the son of John and Fanny was adopted by Robert Summers (b 1834 in Stockland) and his wife Elizabeth (b 1843 in Musbury).

In 1891 the Summers family George G (53), Elizabeth E (48) Thomas (21), Mallory S (12), Lillie A (12), William J (11), Rebecca R (9) Fed J (9), Alice M (8), Florence L (6), Ethel M (4) lived at Rock Mill, Membury and with them was Thomas Clarke, aged 1 listed as a boarder.

In 1901 George (63) was listed as a corn miller, Elizabeth (58) Ethel M (14) and Tom Clark (11) still lived at Rock Mill. This time he was listed as an adopted son.

In 1911 George was a farmer and he and Elizabeth lived at Newington, Membury with their daughter Ethel single at 24, Eve Trim, their grandchild (6) and their adopted son Tom Clarke (21) who was also working on the farm.

No military record found for Tom Clarke.