

60: Edward Lloyd

Basic Information [as recorded on local memorial or by CWGC]

Name as recorded on local memorial or by CWGC: E. Lloyd

Rank: Private

Battalion / Regiment: 13th. Bn. Cheshire Regiment

Service Number: W/180

Date of Death: 14 June 1917 Age at Death: 29

Buried / Commemorated at: Neston Cemetery, Raby Road

Additional information given by CWGC: The husband of L. A. Smethurst (formerly Lloyd) of 1, Belmont Terrace, Neston

Edward Lloyd, a native of Willaston (and commemorated also on the Willaston WW1 memorial) was the third child of Thomas and Mary Lloyd:

Thomas Lloyd	Head	57	58	General Labourer	x	as	as
Mary J. (as)	Wife	41	39			Guilfield, Salop	
Eliza	Daughter		8	Schooler		Cheshire, Neston	
Hannah	Daughter		7			as Willaston	
Edward	Son		3			as	as
Thomas Lloyd	Head	57	58			as	as

1891 census (extract) – Willaston

Thomas Lloyd	58	general labourer	born Guilfield, Shropshire
Mary J.	39		born Neston
Eliza	8		born Neston
Hannah	7		born Willaston
Edward	3		born Willaston

Mary Jane Lloyd (née Ellison) had previously been married ¹, to labourer Samuel Bartley and, whilst living in the Neston area, had at least four children. Samuel Bartley, then of Ness, died aged 27 and was buried at Neston 28 September 1875 and Mary Jane Bartley married Thomas Lloyd at St Paul's Church, Birkenhead, in mid-1880.

So, in the previous census (3 April 1881) the recently-married Mary Jane Lloyd is recorded as living with Thomas, their new child (also Thomas) and Mary's previous children in Hallwood Cottage, adjacent to Station House, on Hadlow Road:

Thomas Lloyd	41	general labourer	born Oswestry
Mary Jane	28		born Neston
Mary Bartley	10		born Raby [baptised 2 October 1870]
William Bartley	9		born Neston [baptised 7 January 1872]
Catherine Bartley	6		born Ness [baptised 4 October 1873] ²
Sarah Bartley	4		born Little Neston
Thomas Lloyd	6 months		born Willaston

¹ At All Saints Church, Thornton Hough in mid-1870.

² The baptismal record of Neston Parish Church notes that the family were then living at New Houses; these were houses built close to the colliery in Ness (alongside the track leading from Well Lane to the marshes) and which, in general, housed colliery employees. Whilst Samuel Bartley, Catherine's father, is recorded as a labourer rather than as a collier, it is probable that he was a labourer at the colliery.

It seems that Thomas Lloyd jnr died, aged 2, in early 1883.

By the time of the 1901 census Thomas and Mary Jane Lloyd were living at Hanns Hall Cottages³, Willaston with five of the children of their marriage:

Thomas Lloyd	Head	M	63	1	Farm Labourer	Worker	Oswestry	Shropshire
Mary J.	Wife	M	48	1			Neston	Cheshire
Hannah	Daughter	F	16	1	Dressmaker	Worker	Willaston	
Bessie	Daughter	F	9	1				
Annie	Daughter	F	7	1				
Robert E.	Son	M	5	1				
Dora F.	Daughter	F	2	1				

1901 census (extract) – Hanns Hall Cottages, Willaston

Thomas Lloyd	63	farm labourer	born Oswestry
Mary J.	48		born Neston
Hannah	16	dressmaker	born Willaston
Bessie	9		born Willaston
Annie	7		born Willaston
Robert E.	5		born Willaston
Dora F.	2		born Willaston

Edward Lloyd, however, was not in the household but is recorded as a cowman, aged 13, on the farm of Henry and Elizabeth Dulson on Heath Lane. Although many youngsters remained in education beyond the age of 12 it was several years until the 1921 Education Act (19 August 1921 - although this had been proposed in the 1918 Education Act) raised the school leaving age to 14 and consolidated all previous laws relating to education and to the employment of children and young persons.

Edward Lloyd married Louisa Ann Cottrell at Our Lady & St Nicholas & St Anne Church ('The Sailor's Church'), Liverpool Parish Church on Chapel Street, in the second quarter



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of 1907. Louisa was the eldest child of wheelwright John and Louisa Ann Cottrell of Dee Cottages, Leighton Road, Neston - it is not clear why, in the *Chester Chronicle* report of Edward's death, John Cottrell is described as a postman.

In the 1911 census Edward and Louisa were recorded at Plymyard Manor Cottages in Eastham but their only child, Ernest (2, born Neston) was recorded in the census as being with his grandparents, John and Louise Cottrell at their home at 4 Raby Road, Neston. It is believed that Ernest was born in the second quarter of 1908 in Neston and registered as Ernest Edward Lloyd.

³ Hanns Hall Cottages were, probably, part of the Hanns Hall Estate which was centred around Hanns Hall Farm on Hanns Hall Road in Willaston. This site has since been redeveloped.

CENSUS OF ENGLAND AND WALES, 1911.

Number of Schedule 22
(To be filled up by the Enumerator after collection.)

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.

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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	BIRTHPLACE of every person	NATIONALITY of every Person born in a Foreign Country	INFIRMITY
Edward Lloyd	Head	23	Married 4	Labourer on Farm	Chas. Willaston		
Louisa Ann Lloyd	Wife	23	Married 4		Chas. Neston		
Walter Taylor	Boarder	29	Single	Groom Domestic	Chas. Little Sutton		

(To be filled up by the Enumerator.)

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(1) All the names on this Schedule are entered in the proper sex columns.
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Initials of Enumerator J.Y.Y.

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

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

Signature Edward Lloyd
Postal Address Plymyard Manor Cottages Eastham

Write below the Number of Rooms in this Dwelling (House, Tenement, or Apartment). Count the kitchen as a room but do not count scullery, landing, lobby, closet, bathroom; nor warehouse, office, shop.
4 Rooms

1911 census (condensed) – Plymyard Manor Cottages, Eastham

Edward Lloyd	23	labourer on farm	born Willaston
Louisa Ann Lloyd	23		born Neston
Walter Taylor	29	groom, domestic	born Little Sutton

Edward and Louisa had been married for four years and their only child had survived.

In 1911 Thomas's parents and three of his siblings were still living at Hanns Hall Cottages, Willaston:

NAME	RELATIONSHIP	AGE	SEX	MARRIAGE	OCCUPATION	BIRTHPLACE
Thomas Lloyd	Head	43	M	Married 30	Farm Labourer	Guilfield, Salop.
Mary Jane Lloyd	Wife	58	F	Married 30	Laundress	Neston, Cheshire
Hannah Hunt	Daughter	26	F	Married 2	Groom Domestic	Willaston Cheshire
Robert Lloyd	Son	15	M	Single	School	Little Neston Cheshire
Dora Frances Lloyd	Daughter	12	F			Little Neston Cheshire
Marcella Hunt	Granddaughter	2	F			Birkenhead Cheshire

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Initials of Enumerator H.H.

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

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

Signature Hannah Hunt
Postal Address Hanns Hall Cottages Willaston Cheshire

Write below the Number of Rooms in this Dwelling (House, Tenement, or Apartment). Count the kitchen as a room but do not count scullery, landing, lobby, closet, bathroom; nor warehouse, office, shop.
3

1911 census (condensed) – Hanns Hall Cottages, Willaston

Thomas Lloyd	73	farm labourer	born Guilfield, Salop.
Mary Jane	58	laundress, own account	born Neston
Hannah Hunt	26		born Willaston
Robert Lloyd	15	groom, domestic	born Little Neston
Dora Frances Lloyd	12		born Little Neston
Marcella Hunt	2	granddaughter	born Birkenhead

Thomas and Mary Jane had been married for 30 years and 7 of their 9 children had survived.

Hannah Lloyd married Joshua Hunt at Our Lady & St Nicholas & St Anne Church in Liverpool in late 1908. Nothing is known of Joshua and his location in 1911 is unknown.

In 1911 it is believed that Edward's sister, Bessie, was working as a kitchen maid at Plymyard House, Eastham and that Annie Lloyd was at the house of her aunt, Catherine Miller, on Borough Road, Birkenhead. The locations of Edward's other siblings are unknown.

Edward Lloyd joined the Cheshire Regiment in Port Sunlight towards the beginning of the war; the *Birkenhead News*, 29 August 1914, reported that 'Ted' Lloyd and 3 others from Willaston had joined the Expeditionary Force.

Arthur Crookenden recorded the early history of the 13th Battalion:

13th BATTALION.

The 13th Battalion was raised at Port Sunlight on September 1st, 1914, as the result of an appeal by the late Lord Leverhulme to his employees. A thousand men at once volunteered for service—a staff of clerks was loaned from the offices of the factory, and medical examination and attestations were carried out at once.

After a hearty send-off, the men were taken to Chester by ex-Sergeant-Major E. A. Brandon. They were joined there by 200 men from Wallasey recruited by the late Mr. Gershom Stewart, M.P. for the Wirral. Lord Leverhulme led them through the City to the Castle where they were put under the command of Captain Field. He took the " Wirral Battalion " (as it was called for some time) to Tidworth where several N.C.Os. from the Guards were waiting to help to get things into shape. Captain Field was promoted Lieut.-Colonel, and Sergeant Brandon Lieutenant and Quarter-Master. Major Reeves arrived as second in command, and Captain A. Wright was appointed Adjutant.

During its year of training, the Battalion moved to Codford, Bournemouth and Aldershot. As part of the 25th Division, it left Aldershot for France on September the 25th, 1915.

[The History of the Cheshire Regiment in the Great War, 1914-1918 : Vol. 1 A. Crookenden, Colonel of the Regiment W.H. Evans, Sons & Co. Ltd. (1938)]

Having arrived in France on 25 September 1915 the troops concentrated in the area of Nieppe and their first significant action was in defence of the German attack on Vimy Ridge in May 1916.

At this time - May 1916 - Edward suffered a severe spinal injury whilst in action; although it was reported that he 'fell in battle severely wounded' no details of the circumstances of his injury are known although it may be presumed that he was involved in the Vimy Ridge encounter. Rehabilitated to Britain Edward spent 10 months at the Tranmere Auxiliary Hospital before dying of his injuries on 14 June 1917.

Thomas Lloyd is commemorated also in the *Port Sunlight War Memorial Golden Book, 1914-1919* and on the Port Sunlight War Memorial. The inscription on the Memorial states:





Port Sunlight War Memorial. Edward Lloyd's name is on the central plinth, indicated (below) with the yellow arrow.



It is probable, therefore, that Edward Lloyd was an employee of Lever Brothers at some time after the 1911 census.

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Army Registers of Soldiers' Effects, 1901-1929

In Summer 1919 the army paid outstanding credits – mainly remaining wages – to soldiers or, in the case of those who had died, their family or nominated representatives. At the same time a War Gratuity was often paid.

Edward Lloyd had accrued a credit of £9 1s 5d and this was received by his widow Louisa A., as sole legatee. Louisa received also the £13 War Gratuity.

The total payment, £22 1s 5d, is approximately equivalent to a *labour value* (ie wages) of about £3400 in 2016.

The War Gratuity was introduced in December 1918 as a payment to be made to those men who had served in WW1 for a period of 6 months or more home service or for any length of service if a man had served overseas. The rules governing the gratuity were implemented under Army Order 17 of 1919 but the amount paid was related to the length of war service.

It is known that Edward and Louisa Lloyd had two other children before Edward died, the first of which, John Thomas Lloyd, was born in the Bebington area in the last quarter of 1911. It is believed that the third child was Louisa Mary who was born in Neston in mid-1914.

Name.		Corps.	Rank.	Regtl. No.
LLOYD.		Chef : A.	Pt.	W/180.
Edward.				
Medal.	Roll.	Page.	Remarks.	
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The *Cheshire Observer*
report of Edward's funeral at

Neston on 18 June 1917 refers to his 'aged parents' - Thomas would have been 79 and Mary Jane 64. This report also notes that Edward's only brother was then serving in Mesopotamia - this, presumably, refers to Robert E Lloyd, although no details are known of his service:

British Army WWI Medal Rolls Index Cards, 1914-1920

MILITARY HONOURS. The interment of Pte. Edward Lloyd, whose death we announced last week, took place at Neston Cemetery on Monday last, a large number of sympathising friends being present. The coffin, which was covered with a Union Jack and beautiful floral emblems, was borne by comrades of the Cheshire Regiment, and preceded by a firing party marching with arms reversed. The service was impressively conducted by the Rev. Walsham Postance, vicar of Willaston, who gave a very touching address, in which he alluded to the heroism of deceased, who, like thousands of others, voluntarily left his home in the first days of his country's need, and 13 months ago fell in battle severely wounded. He was taken to hospital, and later, in order to be nearer to his own kith and kin, was brought to Trannmere Auxiliary Hospital, where he had lain for 10 months, bearing his great sufferings with the utmost patience. Sympathetic reference was also made to his wife, who has visited him daily, and to his aged parents, and only brother, who is serving in Mesopotamia. At the conclusion of the service three volleys were fired over the grave, and the bugler sounded the "Last Post." A large number of nurses and wounded soldiers from Trannmere Hospital were present, Mr. Roland Jackson having kindly placed motors at their disposal. The chief mourners were: Mrs. Lloyd (widow), Masters Ernest and John Lloyd (sons), Mr. and Mrs. T. Lloyd (father and mother), Mrs. George Hunt, Mrs. Jos. Hunt, the Misses Beattie, Annie and Dora Lloyd (sisters), Mr. W. Bartley, of Burton (half-brother),

Mrs. Myles Smith, Mrs. J. Cottrell, of Leighton-road (half sisters), Mr. John Cottrell, Raby-road (father-in-law), Mr. S. Cottrell (uncle), Mrs. W. Miller, Birkenhead, Mrs. F. Powell, Rock Ferry, Miss Elli-on, Oxtou, and Miss A. Cottrell (aunts), the Misses Dora Bartley, Hilda Bartley, Georgina Smith, Hannah Smith and Edith Cottrell (nieces), Pte. John Cottrell, Raby-road, Mr. John Cottrell, Leighton road, Messrs. W. Smith, Thomas Cottrell, James Cottrell, and Pte. Mark Spence (brothers-in-law), Mr. Walter Bartley (nephew), Pte. F. Miller, Mrs. G. Miller, Mrs. Tasker (cousins), Pte. Thomas Anyon, Pte. James Woodhouse, Messrs. C. Jones, O. Bartley, A. Evans, and many others. The members of the local Men's V.A.D. were represented by Mr. W. Jervia, and Mr. J. Woodward had charge of the arrangements. The floral tributes numbered about thirty, and included wreaths from the nursing staff and patients at Trannmere Hospital. The service at Neston Parish Church on Sunday morning was conducted by the Rev. H. M. Harris, who made sympathetic reference to the late Pte. E. Lloyd, and the Dead March in "Saul" was played at the close of the service.

Cheshire Observer - Saturday 23 June 1917

Neston Soldier's Death at Trannmere.

A soldier named William Lloyd, of Neston, was buried with military honours on Monday. He was wounded in the spine whilst serving in France, and was brought to the Trannmere Military Hospital for treatment in order that his wife might have an opportunity of visiting him. He died a few days ago.

Birkenhead News - Saturday 20 June 1917

It is clear that this refers to Edward Lloyd, although his name has been misreported.

Chester Chronicle - Saturday 23 June 1917

LATE PRIVATE LLOYD.—On Monday the interment of Pte. Edward Lloyd, of the 13th Cheshires, took place at the cemetery, the officiating clergyman being the Rev. W. Postance, Vicar of Willaston. The deceased was accorded a military funeral, the firing party being requisitioned from Bidston, which was attended by relatives and a large number of the general public, and also nurses and wounded and invalided soldiers from the hospital at Trannmere, where the deceased died. At the conclusion of the burial service the usual three volleys were fired and the "Last Post" sounded.

CONDOLENCE.—On Sunday morning reference was made at the Parish Church by the Rev. H. M. Harris to the several sad deaths that had taken place at Neston during the past week, and expressed deep sympathy with the bereaved. In one case, that of the late Private Edward Lloyd, he was connected with the 13th Cheshires, and was wounded twelve months ago in France, in the spine, and lingered on till last week, when he died. He was 29 years of age and leaves a wife and three children. The late Pte. Lloyd was a native of Willaston, and married a daughter of Mr. J. Cottrell, postman, Neston. At the conclusion of the service, Mr. R. Howick (organist) rendered the "Dead March" in Saul.

It seems that, after 1911, Edward, Louisa and family moved to Neston – daughter Louisa was born here. However, following Edward's death in June 1917, Louisa married William Hope Smethurst by licence at Neston Parish Church on 9 October 1920; Louisa gave her age as 33 and her address as Raby Road, Neston, and William was 24. William was a 'washhouse man' living on Neston High Street – his father, also named William Hope Smethurst was also a 'washhouse man'. It seems probable that, following the marriage, Louisa, children and her new husband lived at 1, Belmont Terrace in the town. The couple appear to have had a son, William Hope Smethurst, who was born in Neston in mid-1921.

Louisa Ann Smethurst died in late 1955 aged 68.



The War Grave of Edward Lloyd in Neston Cemetery

Mary Jane Bartley, Edward's half-sister, married Little Neston stonemason Miles Smith at Our Lady & St Nicholas & S. Anne Church in Liverpool in early 1889 and at the time of the 1911 census they were living at 16, Colliery Row, Little Neston. Although their first two children had died, Mary had produced eight further children, all surviving in 1911. One of these surviving children was Sam Smith, 16, who was working at the colliery as a labourer below ground.

Sarah Bartley, Edward's youngest half-sister, married John Cottrell of Neston at Our Lady & St Nicholas & St Anne Church in Liverpool in late 1898. John Cottrell was a railway platelayer; in 1901 they were living on Raby Road but, at the time of the 1911 census, were at 8, Dee View Cottages on Leighton Road. Sarah Cottrell died in mid-1924 aged 46.

William Bartley, Edward's half-brother, married Elizabeth Ashton at Our Lady & St Nicholas & St Anne Church in Liverpool in 1890. Elizabeth already had an illegitimate son, Thomas Ashton, who had been born in Burton. In 1911 the family was living in Burton where William (40) was a waggoner on a farm. It was recorded that William and Elizabeth (45) had nine children, all of whom had survived, although this may have included Thomas Ashton. It is believed that Elizabeth Bartley died in late 1934 aged 67 and that William Bartley died in late 1956 aged 86.

Hannah Lloyd appears to have died on 19 December 1943 in North Liverpool.

In the 1939 Register Robert Ernest Lloyd (born 5 December 1895), Edward's younger brother was a domestic gardener living at 'Brow Lodge', Leighton Road, Neston. In late 1919 Robert had married Florence May Lewis (born 27 November 1895) at St Catherine's Church, Tranmere. In the 1939

Register their first child, Nancy (born 18 July 1920, daily domestic help) is recorded and it is understood that they had a son, Kenneth, who was born in Neston in late 1927.

Robert Ernest Lloyd died in late 1975, possibly in Neston. It is not known when Florence died. Nancy Lloyd married Charles Vernon Smith at Neston Parish Church in mid-1942.

It is believed that Mary Jane Lloyd, Edward's mother, died in March 1929 aged 76.

Through her two marriages she had borne at least 13 children. There is no clear record of the death of Thomas Lloyd, Edward's father.

Neston and Parkgate Urban District Cemetery.

18th June 1917

PARTICULARS FOR AN INTERMENT.

1. Full Name of Deceased *Edward Lloyd*
2. Late Residence of the Deceased *Raby Road, Neston*
3. Age last Birthday *29 Years*
4. Date of Death *14th June 1917*
5. Day and Hour of Intended Burial *Monday 18th June 1917 at 3.45 P.M.*
6. Present Owner or Applicant *Mrs Louisa Anne Lloyd*
7. Name of Minister to officiate *Rev. Walsburn Postance*
8. Description of Grave *Class B. Sec. 1. B.Y.*
9. Exact dimensions of Coffin *6'3" x 2'0"*

Signature of Undertaker.

To the Superintendent.

N.B.—THIS NOTICE is to be delivered to the Council's Surveyor's Office at the Town Hall, Neston, at least 48 hours previous to any intended interment, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. on other weekdays, and on Saturdays between 10 a.m. and 12 noon.
Not less than 24 hours' notice must be given to the Council's Surveyor previous to an interment, and three days' notice when a Vault is required to be constructed.
Hours of Interment are from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. from April to 1st September (22) and from 10 a.m. to 3.45 p.m. during the rest of the year. All extra fees (if any) will be charged for interments taking place at other hours.
The Certificate of OWNERSHIP of Vault, Private, and Reserved Graves, must be produced with this Notice.
The Registrar's Certificate of the death of the person to be buried must be given to the Council's Surveyor two hours before the interment.
A fine of 5/6 is payable for every 15 minutes that any funeral shall be late in arriving at the Cemetery.
The several particulars should be carefully stated, or delay and serious inconvenience may arise.

The Interment Record for Edward Lloyd