

Merchant Seaman Frank East

Frank was born in Gunthorpe in 1898 . In the 1901 Census he was living with his Mother and 4 brothers and sisters at Inhamfield House Main Street in Gunthorpe.

By 1911 in the Census, Frank, aged 13, was living with his Brother in Law, Sister Mary and many others at Crow Park Farm, Burton Joyce.

Frank was an Apprentice Merchant Seaman. He was signed up in London on 2nd July 1912. In 1915 aged 17, he was serving on Sailing Vessel Queen Elizabeth, a 3 masted steel sailing ship launched in 1889. He was indentured to the Master of the Ship a Samuel Quayle who died in the same incident. In the Death At Sea Register his death is recorded on 21st December 1915. The cause of death being "Supposed Drowned, Ship Missing". The ship had set sail on the 20th December 1915 from Liverpool going to Santos. The ship was last spoken to on the 21st December 5 nautical miles South West of Tuskar Rock. Tuskar Rock is a group of rocks topped by a light house 6 miles off the south east coast of County Wexford Ireland. The British registry closed as "vessel missing "on 5th July 1916.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission have confirmed that the Ship was lost through a storm and not as a result of enemy action. He therefore does not qualify for War Grave Status.

On his death, Letters of Administration were granted to his sister Mary Tomlinson. He had effects of £327.1sh.5d.

Frank's Father was Francis John East who was born in Barlborough Derbyshire in 1864. He died on 25th October 1900 aged 36 in Woodstock Cape South Africa (Possibly a casualty as a Sergeant in the Boer War). Frank was aged 2.

His Mother was born Mary Ellen Radley in 1865 in New York USA. After her marriage she had 5 children with Francis but died aged 43 in 1908 when Frank was 10. She was known as Nellie.

Mary Ellen East was born in July 1888 and married Thomas William Tomlinson of Burton Joyce. She died in December 1962 in Middleton, Lancashire. They had three children.

John William East was born in 1890 in Cuckney, Notts. He served in WW1. He died in September 1967 in Malvern, Worcestershire.

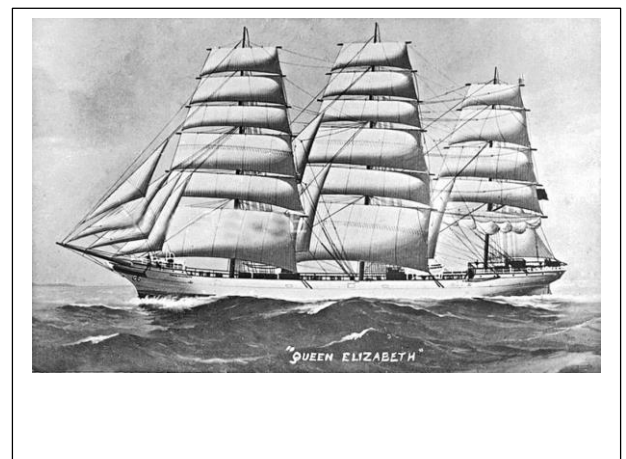
Francis Evelyn East was born on 17th March 1892 in Worksop, Notts. He served with the Liverpool Regiment. He died in Bingham Notts. in 1937. His spouse was Iris May Wakelin.

Sarah Gladys East was born in Bevercotes, East Retford Registration District, Notts, in October 1893. In 1911 aged 17, she was working as a typist.

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Queen Elizabeth At Rest



Queen Elizabeth In Full Sail

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