

REMEMBERING – TOM MIDGLEY

Tom Midgley was born in Armley, Leeds in 1891.

An only son born to Harry and Hannah Midgley, Harry was a barber from Blackpool and Hannah from Wortley, Lancashire.

They had a daughter Elsie who was three years younger.

The family moved to Woodhead, Fell Road, Grange over Sands, Cumbria in 1908 where Mr Midgley became a dairyman. Tom worked with his father as his assistant.

Tom joined the Border Regiment, 4th Battalion in Kendal in 1914 (no. 2013) then trained with the King's Liverpool Regiment and became a Company Quartermaster Sergeant with the 25th Battalion.

Sadly Tom was killed by an enemy bombing raid over London on the 13th June 1917. Nearly 200 people were also killed and over 400 injured. It is likely that Tom was in transit to or from Sheringham, Norfolk, where he was stationed. Tom never served abroad. He is buried in Grange Cemetery grave number 742.

Aged only 26, Tom had never married.

Tom's mother Hannah died shortly after his death and his father remarried a year later and moved back to Leeds.

The photographs show Tom Midgley with his Family in Grange over Sands, probably before he went to war because they all still look happy!

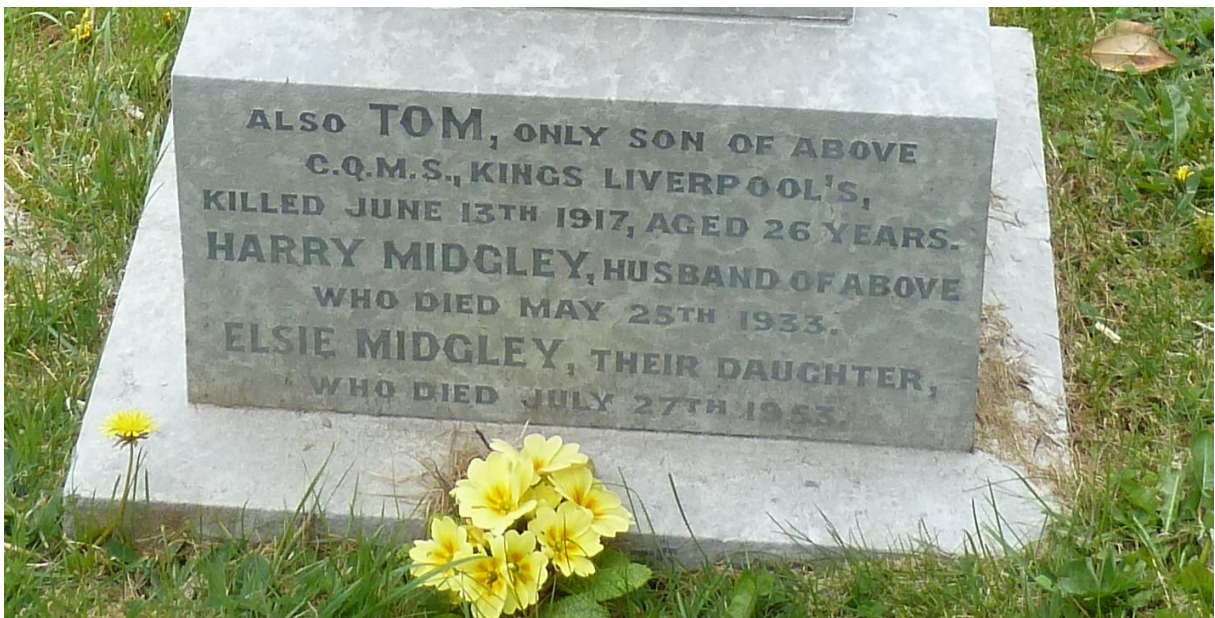


Midgley Family

(Back) unknown, Margaret, Tom, friend, Ann
(Middle) Hannah & grandparents George and
Martha Midgley. (Front) Elsie Midgley (sister to Tom).



Tom Midgley



Gravestone of Tom Midgley in Grange Cemetery.

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