

**THOMAS EDWARD WELSH**  
Cape Government Railway

Thomas Edward WELSH was first appointed to the Cape Government Railway on 26<sup>th</sup> August 1884, being confirmed on the permanent establishment 10 years later and as District Locomotive Foreman at Burghersdorp (with an annual salary of £305) on 1<sup>st</sup> November 1897. Of his arrival in southern Africa, I have found no trace.

During the Second Anglo-Boer War, he continued to serve in the Cape Government Railway.

For his service, he was awarded the Queens South Africa medal, no bar, officially impressed T. WELSH. C. G. R. His citation reads as follows: (awarded for) "Working of trains etc. within the theatre of war and services which assisted in the success of operations."



## WELSH GENEALOGY

Edward Welsh bc. 1822 No Shields, Northumberland m. Mary PRIST/PREST bc. 1825  
Chesle St, Durham.

In 1881, a family of four was living at 26 Tower St, Bishopwearmouth, Durham. TEW had already married and left home. EW. is listed as a mariner. In 1918, in the Death Notice of TEW it states that his parents were of Bowes House, Hence Houses, Durham

1. Thomas Edward Welsh b. 1856 Wapping, Durham
2. Edward Welsh bc. 1861 Sunderland, Durham
3. Joseph Welsh bc. 1866 Sunderland, Durham

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1 Thomas Edward Welsh b. Burnmoor, Durham 8 May 1856 d. East London 11 May  
1918  
m. Sunderland, Durham Ann(e) DOVER b.c. 1856 Alnwick, Northumberland d. 15  
February 1919

In 1881, family of four living at 35 George Street East, West Herrington, Durham. His place of birth is given as Wapping, Durham. TEW is listed as being a Fitter Engineer at Works. His Will is dated Burghersdorp 27<sup>th</sup> May 1913. At the time of his death, he was living at "Lumley", Currie St., East London. [MOOC 6/9/1132.2041, 13/1/3296.64, 13/1/7499.336](#) The estate value at circa £.2400 was settled finally in 1936

1.1 Hannah Alice b.c. 1878 m. DAVIES d.<1918 Wapping, Durham

1.2 George Welsh b.c. 1880 d. < 1918 New Herrington, Durham

1.2.1 Edward George Welsh b. 23 August 1902

1.2.2 Dorothy Eleanor Welsh 12 November 1907

1.3 Mary b.>1881 m. Cornelius Richard St. John GLADWIN

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