



# Thame Remembers



## Driver Sackville "George" Crick

Sackville "George" Crick was born in Moreton, Thame in the summer of 1861 the son of John and Mary Crick (nee Mott). He had one full sister Mary Hannah, b:1857, a step brother, Jonas Daniel, b:1847, and step sisters, Jane, b:1838, and Raby, b:1850. In 1881 Sackville, age 19, is living at home in Moreton working as a blacksmith.

Sackville served for some years in the Royal Horse Artillery before travelling to Toronto, Canada in 1886 where he served for nine years in the Royal Canadian Mounted Police as a blacksmith. During his time in Canada he was known as "George Mott". He married Susan Elizabeth Jackson in 1890 and they had three children born in Canada; Frederick, b:1890, Violetta, b:1892 and Elsie, b:1894. The family returned to England in 1897, using the name Crick, and lived in Worksop and then Mansfield, again "Sackville" was working as a blacksmith. A further daughter Elizabeth was born in 1899 in Worksop.

In September 1912 the family proceeded to Australia where Sackville Crick was employed at the Footscray Tannery, Yarraville, Melbourne, Victoria.

When he volunteered for the Australian Imperial Service on 30th October 1914 he said he was 44 years and 1 month old. He was actually a few months over 53 yrs old and so lied about his age. It was probably to disguise his age that he enlisted as "George" Crick. He served as a farrier with the 12th Army Service Corps which embarked from Melbourne on 2nd February 1915 on board HMAT Chilka. The 12th Army Service Corps was part of the 3rd Light Horse Brigade that saw action in Egypt and Gallipoli. "George" was taken ill and died of heart failure in Heliopolis, Egypt on 24th September 1915.

He was buried on 28th September in Cairo War Memorial Cemetery, Egypt, and is remembered on De Rouvigny's WW1 Roll of Honour. His name is to be added to Thame war memorial.



**The  
Thame Remembers Cross  
was delivered  
to his grave on  
11 February 2017  
by  
Wendy Townsend**

