

11.1.4 : 082725 Private Reginald Thomas TITE

DATE OF BIRTH: 20th May 1889.^{422 423}

PLACE OF BIRTH: 5 Augustus Square,
Pancras, London, England.⁴²⁴

DATE OF DEATH: 25th November 1916.⁴²⁵

PLACE OF BURIAL: Poperinghe New
Military Cemetery, West-
Vlaanderen, Belgium.⁴²⁶

SERVICE NO: 4242.

REGIMENT: Royal Sussex 13th Battalion.

PRE-WAR OCCUPATION: Vegetable Cook.⁴²⁷

FATHER: Charles Edward TITE

^{428 429}(1860 – Bef. 24th February 1939)^{430 431}

MOTHER: Caroline THEOBALD

^{432 433}(1859 - 1893)^{434 435}

SIBLINGS:

George Edward TITE ⁴³⁶(1881 -)⁴³⁷

Joseph Harry TITE ⁴³⁸(1884 - 1917)⁴³⁹

William Ernest Theobald TITE (Bef. 27th June 1886 – 1887)⁴⁴⁰

Annie Elizabeth May TITE ⁴⁴¹(1888 - 1891)⁴⁴²

HALF SIBLINGS:

Ernest TITE ⁴⁴³(1896 – Bet. 01st January - 08th August 1896)^{444 445}

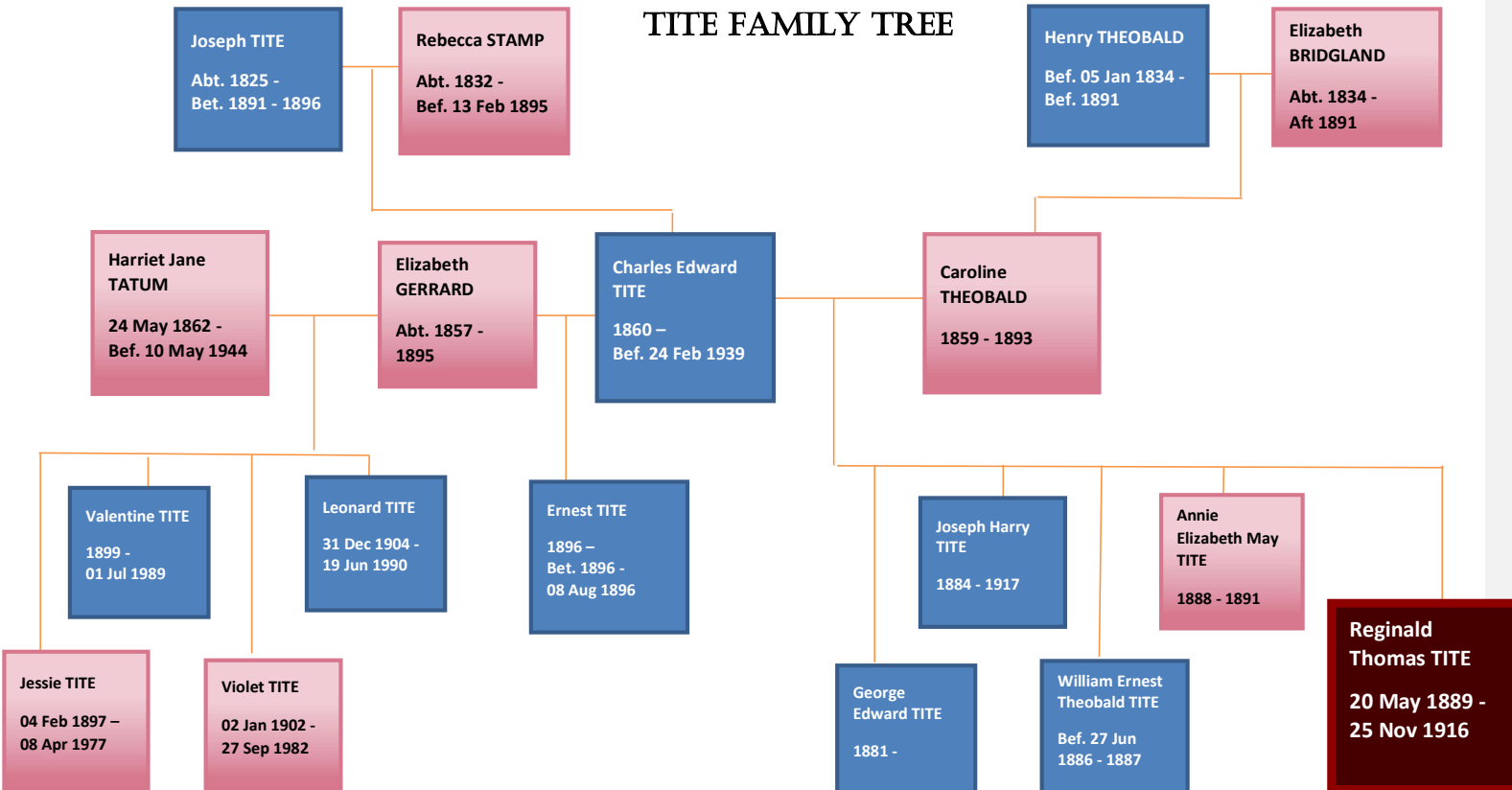
Jessie TITE ⁴⁴⁶(04th February 1897 – 08th April 1977)^{447 448}

Valentine TITE ⁴⁴⁹(1899 – 01st July 1989)^{450 451}

Violet TITE ^{452 453}(02nd January 1902 – 27th September 1982)^{454 455}

Leonard TITE ^{456 457}(31st December 1904 – 19th June 1900)^{458 459}

TITE FAMILY TREE



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Reginald Thomas TITE

(20th May 1889 – 25th November 1916)



FIGURE 24: REGINALD THOMAS TITE.⁴⁶⁰

Reginald Thomas TITE was the son of Charles Edward TITE ⁴⁶¹(1860 - 1939)⁴⁶² and Caroline THEOBALD ⁴⁶³(1859 - 1893)⁴⁶⁴ who married in East Grinstead, Sussex, England on 26th July 1880.⁴⁶⁵ Charles Edward was a milkman and general carrier/carman from Far Cotton, Northampton, Northamptonshire, England. His parents were Joseph TITE (Abt. 1825 - Bef 06th July 1896)⁴⁶⁶ ⁴⁶⁷, a dairy manager and farm bailiff from Horton, Northamptonshire, England and Rebecca STAMP (Abt. 1832 – Bef. 13th February 1895)⁴⁶⁸ ⁴⁶⁹ from Pattishall, Towcester, Northamptonshire, England. Caroline THEOBALD hailed from East Grinstead, Sussex, England, her parents were Henry THEOBALD ⁴⁷⁰(Bef. 05th January 1834 - Bef. 1891), a labourer originally from Lingfield in Surrey, England and Elizabeth BRIDGLAND (Abt. 1834 – Aft. 1891).

No.	When and Where Born.	Name, if any.	Sex.	Name and Surname of Father.	Name and Maiden Surname of Mother.	Rank or Profession of Father.	Signature, Description, and Residence of Informant.	When Registered.	Signature of Registrar.	Distress Name if added after Registration of Birth.
207	Twentish May 1889 Augustus Square	Reginald Thomas	Boy	Charles Edward Tite	Caroline Tite formerly Theobald	Milk seller's Assistant	Caroline Tite Mother 5 Bell's Augustus Square Lane Tanchas	Twentish eight 1889	Samuel Spang Registrar	

FIGURE 25: REGINALD THOMAS TITE BIRTH CERTIFICATE.⁴⁷¹

Reginald was born on the 20th May 1889 and baptised on the 18th July 1889 at St. Mary's Church, Pancras London, Middlesex, England. Reginald was the youngest child of Charles and Caroline, the eldest being George Edward followed by Joseph Harry, William Ernest Theobald and Annie Elizabeth May.

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BAPTISMS solemnized in the Parish of *St. Mary Magdalene, St. Pancras*, in the County of *London* in the year One thousand eight hundred and *eighty nine*.

When Baptized.	Child's Christian Name.	Parents' Names.		Abode.	Quality, Trade, or Profession.	By whom the Ceremony was performed.
		Christian.	Surname.			
1889. July 18 No. 482	<i>Private Baptism.</i> Reginald Thomas	Charles Edward & Caroline	Tite	5, Augustus Square	Milkman	Francis J. C. B. [Signature]

FIGURE 26: REGINALD THOMAS TITE BAPTISM.⁴⁷²

Two years pass and the 1891 census shows Caroline residing back in East Grinstead with her Brother Harry THEOBALD as the head of the household, along with her widowed mother Elizabeth, sister Annie and sons Joseph and Reginald.⁴⁷³ Caroline's son William Ernest Theobald had died in 1887 in infancy and daughter Annie Elizabeth May TITE had died recently before the census took place.^{474 475} 7-year-old George Edward was living with his paternal grandparents Joseph and Rebecca TITE. Charles Edward TITE is not with the family and could not be found. Caroline is neither listed as married, widowed or single and with William's death and Annie's death taking place in her hometown of East Grinstead, Sussex, possibly suggests the couple may have been having marital issues.

Over the next 5 years takes a toll on the TITE family, with the death of Charles's father Joseph TITE, happening not long after the 1891 census was taken. Estranged wife Caroline's death two years later aged 33, left now 4-year-old Reginald motherless.⁴⁷⁶ Charles later remarries Elizabeth GERRARD on the 06th January 1895.⁴⁷⁷ A month later, his Mother Rebecca dies and by the end of that year, aged 37, new wife Elizabeth's death is recorded alongside their infant son, Ernest TITE.^{478 479} Around 6 months later aged 36, Charles remarries widower Harriet Jane REED nee TATUM on the 06th July 1896.⁴⁸⁰

Eventually things start to look promising for the TITE family and in 1901 census, the mixed family of step, half and full siblings were living at 20 Bowles Road on the Old Kent Road, London.⁴⁸¹ 10 years later in the 1911 census, the family had moved to 56 Downes Street in Peckham, London. Reginald now aged 21, was working as a vegetable cook.⁴⁸²

Census Year	1881 ⁴⁸³	1891 ⁴⁸⁴	1901 ⁴⁸⁵	1911 ⁴⁸⁶	1921 ⁴⁸⁷
Head of Household	Charles E TITE	Harry THEOBALD	Charles E TITE	Charles Edward TITE	Charles Edward TITE
Age	20	29	40	50	61y 1m
Occupation	Milk Carrier	Tailor	Labourer	General Carrier/Carman	General Labourer (Out of Work)
Address	7 Orchard Street, Paddington, London, England.	2 Lower Glenvue Road, East Grinstead, Sussex, England.	20 Bowles Road, Camberwell, London, England.	56 Downes Street, Camberwell, Peckham, London, England.	41, Ethnard Road, Peckham, Camberwell, London, England.
Wife	Caroline TITE, 21	Caroline TITE, 31, Visitor	Harriet J TITE, 39	Harriet Jane TITE, 48	Harriet TITE, 59y 1m, Home Duties
Child		Joseph TITE, 6, Visitor			
Child		Reginald TITE, 1 Visitor	Reginald T TITE, 11	Reginald Thomas TITE, 21, Vegetable Cook.	
Child			Jesse TITE, 4	Jessie TITE, 14, Scholar	Jessie TITE, 23y 4m, Envelope Folder at Spicer Brothers Stationers
Child			Valentine TITE, 1	Valentine TITE, 11, Scholar	Valentine TITE, 22y 11m, Publisher Packer, (Out of Work)
Child				Violet TITE, 9, Scholar	Violet TITE, 19y 5m, Underclothing Machinist at Messer Slythe
Child				Leonard TITE, 6	Leonard TITE, 16y 5m, Office Boy at B Dellagam & Co

Reginald enlisted on the 02nd November 1915 at the age of 26.⁴⁸⁸ He held the rank of private in the Royal Sussex 13th Battalion. (Service No: 4242).

*"I wish to state that I am very queer when I am in the line. I can't sleep ? scarcely eat anything. When there is a bombardment on I seem to take leave of my senses. I ? about from one ? to another & I have to clear out of the like altogether."*⁴⁸⁹

Reginald Thomas TITE was executed on the 25th November 1916 at 06:53am.⁴⁹⁰ He was later buried in the Poperinghe New Military Cemetery, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.⁴⁹¹



FIGURE 27: R T TITE HEADSTONE.⁴⁹²

- Mother died aged 4.
- Stepmother Elizabeth GERRARD dies aged 6.
- 3 Siblings deaths.
- Elder Brother Joseph and Stepbrother Sydney Thomas REED also enlisted and were both KIA.