



Thomas Abel Archer

John Henry Archer

52 Statham Street

The Archer family were early residents of Statham Street, living at 52 from 1903 – possibly the first family to live in the newly built house. John and Maria Archer had moved with their three children to Derby from Great Bowden, near Market Harborough. John was a master tailor so presumably moved for work reasons which are now lost in the mists of time.

Thomas, the older son born in 1889, was a furniture salesman, and his younger brother John (born in 1892) followed his father into the tailoring business. Their sister Lucy was a milliner.

We know from the Register of Electors that in 1918 Thomas and John were both listed absent on Naval or Military service but that is the only information we have. We have no idea whether they volunteered at the start of the war or waited to be conscripted in 1916. “Archer” is a common

name so it has not been possible to pinpoint their military records.

Having two sons away serving must have made it an anxious time for the family, who would have known other men on Statham Street who were away fighting. Four other families on Statham Street had more than one family member away fighting and Statham Street had the highest number of casualties of all the streets with three young men killed, all in 1917.

After the war Thomas married Elizabeth Milward of Littleover in 1921 and they had two children. By 1939 they were living in Workington, Cumberland and Thomas was still working in the furniture retail business. Thomas died in Cumbria in 1975.

John may have continued living in Derby, but seems to have never married and had a family. He probably died here in 1971.

**If you have any information about Thomas and John Archer
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