



George Henry Beeson

47 Statham Street

George first moved to the Six Streets area when he was 26 - just in time to be listed in the 1911 census. From this we know he was living at 11 Bromley Street with his mother, father (an iron founder) and his younger sister, Elizabeth.

Both George and Elizabeth worked as teachers in council run schools – from the 1901 census we know that George started out as a pupil teacher where, as an older pupil, he was helping to teach younger children.

In the summer of 1914 George married Rosamond Abell, a schoolteacher, who lived with her father, Christopher Abell, at 47 Statham Street. We know from the register of electors that the newly-weds lived there as George was listed in 1918 as absent on military or naval service. We know nothing else about where he served or with which branch of the armed services – no records can be definitely linked to this man, although the most likely record is one for service with the Royal Engineers. If George did not volunteer he would have been liable for call up in May 1916 when conscription for married men was introduced.

George was released from his service early enough to be listed as resident for the Spring 1919 register of electors and he resumed his former career as a teacher. In 1924 an article in the local newspaper

records him working at St Paul's school, Chester Green, along with Ernest Hallam who lived on Statham Street and Park Grove (see information sheet about him).

In 1924 George took up the post of Headmaster at Quarndon Village School, where he was to stay until his retirement 25 years later in 1949. His wife taught in the infant department of the same school for a number of years.

HEAD 25 YEARS

Quarndon Gifts

A cheque for £40 and a Crown Derby china dish were presented to Mr. G. H. Beeson, headmaster at Quarndon Parish School for 25 years, and his wife, a teacher in the infants' department for 17 years, who are both retiring, at the school's annual speech day yesterday.

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They were very involved in village life, participating in local politics, church life and they regularly attended whist drives in the village hall. The 1939 register lists them as living in the Schoolhouse on Church Road, Quarndon. At the outbreak of war in 1939 they both volunteered as air raid wardens.

Records suggest they moved to Devon when they retired. Rosamond died in 1959, George in 1964.