

Character profile for Thomas Willis (78)

Basic Statistics

Name: Thomas Willis

Age: 78

Nationality: British

Hometown: Coventry

Current Residence: Canley Crematorium and Garden Cemetery

Occupation: Was a soldier from World War One

Birth: 16/02/1896 – 20/10/1981 (Died aged 85)

Siblings: Thomas Willis had one brother who he used to be very close to whilst growing up. George Willis is 5 years younger than Tom, and got married 2 years before Tom did. He died aged 90 (1991) and was very proud of his big brother. George tried to go to war, but his mother stopped him as he was too young to serve and she was scared of losing both her sons.

Spouse: Tom was married to a woman called Susan Willis (Brown before they were married) they got married in 1920. They met in 1918 in a pub when Tom returned from the war.

Children: Tom has 3 children called Harry (1921), Ray (1924) and Joan. (1927).

Relationship skills: Good

Physical Characteristics:

Height: 5'7

Weight: 154-166

Race: White Euro

Eye Color: Brown

Hair Color: Brown

Skin color: White

Tom wore slippers and an old cardigan, with grey coloured trousers and a striped shirt. He always had a walking stick.

Mannerisms: He was a very quiet but happy person. He loved his family with a passion and used to spoil his children with sweets from the local shop.

Habits: He smoked cigars and always had a glass of whiskey before bed.

Health: Tom died of old age, and was very healthy for most of his life. He suffered with a bad leg due to shrapnel in the war, so walked with a stick.

Disabilities: None

How the Character is Involved in the Story

Character's role in the story:

Tom (78) is going to be in a home video, played to participants in a local project called Discover Coventry. The home video will be of Tom in his living room, asking if the camera is turned on. He will explain things he hasn't mentioned since the war. The video will be quite emotional but end on a happy note, where Tom goes through how his life changed after the war and how much he loves his children. The video will act as part of a grandchild's school project, where they are asked to research into the wars of the world.

Place where character first appears:

The first place we see the character will be in photos, hidden around a small garden area in the city of Coventry. There will be photos of him ranging in ages. We will also hear him at this location, QR codes will be placed on the back of the photos, which link to audio files of Tom explaining what is happening and how he felt at the time the photo was taken.