

Alice Ann Tamblyn d 16 April 1941



IN LOVING MEMORY OF
ALICE ANN, BELOVED WIFE OF
JOHN TAMBLYN
KILLED BY ENEMY ACTION
16TH APRIL 1941, AGED 75 YEARS
ALSO **WILLIAM JOHN**, THEIR SON,
DIED 10TH OCT. 1943, AGED 54 YEARS.
ALSO **JOHN H. GILLARD**,
DIED 20TH JAN. 1940, AGED 83 YEARS

CWGC mistakenly records her husband's name as William.

Alice Tamblyn was a widow who lived at the Goude's house, 4 Union Street. Was she a relative, or simply a paying lodger?

1939 Register: living at 11 Howe Street, Barrow, were Albert Gillard (DoB 2 August 1909), Ship's Plater (Heavy Worker); Ethel Gillard (DoB 13 March 1908) Unpaid Domestic Duties; *(Next record redacted)*; John Henry(?) Gillard (DoB 26 December 1857), Old Age Pensioner; **Alice Ann Tamblyn** (DoB 27 January 1867), Old Age Pensioner. *Based on the information in the 1911 Wales Census, Albert is Alice's son by her second marriage, to John Gillard, whose age is recorded wrongly on the 1911 Census. It is somewhat mysterious why she is calling herself a widow.*

An Alice Tamblyn (47) got into trouble for theft in March 1915, having been previously convicted on 31st December 1914 for stealing a dress and cruet, for which she was sentenced to 2 months hard labour. On the second occasion, which can't have been too long after her release, she pleads guilty to stealing an overcoat worth 3s 11d from Jackson Herdman on 5th March, and on the same day stealing a pair of boots from John Walter Kent. A month later, on the 6th April, she was sentenced to 3 months hard labour at Barrow Petty Sessions. For this offence she earned a place on the **Register of Habitual Criminals**, which records her details: height 5ft 2½ins; fresh complexion; dark brown hair; blue eyes. Born Rosebeck (sic).

Alice's petty crimes need to be understood against the backdrop of her hard life. By the time of the **1901 Wales Census** she was already a widow. Her family were living at Ruperra Street, Llantrisant, South Wales. The household was: Alice A. Tamblyn (35) Widow; James Tamblyn (14), Coxing or Boxing Coal Underground; William Tamblyn (11); Alice Tamblyn (10); Edith Tamblyn (7); Ada Tamblyn (5); Laura Tamblyn (11 months), all born in Barrow, Lancs.

From the **National Probate Calendar (Index of Wills and Administrations) 1900 Tamblyn** John Thomas of Ruperra-street Llantrisant Glamorganshire died 12 July 1900 at Meiros-colliery Llantrisant Administration **London 21** September to Alice Ann Tamblyn widow Effects £12 2s.

According to the wonderful Durham Mining Museum website he died due to a fall of part of the roof. He was a Repairman. On road, cliff, 8 ft. x 6 ft. x 16 ins. thick, while a fall was being cleared. A collar broke, and the stone fell on to him. No. 3 Rhondda seam.

By the **1911 Wales Census** Alice had remarried and was living at 24 Greenfield Street, Pontlottyn, South Wales. Her husband is John Gillard (60), Labourer (Underground) Colliery, born Gwennap(?), Cornwall; Alice Ann Gillard (44), born Barrow, Lancs.; William John Tamblyn (22), Mineral Water Haulier, born Barrow, Lancs.; Edith Mary Tamblyn (17), born Barrow, Lancs.; Laura Tamblyn (11), born Barrow, Lancs.; Mabel Gillard (6), born Llantrisant, Glamorgan; Dorothy Gillard (5), born Barrow, Lancs.; Albert Gillard (1), born Pontlottyn, Glamorgan.

In the **1891 Census** the Tamblyn's were living at 4 North Row, Roose. John T. Tamblyn (30) was an iron miner, born in Perron(?), Cornwall; Alice A. Tamblyn (25), born Barrow, Lancs.; James Tamblyn (4), born Barrow; William J. Tamblyn (3), born Barrow; and Alice A. Tamblyn (6 months), born Barrow. There was also John Rose/Row (22), Boarder, Iron Miner, born Breage, Cornwall.

In the **1881 Census** Alice Ann Edmondson (14) – born Roosebeck, Lancs., is living with her married sister Jane Clark (24) at 51 Forshaw Street, next to the Star Hotel. Two other sisters, Margaret Hannah Edmondson (15) and Frances Mary Edmondson (12), also live with Jane and her husband, John Clark (26), an Eating House Manager.