

Friday, December 05, 2008

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to inform you that I believe the gravestone erected by the CWGC for a private George Steatham (31805) is incorrect, in that his surname on his gravestone, and your website, is incorrectly spelt as Streatham,.

Note - His date of death stated on his gravestone is incorrect, it should be the 20th.

Steatham is very rare and unique surname that originates with one man, Robert Steatham (1775-1827), who added the e into the ordinary surname Satham. Robert died at Darlaston, where George was born and died. George was his Great Grandson.

George's father was Philemon Steatham, his father was Joseph Steatham, and his father was Robert.

George's birth was registered as a Steatham, his marriage record show him and his father as Steathams. His death was registered as Steatham, and the burial records show him as Steatham. His widow Edith Mary Steatham (nee Standley), in electoral registers, is down as Steatham, and when she died in 1956, she was registered as a Steatham and again the burial records show her as a Steatham.

George Steatham's war record, show him as a Steatham.

The only place he appears as Streatham is on his Gravestone, and on your website.

Streatham is a London borough, and has never been used as a surname.

Note - the Steatham surname is pronounced Staythem not Steethem.

I enclose the following:-

- 1) Photo of George Steatham's gravestone in James Bridge cemetery, Darlaston.
- 2) George Steatham's birth certificate.
- 3) Print of George Steatham's marriage certificate (note his signature).
- 4) George Steatham's death certificate.
- 5) Print of George Steatham's burial record entry.
- 6) Print of George Steatham's War Record entry.
- 7) Print of George Steatham's entry on your website.

For more detail about George's life go to www.steatham.com/featuredsteathams/featuredsteathams.html

Please note - the date of death stated on his gravestone (19th) does not match the date stated on his death certificate (20th).

I look forward to your reply in this matter. Please advise if I can be of help.

Yours Faithfully

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