

Thomas Hibbert

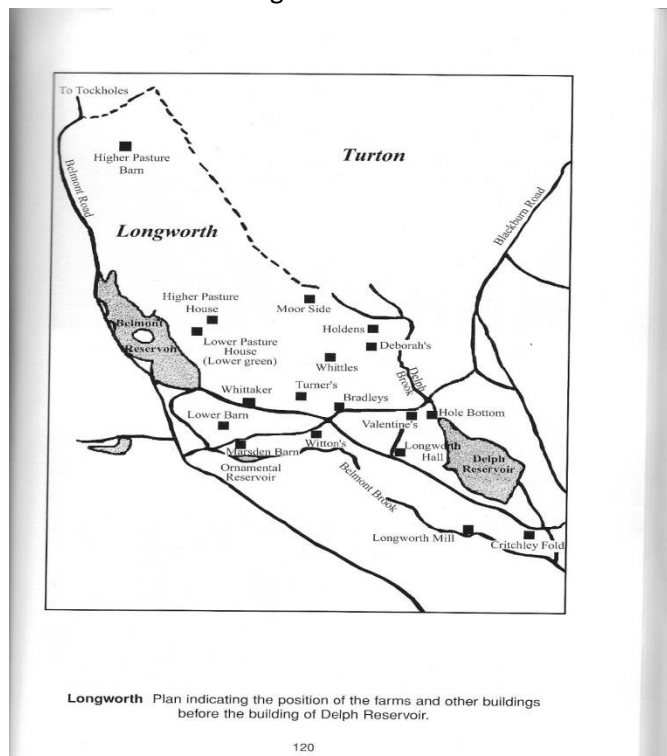
15th November 1899 - April / June 1972

Thomas Hibbert was born on 15th November 1899 in Turton, Lancashire (north Bolton/south Blackburn). Also born in Turton were his brothers Harold Rhodes (born 17th May 1890), John Henry (born 1893), Percy (born 1895), Fred (born 1903) and sister Edith (born 1897).

His father John Hibbert was born in Macclesfield, Cheshire in 1856. His mother Sarah Ann was born in Leekfirth (a parish a few miles north of Leek) Staffordshire.

In **1891** the family were living at Mopside Farm, Turton. Father, mother and Harold (aged 10) were living there then, and they had a 'servant' Thomas Crompton who was a 'farm labourer' aged 17 years. Father was a 'Farmer'

The family were living at Whittles Farm in Walmsley, Turton in **1901**. (See map below – Whittles is shown NW of Delph Reservoir) Mother, father, Harold R, John Henry, Percy, Edith, and Thomas is aged 1, together with Weltham Amos (aged 16 and described as a boarder) on the census. The children are now being shown as born in Bolton. Father was again shown as a 'Farmer'.



Gilligants Farm, Smithills

In **1911** the family are living at 'Gilligants', Coal Pit Road [southern side], Smithills and now BL1 7PD, on the Smithills Hall Estate. Thomas's parents and five children lived on the farm and father is shown as a 'farmer'. The parents were married for 21 years and had had six children one of whom had died (John Henry is missing from this census). Harold was 'helping on the farm', as was Percy. Thomas was 'at school' and so was Fred.

Harold Rhodes Hibbert is known to have married Annie Hornby (born 1891 in Egerton, Lancashire – now Bolton). She died on 9th December 1918.

Thomas Hibbert married Elizabeth Vernon on **28 December 1918** at St Thomas the Apostle, Halliwell. He was 21 and a 'Collier' living at 10 Grove Street (off Halliwell Road). Elizabeth was 21 and lived at 4 Uttley Street. Father Thomas, a 'Stoker' was present as was Elizabeth's father Joseph Vernon a 'Labourer'. Witnesses were George Slater & Mary Morris. They were married by F H Turner, Curate.

Thomas Hibbert died in the quarter **April/June 1972 in Bolton¹ aged 72.**

No service records have yet been identified. If you can help please contact on

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¹ England & Wales Death Index 1916-2007