We are exploring people in the newly-released 1921 Census, which will soon be available via Find My Past in Cumbria's Libraries.

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One of Workington's most famous residents, Helena Thompson, then aged 65, was away on holiday at the time of the census. Her entry shows her described as a visitor at the Majestic Hotel in Harrogate.

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Helena Thompson lived at Park End in Workington, which she left to the people of Workington to be used as a museum. She was the first lady magistrate in the town, supported many charities and was awarded an MBE.

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PRIVATE JAMES SMITH, OF WORKINGTON

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Private James Smith, who once lived on Southey Street on the Marsh and served in the Border Regiment, was awarded the Victoria Cross "for conspicuous bravery in rescuing wounded men under heavy fire" in December 1914 during WWI. His actions were reported in the Workington Star newspaper and he was described as "exceedingly modest".

VICTORIA CROSS FOR WORKINGTON MAN.

APPROVED BY THE KING.

Another for a Whitehaven Man.

A supplement to the GAZETTE, last night, states that the King approved of recommend-ations that the Victoria Cross should be awarded to eleven men for conspicuous bravery at the front.

the front. Amongst those recommended are Pvte. A. Acton, Whitehaven, 2nd Border; and Pvte. J. Smith, Workington, 3rd Border, attached to 2nd Border. Pvte. Smith is better known here as Jimmy Glenn, and his parents live in Southey-street. He was through the South African war, then went to Middlesbrough, and left work there to re-join his regiment. That "Jimmy" is ex-ceedingly modest may be gathered from the following letter from him, which appeared in the STAR a few weeks ago:— "Just a line to let you know I am all

"Just a line to let you know I am all right and in the best of health, and I hope you are all the same. We are having some awful weather here. We are up to the wast in mud and water in the trenches. I expect you will have heard of me saving two men and being recommended for the Victoria Cross."

Victoria Cross." Not a word to indicate how the "two men" were saved. He could not have written more modestly had he been saying that he had found a button off a German's tunic. Though modest, that he is brave is shown in the reas-ons for the recommendation. It appears that on December 21st, Smith and Acton voluntarily left their trench at Rouges Banes to bring in a wounded comrade who had been lying exposed to a heavy fire for 75 hours against the enemy's trenches. The same day they again voluntarily left their trench and brought in another wounded com-rade. While performing these acts of bravery they were subject to a heavy fire, with the enemy's bullets dropping around them like hail, for over an hour. Good luck to both of them. May they live long to enjoy the honour!

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On the 1921 census, we can see that James lived with his wife, Sarah, and their six children. At this time, he was working as a General Dealer and a Fish Hawker. It is recorded that he worked at home, assisted by his eldest son William, who was aged 15. A hawker used to buy and sell goods on the street.



Tom Cape, MP for Workington, was a well-known local figure, who served as secretary of the Cumberland Miners' Association. He came from humble beginnings; he was born in Spread Eagle Yard in Cockermouth (pictured right).

By the time of the 1921 census, he was 52, listed as a miners' agent and living at 91 Harrington Road with his wife Dinah and their four children. His place of work was on St John Street at the Miners' Association.



Cape's picture appeared in several issues of the Whitehaven News County Annual from 1918 to the 1930s due to his nomination as a Labour candidate. This cartoon on the bottom right from 1924 was less than flattering though!



MR. THOMAS CAPE, ABOUR CANDIDATE FOR WORKINGTON.

Labour Member for Workington.

MR. T. CAPE (LAB.)

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The Commercial Hotel was situated on Belle Isle Street in Workington. Matthew Turton was the proprietor. On the census, he is recorded as a licensed victualler (pub landlord), living with his family and two members of staff (a cook and cleaner) as well as a few visitors or guests. He came from Newton-le-Willows. At Whitehaven Archives, drawings from a

planning application show the layout of the hotel in 1913.

