

# Biographical Record

## WILLIAM GEORGE CROSS

Representative of the Eastern Counties Guild in 1891 only

Attended 1 meeting

It is not known where William George Cross was born: different censuses give the Ely area of Cambridgeshire and Margate in Kent, but by the time he was 30, in 1881, he was living with his wife and three children in King's Lynn, where he worked as a school attendance officer. He lived there for the rest of his life.

The Eastern Counties Guild, which no longer exists, was inaugurated on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 1884. Mr. Cross is recorded as having rung the 5<sup>th</sup> to a 720 of Plain Bob Minor at the fourth annual meeting on Whit Monday 1888. He was elected co-secretary of the Guild at a meeting on February 23<sup>rd</sup> 1889 and was appointed joint Honorary Secretary at the fifth annual meeting on June 10<sup>th</sup> 1889. He rang the treble to a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor at a meeting on October 12<sup>th</sup> 1889 and was described as the 'Lay Secretary .....of King's Lynn ' at a meeting on October 27<sup>th</sup> 1900.

William Cross was elected a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths in 1890.

His first peal, which was the first by all the band, was at St. Nicholas Chapel, King's Lynn on January 6<sup>th</sup> 1893, when he rang the treble to Plain Bob Major. He also rang the treble to a peal of Plain Bob Major on 12<sup>th</sup> January 1894 at St. Margaret's King's Lynn.

Mr Cross died in the second quarter of 1936 at King's Lynn.