

GEORGE VEAL

This is believed to be George Veall born in Bratoft in 1887 to William and Eliza Veall. His father was a butcher, born in Gunby in 1843.

The family are shown as living in Bratoft on the 1891, 1901 and 1911 censuses. By 1911 George was working as a railway platelayer. His normal duties would involve him doing track repairs and examinations as part of a gang in a specified area of track known as a "length", together with the rest of his group. Most of his duties would take place on that length, usually up to five miles. Working as a platelayer was hard work but the worst job was packing which meant ramming the gravel ballast down the side of the sleepers with a shovel which took a toll on the instep of your "packing foot"!



A gang of paltelayers

George Veal served as a Lance Corporal in the First World War. His regiment has yet to be discovered.

The 1911 Census shows a George Veall living in Bratoft. He was born in 1887 in Bratoft and was working as a railway platelayer.

In 1918 George married Anna Weston of Spilsby.