

THE CRYER ARCHIVE

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Full Name

Detective Sergeant Edmund George Cryer

Born

1867 — Spitalfields, England

Occupation

Police Detective Sergeant

Speciality

Violent Crimes & Unusual Cases

Personal

Married to Emma Reeves on 22nd April 1889

Children

Three children - Thomas, George and Charlotte

Detective Sergeant Edmund Cryer is a hardened investigator shaped by the soot, rain, and silence of industrial Lancashire. Beneath his stern exterior lies a man burdened by the horrors he has witnessed in the alleyways and mill towns of North-West England, where murder, superstition, and corruption often walk hand in hand. Known for his sharp instincts and relentless pursuit of the truth, Cryer has earned a reputation as an officer who cannot be bought, intimidated, or deceived.

Away from the gaslit streets and bloodstained case files, Edmund is a devoted family man struggling to protect the fragile warmth of his home from the darkness of his profession. His wife remains his closest confidante and moral anchor, offering calm in a life dominated by violence and grief. Though deeply loyal to his family, the long nights, dangerous investigations, and emotional toll of his work have begun to cast shadows over the life he fights so desperately to preserve.

As a detective, Cryer specialises in the cases others fear to touch - unexplained deaths, disappearances, occult rumours, and brutal crimes buried beneath the respectable veneer of Edwardian society. In a town ruled by towering mills, whispered secrets, and lingering dread, he serves as both investigator and reluctant witness to humanity's darkest corners.

Beneath the official records lies another Edmund Cryer entirely. His private journals reveal a man increasingly tormented by recurring nightmares, paranoia and an overwhelming belief that certain crimes carried something darker than human motive.

Whether these fears were justified remains unknown.

Timeline (still on-going)

1887

Joined the Metropolitan Police as a young police constable.

1889

22-years-old, he married 19-years-old, Emma Reeves, on the 22nd April.

1889

First son, Thomas, was born on the 8th October.

1897

Received a Certificate of Commendation in recognition of great bravery.

1901

Second son, George, was born on the 20th February.

1902

Promoted following a series of successful investigations involving violent robberies and disappearances.

1904

First daughter, Charlotte, was born on the 22nd January.

1904

Relocated to the small village of Helmshore, Lancashire.

1905

Assigned to the Prinny Hill Lane Murder - a case that would forever alter his understanding of evil.