



SWAFFHAM IN THE GREAT WAR

Those who fought

These pages contain what we know about the 600 or so men from Swaffham who went to war between 1914 and 1918.

Sometimes we know very little – just name and regiment perhaps.

Some are well-known local names. Some came briefly and went away known to only a few. Some we may never know - even their names. Some never returned – whether by death or desire.

They stand in the shadows – indistinct; obscure. Almost – but never quite – forgotten. They remain part of our past, present and future.

Can you help them step out of the shadows with perhaps a memory, a photo, a detail

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RECRUITMENT



This is taken from a 1949 copy of the Lynn News and shows volunteers mustering on the Market Place at the beginning of the First World War. Note the members of the cycles regiment.

LORD KITCHENER'S APPEAL.

**100,000 Men required
for the War.**

NO MEN will be **REFUSED** who are **PHYSICALLY FIT** for Active Service and between the ages of **19 and 30.**

OLD SOLDIERS UP TO 42.

Late N.C.Os. of Regulars and Ex-Soldiers

URGENTLY NEEDED.

Enquire inside for address of nearest Recruiter



ANGELL, Ernest

Military service: -1916 **Regt No.:** 12967

Regt. : Norfolk

Parents: William and Elizabeth

Parents' occupation: agricultural labourer: washerwoman

Family members serving in WW1:

Places lived in: 1908 on. Cockpit Yard, Ash Close - Swaffham (electoral roll). 1911 Kensington

Born: 1880 Gayton

Married: Ellen Maria Blower 1903 Swaffham

Occupations: 1911 carman

Living postwar:

Death:

1916 Killed in action France/Flanders

Information:



Anthony, Walter

Military service: 1910 -
1920

Regt No.: 24871

Regt. : Army Veterinary Corps

Parents: William and Eliza

Parents' occupation: merchant's porter

Family members serving in WW1:

Places lived in: Back Lane Swaffham

Born: 1879

Married: Jane Eliza Lumkin 1907

Occupations: postman

Living postwar: Ipswich

Death:

1942 – with wife, killed in enemy air raid. Ipswich

Information:



AVIS, Frederick Herbert

Military service: 1917 -

Regt No.: 65446
34664

Regt. : Queen's West Surrey

Parents: Richard and Emma
(Goddard)

Parents' occupation: agricultural gardener

Family members serving in WW1:

Places lived in: Swaffham 1891. Suffolk 1911. Father lived on
Campingland 1914.

Born: 1881

Married: Marion Baines

Occupations: 1911 - footman
1939 butcher –
(incapacitated)

Living postwar:

Death:
1952 Swaffham

Information:



BANHAM, Hugh Falgate

Military service: 1914 - 1920 **Regt No.:** 101938 **Regt. :** Royal Field Artillery

Parents: Joshua Thomas and Alice **Parents' occupation:** Manager of brickworks. builders clerk and store keeper 1901

Family members serving in WW1: Karl F **Places lived in:** Suffolk 1901. Swaffham 1911

Born: 1898 Suffolk

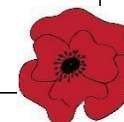
Married: Amy Stephens 1924

Occupations: Stockman/shepherd

Living postwar: 1939 Babingley

Death: 1977. West Winch

Information:



BANHAM, Karl Falgate

Military service: 1912-1919
Regt No.: J18609

Regt.: Royal Navy

Parents: Joshua Thomas and Alice

Parents' occupation: Manager of brickworks.
builders clerk and store keeper 1901

Family members serving in WW1: Hugh Falgate

Places lived in: Swaffham 1901, 1911 1 Hooks Villas
Watton Road

Born: 1897 Letheringsett

Married:

Occupations: apprentice cabinet
maker 1911

Living postwar:

Death:

1919. Died from disease. Buried Swaffham Church

Information:

1915. Appointed to HMN Botha.



BANNER, Frederick Robert

Military service: 1915 - 1919 **Regt No.:** 353166 **Regt.:** Royal Fusiliers; Royal Scots

Parents: Thomas and Mary Jane **Parents' occupation:** stone mason

Family members serving in WW1: Harry, Herbert, Sidney, William **Places lived in:** 1911 Swaffham London Street
1915 London

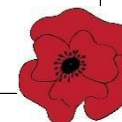
Born: 1893. Swaffham **Married:** 1916 Oxborough. May Burton (attestation)

Occupations: 1911 grocer apprentice.
1915 farm labourer **Living postwar:** **Death:** 1975. Glamorgan Wales

Information:

Mrs Banner of London Street heard news that two of her sons, William and Frederick, both belonging to one of the London regiments, have been wounded on the same day. Fred, who was the first to be hit had a marvellous escape. Three or four machine gun bullets went through the rim of his steel helmet; one grazed his left ear and then two passed through his upper left arm missing all bones. He crept into a shell hole with three others and had a vision of his brother still going forward. Later, they crept out and had their wounds attended to at the dressing station. He and his brother kept together as long as they could until it got too hot and then each man had to look after himself. A later communications states that he is going on well.

Lynn News 1916



BANNER, Harry (Henry)

Military service: 1900 -
Regt No.:

Regt. : Norfolk
Royal Defence Corps

Parents: Thomas and Mary Jane

Parents' occupation: stone mason

Family members serving in WW1: Herbert,
Frederick,
Sidney, William

Places lived in: 1891 Swaffham; 1911 Swaffham
White Cross Lane

Born: 1880, Castle Acre

Married: Threxton 1905 Mary Lake

Occupations: stone mason

Living postwar: Swaffham (electoral roll)

Death:
1933 Swaffham

Information:



BANNER, Herbert

Military service:

Regt No.:

Regt. : Norfolk

Parents: Thomas and Mary Jane

Parents' occupation: stone mason

Family members serving in WW1: Harry, Frederick.
Sidney, William

Places lived in: Swaffham 1891.
Sheringham 1901

Born: 1892 Swaffham

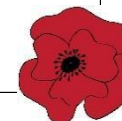
Married: Swaffham 1909 Amy Swann.
Harrow 1924 Maud Cox

Occupations: Grocer (1939 register)

Living postwar: 1939 Swaffham, Clifton Villa

Death:
1958? 1964?

Information:



BANNER, Sidney Ernest

Military service: 1912 (age 12) - 1924
Regt No.: J29601

Regt. : Royal Navy

Parents: Thomas and Mary Jane

Parents' occupation: stone mason

Family members serving in WW1: Herbert, Harry, Frederick, William

Places lived in: 1901, 1911 Swaffham. London Street

Born: 1898

Married:

Occupations: 1939 millwright

Living postwar: Nottinghamshire

Death:
1980 Somerset (Ancestry)

Information:



BANNER, William

Military service: 1915 - 1920 **Regt No.:** 1495 **Regt. :** Royal Fusiliers

Parents: Thomas and Mary Jane **Parents' occupation:** stone mason

Family members serving in WW1: Harry, Frederick, Herbert, Sidney **Places lived in:** Swaffham. 1911 Middlesex

Born: 1889 Swaffham

Married:

Occupations: Stone mason

Living postwar:

Death:
1971 Yarmouth

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Lynn News 1916



BARKER, Arthur William

Military service: 1914 - 1919 **Regt No.:** 16355 141997 **Regt.:** Royal Field Artillery
Royal Garrison Artillery

Parents: Arthur J and Elizabeth **Parents' occupation:** labourer; bricklayer

Family members serving in WW1: **Places lived in:** Swaffham: Gas House 1895;
Back Lane 1901; Lynn Road 1911

Born: 1895 **Married:** Beatrice Warren 1921

Occupations: Agricultural farm servant 1914 **Living postwar:** Swaffham, Lynn Road 1939 **Death:** 1973?
Bricklayer 1939

Information:

Missing in January 1918. Captured 1918 in German hands.

Lynn Road
23/1/18 Swaffham
Norfolk
No a 40/25/1458
Dear Sir
I have sent card on that
I have received from my
son Corporal Barker
stating he is a prisoner
of war in German hands
shall be pleased if you
will return same to
office I am Sir

Yours Truly
Mr A Barker
No 141997
6th Pl Barker A W
216 Siege Battery
R F A
216(S)



BARKER, Bertie John

Military service:

Regt No.: 190917
616839

Regt. : Army Service Corps
Labour Corps

Parents:

Robert and Mary
Elizabeth

Parents'

occupation: Railway Signaller

Family members

serving in WW1:

Places lived in: Swaffham: Lynn Road 1901/1911

Born: 1890 Swaffham

Married: Lily Ada Papworth 1926 Swaffham

Occupations: Baker 1911
Postman (war
pensioner) 1939

Living postwar: The Pool (Northwell) 1939

Death:
1954

Information:



BARKER, Frederick

Military service:

Regt No.: 2355
203881

Regt. : Norfolk
Notts and Derbyshire

Parents: Edward and Harriet

Parents' occupation: 1911 shepherd

Family members serving in WW1: Herbert

Places lived in: 1911 Little Thorns, Swaffham

Born: 1888. Swaffham

Married: Charlotte Shipp 1911

Occupations: 1911 farm labourer.
1939 head
horseman on farm

Living postwar: Smallborough

Death:

Information:



BARKER, George Carlton

Military service: 1916 -
1919

Regt No.: 41654

Regt.: Essex

Parents: Jacob and Fanny

Parents' occupation: labourer

Family members serving in WW1:

Places lived in: Swaffham: Swiss Cottage 1911;
Norwich Road 1916

Born: 1890 Swaffham

Married: Charlotte Leeder 1913

Occupations: 1916 gardener

Living postwar: 1920 Dovehouse Row;
1939 Norwich Road

Death:

Information:



BARKER, Harry Charles

Military service: 1915 -
1918

Regt No.: 3281
296033

Regt. : Norfolk
Labour Corps

Parents: Edward and Georgiana

Parents' occupation: Letter carrier: post office pensioner

Family members serving in WW1:

Places lived in: Swaffham 1911 Mantriggs Yard
Swaffham 1915 London Street

Born: 1879 Swaffham

Married:

Occupations: Postman 1901,
1911, 1939

Living postwar: Swaffham 1939 Pit Lane

Death:

Information:



BARKER, Herbert

Military service: retired and reserve list **Regt No.:** possibly 13125 **Regt.:** Norfolk

Parents: Edmund and Elizabeth **Parents' occupation:** tailor

Family members serving in WW1: **Places lived in:** 1871 Swaffham Ash Close
1911 Hertford

Born: 1867 **Married:** 1890 Mary Ann Cooper

Occupations: 1911 railway clerk **Living postwar:** Hertfordshire 1939 **Death:** 1948 Hertfordshire

Information:



BARKER, John Edward

Military service: 1915 - 1919 **Regt No.:** 155924 **Regt.:** Middlesex

Parents: John and Harriet Elizabeth **Parents' occupation:** General labourer

Family members serving in WW1: **Places lived in:** Swaffham 1901/1911 Laken's Yard 1911. Cory's Yard 1914.

Born: 1879 **Married:** Swaffham 1905 Sarah Rebecca Ewes

Occupations: farm labourer 1915 **Living postwar:** Swaffham Yew Cottage 1939 **Death:** 1957?
jobbing gardener 1939

Information:



Barker, Percy Edward

Military service: - 1916 **Regt No.:** G18289 **Regt. :** West Kents

Parents: Charles and Mary Elizabeth **Parents' occupation:** stockman / cowman on farm 1911

Family members serving in WW1: **Places lived in:** Swaffham: Great Thorns 1911
Southacre Field Barn 1916

Born: 1892 **Married:**

Occupations: farm labourer 1911 **Living postwar:** **Death:**
1916 Killed in action France/Flanders

Information:

Killed in action 1916. This name is only on the church and war memorial records – not on Roll 9 (1917). The family lived for some time at Great Thorns and then moved to Field Barn in Southacre. The military records give Southacre as place of residence.



BARKER, Sidney

Military service: possibly 1915

Regt No.: possibly 26129

Regt. : Royal Field Artillery

Parents: William and Maria

Parents' occupation: Fishmonger 1901.
Unemployed house painter 1911

Family members serving in WW1:

Places lived in: Market Place 1901: Lynn Pit 1911

Born: 1892

Married:

Occupations: Bricklayer 1911

Living postwar:

Death:

Information:



BARNES, Alfred Negus

Military service: 1897-1909: **Regt No.:** 9589
1915 -

Regt. : Suffolk

Parents: Alfred George and Hannah

Parents' occupation: railway engine driver 1901

Family members serving in WW1: Herbert Edward

Places lived in: Swaffham Market Place 1891; 1911

Born: 1889 Ely, Cambs

Married: 1907 Frances Mary Bulling

Occupations: Painter 1897.
Caretaker
Swaffham Liberal Club 1911

Living postwar:

Death:
1968



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Information:

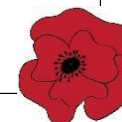
Awarded acting master's certificate 1902.

December 1917. Sergt A N Barnes wrote a letter within a Christmas Card to Sir Richard Winfrey (Liberal MP for South West Norfolk) noting the engagements the division had taken part in – mostly Eastern Counties' men many of whom were Sir Richard's constituents.

He ended: " We have had great losses, but [the Hun's] have been simply terrible – there is no doubt they are seven to one of ours. We are surely wearing him down and when our High Command see fit – when the right moment arrives – the enemy will get the greatest blow he has received during the whole campaign. I hope it will be the final... Tell the people at home to do their bit, and the boys out here will do theirs." Lynn News 1918

Wounded: 02/05/1918

At some time he was in hospital in France and had these comments: "[The hospital] consists of six river barges, each converted into two wards containing 20 beds. Each is fitted with electric light, a good water supply, a surgical room, dispensary and almost everything that could be named as essential. In fact each barge is a hospital in itself."



BARNES, Elisha Charles

Military service: 1915 - 1919 **Regt No.:** 174467 **Regt.:** Royal Field Artillery

Parents: George and Sarah Ann **Parents' occupation:** gardener 1911

Family members serving in WW1: George Powell, Harry **Places lived in:** Swaffham 1920 5, Albert Terrace

Born: 1884 Long Stratton **Married:** Swaffham 1918 Ethel Belsham

Occupations: Baker at Downham Market 1915 **Living postwar:** **Death:** 1981 Norwich

Information:



BARNES, George Powell

Military service:

Regt No.: 85545

Regt. : Royal Engineers

Parents: George and Sarah Ann

Parents' occupation: gardener 1911

Family members serving in WW1: Elisha Charles,
Harry Edward

Places lived in: 1911 Streatham London

Born: 1886 Stratton St.Mary

Married: Islington 1927 Ellen Mary Hayes

Occupations: 1911 Church Army evangelist
1939 Secretary Supt Church Army

Living postwar: Farnham, Surrey

Death:

Information:



BARNES, Harry Edward

Military service: 1915 - 1919 **Regt No.:** 406959 **Regt.:** 3rd Canadians

Parents: George and Sarah Anne **Parents' occupation:** 1894 baker; 1911 gardener

Family members serving in WW1: Elisha Charles, **Places lived in:** Swaffham 1911 Albert Terrace

Born: 1894 Long Stratton

Married:

Occupations: House painter 1911
storekeeper school
1939

Living postwar: Lewisham 1939

Death:
1984 Hove, East Sussex

Information:



BARNES, Herbert Edward

Military service: 1915 -
1920

Regt No.: 22345
14476

Regt. : Norfolk
Royal Army Medical Corps



Parents: Alfred George and
Hannah

Parents' occupation: railway engine driver 1901

Family members serving in WW1: Alfred
Negus

Places lived in: Swaffham: Ash Close 1901; 9,Ash Close 1911

Born: 1881 Ely
Cambridgeshire

Married: Swaffham 1907 Rosa Drake

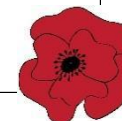
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Occupations: tailor 1911
postman 1939

Living postwar: Docking 1939

Death:
1960 Docking

Information:



BARNES, Hubert John

**Military
service:**

**Regt
No.:** 31926
S4/042121

Regt. : Norfolk
Army Service Corps

Parents: George and Sarah Ann

**Parents'
occupation:** 1894 baker; 1911 gardener

**Family members
serving in WW1:**

Places lived in:

Born: 1893 Stratton St.Mary

Married: Swaffham 1931 Rose A

Occupations: Baker 1939

**Living
postwar:** Caston, Norfolk 1939

Death:
1973

Information:



BARRETT, Seth

Military service: 1901 – 1915; **Regt No.:** 217841
1916 - 1926

Regt. : Royal Navy

Parents: Seth and Alice

Parents' occupation: tailor – had held a business in Swaffham for some years (LNA 1916)

Family members serving in WW1:

Places lived in: 1911 on board His Majesty's Ship Swift. Portsmouth

Born: 1886 Swaffham

Married: Ramsey, Hants 1916 - Daisy K. New

Occupations: 1901 tailor's apprentice
Royal Navy

Living postwar: Hampshire 1939

Death:
1979 Hampshire

Information:

1916 received Distinguished Service Medal as Petty Officer



BASSETT, Frederick Henry

Military service: 1907 -
1928

Regt No.: 311957

Regt. : Royal Navy

Parents: George and Ellen

Parents' occupation: general labourer

Family members serving in WW1:

Places lived in: 1901 London
1911 Royal Navy Ship Berwick

Born: 1887 Swaffham

Married: Elizabeth?

Occupations:

Living postwar: Rochester Kent 1939

Death:
1976 Portsmouth

Information:



BEANE, Stanley William

Military service: - 1917 **Regt No.:** 29950 **Regt.:** Norfolk

Parents: Stanley and Hannah Elizabeth **Parents' occupation:** labourer

Family members serving in WW1: **Places lived in:** 1891 Aylsham.
1901 Colby

Born: 1891 Aylsham

Married:

Occupations:

Living postwar:

Death:

1917. Killed in action France



Liber Vitae, Swaffham Heritage

Information:

No connection with Swaffham found yet but he is in the Liber Vitae, war and church memorials and Roll 9.



BELSHAM, Elijah William

Military service:

Regt No.: 018661

Regt. : Army Ordnance Corps

Parents: Noah and Elizabeth Betsy

Parents' occupation: shepherd

Family members serving in WW1:

Places lived in: Castle Acre 1891
Swaffham: 1901, 1911 London Street

Born: 1867 Swaffham

Married: Swaffham 1889 Sarah Jane

Occupations: 1891 shepherd's help
1911 Baker

Living postwar:

Death:
1933 Swaffham

Information:



BENNINGTON, Charles W.

Military service: 1912 - 1924 **Regt No.:** 10172,6332, 488912 **Regt. :** West Yorkshire, Lincs, Royal Engineers , Norfolk

Parents: Frederick (from attestation).
Mother Pooley, possibly Jane
Parents' occupation: general labourer

Family members serving in WW1: **Places lived in:** 1901 Shipdham ; 1911 Suffolk
1916 Ash Close Swaffham

Born: 1896 Sporle
1911 stock boy in

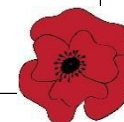
Married: 1919 Boulogne Gladys May Badcock

Occupations: school
1916 labourer with
Urban District Council
1939 general labourer

Living postwar: King Street Swaffham

Death:

Information:



BLANCHFLOWER, Albert John

Military service: 1914 -
1919

Regt No.: 409639

Regt. : Royal Defence Corps

Parents: Sarah

Parents' occupation:

Family members serving in WW1: Victor George – son

Places lived in:

1901 Globe Hill Swaffham
1911 1, Thornton Place Swaffham
1918 Reveille House, London Street, Swaffham

Born: 1867 Watton

Married: Swaffham 1894 Sarah Elizabeth Hunton

Occupations: 1891, 1901, 1911
bootmaker

Living postwar: London Street Swaffham

Death:
1941

Information:

Failing eyesight attributed to being in front of a landing aircraft at Marham. Was to be transferred to RAF in 1918 but this was annulled.



BLANCHFLOWER, Victor George

Military service:

Regt No.: 553916
678189

Regt. : London
Queen's Westminsters

Parents:

Albert John and Sarah
Elizabeth

Parents' occupation:

bootmaker

Family members serving in WW1:

Albert John_father

Places lived in:

Swaffham: 1901 Globe Hill;
1911 1 Thornton Place

Born:

1898 Swaffham

Married:

1921 Kent Rhoda Hall

Occupations:

Butcher 1939

Living postwar:

Middlesex 1939

Death:

1970 Greater London

Information:

Military Medal 1919



BLOCKWELL, Herbert H.

Military service: 1915

Regt No.:

Regt. : Suffolk

Parents:

Parents' occupation:

Family members serving in WW1:

Places lived in: Swaffham 1915 Back Lane

Born: ca 1879

Married: Swaffham 1907 Minnie

Occupations:

Living postwar:

Death:

Information:

All information from Military record. He did not serve abroad



BLOOM, Albert (Alfred)

Military service: 1814-1918

Regt No.:

T4/038223 Driver,
attached to Field
Ambulance

Regt. : Royal Army Service Corps

Parents: Walter and Eliza

Parents' occupation: general labourer

Family members serving in WW1:

Places lived in: 1891 North Walsham; 1901 Dereham;
1911 Swaffham Lynn Road
1914 The Warren Beachamwell.
1918 London Street Swaffham

Born: 1885 Knapton

Married: Colby 1907 Ethel Daisy Ellis

Occupations: labourer

Living postwar:



Liber Vitae, Swaffham Heritage

Death:

Died from wounds received in action 1918 Flanders/France

Information:

The war and church memorials and Roll 9 erroneously record Alfred.



BOND, Robert

Military service: 1917

Regt No.: 33532

Regt.: Gloucestershire Regiment

Parents: Robert and Elizabeth

Parents' occupation: labourer 1891.
Mother 1901 (widow) washerwoman

Family members serving in WW1:

Places lived in: Swaffham: 1891 London Street; 1901 Back Lane

Born: 1882

Married: Swaffham 1906 Ethel May Murrell

Occupations: garden labourer

Living postwar: Watton Road, Swaffham

Death:
1963 Cambridgeshire

Information:

Discharged as medically unfit – asthmatic.



BONE, Herbert William

Military service: 1915 -

Regt No.: 46487
GS/57466

Regt. : Machine Gun Corps
Royal Fusiliers

Parents: William Charles and
Annie Elizabeth

Parents' occupation: watchmaker

Family members serving in WW1:

Places lived in: Swaffham: 1891, 1901, 1911 Market Place

Born: 1888 Swaffham

Married: Norwich 1924 Dorothy Maud Rosina
Lambert

Occupations: assisting in
watchmaking
business
watchmaker

Living postwar: 1920-1931 Swaffham
(electoral rolls)

Death:
1951 Norwich. Lived at 85 Market Place Swaffham

Information:

On the 1939 register he is listed at being in hospital in London. A Dorothy Bone is listed as being at the Red Lion in Swaffham.



BRANCH, Edward

Military service:

Regt No.: 876086

Regt. : Royal Field Artillery

Parents: William Charles and Hannah Elizabeth

Parents' occupation: rural postman

Family members serving in WW1:

Places lived in: Swaffham: 1891 May Terrace, Lynn Road; 1901, 1911 Lynn Road

Born: 1895 Swaffham

Married:

Occupations: pop factory worker in brewery Swaffham 1911

Living postwar:



Liber Vitae, Swaffham Heritage

Death:

1918 Killed in action Mesopotamia

Information:

His name also appears on the Steward and Patterson memorial at Norwich.

Gunner in the RFA. Son of Mr and Mrs William Charles Branch, Lynn Road, Swaffham. Went with his battery to Mesopotamia.

Fell in battle Oct 26th 1918 at Qualat Jabbah, where he was buried on the same day.

His best friend, writing to his parents, says. "I was with him up to the last and he completed his bit as a brave soldier should." Lynn News



BREWSTER, Charles Frederick

Military service:**Regt No.:** 7772**Regt. :** Lincolnshire**Parents:** Charles Frederick and Agnes**Parents' occupation:** 1901 colour sergeant instructor Norfolks.**Family members serving in WW1:** Charles Frederick - father**Places lived in:** 1891 South Lynn; 1901 London Street Swaffham**Born:** ca 1887 in Bengal**Married:** Lincoln 1913 Minnie Laura Marks**Occupations:** military**Living postwar:****Death:**

1917 Flanders of wounds received

Information:

Ex QMS Brewster of Swaffham has received news that his eldest son Act CSM Charles F. Brewster has died of wounds. As a boy he entered the Army in the RGA and was transferred when 18 into his father's old regiment the Lincolns. By his conduct at the Front he obtained the Military Medal.

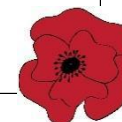
Two brothers of the deceased are in the Army. One CSM Arthur Brewster, of the Lincolns, having also gained the Military Medal.

Charles was married and leaves a widow and two children.

Lynn News 17 Nov 1917

At Lincoln on Sunday, Colonel the Hon G.E. Heneage presented the Military Medal won by the late C.S.M. Brewster, Lincolns, of Swaffham, to the gallant soldier's little son [Charles Frederick]. The whole of the troops in barracks paraded for the occasion. The father of the late C.S.M. was for many years Sergeant-Instructor to the Lynn and Swaffham Companies of Volunteers. The soldier son was born in Cheekrata in Indian and about the same time a little girl was born in the next house. When the two met again both were grown up. A courtship ensued, and a romantic marriage took place on April 24, 1913. Brewster won the Military Medal at Lens, but was killed on October 21, and on the breast of the little boy his medal was pinned on Sunday.

Lynn News 2 February 1918



Brightwell, Bertie

Military service:

Regt. :

Parents: William Francis and Anne Maria

Parents' occupation: bricklayer

Family members serving in WW1: R G., Stanley

Places lived in: Swaffham: 1895 Ash Close; 1901 London Street;

Born: 1895 Swaffham

Married:

Occupations: 1911 shop porter

Living postwar:



Liber Vitae, Swaffham Heritage

Death:

1916 Flanders/France. Killed in action

Information:

Brightwell had been at the front for only about four months.



BRIGHTWELL, Stanley Robert

**Military
service:**

**Regt
No.:** 22782
43210

Regt. : Norfolk
Lincolnshire

Parents: William Francis and
Anne Maria

**Parents'
occupation:** bricklayer

**Family members
serving in WW1:** R. G.,
Stanley

Places lived in: Swaffham: 1895 Ash Close;
1901 London Street
1911 Theatre Street

Born: 1897 Swaffham

Married:

Occupations: 1911 shop porter at
grocer's

**Living
postwar:** Theatre Street during 1920s

Death:

Information:



BRIGHTWELL, Walter John

Military service: 1911 - 1920 **Regt No.:** 34847 **Regt. :** Royal Garrison Artillery

Parents: John and Hannah **Parents' occupation:** bricklayer

Family members serving in WW1: **Places lived in:** Swaffham: 1891 Black Horse Yard;
1901 Ash Close
1911 Foulsham

Born: 1890 Swaffham **Married:** Plymouth 1916 Lydia Jacob Holson

Occupations: baker 1911 **Living postwar:** 1939 Plymouth **Death:** 1945 Plymouth
signalman on railway 1939

Information:

In an interview with a Lynn News Reporter Abner Perkins reports that:

“When on the way to hospital he saw Bombardier Walter Brightwell of the 1st battalion Siege Artillery Brigade, a Swaffham man. He was in good health.”

Lynn News and County Press 16 Jan 1915



BROUGHTON, George Henry

**Military
service:**

**Regt
No.:** 25330
53129

Regt. : Norfolk
Machine Gun Corps

Parents: John and Emily
Elizabeth

**Parents'
occupation:** labourer

**Family members
serving in WW1:**

Places lived in: 1911 Ash Close, Swaffham

Born: 1896 Eastmoor

Married:

Occupations: watchmaker
apprentice 1911

**Living
postwar:**

Death:
1918 France/Flanders. Killed in action

Information:



BROWN, Thomas William

Military service: 1915 - 1919 **Regt No.:** 32949 **Regt.:** Bedfordshire

Parents: James and Emma Jane (Overton) **Parents' occupation:** porter

Family members serving in WW1: **Places lived in:** Swaffham: 1901 Tumbler Hill; 1919 Campingland (sister)

Born: 1888 **Married:** Swaffham 1933 Edna M Bilverstone

Occupations: printer 1911 **Living postwar:** **Death:**
compositor 1915 1955

Information:

Prisoner of war 1917



BRUNDLE, Samuel

Military service: ca 1902?
- 1919

Regt No.: many

Regt. : many. Roll 9 gives Army Service Corps

Parents: Ellen Loynes

Parents' occupation:

Family members serving in WW1:

Places lived in: 1901 Thetford;
1911 Campingland Swaffham

Born: 1884 Thetford

Married: Swaffham 1912 Ada Maud Copsey

Occupations: groom 1916
Game dealer's assistant 1939

Living postwar: Ash Close Swaffham 1939

Death:

Information:

A letter amongst his military records suggests that he came to the end of his service in 1915 having served 13 years. He then signed up again in 1916.



BUCK, Christopher Philip

Military service:

Regt No.: 47182
185283

Regt. : Northumberland Fusiliers
Royal Engineers

Parents: Robert and Sarah

Parents' occupation: labourer

Family members serving in WW1:

Places lived in: Swaffham: 1881 London Street; 1891 Lynn Street; 1901 The Alley, London Street; 1911

Born: 1878 Swaffham

Married: Swaffham 1902 Elizabeth Martha Bailey

Occupations: carpenter 1901, 1911

Living postwar:



Liber Vitae, Swaffham Heritage

Death:

1917. Flanders/France. Killed in action

Information:

Press report 1917.

"... the deceased was a hero to the last and always a good and willing soldier. He went to France in December after being posted to the Royal Engineers as a sapper. In civil life he was a most accomplished carpenter and was employed by Mr R Mallon and latterly by Mr J F Impson. A keen footballer he was a member of the local team for many years."



Bullard, William

Military service: - 1916

Regt No.: 202446

Regt.: London

Parents: Eliza (Tyrell)

Parents' occupation: stepfather was an agricultural labourer

Family members serving in WW1:

Places lived in: 1901 Sporle. 1911 Grange Cottage Swaffham family home 1916 Back Lane Swaffham

Born: 1895 Swaffham

Married:

Occupations: farm labourer 1911

Living postwar:



Liber Vitae, Swaffham Heritage

Death:

1916 Flanders/France. Killed in action

Information:



BUNTING, Donald Morton

Military service: - 1915 **Regt No.:** 6260 **Regt. :** Royal Fusiliers

Parents: George Harry and Daisy Mary **Parents' occupation:** draper

Family members serving in WW1: Robert Esmond **Places lived in:** 1901 Market Place (Western House) Swaffham

Born: 1893 Swaffham **Married:**

Occupations: dental student 1911 **Living postwar:** **Death:** 1915 Flanders/France . Killed in action

Information:

After leaving school he went for a year and a half to Guy's Hospital, then joined his father's business for just over a year before taking a place at Emmanuel College, Cambridge.

His Captain W Holland wrote " ... Your son was always a favourite amongst his platoon, always taking what befell in the right spirit. We have probably all had a rougher time lately than ever before in our lives, but he did not seem to mind. He lost his life on his second visit to the trenches. ... He will be buried in a little cemetery just behind the firing line, where many other brave fellows who have lost their lives in the same cause lie. He will be buried with Christian rites and a wooden cross will mark his grave..."

That grave marker is now at Swaffham Heritage and will form the focal point of the new Remembering Conflict Gallery due to open in 2019.

His lieutenant wrote "... He was one of the most cheerful boys I had and as brave as a lion. ... He was generous and kind, liked by all. I never hear him grumble."



BUNTING, Robert Esmond

Military service:

Regt No.: 3580

Regt. : London

Parents: George Harry and Daisy Mary

Parents' occupation: draper

Family members serving in WW1: Donald Morton

Places lived in: 1901 Market Place (Western House) Swaffham

Born: 1895 Swaffham

Married:

Occupations: 1939 Textile valuer's assistant

Living postwar: 1939 Bexhill Sussex

Death:
1976 Bexhill Sussex

Information:



BURROWS, Walter Louis

Military service: 1902 - 1917 **Regt No.:** 6373 **Regt.:** Norfolk

Parents: William and Tabitha **Parents' occupation:** labourer

Family members serving in WW1: **Places lived in:** Swaffham: Bull's Yard 1891; Cockpit Yard 1901,1911

Born: 1884 Swaffham **Married:** Swaffham 1909 Sarah Ann Bloye

Occupations: house painter 1911, 1939 **Living postwar:** Princes Street, Swaffham 1939 **Death:**

Information:

SWAFFHAM.
AN ABSENTEE.—Before Mr. F. E. Rix, Walter L. Burrows, of the Suffolk Regiment, was charged with being an absentee without leave since the 2nd inst. Defendant was remanded for the purpose of being handed over to the military authorities.



BYE, Arthur

Military service: 1915 **Regt No.:** 457910 **Regt.:** Canadian Overseas Expeditionary Force

Parents: William and Rachel **Parents' occupation:** labourer; field worker

Family members serving in WW1: **Places lived in:** Swaffham: Bull Yard 1891; Lynn Street 1901
Emigrated to Canada 1911

Born: 1882 Swaffham **Married:** Montreal - Mary Jane Young

Occupations: agricultural labourer 1901 **Living postwar:** **Death:**

Information:



CALVER, Ernest Edwin

Military service:

Regt No.: G/4075

Regt. : Royal Sussex

Parents: Edgar and Maria

Parents' occupation: cellarman/publican

Family members serving in WW1:

Places lived in: Swaffham: 1901 White Hart Inn
1911 Buckfast Hill

Born: 1894 Swaffham

Married: London 1915 – Margaret Mary Moy

Occupations: footman to a
Brewery Director
1911

Living postwar:

Death:

1916 France/Flanders. Killed in action. No known grave

Information:

Is also on the war memorial at Gooderstone



CHAMBERLAIN, Vernie (Vernon) Percy

Military service: 1915 - 1919 **Regt No.:** 45402 M/332765 **Regt.:** Suffolk Army Service Corps

Parents: William and Mary Ann **Parents' occupation:** labourer; ploughman; team man

Family members serving in WW1: **Places lived in:** Swaffham: 1901, 1911 Heyhoe's Yard
1915 Hillside Farm, North Pickenham Road

Born: 1892 Swaffham **Married:** 1926 Laura Lemon

Occupations: drover 1911 **Living postwar:** Norwich 1939 **Death:** 1965
railway goods guard 1939

Information:



CHAMBERLAIN, William Chapman

Military service: ca 1896 - **Regt No.:** 6384 **Regt. :** Grenadier Guards

Parents: Jonadab and Georgina **Parents' occupation:** blacksmith

Family members serving in WW1: **Places lived in:** 1881 North Elmham; 1891 Swaffham The Pightle (boarder)

Born: 1877 Burnham Market **Married:** Jane Forder

Occupations: 1891 moulder apprentice
military

Living postwar:

Death:
1914 Died of wounds

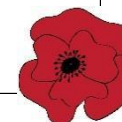


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Information:

Death of Sgt –Major W C Chamberlain—youngest son of Mr and Mrs Chamberlain of Lynn Street. First battalion Grenadier Guards. News from France dated 29 October reported wounded but doing well but a later letter reported his death on 3rd November. He leaves a widow and four children. He had been in the army for nearly eighteen years.

Lynn News and County Press 20 Nov 1914



CHRISTOPHERSON, Clifford Bunting

Military service: - 1915

Regt No.: 2988

Regt.: Norfolk

Parents: Frederick and Mary Ellen (Bunting)

Parents' occupation: pharmaceutical chemist

Family members serving in WW1: Henry Cornell

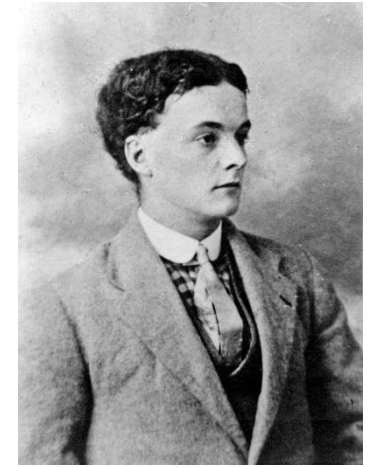
Places lived in: Swaffham: 1901, 1911 Market Place

Born: 1895 Swaffham

Married:

Occupations:

Living postwar:



Liber Vitae, Swaffham Heritage

Death:

1915 Killed in action Gallipoli

Information:



CHRISTOPHERSON, Harry Cornell

Military service: 1916- **Regt No.:**

Regt. : Canadian Expeditionary Force

Parents: Frederick and Mary Ellen (Bunting)

Parents' occupation: pharmaceutical chemist

Family members serving in WW1: Harry Cornell

Places lived in: Swaffham: 1901, 1911 Market Place
Emigrated to Canada (Quebec) 1911

Born: 1890 Swaffham

Married: 1920 London Bella Proctor

Occupations: private secretary
1939

Living postwar: Westminster 1926, Slough, 1939

Death:
1962 London

Information:



CLAXTON, Thomas Sidney

Military service: 1916 -
1918

Regt No.: 185724
21213

Regt. : Durham Light Infantry

Parents: Charles and Emma

Parents' occupation: team man on farm 1901

Family members serving in WW1:

Places lived in: 1891 Little Fransham. 1901 Swaffham
1911 Swaffham. 1916, 1918 Ash Close

Born: 1887 Marham

Married: Swaffham 1909 Eliza Bateson

Occupations: blacksmith striker
possibly general
labourer iron and
steelworks 1939

Living postwar: possibly Middlesbrough 1939

Death:

Information:



COE, Arthur Bernard

Military service: 1916 - 1920
Regt No.: 25309

Regt. : Royal Air Force

Parents: William Rogers and Mary Elizabeth

Parents' occupation: 1881 clerk and seed merchant
1891 merchant's clerk
1901 adjuster/manager for merchant

Family members serving in WW1: Edgar Allan, Horace William, Lawrence Gordon, Francis Clifford

Places lived in: Swaffham: 1891 London Street, 1901 Lynn Street
1911 Norwich. 1916 The Terrace Swaffham (mother)

Born: 1884 Swaffham

Married: Kent 1920 Lena Standen

Occupations: 1911 Post Office clerk
1916 post office clerk and telegraphist
1939 Civil Service Post Office clerk

Living postwar: Hampshire 1939

Death:
Hampshire 1958

Information:



COE, Edgar Allan

Military service: 1916 -
1920 **Regt No.:**

Regt. : Norfolk.
Army Education Corps

Parents: William Rogers and
Mary Elizabeth

Parents' occupation: 1881 clerk and seed merchant
1891 merchant's clerk
1901 adjuster/manager for merchant

Family members serving in WW1: Arthur Bernard,
Horace William,
Lawrence Gordon,
Francis Clifford

Places lived in: Swaffham: 1891 London Street,
1901 Lynn Street

Born: 1886 Swaffham

Married: Ipswich 1918 Violet A W Moore.
North Walsham 1953 Annie

Occupations: schoolmaster 1939

Living postwar: 1924 School House, Baconsthorpe
1939 Orpington, Kent
1957 Holt

Death:
1957 Aylsham

Information:



COE, Ernest Edwin

Military service: 1915 -
1919

Regt No.: 7130, 9/43500
34634

Regt. : London, Royal Irish Rifles
Essex

Parents: William John and
Emma (Trundle)

Parents' occupation: printer, stationer 1901

Family members serving in WW1:

Places lived in: 1901, 1911 Swaffham. Market Place

Born: 1879 Swaffham

Married: Great Yarmouth 1925 Margaret Elizabeth Freeman

Occupations: Printer Master

Living postwar: Swaffham Market Place North

Death:
1942 Market Place Swaffham

Information:



COE, Francis (Frank) Clifford

Military service: 1915 - 1919

Regt No.: 9867

Regt. : Royal Flying Corps 1915
Royal Air Force 1918

Parents: William Rogers and Mary Elizabeth

Parents' occupation: 1881 clerk and seed merchant
1891 merchant's clerk
1901 adjuster/manager for merchant

Family members serving in WW1: Arthur Bernard, Horace William, Lawrence Gordon, Edgar Allan

Places lived in: Swaffham: 1891 London Street, 1901 Lynn Street
1919 Attleborough

Born: 1887 Swaffham

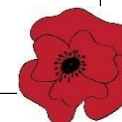
Married: Catton 1916 Margaret Ribbands

Occupations: GPO telegraphist 1915
Civil Service
Postmaster 1939

Living postwar: Frinton Essex 1939

Death:
1961 Frinton-on-sea

Information:



COE, Horace William

Military service: 1916- **Regt No.:** 30226 **Regt.:** Bedfordshire Royal Fusiliers

Parents: William Rogers and Mary Elizabeth **Parents' occupation:** 1881 clerk and seed merchant
1891 merchant's clerk
1901 adjuster/manager for merchant

Family members serving in WW1: Arthur Bernard, **Places lived in:** Swaffham: 1891 London Street, 1901 Hornsey, London;
1911 Swaffham Hook Villas

Born: 1878 Swaffham **Married:** London 1903 Ada Annie Oliver

Occupations: 1901/1903 Board school teacher
1911 head teacher in elementary school
1939 schoolmaster **Living postwar:** ca1920 and 1939 Homewood (Holmwood?) Swaffham **Death:** 1954

Information:

Matriculated University of London. 1897 and 1898.

SWAFFHAM.
Mr. H. W. Coo, master of the boys' school, has been presented by the staff and scholars with a wristlet watch on his taking up duties with the colours.

Lynn News 1916



COE, Lawrence Gordon

Military service: 1914 - 1918 **Regt No.:** 3387 43512 **Regt.:** Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry Lincolnshire

Parents: William Rogers and Mary Elizabeth **Parents' occupation:** 1881 clerk and seed merchant
1891 merchant's clerk
1901 adjuster/manager for merchant

Family members serving in WW1: Arthur Bernard, Frank Clifford, Horace William, Edgar Allan **Places lived in:** Swaffham: 1891 London Street, 1901 Lynn Street
1911 Mortlake Surrey

Born: 1889 Swaffham **Married:** Ipswich 1918 Anna Sophia Mudd

Occupations: 1911 clerk education office, LCC. **Living postwar:** 1939 Twickenham
1939 LCC Education Dept Admin Clerk 1947 Strawberry Hill, Middlesex

Death: 1947 Lambeth, London

Information:

Prisoner of war in Germany and Switzerland for 14 months.

Sergt L.G.Coe, Lincolns, a son of Mr and Mrs W R Coe, Swaffham is a prisoner of war in a convalescent camp in Langensalza, Thuringen, Germany. His serious wounds and his capture were due to an act of gallantry.

Joining the army in September 1914 and going out to France about April 1915, he fought his way successfully through the Arras battles and in the Vimy Ridge encounter he was with his comrades on the right of the Canadians.

During the engagement at Roeux he left the trenches to attend to a wounded officer who, lying in a shell hole, was calling for help. After bandaging the officer and leaving him for the stretcher bearers to bring in later he was returning to the trenches when he was shot through the temple.

One eye was carried away and only the deflecting of the bullet by bone of the nose seems to have saved the other.

He was reported as missing, but it transpires that he was picked up by the Germans and, with unwounded prisoners, taken away. He was placed in hospital where he received splendid surgical attention and now, as stated, is convalescing.

Lynn News 27 Oct 1917



COPSEY, Charles Henry

Military service: 1909 - 1918 **Regt No.:** 3035 **Regt. :** Household Cavalry
Dragoon Guards

Parents: Benjamin and Anna Jane **Parents' occupation:** 1888, 1891 labourer
1901 ale house keeper

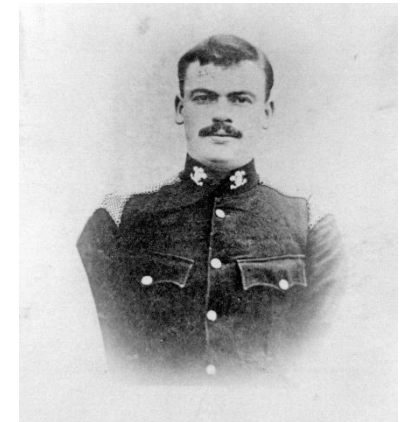
Family members serving in WW1: **Places lived in:** 1891, 1901 Lynn Street Swaffham
1911 military abroad

Born: 1888 Swaffham

Occupations: ca 1907-1909 indoor servant to Andrew Fountaine, Narborough military

Married:

Living postwar:



Liber Vitae, Swaffham Heritage

Death:

1918 France/Flanders. Killed in action.
Assumed death

Information:

"What we went through in the trenches was beyond thought. On the fourth day in the afternoon we were just having a drop of tea and a nice smoke when we saw a cloud of yellow stuff coming towards us. Someone yelled "Gas! Put on your gags!" Gad, if ever men prayed we did then. It reached us and we began to struggle for breath. It was awful. Meanwhile the Germans were shoving shell and high explosives into us. A marvel happened, the gas drifted off sooner than they expected. Then we let them have it like blazes, maxim and rifles spoke like one and they did not gain a single inch of ground. We had forty killed and wounded. It lasted three hours." *Lynn News 12 June 1915*

Transcript of correspondence between Mrs A Copsey (mother) and the War Office. 1918-1919

Mrs Copsey to War Office. Swaffham 26 April 1918.

"Sir, I beg of you if you can send me news of my son Cpl C H. Copsey, 6 Dragoon Gaurds (sic) no 3035 as I have had nothing from him since he was wounded on 26 March. Could you tell me which hospital he is in. I shall be very glad of any news of him."

War Office to Mrs Copsey 8 November 1918

No 3035 Corporal C Copsey, 6th Dragoon Guards. Reported Wounded and Missing 26th March 1918

"With reference to the correspondence regarding the above soldier, forwarded by you and returned herewith, the evidence of death contained therein is not considered sufficiently definite to serve as the basis of enquiry. Corporal Copsey should for the present continue to be regarded as Wounded and Missing." RC Fowler.

Mrs Copsey to War Office. Swaffham, 6 April 1919.

"Sir, I am writing to know if you find any information about my son Cpl C Copsey who was wounded and missing March 26 1918 and nothing further been heard of him as it over 12 month I should be glad to know something now".

Handwritten on this letter: "Ans 8 / 4 / 19. No further news"



COPSEY, Frederick George

Military service: 1915 -
1919

Regt No.: 18596

Regt. : Norfolk

Parents: Joseph and Sarah Ann

Parents' occupation: 1896 Groom
1901 gardener

Family members serving in WW1:

Places lived in: 1901 Ash Close

Born: 1896 Swaffham

Married: Swaffham 1921 Julie Ann Everett

Occupations:

Living postwar:

Death:
1973 King's Lynn

Information:

Prisoner of War 1918. He was taken prisoner (Munster, Hanover) 15 April 1918 with a machine gun wound in his back. His records claim he received insufficient medical treatment whilst in captivity

Lynn News 15 June 1918



DACK, Sidney William

Military service: 1914 -
1919

Regt No.: 55443

Regt. : Royal Engineers

Parents: Emma Dack married
Abraham Nelson by

Parents' occupation: mother probably a cook (1891 census)

Family members serving in WW1:

Places lived in: Swaffham: Northwell Pool 1891; Tumbler Hill 1901, 1914

Born: 1891 Swaffham

Married: Swaffham 1921 Florence E Holman

Occupations: 1914 Platelayer
Great Eastern
Railway

Living postwar:

Death:

Information:



DAVIS, Robert James Alfred

Military service: 1914

Regt No.: 8503

Regt. : Bedfordshire

Parents:

Parents' occupation:

Family members serving in WW1:

Places lived in: 1911 Maida Barracks Aldershot
1913 Enfield (baptism of son Robert)

Born: 1885 London

Married: Edmonton 1912 Gertrude Florence Dugdell

Occupations: labourer 1913

Living postwar:

Lynn News
2002

Death:

1914 France/Flanders. Killed in action



Information:

Old Contemptibles.

This soldier was added to the war memorial and church memorial in 2002. He was added after research by the Friends of War Memorials Charity which was contacted by relatives. (EDP 4 September 2002).

On his military records his residence is registered as Swaffham. However, this frequently refers to the Rural District Council rather than the town. A link with the town itself has yet to be established



DAWSON, Ernest Edward

Military service: 1901

Regt No.:

Regt. : Royal Garrison Artillery

Parents: Albert William and Eliza Annie

Parents' occupation: tailor

Family members serving in WW1: Frederick
George, Stanley
Alfred

Places lived in: Swaffham: 1891, 1901 Watton Road; Gordon Terrace (family)

Born: 1883 Swaffham

Married: 1909 Hilda Lilian spooner

Occupations: labourer 1901
Military
farm labourer 1939

Living postwar: Swaffham, Hale Road 1939



Ancestry Public Family Trees

Death:
1958 Thurrock, Essex

Information:



DAWSON, Frederick George

Military service: by 1911 **Regt No.:** 8745

Regt. : Cameron Highlanders

Parents: Albert William and Eliza Anne

Parents' occupation: tailor

Family members serving in WW1: Ernest Edward, Stanley Alfred

Places lived in: Swaffham Watton Road 1891-1901.
Gordon Terrace (family)

Born: 1887 Swaffham

Married:

Occupations: Military 1911
(Mauritius and South Africa)

Living postwar:

taken while prisoner in Germany for four years. 1918

Ancestry Family Trees



Death:

Information:

Prisoner of War 1915

The vicar writes that:

Frederick Dawson, The Scottish Rifles, prisoner of war at Munster, Westphalia has recovered from the wound in his hip and is well.

Lynn News and County Press 12 June 1915



DAWSON, Stanley Alfred (William)

Military service:

Regt No.: 48999

Regt. : Rifle Brigade

Parents: Albert William and Eliza Anne (Pead)

Parents' occupation: tailor for Swaffham Board of Guardians

Family members serving in WW1: Ernest Edward, Frederick George

Places lived in: Swaffham Watton Road 1891-1901. 1911 Gordon Terrace

Born: 1898 Swaffham

Married:

Occupations:

Living postwar:



Liber Vitae, Swaffham Heritage

Death:

1918. Flanders/France. Killed in action

Information:



DIAPER, Frederick

Military service: 1914-1917

Regt No.: 242152

Regt.: Yorkshire Hussars

Parents: Emma

Parents' occupation: general labourer

Family members serving in WW1:

Places lived in: Swaffham: 1891 Back Yard;
1911 Globe Hill near Mill Lane

Born: 1886 Swaffham

Married: 1909 Susan Rebecca Walker

Occupations: labourer 1901
jobbing gardener
1911

Living postwar:

Death:
1917 France/Flanders Killed in action

Information:

Also appears on the Cockley Cley memorial



DICKERSON, Frederick Ernest

Military service: - 1919

Regt No.: 265415

Regt. : Norfolk

Parents: George and Emma Jane

Parents' occupation: 1892 carriage maker
1901 publican - Red Lion

Family members serving in WW1:

Places lived in: Market Place Swaffham
1911 Docking

Born: 1892 Swaffham

Married: 1912 Alice Lucy Goff

Occupations: 1911 grocer's assistant
1939 Game & Rabbit Dealer

Living postwar: The Bungalow Swaffham 1939

Death:

Information:



DRAKE, Alexander

Military service: 1914 -
1918

Regt No.: 875889

Regt. : Royal Horse Artillery and
Royal Field Artillery

Parents: George and Alice

Parents' occupation: labourer

Family members serving in WW1:

Places lived in: Swaffham: 1911

Born: 1892 Swaffham

Married:

Occupations: warehouseman
(grocer's) 1911

Living postwar:

Death:

1918 France/Flanders Killed in action

Information:

Gunner Alexander Drake, the youngest son of Mr. George Drake, of Ash Close, joined the Forces four years ago last May. He went to Egypt two and a-half years ago, was transferred to Palestine, and in May last was sent to France. He was killed in action on September 30th. It appears that the whole battery, when advancing, came under heavy shell fire, and Gunner Drake was one of the ten who were killed outright. His officer writes that "he was quite the best gunner in his detachment. He was buried at the Military Cemetery, Epchy. The deceased, who was 26 years of age, was formerly warehouseman for Messrs. Hannant and Sons, and was afterwards for a short time with Mr. F. Christopherson.

Lynn News 1918



ELFLEET, Ernest George

Military service: 1916 - 1918 **Regt No.:** 137657 **Regt. :** Labour Corps, Queen's Regiment

Parents: Walter and Charlotte **Parents' occupation:** labourer; bricklayer 1901; bricklayer's labourer 1911

Family members serving in WW1: Harry, Walter **Places lived in:** Swaffham: Lynn Street 1880, London Street 1881;

Born: 1880 Swaffham **Married:** North Pickenham 1901 Sarah

Occupations: Bricklayer 1911 **Living postwar:** **Death:** 1921 Swaffham

Information:

Had previously served three years with the Norfolk Militia



ELFLEET, Harry

Military service: 1914 - 1914 **Regt No.:** 4493 **Regt.:** King's Royal Rifle Corps

Parents: Walter and Charlotte **Parents' occupation:** labourer; bricklayer 1901; bricklayer's labourer 1911

Family members serving in WW1: Ernest, Walter **Places lived in:** Swaffham: Lynn Street 1880, London Street 1881;

Born: 1890 Swaffham **Married:** Swaffham 1915 Lucy E Matthews

Occupations: 1914 warehouseman **Living postwar:** Pit Lane, Swaffham 1939 **Death:**
1939 Lino-Type Furniture Shop Assistant

Information:

Discharged 1914 medically unfit. Entitled to wear a wounded stripe and badge



ELFLEET, Walter

Military service:

Regt No.: 29582
41664

Regt. : Norfolk
Essex

Parents: Walter and Charlotte

Parents' occupation: labourer; bricklayer 1901; bricklayer's labourer 1911

Family members serving in WW1: Ernest,
Harry

Places lived in: Swaffham: Lynn Street 1880, London Street 1881;

Born: 1887 Swaffham

Married: Swaffham 1914 Ada Sheriff

Occupations: 1901 bricklayer's labourer
1911 labourer on Great Eastern Railway

Living postwar: 1939 Lynn Street Swaffham

Death:
1978 King's Lynn

Information:



ESGATE, Leslie

Military service: 1916-1917 **Regt No.:** 86037 **Regt.:** Royal Garrison Artillery

Parents: William and Martha **Parents' occupation:** ostler 1877
hotel proprietor 1917

Family members serving in WW1: **Places lived in:** Swaffham 1891 19 Ash Close
London 1901

Born: 1877 Swaffham

Occupations: printer 1891;
composer London
1901, 1911
master printer 1916

Married:

Living postwar:

Death:
1917 France/Flanders. Killed in action

Information:



EVERITT, Ernest Frederick

Military service:

Regt No.: 58358

Regt.: Cheshire

Parents: Robert Brooks and Emma Hannah

Parents' occupation: hairdresser

Family members serving in WW1: Robert Brooks, Percy George

Places lived in: Swaffham: 1893 Ash Close; 1901 London Street;

Born: 1885 Swaffham

Occupations: 1901 Brewer's
1911 in mineral water factory
1939 Government Contractors Labourer

Married: Possibly 1916 [Agnes Killingray](#)

Living postwar: 1939 Rose Cottage
Shouldham Lane
Swaffham

Death:
1964, King's Lynn

Information:



EVERITT, Percy George

Military service:**Regt No.:** 18920**Regt. :** 6th Royal Fusiliers**Parents:** Robert Brooks and Emma Hannah**Parents' occupation:** hairdresser**Family members serving in WW1:** Ernest Frederick, Robert Brooks**Places lived in:** Swaffham: 1893 Ash Close; 1901 London Street;**Born:** 1893 Swaffham**Married:** London 1916 [Jessie S Frith](#)**Occupations:** under gamekeeper 1911**Living postwar:****Death:**

1917. France/Flanders. Died of wounds

Information:

From People's Memorial

"It was from a letter sent by the matron of the receiving hospital in France that his mother was to discover that her son had been wounded, suffering 'serious injuries to the shoulder and arms, the wounds being infected with gangrene.' He died on the following morning without gaining consciousness. "

Her was a signaller, married only the year before.

Percy was one of the first members of the Swaffham Scouts.

Mrs Everitt has two other sons serving abroad. Lynn News 10 March 1917



EVERITT, Robert Brooks

Military service: 1903 - ?.
1916 - 1919

Regt No.: 95 and 26120
371

Regt. : Norfolk
Oxfordshire and Bucks

Parents: Robert Brooks and
Emma Hannah

Parents' occupation: hairdresser

Family members serving in WW1: Ernest Frederick,
Percy George

Places lived in: Swaffham: 1893 Ash Close;
1901 London Street;

Born: 1885 Swaffham

Married: Erpingham 1913 Ada H Allen

Occupations: 1901 Grocer's
warehouseman
1911, 1916 ,1939
gamekeeper

Living postwar: 1939 Keeper's Lodge Walsingham

Death:
1971 Fakenham

Information:



FOUNTAIN, Robert

Military service: 1908 - 1915
Regt No.: 6048 7680

Regt. : Norfolk

Parents: Robert and Ellen

Parents' occupation: labourer

Family members serving in WW1:

Places lived in: 1891, 1901 Methwold
1911 Military England Ceylon and India
1919 Brake Hill Farm Swaffham (family)

Born: 1883 Hilgay

Married: Methwold 1903 Emily Whitehand (died 1907)

Occupations: 1901 horsekeeper
1908 labourer
1908 military

Living postwar:

Death:

1915 Mesopotamia. Killed in action

Information:



FRANKLIN, Herbert Thomas

Military service: 1912 **Regt No.:** 1571 **Regt.:** Norfolk

Parents: Mother – Beatrice Mary Symonds (military record).
Probably nee Perkins.
Born Swaffham 1876

Parents' occupation:

Family members serving in WW1:

Places lived in: Swaffham: 1901 Well Yard Ash Close

Born: 1895 Swaffham

Married:

Occupations: clerk at a grocers
/drapers 1911/12
(Buntings)

Living postwar:

Death:
1915 Gallipoli. Killed in action

Information:

In 1901 age 5 Herbert was a boarder with Absalom (agricultural labourer) and Matilda Howard. Two other boys, Herbert Hunter age 7 and Albert Franklin, 2, possibly Herbert's brother were also boarding here in Well Yard Ash Close. All three boys were still with the Howards in 1911.



FULLER, Harry Richard

Military service: 1916 - 1919 **Regt No.:** 211131 **Regt.:** Royal Air Force
(Royal Naval Air Service)

Parents: James and Emma **Parents' occupation:** gardener

Family members serving in WW1:

Places lived in: Swaffham: 1911 Russell's Court

Born: 1894 Swaffham

Married:

Occupations: 1911 carpenter's apprentice
1916 joiner
1939 carpenter and joiner

Living postwar: Swaffham: Cottage White Cross Road
1939

Death:

Information:



FULLER, Percy Thomas

Military service: 1916-1920 **Regt No.:** 35061 **Regt.:** Suffolk Northamptonshire

Parents: Joseph and Fanny (Frances) **Parents' occupation:** carpenter

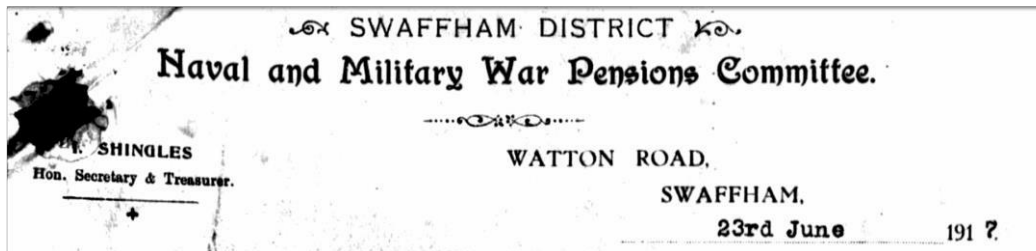
Family members serving in WW1: **Places lived in:** Swaffham: 1901 Cockpit Yard; 1911 1 Ash Close

Born: 1890 Gaywood **Married:** Swaffham 1915 Florence Oxbury

Occupations: 1911, 1916 baker **Living postwar:** Norwich Road Swaffham 1939 **Death:** 1950
1939 sanitary work

Information:

Query as to the paternity of four children born between 1903 and 1912 for whom he claimed a separation allowance. The soldier stated that he was stepfather and after some correspondence with the War Pensions committee duly received the allowance.



GOUT, Ernest William

Military service: 1912-1915 **Regt No.:** 8631 **Regt.:** Norfolk

Parents: Walter and Hannah **Parents' occupation:** maltster

Family members serving in WW1: **Places lived in:** Swaffham: 1894, 1901, Ash Close, 1911 8 Ash Close

Born: 1893 Swaffham

Married:

Occupations: 1911 domestic gardener

Living postwar:

Death:
1915 France/Flanders. Died of wounds

Information:

People's Memorial

... One of the Old Contemptibles. ..."

"... He had been with the Norfolks for three years and went to the Front soon after commencement of hostilities. ..."

He passed unscathed through the Battle of Mons but in November 1914 he was hospitalised with fever at St Quentin for three weeks before rejoining his regiment at Soissons. The troop then marched for 14 days, arriving near La Bassee, held by the Germans. They entrenched and had a particularly trying time for some three weeks, the shell fire being murderous, and it was here that Private Gout was wounded. The fierce attacks were beaten off with heavy loss to the enemy, who got as near as 400 yards. Private Gout was having "a look around" and in shouting to some comrades, put his head over the top of the trench and immediately was knocked back into the trench by a bullet from a machine gun which caught the top of his head, knocking him unconscious. A comrade bound him up and he lay in the trench all day until dark, it being impossible for the ambulance men to get to the trenches, owing to the terrific shell fire. A mere fraction separated Private Gout between life and death. Private Gout says he has seen sufficient to last for a long time. *Lynn News 11 Dec 1914.*

He was sent home; recovered and returned to France in May 1915. On July 10th he was again wounded - by a gunshot wound to the head - from which he died two days later.



GUYMER, Robert Henry Edward

Military service:

Regt No.: 21479
16513

Regt. : Hussars
London Regiment

Parents: Philip and Phoebe
(Copsey)

Parents' occupation: shoe maker

Family members serving in WW1:

Places lived in: Swaffham: 1901 Lynn Road (lodger)
1911 London

Born: 1889 Swaffham

Married:

Occupations: Porter 1911

Living postwar:

Death:

1915 France/Flanders Killed in action

Information:



HEY, Jack

Military service: 1915 - 1919 **Regt No.:** 15675 **Regt.:** Northamptonshire

Parents: William and Sarah Ann **Parents' occupation:** 1897, 1901 mailcart driver

Family members serving in WW1: **Places lived in:** Swaffham: 1897, 1901, 1911 - 5, Ash Close

Born: 1897 Swaffham **Married:** North Pickenham 1927 – Elsie Whiteman

Occupations: cart boy 1911
breadmaker 1915
council dustman 1939 **Living postwar:** Swaffham. King street 1939 **Death:** 1962 Swaffham

Information:



HEYHOE, Ernest

**Military
service:**

**Regt
No.:**

Regt. : Middlesex

Parents: Samuel and Elizabeth

**Parents'
occupation:** railway platelayer 1891
general / farm labourer 1901, 1911

**Family members
serving in WW1:** William
Sidney

Places lived in: Swaffham: Lynn Road 1891, 1901, Lime Kiln
Cottages 1911

Born: 1888 Swaffham

Married: Possibly Swaffham 1924 - Hannah E.Wix

Occupations: labourer 1911

**Living
postwar:**

Death:

1933

Information:



HEYHOE, Geoffrey

Military service: 1917 - 1923 **Regt No.:** 64930 **Regt. :** King's Royal Rifles

Parents: Herbert Robert and Edith Catherine **Parents' occupation:** auctioneer, valuer, surveyor, estate agent 1901

Family members serving in WW1: **Places lived in:** Swaffham: Hillside 1911

Born: 1899 Swaffham **Married:** Possible Hampshire 1932 Roma K Crocker

Occupations: surveyor's assistant 1923
organised PE training in schools **Living postwar:** Swaffham Hillside 1923
Staffordshire 1939 **Death:** Possible Staffordshire 1972

Information:



HEYHOE, Harold

Military service:

Regt No.: 101532

Regt.: Machine Gun Corps Cavalry

Parents: George and Lucy Elizabeth

Parents' occupation: 1891-1911 cattle dealer

Family members serving in WW1: Horace Walter,

Places lived in: Swaffham: Castle Acre Street 1891; Station Street 1901; Orwell House, Station Street

Born: 1890 Swaffham

Occupations: 1911-assisting in business of cattle dealer
1939 - Forestry Ganger

Married: 1924 Wisbech Marjorie Fennell

Living postwar: The Heath Croxton 1939

Death:

Information:



HEYHOE, Horace Walter

Military service: 1917-1919 **Regt No.:** 314866 **Regt.:** Army Service Corps (M.T.)

Parents: George and Lucy Elizabeth **Parents' occupation:** 1891-1911 cattle dealer

Family members serving in WW1: Ernest, Percival, **Places lived in:** Swaffham: Castle Acre Street 1891; Station Street 1901; Orwell House, Station Street

Born: 1881 Swaffham

Married: Swaffham 1915 Olive L. Chapman

Occupations: Swaffham 1901 journeyman
butcher
Ilford 1911 journeyman
butcher
Swaffham 1917 cattle dealer

Living postwar: Swaffham Cley Road Beech Farm 1939

Death:
1971

Information:

8-2-17
I consider this man should
serve. His main business appears to
be that of a cattle buyer. Farmers
at a time like this could very well
do this work themselves.
W. J. Stoll
Clerk

His father died in 1916 and Horace applied for exemption so that the business could continue. Conditional exemption was granted in 1916 but was reviewed in early 1917.

That the appeal was unsuccessful is shown that he entered the army in 1917.

A note from the local tribunal states: "It is no longer in the national interest that this man remains in civil employment."



HEYHOE, William Sidney

Military service: 1915 - 1916 **Regt No.:** 19573 **Regt.:** Norfolk

Parents: Samuel and Elizabeth **Parents' occupation:** railway platelayer 1891
general / farm labourer 1901, 1911

Family members serving in WW1: Ernest **Places lived in:** Swaffham: Lynn Road 1891, 1901, Lime Kiln Cottages 1911

Born: 1893 Swaffham

Married:

Occupations: farm labourer 1911

Living postwar:

Death:

1916 France/Flanders. Killed in action

Information:

Son of Samuel Heyhoe of Lime Kiln Cottages. His platoon officer, who was wounded at the same time, said "he was a very good fellow and popular with all the men." *Lynn News 1916*



HORSLEY, Charles

Military service: 1914-1917

Regt No.: 3/7281

Regt.: Norfolk

Parents: Walter and Susannah

Parents' occupation: builder's labourer 1892
bricklayer 1901

Family members serving in WW1: Gordon

Places lived in: Swaffham: Lynn Road 1892; London Road 1901; May Terrace Lynn Road 1911

Born: 1892 Swaffham

Married:

Occupations: Groom 1911

Living postwar:



Liber Vitae, Swaffham Heritage

Death:

1917 France/Flanders. Died of wounds

Information:



Back left Walter Horsley, brother of Charles.
Back right Charles
Front left Walter (father) and Susannah (mother)
(Image courtesy R.Bland)

'The dearly beloved son of Walter and Susannah Hosley—who died from wounds received in France July 10th 1917 aged 25 years. "He was a loving son and devoted to his parents; he fought for his king and the honour of his country, and died a noble and glorious death.'"

Liber Vitae

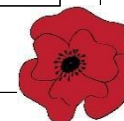
Charles Horsley and Reg Howe were with Walter Head when he was wounded, but unhurt.

Norfolk Chronicle 6 Nov 1914

22 May 1915: Charles Horsley of Swaffham, a private, 1st Norfolks was wounded in the head during the battle for Hill 60 and has been sent to Eastbourne hospital.

12 June: The vicar writes..... Charles Horsley, Norfolks, bullet wound in head and neck is cured and home on leave

Lynn News and County Press 8 May – 12 June 1915



The Howard families

Information:

On Roll 9 there are 17 Howard surnames, many with similar names, born in similar places and at similar times. Occasionally different dates and places of birth are recorded for one person.

Several family groups have been established from Yarmouth, Wymondham, Gooderstone and Litcham – many converging on Swaffham in the mid 19th century. Some members of these families then moved away from Swaffham, echoing the pattern of the time when work was hard to find on the land in Breckland but plentiful in the north and London.

One such family was that of George Howard born in Swaffham in 1856 to Freeman and Elizabeth Howard and who migrated to Durham with his family in 1891 where he became an engine driver. The names of his sons – William, Walter, Alfred John, Robert – are identical to others in many generations of the Howard family. Occasionally, as in this case, we can trace this section of the family through an odd name – here Horace James who does not appear on Roll 9. He was a coal miner hewer in Nottinghamshire in 1911, enlisted there but in the Norfolk Regiment, became lance corporal (19890) and was killed in action in France in 1917.

William James Howard was killed in action in the war and his details, as far as we can interpret the data, are given below. The family details of the other Howards need more research and will appear in a later edition of this book.

The following was reported in the Lynn News 20 June 1917

"A Swaffham Soldier Family - The Howard family

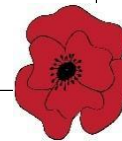
Mr Charles Howard of Post Office Terrace Swaffham who, over 60, works on the land and cycles to and from work has lost a son in the Gaza fighting and has four other sons, a brother, five nephews and two grandsons in the Army.

Sergt 2323 Frank Howard, Norfolks, passed through the Suvla Bay fighting without scratch or illness, only to meet his death through the conflict with the Turks on April 19. [1917] (see below). Wounded, he was taken to a hospital at Port Said and died there six days later, being given a military funeral.

Of the others Pte 12806 John Howard, Norfolks, was wounded last year and again on April 9 this year but is back in the fighting line; Pte 24754 Walter Howard, Suffolks, has been wounded twice, the second time, like his brother on April 9 and after being in hospital at West Hawley and Guildford and visiting his home this week should go back to France today (Friday); and Corpl 24173 Charles A Howard, RFA, who has been in the army 15 years and Bombdier 21831 Daniel Howard, RFA are "all right".

Mr Charles Howard's brother Alfred is in the RDC and has two sons Alfred and William in the Army; another brother Frank has two soldier sons, Henry and Alfred; and still another brother, Daniel, has a son David with the Canadian Forces.

The two grandsons who are in the Army are Corpl Ernest Arthur Neave, Norfolks, wounded at Gaza on April 19 and Pte B.W. Neave in a training reserve battalion in England."



HOWARD, Frank Edward

Military service: 1915 - 1917 **Regt No.:** 240306 **Regt.:** Norfolk

Parents: Charles Abram and Emma E **Parents' occupation:** agricultural labourer 1891, 1911

Family members serving in WW1: Daniel, Walter **Places lived in:** 1891 Narford
1901, 1911 Post Office Terrace Swaffham

Born: 1887 Westacre

Married:

Occupations: blacksmith 1901
labourer 1911

Living postwar:

Death:
1917 Palestine

Information:



HOWARD, William James

Military service:

Regt No.: 28695

Regt.: Essex

Parents: James and Charlotte

Parents' occupation: 1891 general labourer
1901 Publican and fishmonger "White Lion",
Station Street Swaffham

Family members serving in WW1: Bertie,
Reginald

Places lived in: 1887 Great Yarmouth
1901 Station Street Swaffham.
1911 Tumbler Hill Swaffham

Born: 1887 Great Yarmouth

Married: Ethel Maud Buck

Occupations: 1901 undergroom
1911 horseman

Living postwar:



Liber Vitae, Swaffham Heritage

Death:

1918 France/Flanders. Killed in action

Information:



HUDSON, Arthur George

Military service: 1916-1918 **Regt No.:** 300076 **Regt.:** Cambridgeshire, Northants, Lancashire fusiliers

Parents: Benjamin and Alice **Parents' occupation:** gardener 1881; butcher, gardener 1901

Family members serving in WW1: **Places lived in:** Swaffham: Mantripp's Yard 1891; The Hollies 1901 Derbyshire 1911

Born: 1881 **Married:**

Occupations: gardener labourer 1901
filler at coke ovens 1911 **Living postwar:**



Liber Vitae, Swaffham Heritage

Death:

1918 Died from effects of gas.

Information:

Private A.G.Hudson, the youngest son of Mr and Mrs B Hudson, London Street, joined the Forces in October 1916, first belonging to the Cambridgeshire Regiment, afterwards to the Northants, and finally to the Lancashire Fusiliers. He was sent to France in July 1917 and was severely gassed on April 7th last. Late in July he again went to France, and on August 16th was officially reported as suffering from severe gas shell wound. He was sent to Bristol V A D hospital, then transferred to Plymouth Convalescent Camp, where he contracted a severe cold, and afterwards pneumonia set in. He was sent to Devonport hospital and died on 25th October.

Lynn News 1918



HUDSON, Cecil Rupert

Military service:

Regt No.: 67180

Regt. : London, Royal Fusiliers

Parents: Robert and Edith

Parents' occupation: gardener 1898

Family members serving in WW1:

Places lived in: Swaffham: Alma Terrace 1898; London Street 1911, Lyndhurst Cottage, London Street 1916

Born: 1898

Married:

Occupations:

Living postwar:

Death:

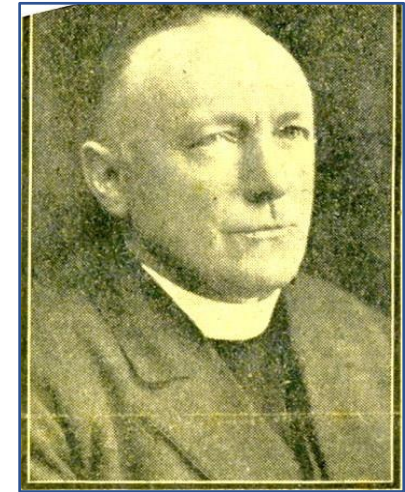
1917 France/Flanders. Killed in action

Information:

Posted as missing 20 October 1916 – *Lynn News*



REV.KEELING SCOTT, Frederick



Unknown newspaper. Swaffham Archive

Military service: **Regt No.:** **Regt. :** Chaplain to the Forces to 1916

Parents: Alexander Thomas and Marion Emily **Parents' occupation:** registered dentist 1891

Family members serving in WW1: **Places lived in:** The Vicarage Swaffham 1908
Brighton 1928

Born: 1889 Ramsgate **Married:** Bressingham 1902 Ethel Maud

Occupations: Vicar of Swaffham 1908 – 1928
Chaplain to the Forces to 1916 **Living postwar:** Swaffham; Brighton

Death: 1954 Brighton

Information:

Rev Frederick Keeling Scott was vicar of Swaffham during World War 1. As such he played a major role in fund-raising, exhorting men to join up, supporting the C.E.M.S., giving lectures and visiting the soldiers as often as possible. He also wrote and published prayers, hymns and poems.

He was one of the first scoutmasters of the newly formed Scout troop. All of the original 32 members of the troop served in the Great War and 16 of them gave their lives for England.

Part of a Sunday service on National Service, 1915

"... We must rise to a height of national self-sacrifice far beyond anything we yet know. ... Time is most urgent, because the modern world cannot stand the strain of this war very long. Men of the 20th century are accustomed to accomplish their ends by quick spells of effort followed by rest. There is no rest in war. In putting forth every effort to end this war quickly, we should be acting as honourable trustees for generations yet to come. By slackness and cowardice, which would prolong the war, we are traitors, not only to England but to mankind." *Lynn News 1915*



JAMES, William Layen

Military service: - 1916

Regt No.: G/23688

Regt.: Middlesex

Parents: Rebecca James

Parents' occupation: charwoman 1881

Family members serving in WW1:

Places lived in: 1881 Swaffham
1901, 1911 Colchester

Born: 1878 Swaffham

Married: Sudbury 1903 Grace Mary Bryant

Occupations: carpenter, joiner
1901, 1911

Living postwar:



Liber Vitae, Swaffham Heritage

Death:

1916 Died at home

Information:

SON OF MRS. W. PORTER, OF SWAFFHAM, NORFOLK; HUSBAND OF GRACE MARY JAMES, OF 20, BARRINGTON RD., COLCHESTER.

Forces War Records



KEMBERY, Edward John (Jack)

Military service: 1916-1917 **Regt No.:** S/14805 **Regt.:** Rifle Brigade

Parents: Edward and Mary Ann **Parents' occupation:** toolsmith 1899; house painter 1901

Family members serving in WW1: Ernest William **Places lived in:** 1901 West Ham, 1911 Swaffham London Street (mother widow. 4 rooms, 7 in the family. 1911 London

Born: 1892 Swaffham **Married:** not yet found

Occupations: 1911 porter

Living postwar:



Liber Vitae, Swaffham Heritage

Death:

1917 France / Flanders. Killed in action

Information:

Mother remarried – Mrs Matthews (military record).

Records state that he had a widow, but the marriage has not yet been found.

People's Memorial.

He worked as a telegram messenger at the Post Office, then for Mr Arthur Lane. He afterwards went to work for Messrs Cook, Son and Co in London before joining the army in 1916. He leaves a widow in East Ham, London.

On the night of February 26th 1917 Jack was in a front line trench preparing for an action planned for the following day when "a heavy shell burst, killing him instantly. He is written of as a "valued friend".

The soldier's effects records shows legatee as mother.

He was the eldest son of Mrs Kembery, London Street, Swaffham and was 24 years old. He leaves a widow.

Lynn News 10 March 1917.



KEMBERY, Ernest William

Military service: 1915 - 1920 **Regt No.:** 20582 **Regt.:** Coldstream Guards

Parents: Edward and Mary Ann **Parents' occupation:** toolsmith 1899; house painter 1901

Family members serving in WW1: Jack (Edward) **Places lived in:** 1901 West Ham, 1911 Swaffham London Street (mother widow. 4 rooms, 7 in the family).

Born: 1899 Stratford **Married:** West Ham 1928 Lilian A

Occupations: 1915 porter
1939 Ware? house Assistant **Living postwar:** 1939 "The Horshoes",
Death: 1952 Hertfordshire

Information:

Mother remarried – Mrs Matthews (military record).



LAKE, Alfred

Military service:**Regt No.:** S4/143736
48258**Regt. :** Army Service Corps
South Wales Borders**Parents:** Frederick and Sarah
(Wilkins)**Parents' occupation:** 1880, 1891, 1901 agricultural labourer**Family members serving in WW1:** Arthur, William**Places lived in:** 1891,1901 Cockpit Yard, Swaffham
1911 Worksop**Born:** 1888 Swaffham**Married:** Bridlington 1919 Lilian Knott**Occupations:** 1911 master baker
1939 baker,
confectioner**Living postwar:** 1939 Bridlington**Death:****Information:**

Received gunshot wound to chest and left arm fracturing his humerus. Service records show his arm was amputated, resulting in his discharge. His address was given as Bridlington but his next of kin was Sarah Lake of Ash Close, Swaffham.



LARWOOD, Edgar

Military service:

Regt No.: 1955
110919

Regt. : Sherwood Rangers
Machine Gun Corps

Parents: Edgar George and Julie
Emma

Parents' occupation: farmer

Family members serving in WW1: Edward
James

Places lived in: Rookery Farm, Swaffham 1891, 1901, 1911

Born: 1890 Swaffham

Married: Gloucestershire 1924 Alice Matilda Rackliffe

Occupations: 1911 draper's
assistant
1939 dairy farmer

Living postwar: Shrub Farm Larling 1939

Death:
1972

Information:

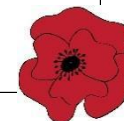
newspaper cutting from the Larwood Journal. no date or source

"Sergeant- Major Edgar Larwood, fourth son of the late Mr E.G.Larwood and Mrs Larwood, Rookery Farm Swaffham, has been wounded and moved to Alexandria. There he received a letter from his officer saying that his conduct at Tahta had been excellent and the Commander-in-Chief had been please to award him the D.C.M."

A Swaffham D.C.M.

In our issue of Feb. 2 we announced that Sergt Major 110910 Edgar G. Larwood, fourth son of the later Mr E.G. Larwood, of Swaffham, had been recommended for the D.C.M. The gallant officer, who is in the MG.C. Cavalry and who was wounded in Egypt early in the year, has now received the decoration. The official report of the circumstances attending the bestowal is: During a hostile counter attack, all serious casualties being inflicted on the led horses of the squadron (which temporarily immobilised the transport) he displayed marked coolness and great initiative in collecting and leading under cover both men and horses, in organising fresh teams, and in conducting the transport, with its supplies, to a place of safety. His courageous conduct and able handling of a critical situation were instrumental in averting further losses, and in enabling the ammunition supply to the guns to be maintained.

Lynn News 4 May 1918



LARWOOD, Edward James

Military service: 1911 - 1919 **Regt No.:** 79187 **Regt.:** Machine Gun Corps, Infantry

Parents: Edgar George and Julia Emma **Parents' occupation:** farmer

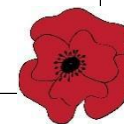
Family members serving in WW1: Edgar George **Places lived in:** Rookery Farm, Swaffham 1891, 1901, 1911

Born: 1893 Swaffham **Married:** Catton, 1924 Miriam Irene

Occupations: 1911 farmer's son working on farm **Living postwar:** 1921 Eccles **Death:** 1967
1939 General farmer

Information:

Discharged 1919 being surplus to military requirements having suffered impairment since entry into the service



LAYEN, Horace Henry

Military service:

Regt No.: 1782
899013
350335

Regt. : London

Parents: George and Hagar

Parents' occupation: 1892, 1901, 1911 bricklayer

Family members serving in WW1: Edward
Walter,
George

Places lived in: Swaffham: 1901, 1911 Mangate Street

Born: 1892

Married: Eastbourne 1917 Mabel Gertrude Lambert

Occupations: 1911 office boy

Living postwar: 1923 Hackney

Death:
1936 Seaford Sussex

Information:

Received by Rev Keeling Scott from men at the front:-

H.H.Layen. The vicar writes that "May 10th we were being relieved and had just left the wall of a ruined house, when a German searchlight was thrown upon our company and a machine gun opened fire. It was a case of dropping as flat as possible. That we all escaped was the work of Providence, for the bullets were raining against the brickwork two inches above our heads. Thanks to God, who kept us all, and every man said that he had offered up a prayer."

Lynn News 12 June 1915



LINFORD, Herbert

Military service: 1915 (under 6 months) **Regt No.:** 17938

Regt. : Norfolk

Parents: William and Emily

Parents' occupation: wheelwright 1891,1901,1911

Family members serving in WW1:

Places lived in: 1891,1901, 1911 Flitcham

Born: 1889 Flitcham

Married:

Occupations: gardener 1911

Living postwar:

Death:

1915. Died at Felixstowe – military records

Information:

No connection with Swaffham has been found, yet he is on the Liver Vitae and both the war and the church memorials as well as Roll 9. Military record transcripts as born in Fransham and died at home. Neither is correct, except where "home" means in England..



LONG, George

Military service:

Regt No.: 15720

Regt.: Lincolnshire

Parents: John and Mary Ann

Parents' occupation: 1891 labourer

Family members serving in WW1:

Places lived in: 1891, 1901 Wymondham
1911 Swaffham

Born: 1880 Wymondham

Married: 1902 Elizabeth Emily King

Occupations: 1901, 1911 stoker at gas works

Living postwar:



Liber Vitae, Swaffham Heritage

Death:

1916 France/Flanders. Died of wounds

Information:



LUSHER, James

Military service:

Regt No.: 28184
40174

Regt. : Essex
Bedfordshire

Parents: James and Charlotte

Parents' occupation: groom 1891; laundress 1901

Family members serving in WW1:

Places lived in: Swaffham: 1891 Tumbler Hill; 1901 26 Ash Close (mother widow);

Born: 1887, Swaffham

Married: Edith Mabel Elliott

Occupations: 1901 postman
1911 assistant
grocer

Living postwar:

Death:
1917 France/Flanders. Killed in action

Information:



MANNING, William

Military service:

Regt No.: 1573

Regt. : Norfolk

Parents: William and Leah

Parents' occupation: 1901 agricultural labourer

Family members serving in WW1:

Places lived in: 1901 Rougham
1911 Lynn Pit, Lynn Street Swaffham

Born: 1894 Rougham

Married:

Occupations: 1911 farm labourer

Living postwar:



Liber Vitae, Swaffham Heritage

Death:

1915 Gallipoli

Information:



MEDLOCK, John Henry Tuck

Military service: 1916 - 1917 **Regt No.:** 9271 **Regt.:** Honourable Artillery Company

Parents: Thomas and Marie A. (Bennett) **Parents' occupation:** 1891 widowed baker

Family members serving in WW1: **Places lived in:** Swaffham: 1891 London Street
1911 Finsbury Park; 1916 Islington

Born: 1881 Marham **Married:** Barnsbury 1905 Mabel Cawling

Occupations: 1911 salesman **Living postwar:** **Death:**
Draper's store 1917 In the Field – died from meningitis in hospital
1916 silk buyer

Information:

Was 36 years old when he died and had assisted his mother in her bakery business. Married with three children.

Lynn News 24 feb 1917



MORLEY, John Horace

Military service:

Regt No.: 17946

Regt. : Norfolk

Parents: Edward and Maria

Parents' occupation: 1893 groom; 1901 groom and gardener; 1911 gardener

Family members serving in WW1: Henry

Places lived in: Swaffham: 1893 London Street; 1901 Cley Road

Born: 1893 Swaffham

Married:

Occupations: 1911 cycle maker/agent/dealer

Living postwar:

Death:

1918. Died in hospital France/Flanders. Buried at Cologne Southern Cemetery, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany

Information:

In Nine hospitals Pte John Morley

After a long and trying time of illnesses, treatment in seven hospitals in Egypt and Salonika, Pte John H Morley, Norfolk Regt, son of Mrs Morley of Ash Close, Swaffham, is now in hospital in France suffering from shrapnel wounds. When he joined the army in 1915 his father and mother were both living. His father died in September 1916 and after attending the funeral the soldier was ordered to Egypt. From that country he proceeded to Salonika. In both lands he was very unfortunate, being such a continuous sufferer from dysentery that he was in seven different hospitals for treatment. Then he came to England and from September to November last he was in hospital in Southport. After recovering he was kept in England until June when he went with a draft to France. A communication received from him on Friday last stated that he was in hospital in France, suffering from shrapnel wounds.

Before he joined the army Pte Morley was employed by Mr G Green, grocer, Swaffham. A married brother is also in the army – Spr Henry Morley RE

Lynn News 06 October 1917



NEALE, John Sidney

Military service: 1914 - 1918 **Regt No.:** 2548 331019 **Regt. :** Norfolk Lancashire Fusiliers

Parents: Richard and Elizabeth Ann **Parents' occupation:** 1901 Police Constable
1911 horseman on farm

Family members serving in WW1: **Places lived in:** 1901 Whissonsett; 1911 Swaffham Church Lane

Born: 1896 Beetley **Married:** Lily Howarth (military records)

Occupations: carpenter's apprentice 1911 **Living postwar:** **Death:** 1918 France/Flanders. Killed in Action
Railway - GER

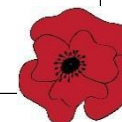
Information:

Swaffham Sergt. Killed

The death in action at Cambrai on Sept 2 [1918] is notified of Sergt. John Sydney Neale, Lancs. Fus., eldest son of Mr & Mrs Neale of Church-lane, Swaffham. The sergeant, who was 23 years of age, worked at Mr R. Mallon's saw-mills before entering the Army and was a member of the parish church choir. He joined the Colours in Aug. 1914 and was not long before he was slightly wounded. He married Miss Lillie Howarth, of Sheffield, about a year ago.

Lynn News 12 October 1918

Also listed with British Army, Railwaymen Died in The Great War. Reported in Great Eastern Railway staff magazine: 1921/p 88. "Age 23, with GER 14 months, enlisted 1914 5th Norfolk Regt, killed in action."



NELSON, Edgar William

Military service: 1916 - 1918 **Regt No.:** 73574 **Regt. :** Sherwood Foresters

Parents: Abraham and Emma **Parents' occupation:** corn porter 1898; maltster 1901; farm labourer 1911

Family members serving in WW1: **Places lived in:** Swaffham: 1898, 1901, 1911 Tumbler Hill

Born: 1898 Swaffham

Married:

Occupations: 1916 warehouseman

Living postwar:

Death:
1918 Presumed death. Killed in Action

Information:



NEWDICK, Sydney George

Military service: 1914- **Regt No.:** **Regt.:** Canadian Forces

Parents: George Robert and Jane (Tooley) **Parents' occupation:** 1881 clothier outfitter (tailor)

Family members serving in WW1: William Tooley **Places lived in:** 1881 Swaffham: London Street from 1890 Ontario, Canada

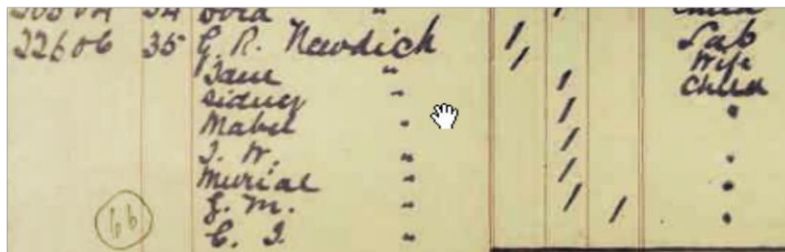
Born: 1880 Swaffham **Married:** York East Ontario 1902 Annie Beatrice Sophia

Occupations: 1914, 1921 letter carrier – became the postmaster of Toronto **Living postwar:** 1921 Ontario **Death:** After 1957 Ontario

Information:

The family emigrated to Canada in 1890

Passenger list	
Departure date:	23 October 1890
Port of departure:	Liverpool
Destination port:	Montreal
Destination country:	Canada
Ship:	PARISIAN



Served with the Royal Grenadiers, Canada as a drummer from 1900

On enlisting in 1914 he stated that he had served with the Q.O. Rifles, Canada for 6 years.

Served with the Canadian Overseas Expeditionary Force from 1914

The vicar writes that:

Sidney Newdick and Tooley Newdick, Canadian Forces have been wounded (the former convalescent)

Lynn News and County Press 12 June 1915



NEWDICK, Tooley William

Military service:

Regt No.: 9703

Regt. : Canadian Forces

Parents: George Robert and Jane (Tooley)

Parents' occupation: 1881 clothier outfitter (tailor)

Family members serving in WW1: Sydney
George

Places lived in: 1881 Swaffham: London Street
From 1890 Ontario, Canada

Born: 1884 Swaffham

Married: Guelph, Ontario, 1913 Janet Carter

Occupations: 1911 messenger
1914 bank clerk
1921 clerk

Living postwar: Ontario

Death:
1972 Ontario

Information:

family emigrated to Canada 1890. Passenger list

Person:	T W NEWDICK
Departure date:	23 October 1890
Port of departure:	Liverpool
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Destination country:	Canada
Ship:	PARISIAN

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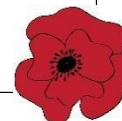
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Sidney Newdick and Tooley Newdick, Canadian Forces have been wounded (the former convalescent)

Lynn News and County Press 12 June 1915



NICHOLLS, Reginald Arthur

**Military
service:**

**Regt
No.:** 16475

Regt. : Norfolk

Parents:

**Parents'
occupation:**

**Family members
serving in WW1:**

Places lived in:

Born: 1897 Swaffham

Married:

Occupations:

**Living
postwar:**

Death:

1916. France/Flanders. Killed in Action

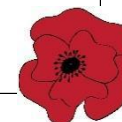
Information:

The military record of Reginald Arthur can be traced with his death in 1916. This gives Swaffham as place of birth

A birth record can be traced to an Arthur Reginald to 1897 in Swaffham.

An Arthur Nicholls can be traced to the Ram Hotel in Brandon in 1901 with around the correct age. His is with his grandparents and licensed victuallers Isaac and Lois Rolph. Mary Ann Nicholls, a daughter and widow is an assistant in the hotel. There are altogether 4 Nichols children – possible the children of Mary Ann. Arthur is the only one born in Swaffham.

Apart from these entries nothing else has yet been traced.



NICHOLS, Herbert Edward (Edmund)

Military service:

Regt No.: 85370

Regt.: Royal Engineers

Parents: Harrison John and Martha

Parents' occupation: 1881 shoemaker master
1891 dressmaker (mother – widow)

Family members serving in WW1:

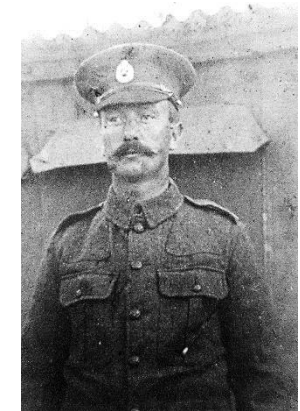
Places lived in: 1881 Necton; 1891 Swaffham 7 Ash Close
1916 Hunstanton (military record)

Born: 1880 Necton

Married: London 1912 Agnes Mary Adcock

Occupations:

Living postwar:



Liber Vitae, Swaffham Heritage

Death:

1916. France/Flanders. Died of wounds

Information:

Personal records give Edward; military ones Edmund

Cannot be found in 1901 and 1911



NOKES, Robert William

Military service:

Regt No.:

Regt. : Royal Navy

Parents: Francis, born Swaffham and Ellen, born

Parents' occupation: 1881, 1884 farmer

Family members serving in WW1:

Places lived in: 1881 Litcham, 1884 Swaffham, 1891 Wanstead; 1911 Chelsea

Born: 1884 Swaffham

Married:

Occupations: 1901 valet
Hampstead
1911 domestic
footman

Living postwar:

Death:

1916 at Jutland. Killed or died as a direct result of enemy action. Body Not Recovered For Burial.

Information:

This man was one of the crew of The Indefatigable which went down at the Battle of Jutland on 31 May 1916, the largest naval battle of the war. The ship's complement was 1,017 men of whom only three survived.



OFFORD, Edgar Lawrence

Military service: 1914 - 1917 **Regt No.:** G/2905 **Regt.:** Buffs (East Kent) Regiment

Parents: Edgar Thomas and Ellen (Cork) **Parents' occupation:** chemist's assistant. Mother dressmaker

Family members serving in WW1: **Places lived in:** Swaffham: 1891 Back Lane; 1901 Albert Terrace;

Born: 1894 Swaffham

Married:

Occupations: 1911 lawyer's clerk

Living postwar:

Death:

1917. France/Flanders Killed in Action

Information:

Official notice has been received by Mr and Mrs Edgar Offord of Swaffham of the death of their only son, Edgar Lawrence, of The Buffs. He was 23 and enlisted in Sept. 1914. He was reported as wounded and missing last May.

Lynn News May 1918



OXBOROUGH, George

Military service: 1915 - 1917 **Regt No.:** 241091 **Regt. :** Norfolk

Parents: John and Anna Maria **Parents' occupation:** labourer 1899
scavenger 1901

Family members serving in WW1: **Places lived in:** 1901 Sporle Road Swaffham
1911 Buxton – school half-time/domestic.

Born: 1897 Swaffham

Married:

Occupations:

Living postwar:

Death:

1917. Died in the battle of Gaza.

Information:

There are several George Oxboroughs. This is probably the correct one.

George was one of 372 men from the Norfolk Regiment who were killed on 19th April 1917 in the 2nd battle of Gaza.

Swaffham Man Presumed Killed

A War Office notification, received on Saturday last, presumes the death of Pte George William Oxborough, Norfolks, only son of Mr and Mrs John Oxborough of Sporle Road Cottages, Swaffham. He had been posted as "missing" in connection with the Battle of Gaza on April 19, 1917. Only two days before he was posted as "missing" his father and mother received a letter from him. The deceased, who was 21 years of age, joined the Army in Nov. 1915 at Sheringham where he was working at the time.



PAPWORTH, Sidney Ernest

Military service:

Regt No.: 6222

Regt. : Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry

Parents: John and Ruth

Parents' occupation: warehouseman 1881
1891 ironmonger's assistant

Family members serving in WW1:

Places lived in: Islington 1881, 1891

Born: 1881 Islington

Married: Bloemfontein, 1912 - Lily Ada
Campling of Roseline Cottage,
Campingland Swaffham

Occupations: 1901, 1911 Military

Living postwar:

Death:

1915. France/Flanders. Killed in Action

Information:

Apart from the record that he married a lady who lived in Swaffham (and of whom further details have not been traced) no connection with Swaffham has been found.

His Commonwealth War Graves record states " Son of John Papworth, of 46, Amott Rd., East Dulwich, London; husband of Lily Ada Papworth, of Roseline Cottage, Campingland, Swaffham, Norfolk."



PEEK, Maurice William

Military service:

Regt No.: 18714

Regt. : Norfolk

Parents: John and Ruth Eliza

Parents' occupation: 1891 farm labourer; 1901 yardman on farm

Family members serving in WW1:

Places lived in: 1891 Pentney; 1901 Narborough; 1911 2 Ash Close Swaffham

Born: 1885 Pentney

Married: Shouldham 1910 – Jemima Martha Broughton Swaffham 1913 Verona Beatrice Hey

Occupations: 1901 horseboy on farm
1911 (widower) labourer on railway

Living postwar:

Death:

1917 Mesopotamia. Killed in Action

Information:



PERKINS, George Abner

Military service: 1911 - **Regt No.:** 8230 **Regt.:** Lincolnshire

Parents: William and Emma (Garrod) **Parents' occupation:** 1891-1911 agricultural labourer

Family members serving in WW1: **Places lived in:** 1891-1911 Lynn Road Swaffham (family home)

Born: 1887 Swaffham **Married:** Beatrice May

Occupations: military 1911 **Living postwar:** 10 Council Houses Swaffham 1939 **Death:** 1965
housepainter 1939

Information:

Pte A G Perkins wrote to his father about the battle of Ypres in 1914 where he was wounded. "It was awful. There was more shellfire in one week than there were rifle shots in all the South African war, but they do not like it when we get them with the bayonet." *Lynn News and County Press 4 December 1914.*

The next year he recounted an incident when his unit was fighting German soldiers who had made themselves look like Indians. "When the roll was called out of 730 men only 173 men and two officers answered their names."

His life was undoubtedly saved, the Lynn News reports, by a "New Testament which deflected the course of a shrapnel bullet that probably would have reached his heart." *Lynn News and County Press 16 January 1915.*



The 1914 Star and Riband

PERKINS, Pte Abner G. Lincolns:
Swaffham. Seven years service (tour in
India) before the War; wounded at Ypres.

Lynn News 13 April 1918



PHILO, George Edmund

Military service:**Regt No.:** 4417
259680**Regt. :** City of London
Labour Corps**Parents:** Albert Edward and Eliza
Susan (Clark)**Parents' occupation:** boot and shoemaker**Family members serving in WW1:** John Austin**Places lived in:** Swaffham: 1891,1901 London Street
1911 Chelsea**Born:** 1886 Swaffham**Married:** Cosford Suffolk 1915 Ethel
Elizabeth Vincent Hills**Occupations:** 1911 shop assistant
at Harvey Nicholls
and Co London
1939 Salesman
Men's Hosiery**Living postwar:** 1939 Acton Middlesex**Death:**
1951 Acton**Information:**

George Edmund was the grandson of James Philo, boot and shoemaker of Swaffham. Albert was the only one of his sons to remain in Swaffham and carry on the family business.

James is known in the town for having written a diary of the mid to late 19th century which is very informative about the town, the state of the nation and the Philo family's personal lives and history. It is available online at <http://paulphilonohomeintime.com>

Mr Philo's other son, the younger, [George Edmund] is in a military hospital with a serious injury." *Lynn News* 1916.



PHILO, John Austin

Military service:**Regt No.:** 10315**Regt. :** Royal Fusiliers
London Regiment**Parents:** Albert Edward and Eliza
Susan (Clark)**Parents' occupation:** boot and shoemaker**Family members serving in WW1:** George
Edmund**Places lived in:** Swaffham: 1891,1901, 1911 London Street**Born:** 1884 Swaffham**Married:****Occupations:** 1901 illegible
1911 clerk to wine
merchant**Living postwar:****Death:**

1916 France/Flanders Killed in Action

Information:

"We regret to record that news has just been received of the death of Private John Austin Philo, eldest son of Mr A.E.Philos of London Street, Swaffham.

The deceased, who was 32 years of age, spent all his business life in the office of the Swaffham office of Messrs Steward and Patterson and was highly respected by all with whom he came in contact.

He joined the Forces in March and went to France during July. From a letter received on 1st inst. it appears he was one of a party commissioned to dig communication trenches. A bomb fell amongst the party, killing six and wounding three. His death was instantaneous.

Mr Philo's other son, the younger, is in a military hospital with a serious injury." *Lynn News* 1916



PLOWRIGHT, Robert William

Military service: 1916 - 1920 **Regt No.:** 49911 **Regt. :** Royal \Flying Corps/ Royal Air Force

Parents: William Henry and Sophia Anne (Hunt) **Parents' occupation:** ironmonger

Family members serving in WW1: **Places lived in:** Swaffham: Market Place 1891; Market Place 1911

Born: 1882

Married:

Occupations: wood turner 1901;
works manager
agricultural
engineer 1911

Living postwar: 1939 Swaffham Market Place;
1952 Drayton

Death:
1952

Information:



POWLEY, Charles Henry

Military service: 1914-1917 **Regt No.:** 3/7302 20533 **Regt.:** Norfolk Essex

Parents: William and Sarah Jane (Wilson) **Parents' occupation:** 1901, 1911 groom

Family members serving in WW1: **Places lived in:** 1901, 1911 Heyhoe's yard Castle Acre Street

Born: 1891 Swaffham

Married:

Occupations: 1911 warehouseman

Living postwar:



Liber Vitae, Swaffham Heritage

Death:

1916 France/Flanders. Died of wounds received.

Information:

Pte Powley was wounded in the face and arm in 1914 in the trenches whilst firing through a loophole at a sniper. A dum dum bullet had burst. He was the only man hit that day although the Germans were only 70 yards away.

Taken from *Lynn News and County Press* 11 December 1914



PRECIOUS, Ernest Charles

Military service: 1914 - 1915 **Regt No.:** 7654 **Regt.:** Norfolk

Parents: Ernest and Ellen **Parents' occupation:** 1901, 1911 general labourer

Family members serving in WW1: Ernest Edward (father) **Places lived in:** 1901 Dover; 1911 Swaffham London Street
1915 Campingland Swaffham

Born: 1894 Dover

Married:

Occupations: 1911 errand boy - grocer

Living postwar:

Death:
1915. Died from effects of gas poisoning France/Flanders

Information:

Swaffham's second loss. Pte Ernest Precious 1st Norfolks who died of wounds in hospital near Ypres on May 6th. Twenty years of age and the eldest son of Gunner F (should be E) Precious.

Originally in the 3rd Norfolks he transferred to 1st battalion and went to France in December. During the winter his feet were severely frostbitten and he also had an attack of fever in the early part of the war. Precious saw a lot of fighting in the trenches around Ypres. And was also in the battle for Hill 61. He recently experienced the effects of gas poisoning. This is the second recorded death of men belonging to Swaffham.

Lynn News and County Press 29 May 1915



PRECIOUS, Ernest Edward

Military service: 1888 – 1893
/ 1914-1918

Regt No.: 51389

Regt. : Royal Garrison Artillery

Parents: Charles and Susan
(Gould)

Parents' occupation: 1881 shepherd

Family members serving in WW1: Ernest
Charles

Places lived in: 1881 Ashill; 1901 Dover; 1911 Swaffham

Born: 1868 Mitford

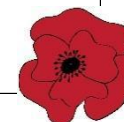
Married: Dover 1894 Ellen Edwards Bowles

Occupations: 1901, 1911 general
labourer

Living postwar:

Death:
1923 Swaffham

Information:



PRESTON, Philip Chamberlayne

Military service:

Regt No.:

Regt. : Norfolk

Parents: John Norcliffe and
Thermuthes Fauquier

Parents' occupation: 1881 Hussars retired; 1891 landed proprietor

Family members serving in WW1:

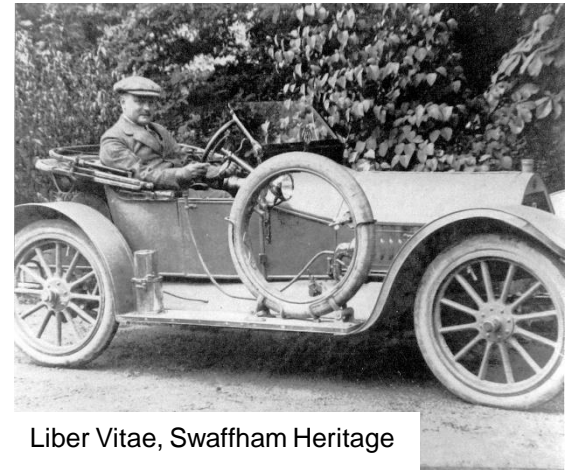
Places lived in: 1881, 1891 Flasby, Yorks
1911 The Shrublands Swaffham

Born: 1879 Flasby Yorks

Married:

Occupations: 1901 Indigo planter merchant
1911 general merchant

Living postwar:



Liber Vitae, Swaffham Heritage

Death:

1915 France/Flanders. Killed in Action

Information:

The image in Swaffham Heritage Archives is recorded as Paul C Preston but no such name appears in local records.



RALLISON, Albert

Military service:

Regt No.: 8107

Regt. : Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry

Parents: Walter and Anna

Parents' occupation: 1891 Prudential agent;
1901, 1911 hawker of fish and fruit

Family members serving in WW1: Walter, Hubert

Places lived in: Swaffham: 1891 Tumbler Hill; 1901 London Street

Born: 1887 Swaffham

Married:

Occupations: 1901 grocer's errand boy
1911 military

Living postwar:

Death:
1917 Mesopotamia

Information:

Walter and Anna Rallison had three sons: Herbert, Albert and Walter. All three fought but only one survived.

Pte Albert Rallison 88107 Oxford & Bucks, previously reported missing, now reported died as a prisoner in Turkish hands.
Lynn News 21 July 1917



RALLISON, Walter Edward

Military service:

Regt No.: 38869
Trumpeter

Regt. : Royal Garrison Artillery

Parents: Walter and Anna

Parents' occupation: 1891 Prudential agent;
1901, 1911 hawker of fish and fruit

Family members serving in WW1: Albert, Hubert

Places lived in: Swaffham: 1891 Tumbler Hill; 1901 London Street

Born: 1898 Swaffham

Married:

Occupations:

Living postwar:

Death:

1915 France/Flanders. Died of wounds

Information:

Walter and Anna Rallison had three sons: Herbert, Albert and Walter. All three fought but only one survived.

1914 Star and Riband

Rallison, Trptr Walter R.G.A., Lynn St., Swaffham, enlisted 1912, went to the front on the outbreak of war; died in France 13 November 1915.

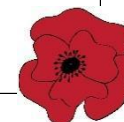
Lynn News 20 April 1918



RALLISON, Herbert (Hubert)

Military service:**Regt No.:** 210999**Regt. :** Royal Field Artillery**Parents:** Walter and Anna**Parents' occupation:** 1891 Prudential agent;
1901, 1911 hawker of fish and fruit**Family members serving in WW1:** Albert,
Walter**Places lived in:** Swaffham: 1891 Tumbler Hill;
1901 London Street**Born:** 1885 Swaffham
Registered as Herbert**Married:** Willesden 1916 Jessie Walker**Occupations:** 1901 warrener
1911 ironmonger's assistant
1939 furniture salesman**Living postwar:** 1939 Wembley**Death:**
1951 Willesden**Information:**

Walter and Anna Rallison had three sons: Herbert, Albert and Walter. All three fought but only one (Hubert) survived.



RASBARY, Robert Frederick George

Military service: 1914 - 1916 **Regt No.:** 13233 **Regt.:** Norfolk

Parents: Henry and Mary Ann **Parents' occupation:** 1891 farm labourer

Family members serving in WW1: **Places lived in:** Swaffham: 1891, 1901 Black Horse Yard
1911 Fakenham. 1916 Norwich Road

Born: 1884 Swaffham **Married:** Swaffham 1901 Sarah Wright

Occupations: 1901, 1911 butcher journeyman **Living postwar:** **Death:** 1916 France/Flanders Killed in Action

Information:

His platoon officer described him as " a brave fellow, typically British in his carelessness as to danger" and referred to his "perpetual cheeriness".
Lynn News 1916



READ, Walter Frederick

Military service:

Regt No.: 40026

Regt. : Norfolk



Liber Vitae, Swaffham Heritage

Parents: Walter Edward and Harriet

Parents' occupation: 1897 labourer; 1901 teamster on farm

Family members serving in WW1:

Places lived in: 1898 Island Cottages, Westacre road, Swaffham

Born: 1897 Raynham

Married:

Occupations:

Living postwar:

Death:

1916 France/Flanders Killed in Action

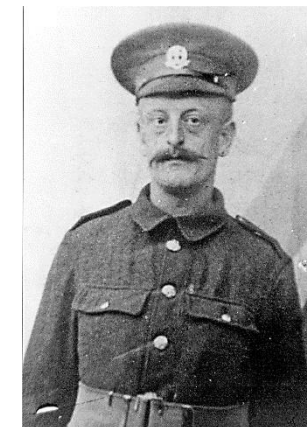
Information:



REEVE, John William

Military service:**Regt No.:** 2702
24527**Regt. :** Middlesex
East Surrey**Parents:** Possibly: James and
Phoebe**Parents' occupation:** If so – bricklayer 1901**Family members serving in WW1:****Places lived in:** If so: 1901,1911 Back of Pleasant Row,
Swaffham**Born:** Possibly: 1889
Beachamwell**Married:** Swaffham 1915 Gertrude Alice
Blanche Selfe**Occupations:** 1911 compositor**Living postwar:****Death:**

1918 France/Flanders



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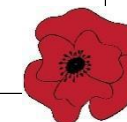
Information:

There is no birth record for a John or John William born in Beachamwell at this time. We know from military records that he must have been born around 1889. There is a John William born in Swaffham which may be the same person but no further details are known. There are also some William Johns born around the same time in the Swaffham area.

Pte 25427 John William Reeve E. Surrey R. died in hospital in France on March 14, 1918.

Lynn News 20 April 1918

In the 1939 Register Gertrude is living at "Hazeldene" in London Street with her son, Walter, whose date of birth is given as 1 July 1916, probably their only child. She was the daughter of Walter Warner Selfe, a coach builder, and his wife Alice (née Wade) of London Street (Forester's Arms).



REGESTER, Charles

Military service: 1915 - 1919 **Regt No.:** G/11518 **Regt.:** Royal West Kent

Parents: Charles Salisbury and Emma **Parents' occupation:** 1891 coal merchant's manager

Family members serving in WW1: George, William James **Places lived in:** 1891 Holme Hale; 1901 Hopton, Suffolk
1916 Sydenham Castle acre Street Swaffham (mother)

Born: 1887 Holme Hale

Married:

Occupations: 1901 grocer's apprentice
1916 builder's labourer

Living postwar: Possibly Chelmsford 1939

Death:
1953 London

Information:

This soldier, the only surviving son of the family, was serving in Mesopotamia when his brother William James was killed by a shell leaving a widow and one child.



REGESTER, George

Military service: 1916 - 1918

Regt No.: S/26746

Regt. : Rifle Brigade



Liber Vitae, Swaffham Heritage

Parents: Charles Salisbury and Emma

Parents' occupation: 1891 coal merchant's manager

Family members serving in WW1: Charles, William James

Places lived in: 1891 Holme Hale; 1901 Holme Hale with grandmother
1911 Epsom; 1916 Castle acre Street Swaffham (mother)
1919 Station Street Swaffham (mother)

Born: 1890 Holme Hale

Married:

Occupations: 1911 compositor

Living postwar:

Death: 1918. Died at home. Invalided home due to malaria. Buried at Swaffham

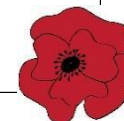
Information:

Charles Salisbury and Emma had three sons, only one of whom survived.

SWAFFHAM FAMILY'S SECOND LOSS

The remains were interred yesterday (Thursday) at Swaffham, with military honours, of Rfm 26746 George Regester, Rifle Brigade, the second son of Mrs Regester, of Station Street, Swaffham, to give his life for his country.

Formerly employed at the local printing works of Mr Gould, and afterwards by Mr Gould's brother at Brockley, he joined the King's Royal Rifles in May 1916, was transferred later to the Rifle Brigade and went out to Salonica. Here he contracted malarial fever in Oct. last and was invalided home a few weeks ago. He was conveyed to the University War Hospital in Southampton, but after a few days became so seriously ill that his relatives were telegraphed to on Thursday night last. His mother and sister proceeded to Southampton on Friday and were with him on Saturday until his death about 4 o'clock in the afternoon. The deceased, who was 28 and unmarried, had been a choir boy and junior and senior chorister at the Swaffham church, as well as a bell ringer, and choristers and bell ringers attended the funeral, the latter ringing a dumb peal on the church bells after the committal by the vicar. Rfm George Regester was the youngest of three soldier brothers. His eldest brother, Charles, is serving in Mesopotamia, the other, William, was killed in France.



REGESTER, William James

Military service:

Regt No.: 680586

Regt. : 22nd (County of London) Battalion (The Queens)

Parents: Charles Salisbury and Emma

Parents' occupation: 1891 coal merchant's manager

Family members serving in WW1: Charles, George

Places lived in: 1891 Holme Hale; 1901 Shipdham; 1911 off Station Street with mother
1916 Castle Acre Street Swaffham (mother)

Born: 1888 Holme Hale

Married: London 1915 Annie Augustine McDermid

Occupations: 1911 outfitter's assistant

Living postwar:

Death:

1917 France/Flanders. Killed in Action

Information:

This soldier was killed by a shell and left a widow and one child.



REYNOLDS, Lewis (Louis)

Military service: 1915 - 1919 **Regt No.:** 33218, 35470 **Regt. :** Suffolk, Essex
Royal Engineers

Parents: George and Anne (Cooper) **Parents' occupation:** whitesmith and brazier 1880
mother dressmaker 1891

Family members serving in WW1: **Places lived in:** Swaffham: 1881 Fillies Yard, White Hart Lane;
1891 Castle Acre Street

Born: 1880 Swaffham **Married:** Swaffham 1904 Ann Howard

Occupations: 1901 house painter **Living postwar:** **Death:**
1915 master painter 1925 Swaffham

Information:

Although this soldier survived the war he is remembered by the family as sitting by the fire looking very ill. He died of consumption as a result, it is thought, of being gassed during the war.



courtesy A. Thorp.
Image and detail.

Lewis' wife Annie was the daughter of James John Howard, himself a serving soldier in the war.

At the time Lewis was a painter aged 22 years living in London Street and she was 19 years old and living at The White Lion. After their marriage they lived in Lynn Street where they raised their family - William Lewis, Doris and Gladys.



RICHARDSON, Leslie John

Military service: 1914 - 1916 **Regt No.:** 2305 **Regt. :** 15th (County of London) Battalion (P.W.O. Civil Service Rifles)

Parents: James and Elizabeth **Parents' occupation:** 1895, 1901 groom, 1911 motor driver

Family members serving in WW1: Frederick James **Places lived in:** Swaffham: 1895, 1901, 1911 Mangate Street

Born: 1895 Swaffham

Married:

Occupations: 1911 printer

Living postwar:

Death:
1916 France/Flanders Killed in Action

Information:

Another young Swaffham man who had left the family home for pastures which appeared more interesting.

His commanding officer wrote that his wound was caused by shrapnel and that he died instantaneously without any suffering. He added that he had proved himself to be an excellent loyal soldier and devoted himself wholeheartedly to any work he was asked to perform.

(People's Memorial)

Parents lived in Mangate Street. 21 years of age. Apprenticed to Messrs Gould and Son he volunteered on the out break of war. He was a bellringer – the youngest member of the Swaffham company - and a footballer

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SMITH, Joseph

Military service: by 1881 to
time expired
1914 - 1917

Regt No.: 10083

Regt. : Norfolk

Parents:

Parents' occupation: Swaffham

Family members serving in WW1:

Places lived in: 1891 Colchester
1914 and probably 1911 Northwell Pool

Born: 1870 Swaffham

Married: Swaffham 1912 Annie Elizabeth Grove

Occupations: 1891 Military
1911 Possibly
general labourer
1914 baker

Living postwar:



Liber Vitae, Swaffham Heritage

Death:

1917 France/Flanders Killed in Action

Information:

There are two Joseph Smiths born/baptised in 1870. One is the son of William and Dorothy Star, but they disappear from all census records for Swaffham. The other is the son of Elizabeth Smith baptised in 1871 and who that same year is found in the Swaffham Union Workhouse.

Neither Josephs can be found again until 1891 when he is in the Colchester Barracks, so no indication of his parentage. He probably appears again at Northwell Pool as son to William Leach and Elizabeth who were married in 1894. She, however, married under the name of Elizabeth Pooley.

In the Liber Vitae is recorded: "Joseph Smith, Norfolk Regiment. Dearly beloved husband of Annie Smith who was killed in action in France May 9th 1917 aged 47 years. In Loving Remembrance"

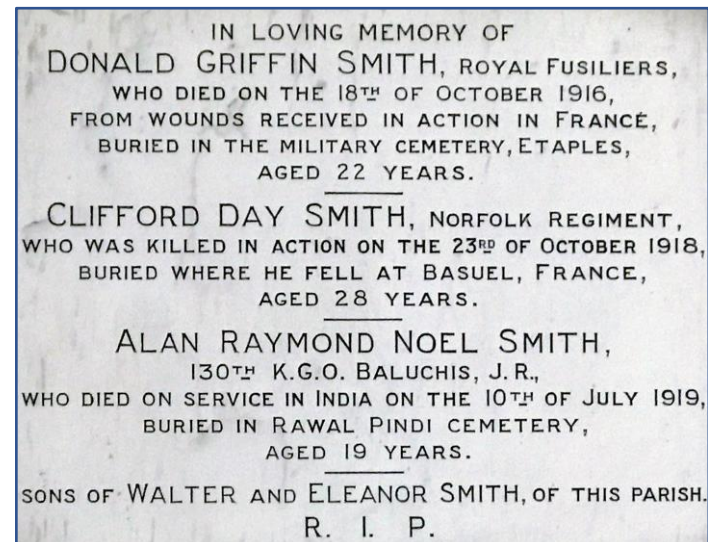
Information was received from the War Office on Tuesday evening by Mrs. Smith of North Pool, Swaffham, that her husband Pte Joseph Smith, Norfolks, was killed in action on May 5. The intimation followed upon the heels of news of the soldier's death which had come from some of his comrades. The deceased, who was 48 years of age, was a journeyman baker in Swaffham at one time. Leaving his occupation for the Army he joined the Norfolk Regiment and was in it for about 14 years, going through the South African War and receiving a medal in respect of the fighting at Paardeburg. After leaving the army he worked for a time as a bricklayer's labourer for Mr Impson, but the Army called for men and he volunteered soon after the outbreak of the present war, going out to France about two years ago. *Lynn News 9 June 1917*



SMITH family of Oakleigh House

Walter Smith was the third son of Richard and Georgina Smith of West Raynham, farmers. In 1881 he was running a butcher's shop. In 1891, still a farmer and butcher, and now married to Eleanor Bloom, he was living in Crown Cottage on Pickenham Road in Swaffham.

By 1901 the family lived on the Market Place. It must have been then or around that time that Walter rented Oakleigh House with its farm of some 215 acres from the Edwards family and by 1921 had bought it. Walter died in 1933 and the house was sold, although Eleanor and her maid, Ada continued to live there until 1939 when it was requisitioned by the Army for use as an Officer's Mess. It became neglected and after the war Eleanor sold it and the connection with the Smith family was lost.



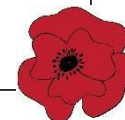
Walter Richard Smith was born in October 1886 in Swaffham. In 1911 he was employed as a bank clerk in Diss. During WW1 he was a Captain in the Army Service Corps. After the war he became a bank manager. He married Anna Gwendolen Smith and died in 1965 in Mistley, Essex.

Clifford Day Smith was born 12 June 1890 in Swaffham. In 1911 he was employed as a bank clerk in Peterborough. In 1915 he enlisted as a private and became Acting Corporal, Lance Sergeant and Lieutenant with the Norfolk Yeomanry, serving first in the Balkans. On 23 October, 1918 he was killed in action in France. He is buried at Highland Cemetery, Le Cateau. He married Katie Armstrong from Whittlesea in 1917. She later remarried and emigrated to California.

Fernley Loftus Smith was born on 17 August 1891 in Swaffham. In 1911 he was employed as an estate agent in Brentwood Essex. He enlisted with the Canadian Overseas Expeditionary Force in 1914 and became a Lieutenant with the Canadian Mounted Police. On 18 October 1921 he married Anne Jane Bennett in Kensington, London. He became a livestock officer with the Ministry of Agriculture, at least into the 1940s. He died in Colchester in 1978.

Donald Griffin Smith was born on 21 July 1894. He enlisted as a private in the London Regiment, Royal Fusiliers and died of wounds received at Flanders on 18 October 1916. He is buried at the Etaples Military Cemetery, Pas de Calais

Alan Raymond Noel Smith was born 10 September 1900 in Swaffham and was christened 18 April at Swaffham. He joined the only 'silladar' infantry battalion in the Indian Army, the 130th K.G.O. Baluchis, known as Jacob's Rifles. During the First World War the regiment served in German East Africa and Palestine. However Alan died on service in India on 10 July 1919 and is buried in Rawal Pindi cemetery. He was 19 years old.



SPENCER, Arthur

Military service: 1916 - 1916 **Regt No.:** 189241 **Regt.:** Royal Engineers (Railway Operating Division)

Parents: Joseph and Sarah Ann (Tuck) **Parents' occupation:** 1891 bricklayer; 1901 platelayer mother - charwoman 1911

Family members serving in WW1: **Places lived in:** Swaffham: 1891, 1901 Dovehouse Row 1911 Ash Close

Born: 1882 Swaffham **Married:** Florence Tufts

Occupations: 1901 railway 1911 goods porter **Living postwar:** **Death:** 1916 France/Flanders Killed in Action



Taken from Lynn News

Information:

News has been received of the death of Sapper Arthur Spencer R.E.. Deceased, who lived in Ash Close, was for twelve years employed by the G.E.R and was a prominent member of the local Salvation Army band. He leaves a widow and one young child. He had been but a few months in the Army. See Lynn News 24 Feb 1917.



SQUIRES, Robert William

Military service:

Regt No.: G/50308

Regt.: London

Parents: William and Clara (Bye)

Parents' occupation: 1901 teamster on farm
1911 farm labourer

Family members serving in WW1:

Places lived in: 1901 Weasenham;
1911 Tower Court Lynn Street Swaffham

Born: 1896 Cockley Cley

Married:

Occupations: 1911 errand boy for earthenware seller

Living postwar:

Death:

1918 France/Flanders Killed in Action

Information:



STARLING, George

Military service: 1917 –
1918

Regt No.: R/41237

Regt.: King's Royal Rifle Corps,
London

Parents: Edmund and Christiana

Parents' occupation: 1901 coachman
1911 groom for an ironmonger

Family members serving in WW1:

Places lived in: Holme Hale 1901
White Hart Lane, 2 Cley Road, Swaffham

Born: 1899 Holme Hale

Married:

Occupations:

Living postwar:

Death:

1918 France/Flanders Killed in Action

Information:

Information has been received of the death from wounds of Pte George Starling London Regt., son of Mr and Mrs Starling, of Cley road, Swaffham. The gallant soldier died on the day he was wounded.

The story of the sad happening comes from a chaplain. "An enemy shell hit the dug-out which he occupied, inflicting very serious injuries about his legs. Medical aid was promptly forthcoming and he was taken to the next dressing station. He rallied a little there and impressed us all by his courage and splendid spirit but soon lapsed into semi-consciousness and passed away. The end was quite free from pain and distress. We buried him the same night in a small military cemetery".

The deceased, who before joining the Colours, worked for Mr Lambert, grocer, Snettisham, entered the Army in Feb. last year, went to Egypt in Nov. and proceeded to France in June.

Lynn News 21 September 1918



STERNE, Frank

Military service: 1915 - 1917 **Regt No.:** G/12041 **Regt.:** Duke of Cambridge's Own (Middlesex) Regiment

Parents: Thomas and Clara (Reader) **Parents' occupation:** 1901 iron moulder
1911 iron founder

Family members serving in WW1: Thomas Frederick;
Thomas - father **Places lived in:** 1901 Manchester
1911 3 Jasper Cottages, London Street,

Born: 1896 Prestwich, Lancs

Married:

Occupations: 1911 assistant grocer

Living postwar:

Liber Vitae, Swaffham Heritage

Death:

1917 France/Flanders Killed in Action.
Accepted as dead for official purposes

Information:

Liber Vitae records:

"Lance-Corporal Royal Engineers son of Thomas and Clara Sterne believed killed on April 28th 1917 in the battle of Arras and Oppy. If we could have raised his dying head,
Or head his last farewell,
The grief would not have been so great,
To those he loved so well."

Swaffham Soldier's Death

Official intimation has been received by Mr & Mrs T Sterne, of London Street, Swaffham, that their younger son, Lce-corpl Frank Sterne, Middlesex Regt., has been killed in action. Joining the Army a few months after the outbreak of war, he went to France and was reported as missing on April 28 last – probably, as it was stated, at Bullecourt. The last letter was received from him about a week before this report arrived. Since the information that their son was missing the anxious parents had received no communication concerning him until the present official message came to hand. The deceased, who was 21 years of age, was employed for some time in the grocery department of the Swaffham Co-operative Society and later occupied a similar position with the Edmonton society. His father and brother – both in England - are serving with the colours.



STERNE, Thomas Frederick

Military service: 1915 - 1919 **Regt No.:** 149711 **Regt. :** Royal Garrison Artillery

Parents: Thomas and Clara (Reader) **Parents' occupation:** 1901 iron moulder
1911 iron founder

Family members serving in WW1: Frank; Thomas - father **Places lived in:** 1901 Manchester
1911, 1915 Maldon Essex

Born: 1892 Thetford **Married:** Maldon 1914 Christiana Harvey

Occupations: 1911 Printer (improver)
1939 printer
compositor **Living postwar:** Maldon, Essex **Death:** 1984 Maldon, Essex

Information:



STERNE, Thomas

Military service: 1914 - 1920 **Regt No.:** 409692 **Regt. :** Norfolk

Parents: Frederick and Susan **Parents' occupation:** 1871 blacksmith

Family members serving in WW1: Frank and Frederick - sons **Places lived in:** 1865 - 1891 Thetford
1901 Manchester
1911 3 Jasper Cottages, London Street, Swaffham

Born: 1865 Thetford **Married:** 1891 Norwich Clara Reader

Occupations: 1891 iron moulder
1901 iron moulder;
1911 iron founder
1939 Iron moulder **Living postwar:** 1939 The Haven, Swaffham **Death:**

Information:

Signed up for RAF 1918. Discharged 1920. Roll 9 notes Royal Defence Corps



THOMPSON Herbert William

Military service: 1915 - 1916 **Regt No.:** 29085 40508 **Regt.:** Essex Bedfordshire

Parents: Thomas and Anna Eleanor (Porter) **Parents' occupation:** 1891, 1901 carpenter

Family members serving in WW1: **Places lived in:** Swaffham:1881, 1891, 1901 Back Lane
1911 Downham Market

Born: 1878 Swaffham **Married:** Downham Market 1906 Jessie Bullman

Occupations: 1901 grocer's assistant
1911 grocer's journeyman **Living postwar:** **Death:** 1916 France/Flanders Killed in Action

Information:

3rd son of Mr and Mrs T Thompson of Theatre Street. Joined up in June 1915 in Essex Regiment.

Formerly employed in Downham Market and for some time was landlord of the Spread Eagle Inn in Swaffham. He leaves a widow and two children.

Lynn News 1916



THOMPSON, Hubert William

**Military
service:**

**Regt
No.:** 240488

Regt. : Norfolk

Parents: William Henry and Mary

**Parents'
occupation:** 1901 blacksmith

**Family members
serving in WW1:**

Places lived in: 1896 – 1911 Prince of Wales Road Swaffham

Born: 1896 Swaffham

Married:

Occupations:

1911 Apprentice to
Drapery

**Living
postwar:**

Death:

1917 Palestine Died of wounds received

Information:



TRUNDLE, Herbert

**Military
service:**

**Regt
No.:**

Regt. : Royal Marine Light Infantry

Parents: William and Barbara
(Grove)

**Parents'
occupation:** 1881 wheelwright, carpenter

**Family members
serving in WW1:**

Places lived in: Swaffham: 1881 3, Ash Close
1891 Royal Marine Barracks, Hampshire
1911 Dereham

Born: 1862 Gooderstone

Married:

Occupations: 1881 engine fitter
1891 Military
1911 fitter labourer
engineering works

**Living
postwar:**

Death:
1915 Died from disease

Information:



TURNER, Albert Henry

Military service: 1915 - 1918 **Regt No.:** R/4152 **Regt. :** Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve

Parents: William and Rhoda Humphrey **Parents' occupation:** 1881 farmer in Leicestershire

Family members serving in WW1: **Places lived in:** Swaffham: 1901 Mangate Street; 1911 Providence Terrace

Born: 1885 Wymondham Leics. **Married:** Narborough 1910 Alice Susannah

Occupations: 1901 grocer's assistant
1911 shop assistant

Living postwar:

Death:
1918 Killed or died as a direct result of enemy action

Information:

A.B. Albert H Turner came from his home town of Wymondham in Leicestershire in 1903 to Messrs Hannant and Sons, grocers, with whom he remained until he joined the Royal Navy Division in July 1916. At an engagement on October 8th in France his leg and thigh were shattered. He was taken to the nearest clearing Station but was unable to be removed to the base. Although great hopes were expressed of his recovery, he passed away on October 23rd. The deceased nine years ago married Miss Haverson of Narborough, who with one son survive him. The deceased was highly respected by all with whom he came into contact.

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TURNOUR family

A plaque in the church records the deaths of brothers John Edward Garth Turnour, Lieut 5th Australian Division who died from wounds in 1917 aged 24 years and Arthur Wallace Turnour, 38th Batt. 3rd Australian Division, who was killed in action a fortnight later in France, aged 37 years. They were two of four sons of Keppel Arthur Turnour, who fought for the Australian Imperial Force during World War 1.

The plaque also commemorates their grandfather John Horatio Turnour who settled in Swaffham from Norwich between 1851 and 1861 as a farmer on Norwich Road.

Keppel Arthur, John Horatio's eldest son, was born at Lexhall (Lexham?) Hall in 1856 and was baptised the next year in Swaffham. He joined the merchant navy and at some time around the 1870s settled briefly in Australia where his eldest son Arthur Wallace was born in 1879. However, by 1881 he was a student of Law, living with his wife Margaret in London with two small children, a mother-in-law; two nurses, a cook and a nursemaid. Three other sons were born in England. By 1886 he was back in Australia, a farmer, living in Cohuna, Victoria where his youngest son was born in 1893. There were also had five daughters.

The sons of Arthur Keppel and Margaret Ann (Wallace)

John Edward Garth (1893 – 1917). Born in Australia.

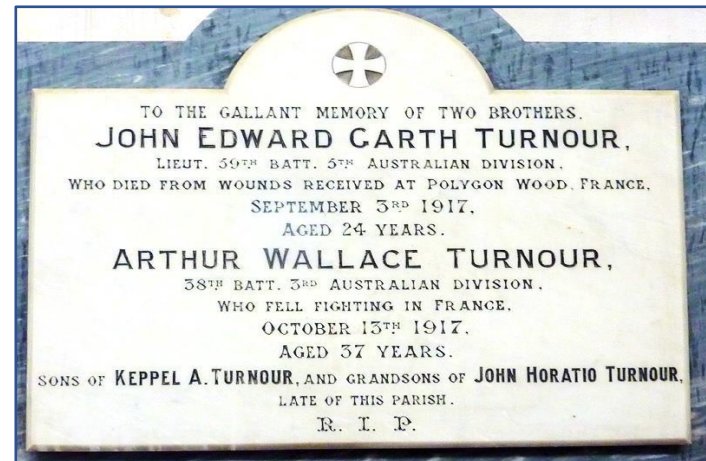
Died of wounds. France/Flanders.

His attestation (1914) states that he was a Divinity student.

At his burial service his commander expressed his appreciation of his gallant conduct rendered during operations.

Arthur Wallace (1879 – 1917) Born in Australia. A farmer on attestation.

He served with the Australian Imperial Force from 1916 and was killed in action in France/Flanders in 1917.



James Owen (1883 – 1967) Born in England, a farmer, served with the Australian Imperial Force from 1916 to 1918. He lost a leg in war in France 1917. In 1922 he married. His marriage record gives a second middle name of Dennis or Dervis but his baptism record from Blackheath gives only James Owen. His father is recorded as gentleman. (A later baptism records him as gentleman Bar student).

Keppel Ernest (1884 – 1946) born in England – served with the Australian Imperial Force, mostly in England, from 1915 to 1918.

Of a fifth son, Donald Winterton no details are known, apart from his birth in Blackheath, England in 1882 and his death in Australia in 1975.



TWAITES, Alfred Charles

Military service:**Regt No.:** 32842
501619**Regt. :** Middlesex
Labour Corps**Parents:** William and Anna
(Powley)**Parents' occupation:** 1901, 1911 carpenter and joiner**Family members serving in WW1:** A brother**Places lived in:** Swaffham: Campingland 1891; Church Lane 1901;**Born:** 1886 Swaffham**Married:** Swaffham 1914 Ethel Marion**Occupations:** 1901, 1911 corn
merchant's clerk**Living postwar:****Death:**
1918 at Military Hospital Norwich.
Buried at Swaffham Baptist Chapel Cemetery

Liber Vitae, Swaffham Heritage

Information:

Lance-Corporal A.C.Twaites, was for many years an active member of our Y.M. Bible Class and of the Church Choir. He joined the Middlesex Regt in July 1916 and afterwards transferred to the Hampshire. Subsequently he was sent to the Labour Battalion, and worked on a farm in Sussex until Christmas last, when he was transferred to Norfolk and went to work on Mr Goring's farm at West Bradenham.

A few weeks ago he was thrown from a horse and sustained an injury to his back. He was taken to a military hospital in Norwich and had practically recovered from the injury, but he caught influenza and congestion of the lungs, pneumonia followed, and he passed away on Thursday evening week.

The deceased entered the employ of Vynne and Everett Ltd. on leaving school, where he continued to work until he joined up. He was highly esteemed not only by the firm but by all the employees.

The deceased, who was 34 years of age, married in July 1914, Ethel, youngest daughter of Mr J.A. Dent, who survives him. The younger son of Mr Twaites is on service in Cairo.

Lynn News 1916



WARD, Albert John

Military service: 1915

Regt No.: 20369

Regt. : Norfolk

Parents: Richard and Ann Maria (Palmer)

Parents' occupation: 1892 general labourer; 1901 fish hawker
1911 farm labourer

Family members serving in WW1:

Places lived in: Swaffham: 1892 - 1911 Campingland

Born: 1892 Swaffham

Married:

Occupations: 1911 farm labourer

Living postwar:

Death:

1917 France/Flanders Killed in Action

Information:

Official news that Pts Albert John Ward, Norfolks of Campingland, Swaffham, was killed in action on March 10th has been received by his father Mr Richard Ward.

Formerly employed by Messrs Clarke Bros, agricultural machinists, Swaffham the deceased joined the army some (?) nine months ago and had been at the front for about four months. He was 24 years of age.

Lynn News 24 March 1917



WARD, Edward William

Military service:

Regt No.: 182727

Regt. : Royal Horse Artillery and Royal Field Artillery

Parents: Henry and Clara (Hewitt)

Parents' occupation: 1901 agricultural labourer
1911 gamekeeper

Family members serving in WW1:

Places lived in: Swaffham: 1901 Cley Road;
1911 Swiss Cottage, Watton Road

Born: 1893 Swaffham

Married:

Occupations:

Living postwar:

Death:

1918 France/Flanders Died of wounds

Information:



WARD, Walter

Military service:**Regt No.:** 29102
40532**Regt. :** Essex
Bedfordshire**Parents:** William and Emma
Savage**Parents' occupation:** 1881, 1891 brewer's drayman**Family members serving in WW1:****Places lived in:** Swaffham: 1881 Watton Road; 1891,
1901 Brewery Yard White Hart Lane
1911 White Hart Lane**Born:** 1878 Swaffham**Married:** Swaffham 1902 Harriet Betts**Occupations:** 1901, 1911 groom**Living postwar:****Death:**

1916 France/Flanders Killed in Action

Information:

Walter was "well-known throughout the town and worked for Mr John Robinson and at the Brewery. In a letter announcing the sad news his commanding officer states that he was killed by a bursting shell at the Somme front, and death must have been instantaneous".

There is added "His heroic end will be a great source of loss to the company, for he influenced his comrades greatly for their good and such men are only too rare. "

Hunt: Parish News

Son of Mr and Mrs William Ward of White Hart Lane. Leaves a widow and one son. *Lynn News 1916*



WARNES, Horace John

Military service:

Regt No.: 33884

Regt. : East Surrey

Parents: Samuel and Ann (Robinson)

Parents' occupation: 1891 fish hawker; 1901 farmer
1911 farmer on relief

Family members serving in WW1:

Places lived in: Swaffham: 1889 London Street; 1891 Bear Lane Old Meeting House; 1901 London Street

Born: 1889 Swaffham

Married:

Occupations: agricultural labourer
1911

Living postwar:

Death:

1918 France / Flanders Killed in Action

Information:



WATTS, William Henry

Military service: 1914-1917 **Regt No.:** 240542 **Regt.:** Norfolk

Parents: Stephen and Elizabeth **Parents' occupation:** 1901 horseman on farm, 1911 farm labourer

Family members serving in WW1: Frederick **Places lived in:** Swaffham: 1896 Ash Close; 1901 York Terrace, White Hart Lane; 1911 The Alley, London Street

Born: 1896 Swaffham

Married:

Occupations: 1911 agricultural labourer

Living postwar:



Liber Vitae, Swaffham Heritage

Death:
1917 Palestine

Information:

"Private William Henry Watts, son of Mr and Mrs S Watts of The Alley, London Street is officially reported as wounded at Gaza and a comrade amplifies the statement by speaking of eight wounds. Before he went out in September 1914 Pte Watts worked on the land at Swaffham.

A brother A.B.Frederick Watts, who was home a few weeks ago, was wounded in the Jutland battle and has undergone two operations. Mrs S Watts has two sisters at Swaffham who have suffered losses through the war. Mrs Wm Powley, Mangate Street, has had one son killed and Mrs Kemery, London Street, has lost a son. Still another soldier member of Mrs.Watts' family is Sergt W.Nangle, Lancers, her son-in-law."

Lynn News 02 June 1917



WEBSTER, Charles Reginald

Military service: 1914 - 1917 **Regt No.:** 2838 240543 **Regt. :** Norfolk

Parents: Charles and Elizabeth Harriet (White) **Parents' occupation:** 1901, 1911 coal porter

Family members serving in WW1: **Places lived in:** Swaffham: Black Lane 1901; Near station gates Castle Acre road 1911; 1914 4, Station Terrace (military record)

Born: 1896 Swaffham

Married:

Death:

Occupations: 1911 assistant grocer

Living postwar:

1917 Died in hospital at Nazareth from gunshot wounds to both legs with complicated fractures and septicaemia

Information:

Prisoner of War in Turkey 1917

The sad news that their eldest son Charles F Webster, Norfolks, has died in hospital at Nazareth while a prisoner of war in Turkish hands, was received by Mr and Mrs Charles Webster of 4 Station Street Swaffham on Thursday last. The information from the British War Office was to the effect that the announcement of the death had come from Turkish sources. "The report is that he died of gunshot wounds in both legs with complicated fractures and septicaemic diarrhoea"

The news that the unfortunate soldier was in a Turkish hospital suffering from wounds in the legs came first of all from a communication from him under date of May 1. "Don't be alarmed" he added, "for our captors are treating us with every kindness and consideration in their power. It was about a fortnight ago that we made the attack, in which we lost both officers and men." A card dated two days later – written in his name by some other English hand and penned from no 18 military hospital Nazareth – told that he was going on well, was being treated very satisfactorily and was quite happy. "I hope you will not worry about me" continued the message "for I am quite all right".

Then came the saddening news of his death. The official communication gives May 1 as the assumed date of death, but the bereaved mother, who has been in weak health for some time, gives more than two months later as the date. "I was dreaming one night about the end of July" she told one of the Lynn News representatives on Monday, "and my son appeared to me and showed me his wounds. I thought at the time, - and told the family at breakfast time next morning about it – that he had just died. I generally dream true."

Working for Mr G. Green, a local grocer, Pte Webster left his service to enlist when he was a month under 18 years of age.

He went to Egypt in February last year.

Lynn News 06 October 1917



WEST, Reginald George

Military service:

Regt No.: 29355

Regt. : Norfolk

Parents: Richard and Ellen (Powley)

Parents' occupation: 1901 corn porter
1911 maltster's labourer

Family members serving in WW1: Sidney
Thomas

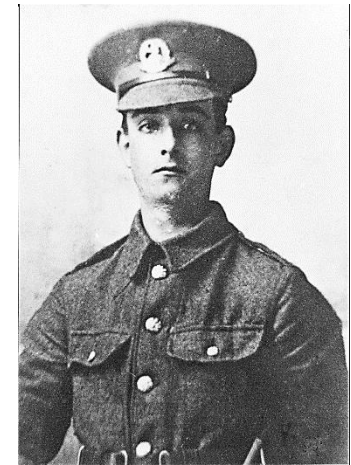
Places lived in: Swaffham: 1897 Market Place
1901, 1911 Lynn Road

Born: 1897 Swaffham

Married:

Occupations: 1911 milk porter

Living postwar:



Liber Vitae, Swaffham Heritage

Death:

1917 France/Flanders Killed in Action

Information:

Field of Honour

Killed: Pte 29355 Reginald George West, Norfolks. Previously reported wounded and missing, now reported killed.

Lynn News 16 March 1918



WEST, Sidney Thomas

Military service:**Regt No.:** 43929**Regt. :** Lincoln**Parents:** Richard and Ellen (Powley)**Parents' occupation:** 1901 corn porter
1911 maltster's labourer**Family members serving in WW1:** Reginald
George**Places lived in:** Swaffham: 1897 Market Place
1901, 1911 Lynn Road**Born:** 1899 Swaffham**Married:****Occupations:****Living postwar:**

Liber Vitae, Swaffham Heritage

Death:

1918 France/Flanders Died of wounds

Information:

Died of Wounds:-
43929 S.T. West, Lincolns
Lynn News 29 June 1918



WINTER, Ernest

Military service: 1915 - 1917 **Regt No.:** 13/1494 **Regt.:** East Yorkshire Regiment

Parents: William and Mary Ann (Wade) **Parents' occupation:** 1891 higler
1901 labourer

Family members serving in WW1: **Places lived in:** Swaffham: 1891, 1901 Shouldham Lane

Born: 1882 Swaffham **Married:** Swaffham 1913 Hannah Heyhoe

Occupations: **Living postwar:** **Death:**
1917 France/Flanders Killed in Action

Information:

News has been received by Mr and Mrs William Winter of Heath Farm Swaffham that their second son Pte Ernest Winter, Essex Regt, was killed in action in France on Nov 4. The deceased, who leaves a widow and two children, joined the Army in 1915 and went to France in 1916. "He always did his work nobly" writes one of his officers in a sympathetic letter. Mr and Mrs Winter have three other sons with the Forces.

Lynn News 24 Nov 1917



WOOD, Frederick Ernest

Military service:

Regt No.: T.F.5956

Regt. : Duke Of Cambridge's Own
(Middlesex Regiment)

Parents:

Parents' occupation:

Family members serving in WW1:

Places lived in: Cley Road 1911. A boarder with Mr Daborn – a tailor

Born: ca 1895 Middlesex

Married:

Occupations: 1911 tailoring assistant

Living postwar:

Death:

1916 France/Flanders Killed in Action

Information:

Apprenticed to Mr G P Daborn, tailor and had worked for him for six years. He was 23 years old.

Lynn News 1916



WRIGHT, Walter John

Military service: ca 1908 - **Regt No.:** 8901 **Regt.:** Shropshire

Parents: William and Eliza Julia (Thacker) **Parents' occupation:** 1891 ostler

Family members serving in WW1: **Places lived in:** Swaffham: 1885 Market Place; 1891, 1901 Mantriggs Yard;

Born: 1885 Swaffham

Married:

Occupations: 1901 apprentice carpenter

Living postwar:

Death:

1915 France/Flanders Killed in Action

Information:

The 1914 Star and Riband

WRIGHT Lce-cpl. Walter J., K.O. Shropshire. L.L. of Swaffham. Enlisted 10 years ago; went to France Aug 1914. Killed Aug 1915.

Lynn News 13 April 1918



YEOMANS, Herbert John

Military service: 1915 -

Regt No.: 25993
13237

Regt. : Norfolk
Army Pay Corps

Parents: Robert and Letitia
Yeomans

Parents' occupation: 1891, 1901 boot and shoemaker

Family members serving in WW1:

Places lived in: Swaffham: 1891, 1901 Lynn Street; 1911 1
Albert Terrace

Born: 1884 Swaffham

Occupations: 1911 Draper's clerk;
1915 draper's clerk
and cashier
1939 drapery and
furnishings *manager?*

Married: Swaffham 1910 Gertrude Emily Dent

Living postwar: 1939 Newmarket

Death:
1976 Soham Cambridgeshire



Ancestry public family trees

Information:



YOUNG, Wallace George Leicester

Military service:

Regt No.: 5209
40283

Regt. : Norfolk
Bedfordshire

Parents: Charles Valentine and Elizabeth

Parents' occupation: 1891 boot and shoe maker

Family members serving in WW1:

Places lived in: Swaffham: 1891, 1901 Market Place
1911 St Johns Training College Battersea

Born: 1891 Swaffham

Married:

Occupations:

Living postwar:

Death:

1917 France/Flanders Killed in Action

Information:

He was educated at Hamond's school and St John's College Battersea. He became a school teacher before he enlisted

Lynn News 24 feb 1917



YOUNGS, Arthur Augustus

Military service: 1916 - 1917 **Regt No.:** 290747 **Regt. :** Norfolk

Parents: Arthur Isaac and Emma (Bacon) **Parents' occupation:** 1901, 1911 carter

Family members serving in WW1: **Places lived in:** Swaffham: 1896 Oak Lodge; 1901, 1911 Lynn Road

Born: 1896 Swaffham

Married:

Occupations: 1911 working on farm
1916 stockman on farm

Living postwar:

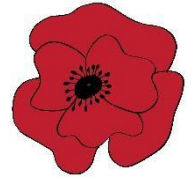
Death:
1917 France/Flanders Died of disease

Information:



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