

Roll of Honour

Those who laid down their lives in WW1:

John William Grey – born 1890. Died 28th March 1918- buried at Pozieres (Somme) Rifleman in 11th/13th Bn. Royal Irish Rifles, attached to 22nd Entrenching Battalion, formerly (30325) Northamptonshire Regiment. Regimental No. 41611.

Mother Annie Grey, (no father named). He was living with his mother and grandfather, William Grey, in a cottage on Main Street, in 1891. In 1901, he is living with Annie and his stepfather, John Chambers, in Hope Cottage and in 1911 he is listed as a farm labourer, living in Glebe House, married to Elizabeth Russell, (Newnham), with their son Cecil. At the time of John William's death, Elizabeth is living at "Waterloo", Daventry.

Leonard Holton – Groom at Littlecourt. 23 in 1911 census, born Newton Purcell in 1888. Killed in action 20th November 1917, in Flanders, aged 30. Burial place, Nord Pas-de-Calais, Cambrai cemetery

Private in the Household Cavalry and Cavalry of the Line (incl. Yeomanry and Imperial Camel Corps) Regimental No. 14598

Harry Hurst – Herbert Harry, b. 1892, in Delph, Yorks.

1911 c. West Riding, occupation, Railway Clerk.

Married Lucy May Atkin, on Dec. 15th 1915. (Lucy later married Harry's brother, Angus, in 1921)

Father, Angus James (retired policeman) who was living in Farthingstone in 1915, signed his son's attestation papers.

Served with the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, Regimental No. 18378.

Died of influenza/pneumonia in Italy, on December 18th 1918. Buried in Taranto Town Cemetery, Puglia, plot no. 1E6. Inscription reads, "In loving memory".

Horace Edmund James – born 1897. Posted as dead/missing 2nd November 1916 in the Battle of the Somme in France. Named on the Thiepval monument.

Served with the Duke of Cambridge's Own (Middlesex Regiment) 1st Battalion. Regimental No. G/43500.

Awarded Victory medal and the British War Medal posthumously.

1911 census – aged 14, living at Wood Farm with his father, John T. H. James, occupation farm labourer.

Samuel Jeffery –Gunner with the Royal Horse Artillery and Royal Field Artillery. Regimental No. 102447. Sent back home and died of T.B. on March 9th 1916. Place of burial unknown.

1911 census- farm labourer living in Church Cottage with his parents, William and Elizabeth Jeffery.

Russell Osborn – Thomas R. Osborn born 1889. Killed 24th March 1918, in France and Flanders. Duke of Cambridge's Own (12th Middlesex Regiment) . Regimental No. 241828.

At the time of his death, aged 29, he was a Lance Corporal with the 18th Entrenching Battalion. Russell is buried in Chauny Communal Cemetery, British Extension. Plot No. 2J9. The inscription on his headstone reads, "Not dead but sleeping".

The extension of the cemetery was made after the Armistice, for the burial of remains brought in from the battlefield of the Aisne and from smaller cemeteries in the surrounding countryside. The cemetery extension covers an area of 3,729 square metres.

Russell lived in the West End, with his grandparents, Thomas and Sarah- he was 21 in the 1911 census. His parents, Esther Ann Osborn and Thomas Wallis, married after Russell's birth and he kept the family name.

Two of his brothers also served in the war. Thomas Edmund Reginald (Wallis) died in 1916, aged 20 and is buried in Ovillers Military Cemetery. George Wallis served with the Field Artillery and survived the war but died in the 1930's, having contracted TB, supposedly from working with the horses.