

1914-2014

REMEMBERING THE MEN FROM MOBBERLEY WHO WENT TO FIGHT FOR THEIR COUNTRY



Names of the Men of this Parish who served in the Great War.

Abercrombie, David	Collins, Charles	Hatton, Ralph	Richards, William
Acton, Alfred	Conway, Albert	Hatton, Ralph	Riddick, John G.
Acton, Thomas	Cook, Albert A.	Hawkins, George	Saxon, Joe
Allan, John	Cooper, John	Henshaw, Charles	Shaw, George
Allen, Ronald	Crosland, John C. H.	Henshaw, Stanley	Sherborne, Richard
Ashton, James	Daniel, Harry	Hewitt, Harold	Shrives, Ernest
Ashton, Ralph	Daniel, James	Hobson, Arthur	Shrives, Frank
Ashbrook, William	Daniel, Joseph	Holt, Percy	Simcock, Ernest
Bailey, Albert	Davies, William	Hope, George	Simcock, Thomas
Bailey, Alfred Ben	Dean, Edwin	Hope, James	Smith, Francis
Bailey, Alfred Norman	Dean, Vernon	Hull, Edward	Smith, Herbert
Bailey, Harold	Dearden, William B.	Hulme, Frederick	Smith, Percy
Bailey, James Wm.	Dicken, Samuel S.	Hulme, George	Southern, John
Bailey, Joseph	Dobell, Alfred	Hulme, George	Spilsbury, George
Bailey, Norman E.	Drinkwater, William	Hunt, James	Shorrocks, Edwin
Bailey, Stanley	Eden, Arnold	Humphreys, Edgar	Starkey, John
Barclay, Robert B.	Eden, George	Humphreys, Wallace	Storer, Herbert
Barker, Arthur R.	Eden, James	Jackson, J. Arthur	Stephens, Marshall
Barker, Hugh B.	Eden, Vincent	Jackson, Dudley	Stockton, Harold
Barker, Joseph	Edge, James D.	Jackson, Herbert	Stott, Percy
Balmforth, Hubert	Egerton, Thomas	Johnson, Arthur	Strickland, Eugene
Barratt, James	Ellis, William A.	Johnson, Frederick	Taylor, Arthur
Barrett, Edward	Eyres, James	Johnson, Herbert	Taylor, Charles
Bayley, Bertram	Eyres, John	Jones, William	Taylor, Ernest
Bayley, Fred	Eyres, Thomas	Knowles, Percy	Taylor, John P.
Bayley, Raymond	Farndale, Joseph	Kent, Leonard	Taylor, John H.
Boden, Leonard	Fildes, Geoffrey	Kurley, Thomas	Taylor, William
Rowyer, Daniel	Fildes, Percival	Lee, Stuart	Thorpe, Fred
Bracegirdle, Leonard	Fitzpatrick, James	Leech, Arthur	Tideswell, William
Bracegirdle, James	Ford, George	Leech, George	Turner, Harry
Bracegirdle, Ralph	Ford, James	Milner, Owen	Waldron, Harry
Bradley, Clifford	Ford, Leonard	Morris, Fred	Walker, Henry
Brandreth, Edwin	Fryer, John	Mort, Frank	Ward, Albert
Brandreth, George	Garside, Henry W.	Murphy, Frank	Ward, Harry
Breton, Frank	Garside, Richard W.	Norbury, Arthur	Ward, John T.
Brown, Ernest	Goodier, Charles	Norbury, Herbert	Ward, William E.
Brown, George	Goodier, John	Norbury, Robert J.	Warburton, Edwin
Burgess, Fred	Goodier, Joseph	O'Brien, John	Westerman, John A.
Burland, Harry	Gittens, Matthew	Okell, William	Whittaker, Frank
Buckley, Joseph	Goostrey, Ernest	Ollier, William	Whittaker, George
Butler, Frank	Goostrey, Herbert	Parker, William	Whittaker, George
Buttrey, George F.	Goostrey, John	Parminster, Dan	Whittaker, John
Cash, Ernest	Goostrey, Percy	Pattinson, Geoffrey	Whitstanley, Albert
Cash, Frederick	Goostrey, Victor	Pattinson, John M.	Winterton, Charles H.
Cash, John	Goulding, John	Peers, Ernest	Whitehead, John S.
Cash, Stanley	Gresty, James	Pennington, Arthur	Wills, Arthur
Caveney, Arthur	Greer, Ernest W.	Pennington, Ernest	Wood, James
Caveney, Edward	Groves, Bertie	Pennington, George	Wolstenholme, George
Chapman, Norman	Groves, Samuel	Pennington, John	Wolstenholme, Kenneth
Chapman, Thomas	Harding, William	Pickstone, Edward	Worsley, John W.
Chandler, Thomas	Harrison, Wilfred T.	Pearce, Thomas	Worsley, Willie
Clarke, Frederick	Harvey, Arthur	Politt, Percy	Worthington, Shirley
Colclough, Arthur	Hatton, Arthur	Potts, Herbert	Wright, Reginald
Consterdine, George	Hatton, Isaac	Powell, Herbert	Ziegler, Colin L.
	Hatton, John	Redfern, George	
		Richardson, Arthur	

2014 marks the centenary of the outbreak of the First World War. Mobberley was no exception in its contribution to the war effort. Forty-eight men with Mobberley links died and a further two hundred and forty men either volunteered or were called up from a community that before the war was much smaller than the village we know today. We should not forget the contribution and sacrifices made by the mothers, fathers, wives and children of those who joined up.

Mobberley (and society in general) have changed so much in the last hundred years and yet there are still many residents of our village whose father or grandfather, uncle or great uncle served at some point between 1914 and 1918. This booklet is part of your Parish Council's recognition of the importance of Mobberley's contribution to the war effort. It tries to identify all of those remembered at the service of dedication held in 1921 and through whatever information has survived provide a brief portrait of where they lived and how they fitted in to village life just before hostilities were declared.

In 1921 a memorial to those who had lost their lives in the Great War of 1914-18 was unveiled on the bank adjoining the St Wilfrid's churchyard wall. The service of dedication also listed the names of all those who had served and survived from Mobberley. It is not clear how the list of names was compiled. It consisted of men who had been born in Mobberley (even if by the time war was declared they no longer did), men who lived in Mobberley before and after the war, and men who for whatever reason moved to Mobberley, often marrying a Mobberley girl. It has been possible to identify nearly all of them from birth, marriage and census records up to 1911. Thirty-nine men were listed as killed with another nine men listed on other memorials where they had moved away from Mobberley by the time of their deaths. Two hundred and eighteen were listed as having served and survived at the service of dedication. Another twenty-two have been identified as having Mobberley connections but who were not included at the time perhaps, like the Mallory brothers, because the family had moved away from the village shortly before the war. This total of two hundred and eighty-eight is remarkable when one considers that there were only three hundred and twenty-two households and just over one thousand and four hundred individuals living in Mobberley in 1911.

To mark the centenary of the outbreak of war in 1911 this alphabetical record of those who died followed by those who survived has been compiled with a brief summary of their connection with Mobberley where it has been found. Unfortunately many of the soldiers' war records did not survive the bombing of London in the second world war but of the two hundred and eighty eight Mobberley men, sixty-seven records have at least in part survived providing more detail than would otherwise be available around a century later. Additionally, microfilms of the Knutsford Guardians for 1914 through to 1917 give a sense, through reports of casualties but also letters home from soldiers, of how the war progressed for those waiting for news or yet to enlist. I would be delighted to hear from anyone who can add to or correct the contents and particularly anyone who has a photograph of one of the men

Alistair MacLeod



This photograph shows a horse-drawn gun carriage in Town Lane in 1914 having passed the Rajar Cottages (on the right) and roughly opposite where the Rajar Building stands today. The house called Beechcroft (as it still is) stands alone on the corner with Pavement Lane well before the construction of Bucklow Avenue twenty years later.

THOSE WHO DIED

Charles Acton (12548) was born in Mobberley in 1896 and died in France on 24th July 1916 serving with the 19th Battalion of the Manchester Regiment (4th Manchester Pals). He was brought up by his Uncle and Aunt (Henry and Hannah Abbott) in Northwich. He is buried in Boulogne Eastern Cemetery.

Knutsford Guardian 4th August 1916: "Private Charles Acton, son of Mr Thomas Acton, Paddock Hill, Mobberley has died of wounds received in the offensive in France.

Aged 20, Acton was employed as an accountant's clerk at Northwich before the war and joined the Manchester 'Pals'. He was shot through the cheek and neck and died eight days after his admission to a base hospital.

From babyhood Acton had made his home with his uncle and aunt and they had the privilege of seeing him in hospital before his death, and afterwards attending his funeral. A brother is serving with the Grenadier Guards."



Herbert Aldcroft (27612) was born in Moss Lane in 1886. He served in the 1st Battalion, Cheshire Regiment and died of wounds inflicted in France on 2nd August 1916. He is buried at St Sever Cemetery Rouen

Knutsford Guardian 4th August 1916: " Mr Allcroft (sic), Moss Lane, Mobberley, on Wednesday night, had official notice of his son, Private Herbert Allcroft having been wounded. He joined the Army in August last year, and has been with the Cheshire Regiment in France several months. His condition is reported to be serious"

18th August 1916: "Mr and Mrs Aldcroft of Moss Lane Mobberley have received official notice from the Record Office of the death of their son Private Herbert Aldcroft which took place at the Stationery Hospital, Rouen, following wounds received in action.



Pte. H. Aldcroft.

Private Aldcroft was 30 years of age and before enlisting worked at Mr Gresty's farm. He joined the Army on August 12th last year and proceeded to France on March 4th of the present year"

Daniel Bailey (76625/344815) was born in Mobberley in 1896. His mother Sarah Ann Falkner grew up in Oak Cottage, Broad Oak Lane and married Edwin Bailey (a plumber) at St Wilfrid's in 1886. They had at least four children before Edwin died in 1900. Sarah moved back in with her widowed mother in New Mills and married Enoch Simcock of Pepper Street in 1900 with whom she had three more children. In 1911 Daniel and Annie Bailey and their three Simcock step siblings were still living in Pepper Street. Daniel served with the Cheshires before joining the Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry. He died on 1st October 1918 and is buried at Anneux British Cemetery. His name was read out at the service of commemoration in 1921 but is not on the Mobberley memorial listing those who died. He is, however, included on the Ashley memorial.

John Bailey (27397/49599) worked at the new Rajar Works (built in 1903). He was the son of John and Charlotte Bailey of Town Lane. He served with the South Lancs Regiment and later the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. He was killed right at the end of the war on 15th October 1918 and is buried in Dadizeele British Cemetery in Belgium.

John Bailey (23915) was born in Mobberley in 1892 to John and Elizabeth Bailey. John was a forester on Tatton Estate and by 1911 they had moved from New Mills in Mobberley to live at Tatton. John served in the 7th Battalion ('C' Company) King's Shropshire Light Infantry and was killed in action on 25th April 1917. He is buried in Faubourg d'Amiens Cemetery. He is remembered on Rostherne's war memorial.

76670/344817 Stanley Vernon Bailey's family moved from Sharston to Mobberley around 1900 and in 1911 were in Shelmerdine Farm (where the riding stables are now) in Newton Hall Lane. Vernon joined the Cheshire Regiment but when he was killed right at the end of the war on 1st October 1918 he was with the Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry. He is buried at Anneux British Cemetery. Vernon died on exactly the same date as Daniel Bailey, serving with the same regiment. They must have joined up together due to the close proximity of their regimental numbers.

James Robinson Barber (2404) was born in 1886 in Blackley Lancashire and in 1911 was a Postman in Liverpool, but his father Richard and brother William were born in Mobberley where the family farmed at Mere House and then Stubbs Farm. Mary Downes (Whittick) remembers Stubbs Lane as "Barber" Lane. James served with the Royal Field Artillery (165th Brigade 'D' Battery). He was killed in action on 9th February 1918 and is buried in Roclincourt Cemetery.

Frank Barrow (2305) was born in 1893 in Mobberley where his father John Barrow was a bricksetter/builder living in Knolls Green. His mother was Frank's second wife, Annie. He served with the 1/7th Battalion Cheshire Regiment and died at Gallipoli on 5th December 1915. He is buried in Greece at the East Mudros Cemetery. His name is on the Alderley Edge memorial.



Knolls Green 1920s

Joseph Barrow (19321) was the son of Thomas and Ada Barrow. In 1911 aged 17 he was with his parents at Blakeley Cottage and apprenticed to a grocer. He served with the Manchester Regiment (1st Manchester Pals) and was killed on the 23rd April 1917. He was buried at Faubourg d'Amiens Cemetery.

Knutsford Guardian Friday May 11th 1917: "News reached Mobberley on Wednesday of the death on April 23rd of Lance Corporal Barrow of Mobberley. He enlisted shortly after the outbreak of the war and was slightly wounded last July and invalided home. Aged 24 he was the only son of Mr and Mrs Thomas Barrow. He was a promising member of the Wesleyan chapel and a Sunday-School teacher. Before joining the colours he was branch manager for Messrs Bratt & Hobson, Grocers, Broadheath."



Old Pump Cottage in Blakeley Lane may well have been Blakeley Cottage

Pte 9510 Lionel Algernon Vincent Bayley was “slightly” wounded, in the right leg, on 1st July 1916. He died of his wounds at the 45th Casualty Clearing Station on 4th July aged 23. He had enlisted in the Cheshire Regiment in September 1914 and requested a transfer to the 17th Manchesters in March 1915 in order to be with his elder brother Pte 9175 Fred Bayley, also wounded on the 1st July. In 1911 the Bayley family were living in the Railway Cottages in Mobberley. Lionel was a nurseryman and had three (possibly four) brothers who served in the war. He is buried at Daours Communal Cemetery



Railway Cottages Today

Knutsford Guardian Friday 14th July 1916: “News reached Mobberley this week of the death of Lionel Bayley son of Mr Frederick Bayley, platelayer, and also that Private Albert Bailey son of Mr Mark Bailey signalman had been wounded in the thigh by shrapnel. The families are neighbours occupying cottages at the station. Bayley is in hospital in England

21st July 1916: “Last week we announced the death of Private Lionel Bayley of 1 Railway Cottages, Mobberley, son of Mr Frederick Bayley, platelayer, a report which was based on the official announcement from the War Office. The message gave the date of death as July 4th and that it followed on wounds.

But the parents of Private Lionel Bayley are not at present regarding the notice as quite definitely correct, especially in view of the receipt of a letter dated July 5th (the day following the supposed death) from another son, Lance Corporal Fred Bayley. Both boys joined the colours together, Lionel becoming attached to the Cheshire Regiment and Fred to the King's Royal Rifles. The latter was eventually transferred to the 17th Manchesters to which regiment Lionel was later on transferred. Thereafter the brothers were together, working and fighting in the trenches until recently, when Fred was wounded.

Describing the incident, Lance Corporal Fred Bayley says he was blown up by a shell and a bullet grazed his ear, but he was quite all right, only a little deaf.

The letter which the parents attach some importance to, giving as it does a ray of hope as to the existence of his brother, Lionel, was written on July 5th. "I am sorry to tell you" Fred writes "that Lionel has been hit in the leg, but I do not think it is very serious. He was taken to the dressing station and I went to see him. He was in the best of spirits and expects to be removed to England very soon.

He was in the trench at the time. They had dug themselves in after taking the village. They were being shelled all the time and one burst right in the trench killing five, including the sergeant and wounding him and another. I was in a trench about 20 yards away and consider myself very lucky. The platoon officer told me he was quite sensible and had never seen a more plucky lad in his life. Do not worry about Lionel."

The whereabouts of his brother not now being known to Fred, the latter writes home for information as to him."



Daours Cemetery

Gilbert John Bracegirdle (43696) was born in Cornwall in 1894. His father was born in Lower Peover and had served in the Royal Artillery. In 1911 he was an army pensioner and carter where he and Gilbert worked as nurserymen. It looks like the family travelled around the country, presumably as part of army life, as Gilbert's brothers and sisters were born in Devon and Glamorgan. Gilbert joined up in August 1914 and served with the 199th Siege Battery in the Royal Garrison Artillery. He went to Gallipoli in November 1915 but within a week was admitted to a field hospital and transferred to the St Andrews Hospital in Malta suffering from dysentery. He was invalided back to England in December. A year later, in November 1916, he was posted to France where he died of wounds accidentally received on 6th February 1917 by which time he had been promoted to Sergeant. He is buried at Guillemont Cemetery 7 miles east of Albert in France.



Knutsford Guardian 2nd March 1917: "Mr and Mrs John Bracegirdle, Barnshaw Cottage, Mobberley, have received news that their eldest son, Sergeant Gilbert John Bracegirdle, Royal Garrison Artillery, died from wounds accidentally received on February 6th. Sergeant Bracegirdle, who was 22 years of age, enlisted in the Royal Garrison Artillery in August 1914, and after training first saw active service in the Dardanelles. Being invalided he was in hospital for eight months, and at the time of his death was serving abroad. His commanding officer writes of him: "Sergeant Bracegirdle was our pet gun sergeant. He was noted for efficiency and work. His gun was always the quickest at work and never allowed by him to go out of action. I'd just been trying to advance him, but fate ordained otherwise. It was a delayed enemy fuse that wounded him. He always did his duty and more, under shell fire and elsewhere, and you may well be proud of him. One more of our lads who has given all for King and country."

Sergeant Bracegirdle was well known in Hale where his parents lived until a few months ago. Before joining the King's forces he worked at Clibrans' Nurseries and was from boyhood a member of St Peter's Church.

A brother is on active service"

Raymond Arthur Brereton (18186) was born in Whitchurch. At 15 he was working on a farm in Kirby Lonsdale by which time his family were running the Plough & Flail. He served with the 12th Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers and died on 26th June 1916 of wounds received. He is buried in Mericourt L'Abbe Communal Cemetery. Raymond's brother Frank served with the Cheshire Regiment.

Knutsford Guardian 21st July 1916: "Mrs Brereton of the Plough and Flail, Moss Lane Mobberley has this week received official intimation of the death in action of her son, Signaller Raymond Arthur Brereton. Deceased who was 21 years of age joined the Northumberland Fusiliers in December 1914 and had been in the trenches six months."

Leonard Brown (11712/14816) was born in Mobberley in 1897 where the family lived at Brown Edge Cottages in Stubbs Lane. He was a poultry worker and served with the Lancashire Fusiliers and then 63rd Company, Machine Gun Corps. In September 1915 he was charged at Knutsford Court with being AWOL and was remanded in custody awaiting escort back to his barracks. He was posted to France and then reported as missing in July 1916 but was only confirmed as killed the following year when a fellow soldier confirmed what had happened. He was actually killed on 1st July 1916 and is listed on the Thiepval Memorial.



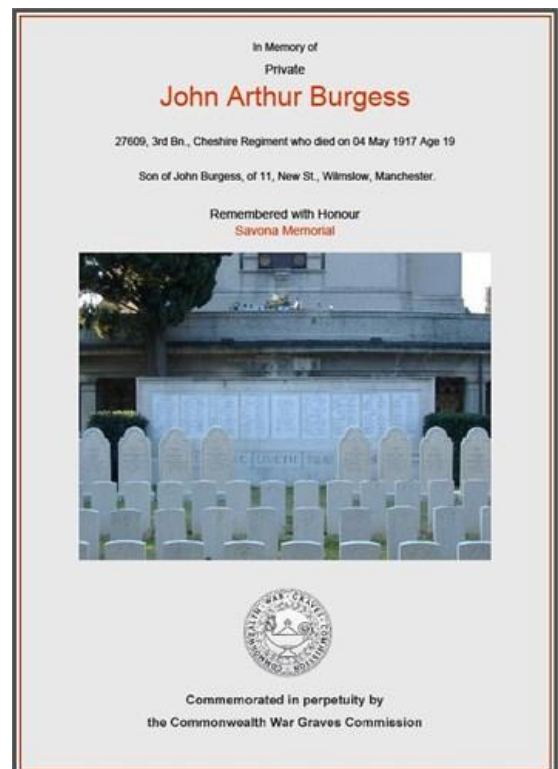
Knutsford Guardian 9th March 1917: "Private Leonard Brown, son of Mr and Mrs Alfred Brown, Spring Gardens, Mobberley, who has been missing since July last year, is now believed to have been killed in action. He took part in the 'great advance' on July 1st, and until this week no information concerning him reached his parents. A soldier undergoing treatment in one of the Manchester military hospitals has given full particulars of Brown, whom he knew well and which confirm the fears that he fell last year, the comrade being one of those who laid Brown to rest."

Brown was 20 years of age, and enlisted in the early days of the war, training with the Lancashire Fusiliers, afterwards being transferred to the machine-gun section."

William Brown (12703) was from a family living at New Mills and later Moss Lane. He was born in Plumley in 1882 shortly before the family moved to Mobberley. He joined the 14th Battalion of the Cheshire Regiment and was posted to France in 1915 where he was killed in action on 4th July 1916. He too is on the Thiepval Memorial.

Harry Ryals Burgess (7124) was living with his father and mother in Old Trafford in 1911. They had previously lived in Marple. He was an expenses clerk. He served with the 11th Battalion of the Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment). He was an acting sergeant when he was killed in action on 26th June 1916. He is listed at Thiepval. No link to Mobberley has emerged so far.

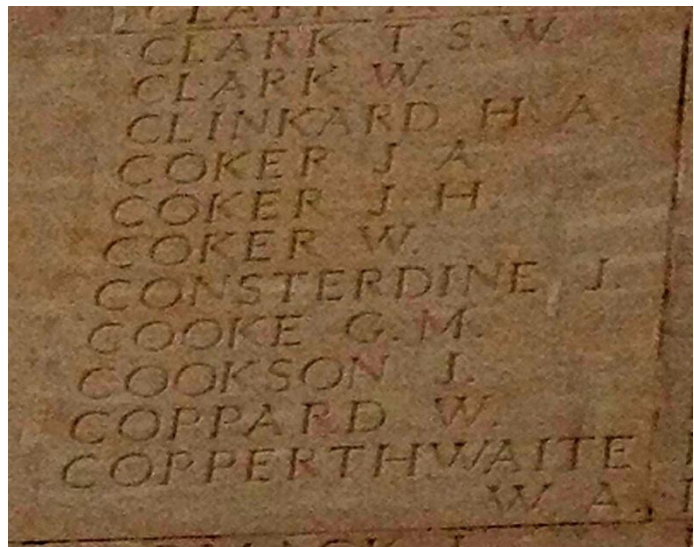
John Arthur Burgess (27609) was born in Mobberley in 1899, the son of John and Elizabeth Burgess in Paddock Hill. He enlisted in August 1915 claiming to be 19 years old. His military record notes that he wasn't yet old enough to go to the front. Eventually he was posted with the 3rd Battalion of the Cheshire Regiment to Egypt but died when the troopship RMS Sylvania was torpedoed on 4th May 1917 on its way to England and is buried in Italy at Savona



Charles Edward Catanach (202325) was born in 1880 in Mobberley where his father was the schoolmaster. In 1891 Charles had left home and was a Grocer's Assistant living in Sale. His father moved to a new job in Oldham sometime after 1891 and died in 1909. Charles hasn't been found in the 1911 census but enlisted at Louth in Lincolnshire and in 1914 that was where he married Florence Mary Swingler. He died in France in March 1918 serving with the 5th Lincolnshire Regiment and is buried at the Faubourg d'Amiens Cemetery. He is remembered on the Arras Memorial and listed on the Louth Roll of Honour.

George Arthur Clare (33228) was born in Northwich. His mother Annie had died and his father William Clare had remarried Matilda Higginson at St Wilfrid's in 1902. Prior to joining up in November 1915 he was a Grocer's Assistant and living in Hope Street Sale. In October 1916 he was posted to the British Expeditionary force in France with the 10th Battalion of the Cheshire Regiment. In April and May 1917 he spent time in hospital with a septic leg and foot but returned to the front and was killed in action on 15th July 1917. He is buried in Belgium at Vlamertinghe New Cemetery, Ypres.

Joseph Consterdine (21831) was an assistant in a grocer's in Chorley, Alderley Edge in 1911. His sister Annie lived with her mother and stepfather (William Gibbons) in Mobberley. His brother George was 14 years old and a farm servant in Great Warford who also served in the war. Joseph was a Private with the 4th Battalion Grenadier Guards when he was killed on the 16th September 1916 at Thiepval where he is remembered on the memorial photographed in 2014 when Mobberley Primary School visited

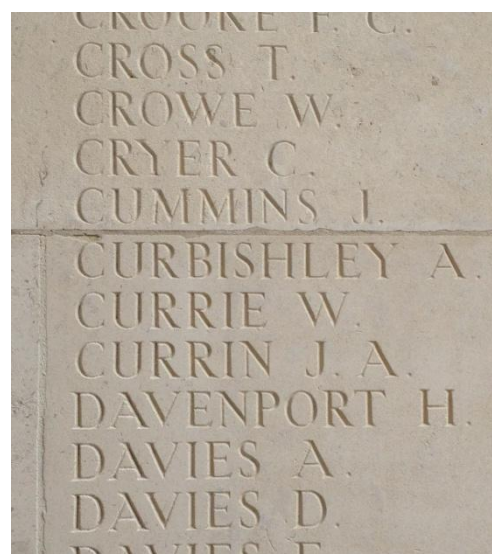


William Cooper (15670) served with the 10th Battalion Cheshire Regiment, was born in Mobberley but lived in Knutsford and died in a “training accident” in England on 27th September 1914

Knutsford Guardian 2nd October 1914: “News was received at Mobberley on Monday of the death at Codford St Mary Camp (Wiltshire) of William Cooper 20, Newton Hall Lane Mobberley who left Knutsford on Sept 14th as a recruit for Lord Kitchener’s army. It is understood that he collapsed on Sunday and died almost immediately. At the inquest on Monday a verdict of death from natural causes was returned. The interment took place at Codford St Mary’s on Wednesday.

Knutsford Guardian 9th October 1914: Further particulars... During church parade he had a seizure and died within seven minutes. A short time before death he complained of dizziness in the head. He went into the village of Codford and had a breakfast of bacon and eggs. He was afterwards speaking to a friend when the men were getting into line for parade. Ten minutes later he fell and was carried out of the ranks. Lieutenant H W Spraight R.A.M.C. told the Coroner that death was due to asphyxia during an epileptic fit and a verdict was passed accordingly.”

James Cummins (10331) was born in Mobberley in 1896. The family had moved from Manchester just before he was born, and lived at Tipping Brow where his father was a Bread Baker. He enlisted at Hyde and served with the 13th Battalion Cheshire regiment. He was killed in 1916 and is listed on the Thiepval Memorial photographed (right) in 2014 when Mobberley Primary School visited.



Samuel Daniel (268051) lived at Dubbed Hedge Farm on the Knutsford Road with his parents James and Sarah (Hewitt). He served with the 1/6th Battalion Cheshire regiment and died in France on 21st March 1918. He is buried at Heath Cemetery, Harbonnieres. His brother Harry also served but survived, albeit with only one leg. This is his 'death' medal as these came to be known when they were awarded to the families of those who died.



Thomas Daniel (62229) is from the family that ran the Church Inn. He joined the Cheshires and was later posted to the 5th Battalion of the Royal Warwickshire Regiment. In 1911 he was still at school aged 14. He was killed in action in Belgium and is buried at the Tyne Cot Cemetery and remembered on the Memorial at Zonnebeke.

George Eden's father was a mechanical engineer from Mobberley. Four children were born in Mobberley at Spring Bank before the family moved to Smethwick in the West Midlands. By 1914 they had moved back to Cheshire and were now living in Stockport. George had already joined the army by then and was in barracks in Chelsea when war was declared. He served with the 2nd Battalion Grenadier Guards and will have served at the major early offensives including Mons and Ypres. He died from wounds received on the 7th November 1914 and is buried at the Bedford House Cemetery, Zillebeke, Belgium. His name is not on the war memorial at St Wilfrid's but is recorded at Stockport.



William Eden (35732) lived with his widowed mother Nancy (nee Green), the publican at the Bull's Head in 1911. He served with the 14th Battalion Cheshire Regiment and died on 5th May 1916 in England.

Knutsford Guardian 26th May 1916: "The death occurred at Whitchurch of Private W. Eden where he was training. He was called up with his group a few months ago and had not been in training long before he developed an illness from which he never recovered. He was 18 years of age and was one of the best known young men in Mobberley of which he was a native. For years his mother was the licensee of the Bull's Head and on her death the licence was transferred to her son. He took a prominent part in all kinds of sport in the village, and was particularly prominent in football and cricket circles. He was one of the best all-round cricketers in Cheshire and was well known on many playing pitches. The remains were accorded full military honours at the funeral at Whitchurch Cemetery last week, at which the relatives were Messrs Hugh and George Eden, step-brothers, of Bold, Messrs P. Ford, G. Willett, Albert Hulme, Mobberley, relatives and Messrs Sam Duckworth and W. Jackson, representing the Mobberley Cricket Club, were also present"

William Gott (46322) was born in Ripon, Yorkshire. Sometime between 1911 (when he was still working on a farm in Ripon) and July 1915 when he married Elsie Harrison at St Peters Church in Hale he had moved to Mobberley where he was now working at Bollin House Farm, Wood Lane. He served with the 8th Battalion, Royal Welsh Fusiliers and in October 1916 embarked at Devonport for Basrah (Iraq) arriving on 17th November. He was killed shortly after on 15th February 1917. Sadly for Elsie, who was now living in Altrincham, their new born daughter died after only 13 days in January 1917.

Knutsford Guardian 16th March 1917:"Mrs Gott, 1, John Street, Altrincham has been officially informed that her husband, Private William Gott, Royal Welsh Fusiliers, was killed in action on February 16th. He was 28 years of age and was the second surviving son of the late William Gott of Somerset Road, Ripon. He enlisted on June 5th 1915, and went to the front the following October. Previous to enlisting, Private Gott was employed by Mr Thomas Ravenscroft, Wood End Farm, Mobberley, as a teamsman. He had also worked for Mr Septimus Richardson, Mere House Farm, Mobberley"

William Grear MM (2181) was born in 1890 in Mobberley when his family lived in Moss Lane for around three years. In 1901 they had moved to Urmston but then emigrated to Australia. William and his four brothers all signed up for the Australian Infantry, William in July 1916. In August he embarked at Sydney arriving in Plymouth in October. In January 1917 he embarked at Folkstone for Etaples in France. In March he was accidentally wounded taking part in live grenade practice. A court of enquiry was held but William was held not to blame. In June he was promoted to Lance Corporal, soon wounded again, receiving a gunshot wound to his buttock and being sent back to England. He was awarded the Military Medal for his actions. In September he sailed for France again rejoining the 45th Battalion of the Australian Infantry but was wounded again in October and died of the wounds in Belgium on 14th October. He was buried at the Lijssenthoek Cemetery in Poperinghe.

The name Ernest W Grear appears on the Roll of Honour implying one who served and survived. No-one of that name can be found and it seems that there might have been some confusion and that it is the same man.

Walter Egerton Gresty (25447) was the son of Frank and Elizabeth (Egerton) who married in Altrincham in 1889. He was born in Mobberley where his father had grown up in Hall Lane. Walter first served in the Balkans being posted in November 1915. He was killed a year later and is buried at the Amara Cemetery in Iraq where he had been serving with the 8th Battalion of the Cheshire Regiment. Walter's brother, James also served but survived the war.



Henry Hatton (27613) was from the Moss Lane Hatton family. He enlisted in 1915 at the age of 27 and served with the 13th Cheshires in France. He was wounded and had his leg amputated but died in hospital in Ipswich on 19th July 1916.

Knutsford Guardian 21st July 1916: "Private Harry Hatton of Moss Lane has been wounded in the leg. He enlisted on the occasion of the visit of the recruiting band to the township"

Knutsford Guardian 28th July 1916: "The funeral took place on Mobberley of Private Henry Hatton of the Cheshire Regiment, whose death occurred on the 19th inst. at Ipswich from wounds received on the 4th in Flanders."

Deceased, the son of the late Henry Hatton and Mrs Hatton of Moss Lane Mobberley, was 28 years of age and enlisted on August 12th 1915, proceeding to France on March 4th.

The large number of relatives and friends at the funeral conducted by the Rev. G. C. Dicker, rector, were four sisters and seven brothers – Messrs William, Joseph, John, Alfred, Alfred, Samuel, Ralph, Arthur, Mrs Frost, Mrs Chapman, Miss Alice Hatton and Miss Hannah Hatton. Others included Mrs A Hatton, Mr Frost, Mr Chapman, Miss Consterdine, "Hannah", Mr Saunders, Mr. A Brown, Mrs Acton, Messrs J Bracegirdle, A. Allcroft, H. E. Goostrey, M. Penn (Knutsford), Privates P Pollitt and Henshall. Two of the deceased's brothers (Alfred and Arthur) were also in khaki"



Thomas Houlden (245035) was a gardener born in Tabley but in 1911 was living at 4 Hall Bank. He enlisted aged 18 in October 1916. In May 1917 he was posted to France with the 5th, Loyal North Lancashire Regiment and was killed in action on 20th August 1918. He is remembered at the Vis-En-Artois Memorial.

Arthur Hughes (667) was working as a fishmonger in Altrincham in 1911. He was born in Mobberley in 1885 but the family who had only been in Town Lane for a few years moved on to Hale. Arthur served with the 1st Battalion Welsh Guards and died of wounds in France on Christmas Day 1916 and is buried at Etaples Cemetery. His name is on the war memorial at Altrincham.

Arthur Johnson (22594) was the son of Llewellyn and Sarah Johnson of 10 Hall Bank. They were not from Mobberley but moved to the village before their 8 children were born. Arthur and his older brother both joined up. Arthur served with the 4th Grenadier Guards and was killed in action in France on 25th September 1916. He is buried at the Guards Cemetery at Lesboeuifs.

Harry Johnson (L/24372) was the son of Samuel and Priscilla Johnson of Town Lane. In 1911 he was a 17 year old groom and gardener but when he enlisted in May 1915 he needed permission from his then employer, the Great Central Railway. In February 1916 he embarked at Devonport for Alexandria but within a month left Alexandria for Marseilles and travelled overland to Rouen. He was a Gunner in the 3rd Division of the Ammunition Column in the Royal Field Artillery and died of wounds received, on the 27th June 1918. He is buried at the Bertrancourt Cemetery.

Knutsford Guardian 21st July 1916: "Private Harry Johnson of Town Lane with the Machine-gun Section of the Cheshire Regiment, has also been officially reported as having been killed in action. Before the war he worked as a gardener for the Rev G. C. Dicker, rector of Mobberley"

Horace William Jones (16041) was born at Barrow for Tarvin station on the Chester railway line. His father was a porter and signaller and in 1911 the family had moved to Spring Bank in Mobberley. He served with the 10th of the Cheshire Regiment and died on 24th April 1918. He is buried in Germany at the Cologne Southern Cemetery.

Knutsford Guardian 21st July 1916: "Private Jones, son of Mr Robert Jones, signaller, Wood Lane, is reported to be a prisoner of war in Germany"

Donald Currie Kingsley (6/3374) was living at Oakdene, Slade Lane in 1911. His father was a Manufacturer of Cotton Goods. The family were not from Mobberley. In 1913 Donald appears to have emigrated on his own to New Zealand. In August 1915 he enlisted, claiming to be 27 rather than 22 and stating his profession as Fisherman. He joined the 1st Canterbury regiment (12th Company). Shortly after marrying Ethel Hawkes in November 1915 he sailed for Suez, disembarking at Ismailia in January 1916. In April he sailed for France where he seems to have been posted to Divisional HQ and involved in bomb clearing. He rejoined his unit in October 1916 but was killed in action on 8th June 1917 at the Messines Ridge where he is buried.

Leopold Frederick Kirk (14705) was born in Hale in 1894 and in 1911 was living in Stamford Road Bowdon with his mother who ran a boarding house. When he enlisted aged 20 he was a sheet metal fitter living in Ashfield Road Altrincham. His mother had moved to Burnham Cottage (which was situated where Sunnyside is now, opposite Pavement Lane Farm in Mobberley) when he was killed in action in Belgium with the BEF on 7th June 1917 while serving with the 10th Cheshires. He is buried at the St Quentin Cabaret Cemetery

Thomas Nathan Kimberley Moss (8470) was already in the Army in India in 1911. He was born in 1888 in Manchester. His father was a Canadian musician and Thomas's brother Harry (with whom he was living in Salford in 1901) followed in his father's footsteps. Thomas (Nathan) served with the Royal Welsh Fusiliers and died on 13th October 1918 presumably of wounds received as he is buried in Manchester Southern Cemetery. It's not clear what the link to Mobberley is, where he is listed as Nathan Moss on the war memorial.

William Murphy (32603) was born in Mobberley in 1899 and grew up in Yew Tree Cottage, Spout Lane. His parents moved to Mobberley before the five children were born. William served with the 15th Cheshire Regiment and was killed in action on 25th May 1918. He is buried at Varennes Cemetery in France.



Samuel (205109) and Robert Norbury were sons of John and Betsy Norbury of Dairy Farm. Both boys sadly died. Lance Corporal Samuel Norbury enlisted on 3rd December 1915 and spent a long time on armoury work at Oswestry before being transferred to the Shropshire Light Infantry. He went to the front on 30th March 1917 and was killed in action on 14th July 1918 when a German shell burst near to him. He is buried at Sucrerie Cemetery, Ablain-St. Nazaire.



Robert Norbury (92043) was a Gunner in the 111th Heavy Brigade Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery. He enlisted aged 27 in December 1915 and went to France in June 1916. He died of wounds received, on 29th September 1917 in Belgium and is buried at the Ypres (Reservoir) Cemetery. Samuel and Robert's mother Betsy unveiled on 27th February 1921 the war memorial built after the war in Mobberley.



Knutsford Guardian 19th October 1917: " News has been received of the death in action of Robert Norbury, son of Mr and Mrs Norbury, Dairy Farm, Mobberley. He was a driver in the R.G.A and was killed by a splinter from a bomb dropped from an enemy aeroplane while driving his horses. He joined the Colours on May 29th and went to the front on September 30th 1916. He was 28 years of age"

William Thompson Pennington (66575) was born in Mobberley and grew up in Hall Bank where his father worked for Bucklow Rural District Council as a roadman. William enlisted aged 32 in 1917 joining the 1st of the Cheshire Regiment. He embarked for France in August 1918 but was injured shortly after and died of his wounds on 23rd October 1918. He is buried at Bethancourt Communal Cemetery.



The back of houses
in Hall Bank 100
years ago.

Guy Kenyon Pierson (SPTS/4228) was an Estate Agent and Surveyor born in Knutsford in 1878. In 1911 he lived at Inglewood in Smith Lane with his wife Edith Alice (Griffiths). He served with the 9th Royal Fusiliers (City of London) and was killed in action as an acting Sergeant on 7th July 1916 aged 38. He is remembered at Thiepval (photographed below when Mobberley Primary School visited the memorial in 2014).

Knutsford Guardian 8th September 1916: "Mr Guy Kenyon Pierson of the Royal Fusiliers who was killed in France in a bombardment on the 7th of July, was the son of Mr and Mrs Charles Pierson. He was born at Manor Lodge, Over Knutsford in 1878. He was educated at Bowdon College and passed thence into his father's office, where he subsequently became a partner under the style of Charles Pierson and Son, land agents. He leaves a young widow and infant

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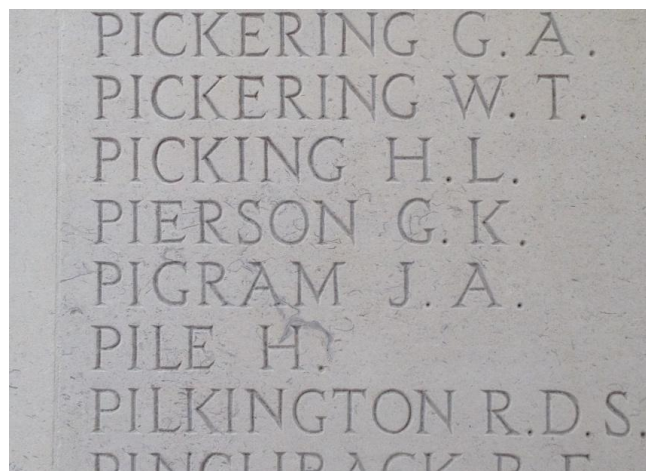
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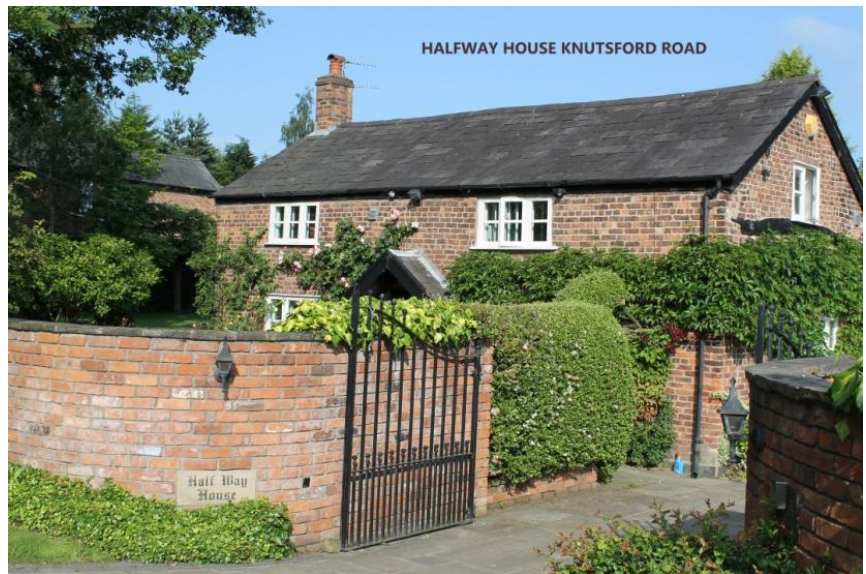


Thomas Rogers is recorded in a summary in the Knutsford Guardian of 24th September 1915 as being from Mobberley and having been killed in action.

Fred Saunders (239127) was born in Mobberley in 1897 and in 1911 was a 14 year old cowman at Coppock House. When he was killed in action on 22nd March 1918 his address was given as Great Warford. He served with the 1st King's Shropshire Light Infantry and is buried at Faubourg d'Amiens Cemetery and remembered at the Arras Memorial.

Herbert Simcock (201530) was the son of Joseph and Sarah Simcock of Wood Lane Mobberley. The family moved to Hale after 1901. In 1911 Herbert was working as a greengrocer. He served with the 14th Cheshire Regiment and died of wounds received in France in July 1918. He is buried in the St. Sever cemetery extension at Rouen. His name is on the memorial in Hale.

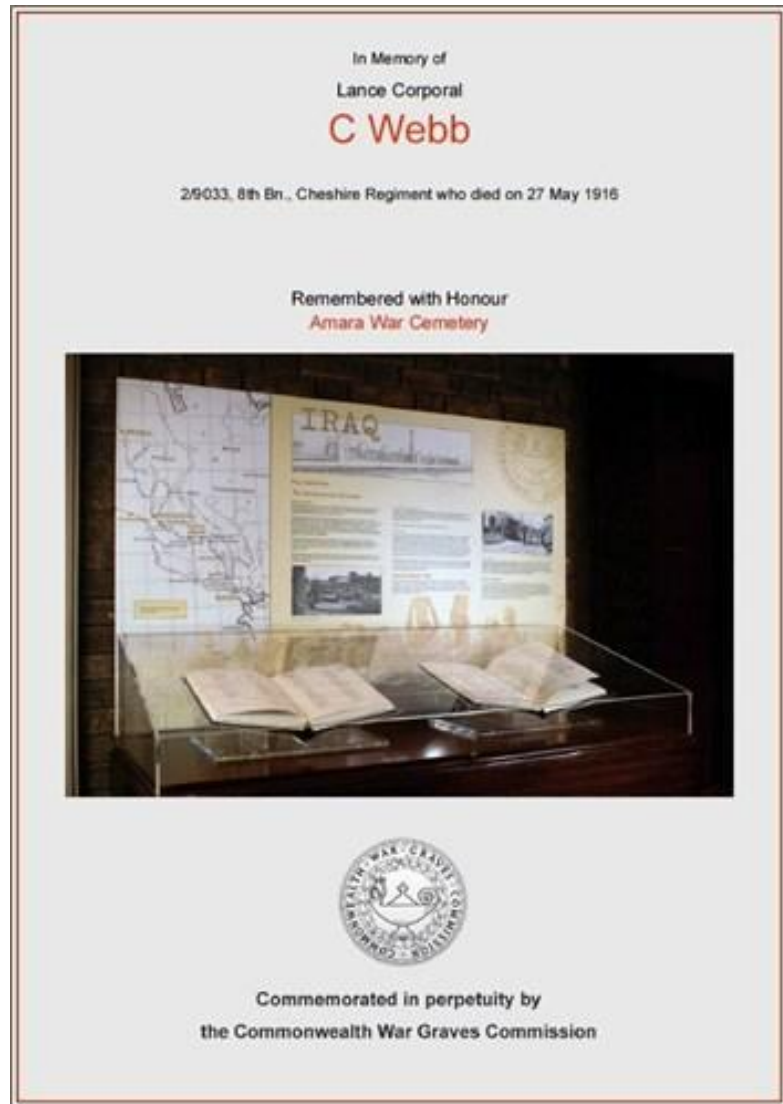
James Spilsbury (35282) lived at Half Way House on Knutsford Road. He was born in 1882, one of nine children, eight of whom were born in Mobberley after Henry and Sarah Ann moved to the village. In 1911 James was a



chauffeur. He joined up in February 1916, served in France throughout 1916 but was killed in action on 17th February 1917 in Belgium where he is buried at the Berks Cemetery Extension and remembered on the Ploegsteert Memorial.

William Ward (33428) was born in Mobberley in 1893. His father was a Railway Signaller and they lived in Town Lane. He served with the 8th ('C' Company) Cheshire Regiment and died in Iraq on 2nd January 1918. He is buried in Baghdad (North Gate) Cemetery.

Colin MacDonald Webb (8021/9033) was born in Mobberley in 1890. His mother Mary Agnes Webb was not married and Colin was brought up by his grandparents George and Elizabeth Webb. They lived in Hall Bank and later at Park Side, Broad Oak Lane. Colin joined the army in 1908. His father is given as deceased and his mother signs the declaration as Mary Agnes Ward and is living in Alexandra Park, London as a sick nurse. He died on 27th May 1916 while serving with the 8th Cheshire Regiment in Iraq and is buried in Amara Cemetery.



Knutsford Guardian Friday 14th July 1916: "The death is reported of Lance Corporal Colin Webb, Broad Oak Lane Mobberley. Webb joined the Cheshires on Mar 11th 1908. He was stationed for a short time in Ireland being afterwards moved to India where he remained for 6 yrs. He came back to England in December 1914 and after a few days in England joined the fighting ranks in France where he was wounded on May 6th 1915. On recovering from his wounds he was stationed for some time in Birkenhead moving to Egypt and Mesopotamia in November last. The official notice of death says he died of disease on May 27th"

Lieutenant-Colonel Richard Stanley Worsley wasn't listed at the service of remembrance. He briefly lived at Barnshaw Farm in Mobberley while he was Adjutant to the East Lancashire Territorial Division between 1908 and 1912. He was the eldest son of Major General Richard Worsley of the Indian Army and went to Wellington College and then Sandhurst before joining the Army in 1900. He fought in South Africa from 1900 to 1902 and after his spell in Lancashire was attached to the Egyptian Army, serving with the Egyptian Expeditionary Force in Gallipoli, then Darfur in Sudan. Like John Arthur Burgess from Mobberley he was returning to England on the RMS Sylvania when it was torpedoed on the 4th May 1917 off the Gulf of Genoa and is buried at the Savona Cemetery in Italy. He was mentioned five times in despatches and awarded the Distinguished Service Order.

Of interest is his brief First Class Cricket career. In the season 1903-4 he played one match for Orange Free State in South Africa while attached to the New Zealand Expeditionary force scoring 12 runs in his two innings.

The organ at St Mary's Church, Somersby, Lincolnshire is his memorial.



Those Who Survived

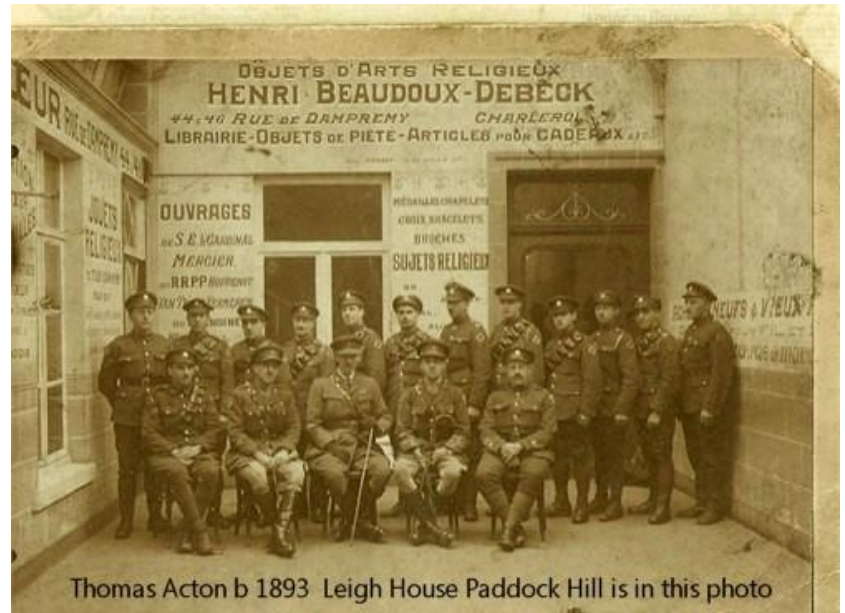
David Abercrombie was born in Bradford in 1866. He inherited his father's Manchester Stock Broking company. He was schooled at Lancing College in Sussex where he is recorded on the 1881 census. In 1893 he married Mabel Fanny Graham in London and his address at the time was stated as Brooklands, Altrincham. In 1901 he was living in Legh Road Knutsford with his wife and three servants. In the Kelly's Directory of 1906 he is listed as living in Mobberley. The London Gazette of 1908 lists him as a Major in the 3rd Volunteer Battalion of the Cheshire Regiment and again in 1914 where he is appointed to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in the 5th (Earl of Chester's) Battalion. He died in London in 1926.



Alfred Acton (23299) was born in 1892 in Mobberley where his father was a Butcher at Leigh House Paddock Hill. Alfred followed him into that profession before enlisting at Knutsford in March 1915 when he was 21. In October 1916 he joined the Expeditionary Force in France serving with the Grenadier Guards, involved in tunnelling operations, survived gassing in 1918 and returned in February 1919 having been awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal. He was demobbed in March 1920, married Annie Ashton at St Wilfrid's in 1923 and died in 1959. His brother Thomas (below) also served as did his brother Charles who was killed.

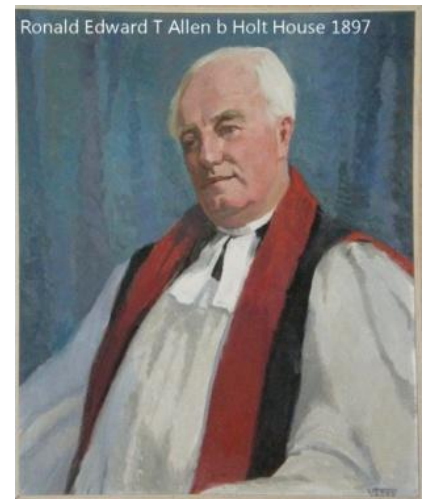


Thomas Acton (310184) was Alfred's younger brother, born in 1893 at Leigh House, Paddock Hill where he too followed his father into the butcher's profession. He enlisted in February 1916, served in France from May 1917 until July 1918 returning home to marry Harriette Goodwin on the 8th August at St Wilfrid's. He was demobbed at Woolwich Dockyard in December 1919. He died in the late 1930s.



John Allan has not been identified

Ronald Edward Taylor Allen was the son of John Edward Taylor Allen, part proprietor of the Manchester Evening News and the owner of Holt House. Ronald was born in 1897. He served as a Lieutenant in the Royal Field Artillery, survived the war (awarded the MC) and joined the Church where at one time he was Vicar of Edgbaston. Lt Allen was in the procession at the opening of the memorial in 1921. He married Edith Otter-Barry at Worfield in Shropshire in 1928 (pictured below) but was still at Holt House (which he inherited) in 1946 dying near Peterborough in 1984. A brother, Geoffrey, too young to serve, became Bishop of Egypt, then Derby and eventually Archdeacon of Birmingham. Ronald's son followed him into the Church becoming Provost of Wakefield.



William Ashbrook was born in Bolton in 1889. In 1901, 12 years old, he was with his grandparents John and Elizabeth Ashbrook in Paddock Hill. Ten years later he was boarding in Marthall as a Domestic Coachman.

James Ashton was probably at Cherry Tree Farm in Wood Lane (demolished to make way for Manchester Airport's second runway) in 1911. He was born in Weaverham in 1872. Although he is recorded as being married and having 5 surviving children, the only other resident is his 14 year old son Ralph

Ralph Ashton (97376) was born in Mobberley in 1897, the son of James Ashton (above). He enlisted in 1914 and served with the Royal Field Artillery. He was with the Mediterranean Expeditionary Force from 1915 to 1916, in Mesopotamia until 1917 and then France returning home in January 1919. He died in 1946

Albert Edgar Bailey (81973) lived at Railway Cottages. His father Mark was a signalman. Born in Mobberley in 1893 he enlisted in 1914 and joined the 108 Machine Gun Corps. In November 1915 he was posted to France where in July 1916 he was wounded in the thigh by shrapnel. He returned to action and saw out the war, being demobbed in January 1919. He married Mary Jane Wilson at St Wilfrid's in 1921 and died in Mobberley in 1972.

Knutsford Guardian Friday Jan 28th 1916: Private A E Bailey of the 17th ("Pals") Manchester Regiment whose home is at Mobberley writing to Miss Thomas, Knutsford from France says:-

I have lost my best friend here, my horse. We have had six mules killed and two horses not two hours ago. It is awful here, "Hell on earth" – 30 casualties this afternoon. The Germans have been shelling this village for about an hour. I was fairly done when my horse went. I had to get in any little corner. The Germans have knocked down all the buildings round here, but thank God, I am safe"

Alfred Ben Bailey was born in 1887 in Mobberley and lived in Town Lane. He married Jane (also a Bailey) in Ashley in 1916. His brother John was killed in action. Another, James William, also survived. It's possible that yet another is the Joseph who is also on the Roll of Honour

Alfred Norman Bailey of 9 Hall Bank was born in Mobberley in 1894. His younger brother Harold Ben Bailey also served.

Harold Ben Bailey was born in 1898 in Mobberley and lived initially at Hall Bank. He served from February 1917 through to his demobilization in October 1919 when he resumed working on the roads for Bucklow Rural District Council. He married Edith Buttery in 1923 with whom he had six children and lived in Mobberley until he died in Oldfield Drive in 1972.

James William Bailey (430590) was born in 1894 in Mobberley and lived in Town Lane with his brothers Alfred Ben, John (who was killed in action) and Joseph. When he enlisted in June 1917 the family had moved to Barnshaw Cottage and he described himself as a Chemical Worker with a preference for joining the Kings Liverpool Regiment. His army record suggests he served out the war in England in the Labour and Agricultural Corps.

Joseph Bailey. Probably Joseph Bailey from Town Lane whose brothers also served in the war.

Norman Ellis Bailey (6974) lived at Railway Cottages and served with the Welsh Guards. His mother was Elizabeth Goulborne who had married his father (who came from Mobberley) in Wrexham. Norman was born in 1898 and is the brother of Albert Edgar Bailey (above) who also survived the war. He enlisted in 1916. Married Mary Ellen Williams at St Wilfrid's in 1928. Their cousin John Bailey from New Mills and later Tatton Lodge died.

Hubert Beaumont Balmforth was a commercial clerk aged 22 in 1911, boarding with the Shrieve family at Park Side Farm in Broad Oak Lane. He was born in Whitegate in 1888. In 1916 he was appointed to the rank of temporary 2nd lieutenant serving with the Loyal North Lancashire Regiment in Gallipoli. In the same year he married Florence Walker in the Northwich registration area. He ended his Army career as a captain and in later life lived in Town Lane at Windy Nook. His death is recorded in the Macclesfield area in 1975

Robert Bythell Barclay (249701) was born in Broughton Lancashire in 1899, the son of Sir Robert Noton Barclay, a South American Shipping Agent who was born in Buenos Aires and whose father in turn was also a Shipping Agent, born in Scotland. Noton



Barclay (as he is more commonly known in Mobberley) who lived at Mobberley New Hall which was built in 1848, served as Lord Mayor of Manchester. Among other acts of philanthropy, he donated the hall to Manchester Education Committee in 1943 for use as a residential school for disabled children. At the 1911 census Robert and his parents were staying at the Crown Hotel on Windermere. Robert Bythell Barclay was appointed to the rank of 2nd Lieutenant in March 1918 and served with the Royal Field Artillery in France at the end of the war. He later lived at Arden House on the way to Ashley.

Arthur Reginald Barker was born in Lower Withington in 1896. In 1911 he was an apprentice joiner living with his family in the New Mills hamlet. He married Grace Rowley in Prestwich in 1923 and died in Blackpool in 1960

Hugh Barker, one of Arthur Reginald's older brothers, was also born in Lower Withington. In 1911 he was working as a 20 year old joiner alongside his father in New Mills.

John Burgess Barker, the oldest of the three Barker brothers who served in WW1 was born in 1888 and also worked with his father. He was born in Mobberley. He married Annie Jackson in 1914 and died and was buried in Mobberley in 1982. His son Harold built many house in Mobberley and his Grandson Neville stills lives in the village.

James Barratt (36579) was a 21 year old farm labourer at Park Farm, past Shelmerdine (where the riding school now is) in Newton Hall Lane, in 1911. His father (also James) worked as a wood ranger for part of the Hargreaves family at Knightley Grange, High Offley, Staffordshire and was transferred to Mobberley where the Hargreaves family also had Holt House. Initially exempt from war service, James (who married Lily Cartwright at St Wilfrid's in 1911) developed a business carting stone from the station to Burley-Hurst and as a result lost his exemption. He joined the South Lincs Fusiliers, Prince of Wales Volunteers in 1915 and served in Egypt and Mesopotamia. On his return, and in common with many ex- servicemen, he was given a smallholding of 34 acres and this became Blakeley Farm. His grandson Gordon now lives in Amersham. James died in 1954 and is buried at St Wilfrid's.



Edward Barrett may well be Yorkshire born, aged 29 in 1911 and working as a gamekeeper in Mobberley.

Bertram Bayley born in 1895 is one of a number of brothers who served. Lionel Algernon died but the others survived. Their father was a platelayer and they lived in the Railway Cottages. Bertram was a jeweller's apprentice in 1911. Bertram married Melinda Pierpoint in Davenham in 1920 and died in 1975



Frederick William Bayley (9175) was born in 1890, elder brother to Bertram. He served in 17th Manchesters in 1915 and later the Labour Corps. In 1911 he was working as a Camera Maker at the Rajar Works

Raymond Bayley was born in 1898 in Mobberley. He married Gwendoline Davies at St Wilfrid's in 1925 and died in 1978



Leonard Boden (367470) was an architect born in Bowdon in 1878. In 1911 he was living in Knutsford but in his surviving war record he had moved to Croft Cottage in Hobcroft Lane Mobberley. He served with the 38th Field Company, The Royal Engineers in Salonika. He died in Westmorland in 1956.

Daniel Bowyer (029854) was born in Macclesfield but in 1911 was a waggoner on the Clarkson farm at Blakeley Lane. He enlisted aged 25 in 1914. He married Ella Henshall Holt at St Wilfrid's in June 1916 and they initially lived at Barnes Green. Later they moved to Mode Cottage where Ella was the church cleaner. He served in Salonica and was demobbed in 1919. Died in 1960.

James R Bracegirdle was born in 1900 and in 1911 was living with his farming family at Moss Lane Farm. Being so young he probably only served towards the end of the war.

John G Bracegirdle. Probably (434) John Bracegirdle whose military record states that he was born in Hale Barns but who at demobilization gave his address as Post Office, Morley. If this is correct, he joined up in 1914 at which point he had been a gardener at Eaton Hall Chester for over four years. He joined the Durham Light Infantry and served in Egypt from December 1915 to March 1916 and then France.

Leonard Bracegirdle has not positively been identified but may be John Leonard Bracegirdle born in 1893 in Alderley Edge and who married in Chelford.

Ralph Bracegirdle was born at Lindow in Mobberley in 1883 and in 1901 was working as a carter working for the Burgess family at Saltersley. He hasn't been found in the 1911 census but he married Lizzie Kearney in 1922 and died in 1970 in Wilmslow.

Clifford Bradley (senior) was born in Knutsford in 1888. In 1911 he was described as a brickmaker (although he is well remembered for the manufacture of clay pots and pipes), married to Alice with a young son Clifford (junior) who was born in Crewe. The family at that time were living in Grimsditch Cottage in Damson Lane. Later they lived at the house that is now called Barithon on Hall Lane. Clifford died in 1970.

Edwin Brandreth (58085) was born in Peover (Lower Withington) in 1889. His parents moved to Mobberley (Knutsford Road, Great Warford) but in 1911 Edwin had left home and was working as a coal dealer, living in Stockport with his sister Mary.

George Brandreth (his brother) was born in Great Warford in 1892 and in 1911 he was a waggoner working for Thomas Bradbury at Brown Farm along the Knutsford road. In later life he lived on Hall Lane. George married Harriet Hatton, sister of both Ralph and Henry Hatton of Moss Lane who served in the war (see below).

Frank Brereton (241132) had a brother Raymond who was killed in action. Frank survived, dying in 1951. He was born in Wilmslow in 1885 and is linked to Mobberley through his widowed mother who in 1911 was running the Plough & Flail.

Ernest Victor Brown (11825) was born in Mobberley in 1895, the son of a blacksmith on Hall Bank. By the time he had enlisted in 1914 he was living in Cheetham Hill Manchester. Only part of his military record survives and it doesn't describe his activity.

George Brown. Two possible candidates: one born in Mobberley in 1884 to Joseph and Lizzy Brown of New Mills; the other, George Edmund Brown, born in Mobberley in 1895 to Alfred and Sarah Brown of Brown Edge Cottages, Stubbs Lane.

Joseph Buckley has not been positively identified

Fred Burgess is probably the son of Benjamin and Emily Burgess who in 1911 were farming in Antrobus but who later came to Paddock Hill.

Emily whose maiden name was also Burgess was born in Mobberley to Samuel and Ann Burgess of Hall Bank who moved to a farm in Antrobus. Fred had two brothers, Ernest and Henry, and a sister Bessie. The family were staunch Wesleyans.

Harold Burland has not been identified

Frank Butler was born in 1879 in Lincolnshire. In 1911 he was working as a jobbing gardener at New Mills and boarding with Benjamin Gathercole, a Norfolk-born gamekeeper on the Tatton estate. He married Gertrude Bailey at St Wilfrid's in 1913.

George Frederick Buttery's father was a gardener, born in Shrewsbury who moved to Boothstown Lancashire where George and two siblings were born. The family lived in Mobberley around 1898 where Edith was born but had moved again to Cross Town, Knutsford by the time of the 1901 census.

Ernest Cash was born in Mobberley in 1877. In 1911 he was a 34 year old wheelwright living in Knolls Green with his new wife Mary from Radnorshire in Wales.

There are two possible Frederick Cash candidates, both born in Mobberley. One was from Town Lane born in 1878 but married and working as a chauffeur in Altrincham by 1911. The other is from the family that had run the Roebuck and was born in 1884. By 1911 the family had move to Sale and were running a grocery store.

John Cash born in 1892 in Mobberley was an apprentice joiner living with his family in Town Lane in 1911.

Stanley Cash (161154) was living in Hale in 1911, having married Hannah Hatton at St Wilfrid's in 1909. He was a clerk in a mineral water company. He enlisted at the end of 1915 as a gunner in the Royal Field Artillery. He was in Athlone in Ireland in 1916 and then in 1917 he went to France and survived to be demobilized in 1919.

Thomas Henry Cash (11770) stated on his enlistment form in 1914 that he was 26 and therefore born in Mobberley in 1888 and that his father Moses Cash lived at Tatton Lodge. In fact he was born in 1884. Moses was married twice and in 1891 when Thomas Henry would have been one or two years old there are no children recorded at home. There are three Cash families in Mobberley in 1891 but Thomas Henry is not with any of them. He is possibly known as Harry Cash and working as a waggoner in Lower Peover in 1911.

Arthur Caveney (244697) and his brother Edward lived in Town Lane. His parents might have moved from Mobberley briefly after the birth of Mary Ellen as Arthur, their second child, was born in Gorton Lancashire (in 1889) whereas the rest of the family including Edward were born in Mobberley. In 1911 Arthur was a carter but by 1914 when he enlisted he was living at Hall Bank and described himself as a Salt Extractor. He married Jessie Hewitt in Prestwich in 1915 and they had a child born in Wilmslow in 1917. His nephew Brian Caveney who still lives in Mobberley remembers that he became a greensman at the golf club.

Edward Caveney was Arthur's younger brother born in 1897 in Mobberley. He died in 1950

Thomas Chantler represented the NCOs at the opening of the war memorial in 1921 having risen to the rank of Company Sergeant Major. He was called up from the Territorials at the outbreak of the war when he was the manager of Levi Brown's of Wilmslow's Mobberley builder's yard (formerly the Farmer's Arms by the Bird In Hand - below). After the war, the family moved out of Mobberley.



Norman Chapman was born in Swinton in 1896 but having been orphaned was living with his grandparents Thomas and Ann Eden in Beech Hill in 1911. His parents William and Caroline (Eden) had died in 1904 and 1908 respectively. Norman served for fifteen months with the 15th (1st City of Edinburgh) Battalion, Royal Scots but was invalided out after contracting meningitis. He married Ada Hewitt in 1924 at St Wilfrid's. His son Peter Chapman still lives in Mobberley. Norman's brother Thomas served in the same regiment.



Thomas Eden Chapman, Norman's brother was born in Pendleton Lancashire in 1899. He married Mary Shrieves at St Wilfrid's in 1923.



Fred Clarke was born in Derbyshire in 1896 where his father was in the Police. His mother was from Mobberley and in 1911 he was the last of eight children still at home in Moss Lane to where his parents had moved on retirement. Fred was recorded as playing in the first Mobberley Cricket Club 2nd X1 match in May 1921.

Arthur Colclough is reported in the Knutsford Guardian of 24th September 1915 as being at home wounded.

Charles Collins has not been identified.

George Consterdine was born in Manchester in 1897. His father died a few years later. In 1911 George was a 14 year old Farm Labourer in Great Warford. He served in France and survived to marry Ethel Powell in Northwich in 1924. He died in Macclesfield in 1976.

Albert Edwin Conway is probably the 20 year old in 1911 who was boarding in Altrincham and working as an advertising clerk. He was born in Mansfield.

Albert Andrew Cook was born in Birmingham in 1893. His father was a mattress maker who moved to Brown Edge Cottages in Stubbs Lane before 1911. Albert was an apprentice Lithographic Worker at Ilfords. He married Ethel Boardman in 1921 in Altrincham but is buried at St Wilfrid's in Mobberley where he died in 1963.

John Henry Cooper was born in 1899 in Mobberley and in 1911 was a 12 year old in Newton Hall Lane. His father was a blacksmith. He'll have been too young to do much more than enlist. After the war he worked as a smith for Levi Brown's (by the Bird in Hand) until his retirement.

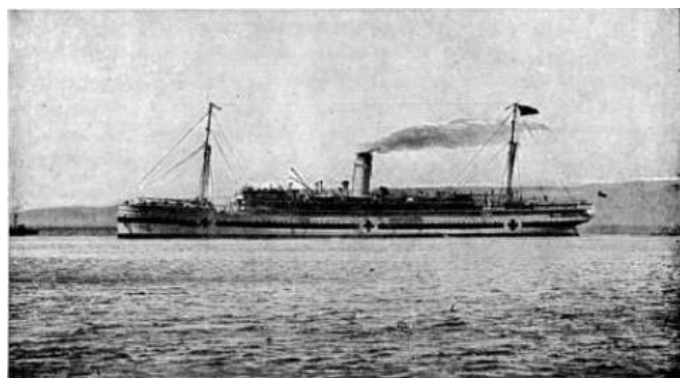
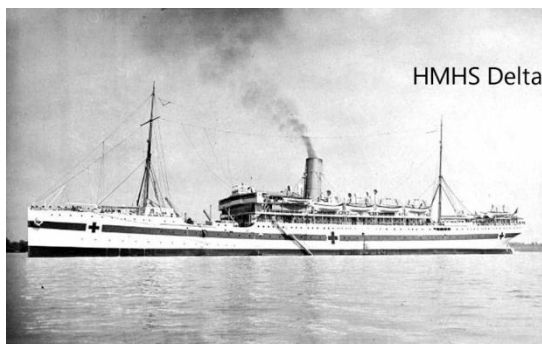
James Charles Herbert Crosland. Colonel Crosland was in the procession at the opening of the memorial in 1921. Born in Manchester, in 1911 he was living with his family in Hale and was an assistant engineer in the Vulcan Boiler and Insurance Company. He married Gladys Ethel Kay in 1914 and served in Egypt, Gallipoli and France reaching the rank of Acting Lt. Colonel. He lived at Orchard Lea in Lady Lane before leaving the village and in 1928 was appointed High Sherriff of Pembrokeshire.

Thomas Dale (1245) was born in Great Warford in 1879. His farming family moved to Rochdale. Thomas enlisted in the Coldstream Guards aged 20 in 1899 and served in the Boer War, returning from South Africa in 1902. He married in 1904 and in 1911 was living in Rochdale and working as a property repairer, with two young children. He volunteered again in 1914 and was posted to France.

Harry Daniel (96875) born in 1895 was living at Dubbed Hedge Farm on the Knutsford Road in 1901 as a 5 year old. He enlisted at Altrincham in 1914 and served with the Royal Field Artillery. At some point he must have been garrisoned in India. On 14th March 1917 he received 32 gun-shot wounds to his left leg, probably following the capture of Baghdad by British and Indian forces. He had a leg amputated at the Victoria War Hospital in Bombay and was then transferred to the hospital ships



Delta and Marama before unsurprisingly being declared unfit for service in September. He was discharged in October 1918 and married Evelyn Whitehead in 1919. He was known in the village as “one-legged Harry” The couple had eight children and their grandchildren still live in Mobberley. Harry’s brother Sam was killed in France in March 1918.



James Daniel (202476) was a Mobberley born Blacksmith who in 1911 at the age of 32 had moved to Warford Cottages (Great Warford). He married Frances Ford in 1902 and by 1911 already had five children. He enlisted in the Royal Army Service Corps in November 1915. In February 1917 he sailed for Le Havre, travelled by train to Marseilles and re-embarked on 10th March for Salonica where he served out the rest of the war. He died in 1959.

Joseph Daniel was born in 1895 in Mobberley and in 1911 was one of five children in the family running the Church Inn. At the AGM of the Bowling Club held in April 1919 he was welcomed back from the "Watch on the Rhine" where he continued to be involved in the post-war army. In 1925 he married Amy Wright at St Wilfrid's.

William Davies has not been positively identified although there is a W Davies in the photograph of the Bull's Head Bowling Club in 1925

Edwin Lord Dean (6907) was born in 1898 in Mobberley at Wood Lane where his father was a Pattern Card Maker. When he enlisted at Liverpool in 1916 the family had moved to West Lynn, Pavement Lane and he described himself as a Cloth Examiner. He was posted to France with the King's Liverpool Regiment in 1917 and returned in 1918 having survived being gassed. He married Amy Davies in 1924 at St Wilfrid's and lived to 1971. His granddaughter Astrid still lives in Mobberley.



John Vernon Dean (356379) was born in 1894 in Salford. His family had moved to Wood Lane between 1894 and 1898 when his younger brother Edwin Lord Dean was born. In 1911 Vernon was working in an Insurance Office. He served with the Kings Liverpool Regiment and was wounded in the hand in 1918. He was a member of Mobberley Cricket Clubs First XI in their 1920 photograph and was invited to a trial with Manchester City FC in 1922. In 1926 he married Nellie Murphy at St Wilfrid's. He died in 1978 and is buried at St Wilfrid's.

John Vernon Dean lived in Wood Lane, wounded 1918
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INFANTRY RECORD OFFICE
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SIR OR MADAM,

I regret to have to inform you that a report has been received from the War Office to the effect that (No) 356379
 (Rank) Private (Name) Dean J V
 (Regiment) 10th KING'S LIVERPOOL REGT.
 has been wounded, and was admitted to a general hospital
Diarrhoea Caecus
 on the 10th day of April, 1918. The nature of the wound is General wound to the hand mild

I am to express to you the sympathy and regret of the Army Council.
 Any further information received in this office as to his condition will be at once notified to you.

Yours faithfully,
J. B. Rogers
 Officer in No 2 Infantry Record Office, Preston.
 Officer in charge of Records.

IMPORTANT.—Any change of address should be immediately notified to this Office.



William B Dearden has not been positively identified.

Samuel S Dicken. Not positively identified but there is an S Dickens in the photo of the Mobberley Cricket Club 1st X1 in 1920.



Alfred Slade Dobell (575) was born in Dalton in Furness in 1897 and in 1911 was living in Moss Side Manchester. His father was a Brewer's Traveller who must have taken on the Bull's Head in Mobberley as his death is reported as such in the Knutsford Guardian of March 13th 1917. Alfred joined the Motorised Machine Gun Service and served with distinction being awarded the Military Medal and the Distinguished Conduct Medal. He married Mary Allen in Kent in 1920 and the family emigrated to Canada in 1930 where Alfred died (in Vancouver) in 1958.

William Drinkwater (8723/71474) is probably the son born to George and Hannah in 1890 at Heath Side Knutsford. Three of their children were later born in Lindow End Great Warford before the family moved to Cross Town Knutsford where William was now a labourer alongside his father. His war record shows that he didn't take well to Army discipline and deserted on at least one occasion, violently resisted his escort and used obscene language. He was mobilised in August 1914 having been with the reserve from 1910. He served with both the Cheshire Regiment and the Royal Welsh Fusiliers. His discharge shows his address in 1919 in Seacombe Cheshire and that he suffered from Shell Shock. He had married Florence Starkey on the Isle of Man in 1916.

George Henry Eden (187844) was born in 1891 in Mobberley and lived in Town Lane. He enlisted in 1915 (mobilized in July 1916) describing himself as a Coach and Taxi Proprietor. He was transferred to Norwich in 1917, doesn't appear to have gone abroad and was demobbed in July 1919. For many years he was the owner of G H Eden & Sons Garage on Town Lane.

James Eden and his brothers Vincent and George Henry lived in Town Lane where their father was a farm labourer. James was born in 1886 . He married Nellie Edwards at St Wilfrid's in 1917 and died in 1976 in the Macclesfield area.

Percy Arnold Eden was living at Holly House in Mobberley in 1911. His parents moved to Mobberley from Audlem shortly before he was born in 1894. He died in Northeast Cheshire in 1950.



Vincent Eden (8273) was born in Mobberley in 1885. He died in 1948 while living at The Woodlands, Hall Lane. Probate was granted to James Eden (Turf Merchant) and George Henry Eden (Motor Engineer)

James Dallas Edge (9263/763266) was born in Hyde in 1898 shortly before his father, an Irish surgeon and general medical practitioner (born in Crettyard in County Laois) moved to Mobberley where the family lived next to the Bull's Head. By 1911 they had moved to The Beeches, Davenport Lane. James went to Giggleswick Boarding School and entered No.5 Officer Cadet Battalion, Trinity College, Cambridge in December 1916 where his report stated "*Casual. Shows little improvement. Might do better if he tried. Very young and might make an officer in time.*" A few months later he had greatly improved and was recommended for entry to the Royal Flying Corps. He was transferred to Denham Camp in Buckinghamshire in the middle of 1917 but his war record doesn't mention any further postings.

Thomas Egerton (256282) was born in 1884 into the family running the bakery in Newton Hall Lane. He was mobilized in March 1916 and was in Chatham in 1917. In February 1918 he sailed from Southampton to Cherbourg then overland to Taranto and by sea to Alexandria and Port Said. He was demobilized in October 1919

William Arthur Ellis (146983).

Billie Ellis's granddaughter Barbara Buttrey lives in Stockton Heath. Billie joined up in May 1916 along with his younger brother Ben. They were transferred to the Royal Field Artillery and sailed for France that August. William was at Arras with the 152nd Heavy Battery. In July 1917 their father, knowing where they both were used a code to write to them both with directions as to where the brothers could meet up. Billie was on leave on Armistice Day but had to return to France to await demobilization. He moved to Mobberley in 1912 and worked as the manager of Levi Brown and Sons, succeeding Thomas Chantler (who also served) at Levi



Brown's of Wilmslow builder's yard next to the Bird in Hand until 1951. It no longer exists. He was born in 1880 in Chapel en le Frith in Derbyshire and married Amelia



Amelia née Armstrong, Raymond, Gordon and William Arthur Ellis WWI

Armstrong in Farnworth Lancashire in 1907. In Mobberley he was involved in many sporting activities and served on the Parish Council. He died in 1968 and is buried at St Wilfrid's.



MBY.11 Bird in Hand Hotel, Mobberley.

James H Eyres was born in Ashley in 1887 but in 1911 was a farm servant living at the Railway Inn which at that time was in the hands of the Whiteleggs. In later life he lived at Beech Hill and was a bell-ringer for 32 years. He and his wife Jessie May (Fowles) are buried at St Wilfrid's. His granddaughter Janet Cookson still lives in Mobberley.

The picture is of James in later life as a policeman

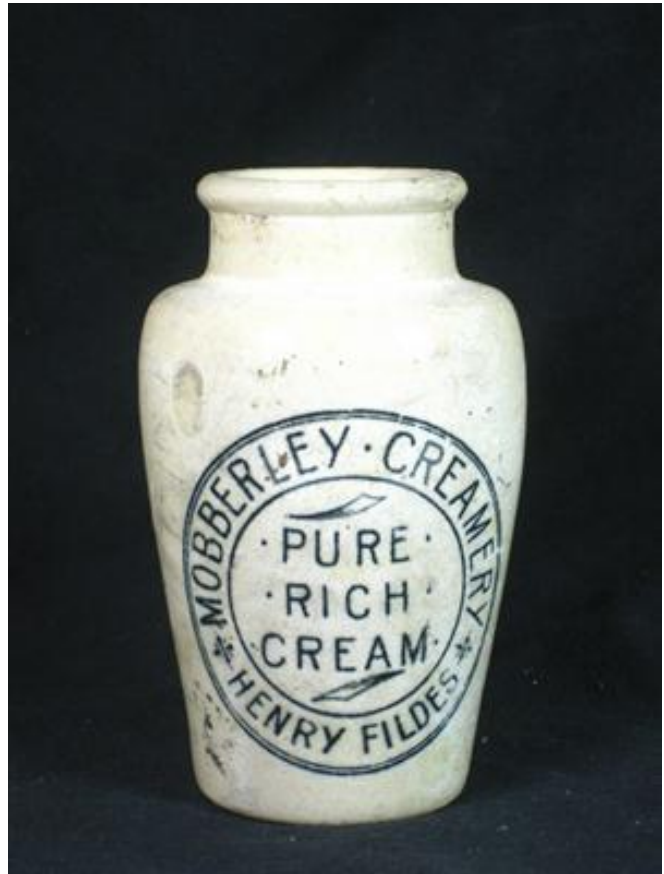


John Eyres, his brother, was also born in Ashley but was now married to Martha with three children and living at Hall Bank as a Domestic Gardener. John and James grew up in Town Lane where their mother was already a widow in 1891 when the boys were only 6 and 4 and Thomas not yet 1.

Thomas Eyres (92325) was the third brother, born in Mobberley in 1890 and christened in Ashley. In 1911 he was the only one left in Town Lane with their mother. He was one of the early employees at the Rajar Works where he worked as an engineer. Thomas's record survives. He enlisted in 1916, joined the Royal Garrison Artillery (156 Siege Battery) and was posted to the British Expeditionary Force in France until he appears to have been gassed. He was admitted to hospital in January 1918

Joseph Farndale has not been identified.

Geoffrey Fildes was born in Mobberley in 1890. His father Henry, who was the son of a Manchester Packing Case Manufacturer was a farmer who moved from Brooklands, Sale and married Annie Storey of Hill House in 1883. Henry and Annie moved to Lake House in Mobberley but later lived at Hill House with Annie's mother. Geoffrey was a medical student in 1911 and joined the Royal Army Medical Corps where he reached the rank of Captain. When he applied for his medals in 1928 his address was the X Ray Dept at St Thomas's Hospital in London. When opposition to Manchester's second runway plans focused around the demolition of Hill House, Creamery pots (pictured) were sold as fundraisers.



Percival Fildes was Geoffrey's younger brother born in 1896 and in 1911 was boarding at St John's School in Chesham, Buckinghamshire. He was born when the family lived in Brooklands, Sale.

James Fitzpatrick was living in Ireland in 1911 but married Mathilda Cunnellon in Knutsford in 1924. He died locally in 1950

James E Ford was born in 1893 in Ollerton. In 1911 his family had moved to Mount Pleasant Farm in Moss Lane.

Leonard Ford was a 14 year old farm servant at Stock-in-Hey farm in 1901. He was born in Mobberley to Thomas and Ruth (Wood) of Wood Lane.

George Edward Ford (11388) was born in Mobberley in 1893. His mother Phebe Ford was Joseph Simcock's housekeeper in 1891. Joseph was by then a widower and it looks like George Edward was born out of wedlock as he was 17 in 1911 at which point Joseph and Phebe had only been married for 12 years. When George enlisted in the 8th Battallion Cheshire Regiment in 1914 he gave his address as that of his brother in Bold Street Altrincham although by 1921 he was at Finchley Road Altrincham. He served in Iraq and India throughout the second half of the war.

John Fryer grew up in Knutsford where his family ran a Greengrocer's in Queen Street. In 1911 as a 23 year old he worked as a farm labourer on Grave Yard Farm

Harry Garside is probably Henry Woodall Garside born in 1883 in Salford but living with his family in 1911 at The Oaks, Mobberley. His father was a Cotton Manufacturer. The Knutsford Guardian of 30th September 1921 reports his death aged 39. He had married Ethel Higginson of Green Bank Farm and apparently "*took no part in public life*"!

Richard Woodall Garside is Henry's younger brother, born in Eccles in 1893. He married Eva Redford at St Wilfrid's in 1921.

Matthew James Gittins was born in Hope, Shropshire in 1882. In 1911 he was a Groom and Coachman living at Tipping Brow with his wife and 2 year old daughter. Joe Wright, son of Reginald Wright (see below) remembers being given two silver-topped canes of the Cheshire Regiment by Matthew who in later life lived down Faulkner's Lane and repaired bicycles. Matthew's grandson Roger and his family still live in Mobberley.



Charles Goodier was one of three brothers all born in Lostock Gralam. In 1911 the family had moved to Railway Cottages where their father was a foreman platelayer on the railway. Charles, born in 1898, worked as a farm labourer.

John Edward Goodier is his younger brother born in 1900, still at school in 1911.

Joseph Goodier, the eldest of the brothers, born in 1892 was working at Kell House Farm for George Royle in 1911. In 1919 he married George's daughter Annie Royle at St Wilfrid's.

Herbert Victor Goostrey was one of three brothers born in Great Warford and Mobberley to Herbert Ernest and Jane Goostrey but now part of the bakery family of Pine Cottage, Newton Hall Lane. He married Mabel Walkden at St Wilfrid's in 1923.

James Ernest Goostrey , his brother, was born in Great Warford in 1897. Both he and Victor worked at the family bakery in Knolls Green when they returned from the war. Ernest married Rene Clarkson of Wayside Farm but suffered from chest problems and died relatively early in 1935.

Percy William Goostrey born in Mobberley in 1900 was living with his grandmother Jane Daniel in Davenport Lane at the 1911 census

Herbert Goostrey, born at Pavement Lane farm in 1889 and his brother John were the sons of James and Alice Goostrey. Herbert later farmed at Daisy Bank farm in Toft.

John Goostrey, his brother, was born in 1900. All of these five Goostreys go back to the families of Isaac and Joseph Goostrey who lived in Knolls Green in the early 19th century.

John Goulding (20325/506192) was born in Barnton but married Jessie Ann Barrow of the Farmer's Arms Inn family in 1903. He was a bricklayer living in Moss Lane and joined up in May 1916 in Altrincham, serving with the Royal Field Artillery. He went to France but suffered from Trench Fever and Nephritis and returned to England in 1917 where he served out the rest of the war in the Labour Corps. He became the foreman bricklayer at Levi Brown's, the builders who used to operate beside the Bird in Hand. His granddaughter Jean Norbury still lives in Mobberley.



James Gresty was born in Wincham in 1898 after his family had moved from Mobberley.

Bertie Groves married Rosetta Ward at St Wilfrid's in 1913. Rosetta was a domestic servant at Pedley House Farm in Great Warford in 1911.

Samuel Groves married Frances Eaton Brown at St Wilfrid's. Frances was the 18 year old daughter of Alfred and Sarah Brown of Brown Edge Cottages. Their son Pilot Officer Alfred Groves was killed in 1942.

William Harding has not been positively identified

Wilfred Turner Harrison was a groom living in Rostherne in 1911. He was born in Bolton in 1893. He married Mary Elizabeth Brandreth, who had been living with her brother in Heaton Norris, at St Wilfrid's in 1914.

Arthur Harvey. There's a Samuel Harvey recorded at Hollingee in 1911. He had a cousin Arthur born and living at Kingsley, Cheshire at the same time who may have joined him during or after the war.

Arthur Hatton was born in Mobberley in 1895 the younger brother of Henry (who died) and Ralph, of Moss Lane. His son Colin still lives in Mobberley

Isaac Hatton is the son born in 1890 to John Jackson Hatton and his wife Mary, farming at Hazlehurst, Davenport Lane. In 1911 he is a cowman on the farm. His brother John who became a butcher also served in the war

John Hatton (S4/218257 RASC) is Isaac's brother. In 1911 he married Ruth Fielding. He was working as a butcher and the couple lived with her mother and widowed grandfather in Paddock Hill. He signed up in June 1916 and went to France in November, was promoted through to Sergeant before returning to England in 1918.

Ralph is one of two Ralph Hattons. The first was the son of Henry and Hannah of Moss Lane, born in 1886 and in 1911 working as a waggoner on the farm. Ralph's brother Henry died in hospital in East Anglia having returned wounded.

The other Ralph Hatton (60688) is the son of Charles and Sarah Hatton of Ivy House, Moss Lane and born in 1890. His daughter Win Utley still lives at Ivy House



Charles Henshaw, born in 1890, lived in Newton Hall Lane with his widowed mother. The family were born in Crumpsall Manchester and Charles was a Drapery Salesman.

Stanley Henshaw was Charles's younger brother by four years but in 1911 was working for the Brocklehursts at Broad Oak Farm.

Harold Hewitt (1269) was born in 1893 in Mobberley to Peter and Mary Hewitt of Wood Lane. He joined the 5th East Cheshires in 1911. The fragments of his military record that remain actually suggest he was discharged in 1913 in less than glorious circumstances.

Arthur Hobson's family lived at Brown Edge Cottages, Stubbs Farm. He was born in Mobberley in 1885

Percy Holt lived at Yew Tree Farm in Moss Lane. He was born in Mobberley in 1888. His father John was born in Northenden but married to Martha (Twigg) who was born in Mobberley. Percy married Olive Timperley (his next door neighbour) in 1917 and they had two daughters, Betty and Alice. He died in 1960 at The Bungalow in Moss Lane.

George Hope's father ran a Grocer's in Town Lane. He was born in Gorton, Lancashire in 1892 but the family had also lived in Dean Row and Wilmslow.

James Hope was George's younger brother, born in 1900 in Wilmslow.

Edward Hull was born in Knutsford in 1900 but by 1911 was living at Oakhurst, Slade Lane



Swallowfield and Oakhurst
in Slade Lane today

Frederick Hulme is possibly of the family in King Street Knutsford in 1911 where his father was a Book Maker & Dealer and Frederick was married with two children, and helping in the business

George Blackshaw Hulme (52521) was born in Mobberley where his father Albert was the sub-postmaster. He enlisted in December 1915 at 18 years and 6 months. He was mobilized in early 1917, joining the 6th Worcestershire Yeomanry (4304/326379). Subsequent postings included Ipswich, Wincanton, Manningtree and Dublin. He went to France between March and September 1918 and was discharged in 1920. His last employment before joining up was as a surveyor's assistant based at Station Buildings in Altrincham but he later ran the post office in Mill Lane. He died in 1956 and is buried at St Wilfrid's. His grand-daughter, Margaret McDonald still lives in Mobberley.



Mill Lane
Post Office

Edgar Humphreys (14911) was born in Heaton Norris in 1891. He was a butcher who joined up in 1914 giving his address as The Gables, Knutsford Road Wilmslow and served with the 10th Cheshire Regiment. In 1915 he went to France, was wounded three times in 1916 but rejoined his regiment and served until the end of the war. He was discharged in 1919 as no longer fit for service. He married Beatrice Walker at St Wilfrid's in 1923. His address when he applied for his medals was the Bull's Head Hotel in Mobberley.

Wallace James Humphreys, Edgar's younger brother was born in Town Lane in 1901 shortly after his family had moved from Stockport. By 1911 they had moved again, to Lindow Terrace, Chorley.

James Hunt has not been identified

Dudley Jackson lived at Summerfield in Pepper Street (pictured today below) where he, his brother and father worked as joiners.



Herbert Jackson has not been identified

John Arthur Jackson (51321) lived at Mode Cottage. He was a bricklayer, born in 1883. His sister was an assistant elementary teacher. The children were born in Mobberley but their widowed mother was from Ashley. He joined the Royal Engineers in 1914 at Knutsford. He served in France and was mentioned in dispatches being awarded the Military Medal. He married Annie Ford at St Wilfrid's in 1920. Company Sergeant Major John Arthur Jackson MM DCM represented NCOs at the opening of the war memorial in 1921.

Knutsford Guardian Friday September 24th 1915

MOBBERLEY SOLDIER PROMOTED

"Corporal John Arthur Jackson of Mode Cottage Mobberley enlisted at Knutsford on September 9th last year in the reserve and on September 9th this year set sail for France. On the 7th he was promoted to full Corporal.

His sisters have received from him this week the first letter he has been privileged to write since being on the continent: "Just a line to tell you" he says "that I am getting along alright, having a good time billeted in a barn. We have had a lot of marching since we left England but we are settled here for a day or two."

7th December 1917: "Sergeant J. A. Jackson of Mobberley has been awarded the Military Medal for gallantry in the field from October 31st to November 7th. He had previously been mentioned in dispatches, and the honour is well deserved. He was among the first Mobberley men to join up. He began his military training in September, 1914, and since going to the front has seen much fighting.

He was one of the best known sportsmen in the Mobberley district, being an enthusiastic cricketer and footballer. He also took a keen interest in Parish Church affairs, being a bellringer and member of the choir"

Arthur Johnson was working as a cowman in 1911. He was born in 1889 to Samuel and Priscilla Johnson of Town Lane.

Fred Johnson lived in Hall Bank. He was the eldest of six sons and a daughter living with their parents. The children were all born in Mobberley but their father Llewellyn, an estate drainage worker came from Salford and their mother Sarah from Ashley.

Herbert Johnson has not been identified



William Jones has not been identified

Leonard Kent has not been positively identified

Percy John Knowles married Florence Caveney of Ashcroft, Town Lane at St Wilfrid's in 1917. It's possible that Percy was born in Tunbridge Wells where in 1911 his brother was a photographer. Could this link him with a move to Mobberley and the new Rajar Works?



Thomas Kurley (M2/032833)

Knutsford Guardian Friday October 22nd 1915:

LETTER FROM DRIVER T KURLEY

In a letter received by his father at Knutsford, Driver T Kurley ASC says: "There ought to be some kind of conscription to bring the slackers out. If they only knew what the poor fellows were going through", he says "they would not hesitate a moment – that was if they had any manhood left in them." He expresses the hope that the slackers would realise their duties and responsibility and give a helping hand. It would be more honourable to volunteer than to be fetched.

"The more men we have", he proceeds, "the sooner will the war be over but if men hang back they are prolonging the war. And their un-readiness to help means a continuation of the sufferings of the men out here. Let us hope these men will pluck up courage and prove they are men. I mentioned in my last letter meeting Mr T Farrington of the Prison. Our meeting did not last long as we were pushed for time. Our conversation was chiefly about Knutsford but I can assure you it was a lively meeting, he being the first I have met from Knutsford. He said he had been having a pretty rough time but things were much better with him now. We are all quite cheerful and contented and there isn't a man who isn't proud to think he is doing his duty in spite of all hardships."

Stuart Lee has not been positively identified.

Arthur Leech was one of nine children born to William and Ruth Leech of Gleave House Farm. Arthur was the eldest, born in 1884 in Higher Peover just before his parents moved to Mobberley.

Knutsford Guardian 10th September 1915: "A khaki wedding took place on September 1st at Ashley Church, the contracting parties being Sergeant Arthur Leech of the Cheshire Yeomanry and eldest son of Mr William Leech, Gleave House Farm, Mobberley, and Miss Edith Annie Erlam, younger daughter of Mrs Erlam of Hough Green Farm, Ashley.

The bridegroom has been in the Cheshire Yeomanry eight years and his father was in the same regiment twenty-one years. The families are well known in agricultural circles in the Knutsford district and the nuptials aroused considerable interest...."

George Leech was Arthur's brother and born in Mobberley in 1893.

Arthur Lowndes (6557) was born in Mobberley in 1883. His father Thomas Lowndes grew up in Moss Lane. Arthur grew up in the New Mills hamlet of Mobberley where his father was a Woodman. The family moved to Ashley when Arthur was a young boy. He served with the 3rd Cheshire Regiment having joined the Army in 1901 when he was 18.

George Herbert Leigh Mallory was born at Newton Hall in Mobberley in 1886. He went to Cambridge University and taught at Charterhouse School in Surrey where he was kept out of the war for two years due to his head-teacher's reluctance to let him go. He joined the Royal Garrison Artillery as a 2nd Lieutenant in 1916 and served in France. After the war he took part in three Everest expeditions and died in 1924 attempting for the second time to reach the summit. Neither Mallory brother is listed on the Mobberley Roll of Honour as the family had moved to Birkenhead in 1904.





Newton Hall today

Trafford Leigh Mallory, George's younger brother was born at Hobcroft House in Mobberley in 1892. In 1911 he was a student at Haileybury College in Hertfordshire. He joined the South Lancs Regiment in March 1915 and then rose through the ranks of the Royal Flying Corps reaching the rank of Squadron Leader by the end of the war. He eventually reached the rank of Air Vice Marshal of the RAF and was Chief of Fighter Command. He was awarded the KCB and DSO but was killed in 1944 when the aircraft taking him to Ceylon (Sri Lanka) crashed in the French Alps.



Hobcroft House today (right)



Owen Milner was the son of Samuel Gregory Milner, a shorthand writer born in London. The family had lived in Heaton Chapel and Northenden before coming to Mobberley. Samuel died shortly after the 1911 census. Owen was the youngest at home in 1911 and at 15 was assisting in his father's business. They lived at Ash Villa (now Dacre House), Knolls Green (on the corner of Faulkner's Lane).

Fred Morris and his wife Mary were born in Winsford but in 1911 lived at Barnes Green. Fred was a postman. He served with the "Old Contemptibles" and received the Mons Star. The Knutsford Guardian reported Fred as at home wounded in September 1915.

Frank Mort was born in 1885 in Hale and is remembered by Mary Downes (nee Whittick) as working at Brown's Yard for Billie Ellis who also appears here. His brother Albert, a bricklayer definitely worked there (travelling to Mobberley from Hale where the Mort family lived) on his motorbike. Brown's Yard was roughly where the car park for the Bird In Hand is now.

Frank Murphy was the eldest of Frank (snr) and Mary Murphy's five children in 1911 when they lived at Spout Lane. Frank was a 14 year old errand boy born in Mobberley but his parents came from Knutsford and Walsall respectively. He married Laura Davies at St Wilfrid's in 1919.

Knutsford Guardian 4th August 1916: "Mr Frank Murphy, Spout Lane Mobberley has been notified that his son Private William Murphy of the Cheshire Regiment has been wounded. Murphy joined the Army when he was 17 and has been in France four or five months"

Arthur Norbury was one of the Dairy House Mobberley boys. He was born in 1896, enlisted towards the end of the war but wasn't posted abroad before the Armistice. His brothers Robert and Samuel were killed. He married Frances May Hewitt in 1927, was a bell-ringer for over fifty years and was buried at St Wilfrid's in 1985.

Herbert Norbury worked as a Farm Bailiff. He was born in 1886 in Brown Edge Cottages in Stubbs Lane Mobberley and lived at New Hall Farm, Stubbs Lane in 1911 with his mother Mary Jane and younger sister Alice. His father Peter Norbury had died.

Joseph Norbury was born in Mobberley in 1878 to James and Sarah Norbury before the family moved to Catton near Burton on Trent.

Robert Joseph Norbury (4024/241310) was born in Over Alderley in 1888. His early life was spent with his grandparents in Alderley. His grandfather Thomas was born in Warford. Thomas was eventually adopted by his older sister Louisa who married Joseph Johnson in 1898. In 1911 Joseph, Louisa and Robert were in Chapel Lane, Fulshaw. Louisa grew up in Warford Lane, Marthall.

John O'Brien, listed on the Roll of Honour, has not been positively identified but the Knutsford Guardian of 24th September 1915 lists a William O'Brien as being a Mobberley man who has "joined the Colours".

Robert William Ollier born in 1879 married Leah Cash of Mobberley at St Wilfrid's in 1901. He was from Knutsford and in 1911 was a butcher living in King Street Knutsford.

William Okell is probably the brother of John who was killed in action. They were born in Hale Barns. William was born in 1893 and in 1911 was living with his family in Paradise Street Altrincham. The Roll of Honour refers to O'Kell but no one of that name can be found with a local link.

William Parker has not been positively identified.

Daniel Parminter was born in Knutsford in 1894. In 1911 he was working on Yew Tree Farm in Rudheath as a general farm labourer.

Geoffrey Pearson Pattinson was born in Mobberley in 1900 and was the son of James Pattinson from Congleton, a wire mattress manufacturer who in 1901 was living in Newton Hall which he owned from 1898 to 1945. The family were clearly well off and had four servants. In 1911 Geoffrey was a student at Eagle House Boarding School in Sandhurst. From 1913 he attended a Naval training college, passing out in Jan 1917 and being appointed to the rank of Midshipman. He stayed in the Navy until being placed on the retired list at his own request in 1920 when records suggest he might have joined the Royal Irish Constabulary. He died in Colchester aged 93.

John Mellor Pattinson was born in Mobberley on 21st April 1899 and along with his brother was sent to boarding school in Sandhurst. His Medal Roll gives his address in 1922 as Newton Hall Mobberley. He served with the Royal Field Artillery as a 2nd Lieutenant. After the war he worked in the oil industry becoming Managing Director of the Anglo Persian Oil Company (which later became BP) in Abadan. He was awarded the OBE in 1943. He died in Surrey in 1999 aged 100.



Thomas Pearce has not been positively identified

Ernest Pritchard Peers was born in Mobberley in 1886 on Hall Bank where his father's profession was Gamekeeper. In 1911 he was working in Crumpsall Manchester.

Arthur Pennington and his brothers Ernest, George, Peter and John were born in Mobberley where their father Peter worked as a road labourer for Bucklow Parish Council. The family lived at Hall Bank. In 1911 Arthur was employed as a groom.



Hall Bank

Ernest Pennington was born in 1889, six years after Arthur and worked as a gardener. He married Betsy Norbury at St Wilfrid's in 1921.

There are two possible George Penningtons. One of the brothers was born in 1878 in Mobberley but in 1911 was recorded visiting Charles and Amelia Hazard in Bath, Somerset and employed as a coachman. The other is the head of a different Pennington family living at The Lodge, Croft Cottage Mobberley who was born in Aston and who had moved to Mobberley from Altrincham with his family shortly before 1910.

John Pennington was yet another brother from the Hall Bank family of Peter and Hannah. He was born in 1886. In 1911 he was one of many stablemen at Eaton Hall, the home of the Duke of Westminster.

Edward Pickston (2161) was born out of wedlock in Eccles to Martha Mary Pickstone. Martha was born in Ringway Cheshire and worked in service at a number of locations. She wasn't in a position to look after Edward who in 1891 was a nursechild with George and Mary Bowden in Lindow Common. Martha married Thomas Jones in 1897 and then Edward moved in with them and Thomas's stepfather William Cooper at Beech Hill in Mobberley. Edward joined the army and was already with the Kings Own Hussars at the 1911 census. He was awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal. After the war he married and settled in London where he died in 1968.



Smith Plant was born in Staffordshire in 1896 and came to Mobberley after 1911. He married Maud Timperley of Ivy House, Moss Lane in 1922 and they settled there where their daughters were born. One of these, Nora Glenn, still lives in Mobberley. Smith died in 1956 and is buried at St Wilfrid's.

Charles Percy Pollitt (58834) was born in Manchester in 1895. He lived with his widowed mother and worked as a Bank Clerk. When he applied for his service medals in 1921 his address was given as The Nook, Mere near Knutsford. His medal record suggests he served in The Royal Welsh and was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant.

Herbert Potts was born in Lower Withington on 1888 and in 1911 was working at the Egerton Arms on the Chelford Road. In 1934 he married Mary Tatton at St Wilfrid's.

Herbert (Harry) Powell and his family are remembered as having lived at Number 7 Edenfield Road. Harry, who would have been Herbert's son, used to lead the Remembrance Day parades. Harry had a son Derek who grew up with Wenda but moved to Altrincham.

George Redfearn (80331) served with the Royal Garrison Artillery and received the Military Medal. He was born in 1898 in Huddersfield. His father was a Wesleyan Minister who moved around the country. In 1911 George and his younger brother James were boarding at Kingswood School in Bath. George married May Lawton in Manchester in 1925 and at some point moved to Penzance where he died in 1971. His younger brother James was known as 'fluffy' in Mobberley and lived at Brown House Farm on the Knutsford Road. James's daughter Maud (Warburton) remembers George as having received a wound in his leg that never healed. The Knutsford Guardian of 4th February 1916 reports G Redfern as one of a group of Cheshire Volunteers who contributed to an evening of entertainment held in the schoolroom.

William Richards is possibly the joiner who in 1911 was living in Knutsford Road Alderley Edge with his grandparents. He was born in Wilmslow in 1889

Albert Richardson married Selina Wrotchford at St Wilfrid's in 1917. Selina was from a Staffordshire coal mining family and still living there in 1911. Albert was born in Knutsford but in 1911 his family were living in Hale.

Arthur or Alfred Richardson (it is A. Richardson on the Roll of Honour) are brothers in the same family as Albert (above). Alfred was born in Mobberley in 1883 and Arthur in Knutsford in 1890.

John Galloway Riddick was born in Old Trafford to a wealthy cotton manufacturing family. In the years running up to the war they lived in Ashley but moved to Hanson House, now demolished to make way for the airport's second runway. In 1908 he was appointed to the rank of 2nd Lieutenant in the 1st East Lancashire Field Company (Engineers), a volunteer. His war records don't survive but the medal roll card tells us that he served in Egypt in 1914 and received the Distinguished Service Order. In 1925 he was awarded the CBE (military division). Colonel Riddick was a well known figure in Mobberley life after the war.

Isaac Riley (24337) states on his enlistment forms in 1906 that he was born in Mobberley. There was a Riley family in Mobberley between 1891 and 1901 living at Tatton Lodge (which is possibly what we know as Keeper's Cottage) in Broad Oak Lane. The family was widely travelled but no Isaac is listed in 1891. Isaac records his marriage to Nellie Groves at St Wilfrid's in 1916 when he was home on leave and his address as Dukinfield Lodge.

Joe Saxon (194101) pictured right, his wife Alice and their family were living in Miles Platting Manchester in 1911. He was born in 1880 and enlisted in February 1917 stating his address as Rajar Cottages, Town Lane. He served with the King's Liverpool Regiment in France until February 1918. He was discharged in May 1918 as unfit for service having been badly gassed. He could never wear a shirt and tie again. After the war he worked as a plain clothes detective in a Manchester store. Alice was the first cook at Ilfords.



George Shaw (14160) was born in Moulton in 1893 but in 1911 was working as a farm labourer, having married Hannah Brown in Marthall and living with her parents in Ollerton. He volunteered at the start of the war and went with the Expeditionary Force to France, later serving in Salonika. He and Hannah had seven children and lived at Greenwood Terrace in Town Lane. Hannah was killed when their eldest, Emma, was 14. Emma



raised her siblings, marrying George (Harry) Coleman when she was 40. George and Emma's daughter Mary (Barker) still lives in Mobberley as do her son and grandchildren. George (on the left) is photographed with his sons during the second world war.

Gordon Shaw married Annie Hope at St Wilfrid's in 1917. She lived in Town Lane in 1911 where her parents ran a Grocer's. Gordon's brother George also enlisted (above)

Richard William Sherborne (18222/526661) served with the Manchester Regiment and Labour Corps. He enlisted in November 1915 and served in France. In 1911, aged 25 he worked as a Drapery Salesman in Williams, Commercial Street, Newport, Monmouthshire. He was born in Westerleigh, Gloucestershire and died in Chipping Sodbury in 1959. It's not clear what the connection with Mobberley is.

John Thomas Sheridan 8058/372757 was born in Mobberley in 1871. His father Dominick came to Mobberley before 1861 and worked for the Hewitts at Parsonage House (the old rectory, now a private house) in Church Lane. John was one of at least nine children and at fourteen was working at Grimsditch Farm. By 1901 the family had moved to Moss Side and in 1902 John married Maria McLoughlin and settled in Rusholme. He served with the Labour Corps.

Edwin Shorrocks (159373) was born in Salford in 1898 and living in Ashton on Mersey in 1911 where his father was a working jeweller. He enlisted at Knutsford in December 1915 by which point he was working as a cowman at Baguley Green Farm in Mobberley. He went to France in 1917 with the Royal Field Artillery

Ernest Shrieves (36961) and his brother Frank were born in Manchester but in 1911 were living with their widowed mother at Park Side Farm, Broad Oak Lane. Ernest was born in 1892 and worked as a cowman on the farm. He enlisted in December 1915 and served with the Royal Field Artillery where he was a driver. In November 1917 as a skilled agriculturalist he was transferred to the Labour Corps and posted to 545 Agricultural Company, Chester. He appears to have acquired some sort of disability in his left foot.

Frank Shrieves (039145) was a butcher born in 1889. He enlisted in November 1914 and joined the Royal Army Service Corps. In July 1915 he embarked at Southampton for Rouen. It appears that he married a Jessie Baird in Newbury in 1915.

Ernest Simcock (36913) was the son of Joseph Simcock of Brown Edge Cottages, a roadman with Bucklow Council. Ernest was still at school in 1911. In 1919 when he was discharged his address was given as Spring Gardens (Brown Edge Cottages alternative name) and he was working for the Clarkson farming family at Shaw Heath. He enlisted in February 1916 and was posted to the 1st Cheshire Regiment. In June 1917 he received a gunshot wound to his wrist and was admitted to a hospital in Cageux. In August he was back at the Front. In March 1918 he was wounded again with another gunshot wound, this time at Etaples and admitted to hospital in Boulogne. In May 1918 he was wounded for a third time fracturing his ulna and sent back to England. He was discharged in April 1919.

Frederick Simcock born in 1882 in Mobberley in Town Lane, left the village and in 1911 was married and working as a house painter in Northwich.

Knutsford Guardian Friday September 24th 1915:

PRIVATE F SIMCOCK MOBBERLEY

Private F Simcock of Mobberley now with the Cheshire Regiment writing to porter A Bailey, Mobberley says: "It is very warm here at present and much more pleasant than in the trenches especially when the nights are wet or frosty. Only the lads who are among it can realise what it is like. I hope it will soon be over but I'm afraid it will be another winter yet. At present we are having it a bit easy but I expect we shall have it hot again before we finish"

Thomas Boden Simcock (326408) was born in 1900 and lived at Broad Oak Cottage. He was a blacksmith and was called up for national service in May 1918 though never went abroad before the war ended. He married Charlotte Bailey at St Wilfrid's in 1923.

William Slater (15672) was born in Town Lane in 1893. His father died shortly afterwards and his mother and sisters ended up in Arclid Workhouse in 1901. When William enlisted, his mother's address was given as Brandons Yard Knutsford. He was discharged almost immediately as unfit for service

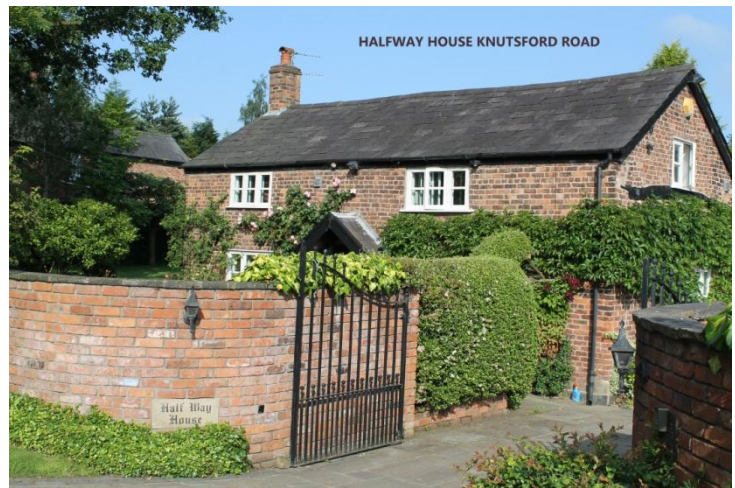
Frank Smith was born in Mobberley in 1879. In 1911 he was working as a Farm Labourer and living at Tipping Brow where his father was a piano tuner, born in Norfolk, having come to Mobberley when the Crape Mill was operating along with many Norfolk-born workers. He married Lizzie Wood at St Wilfrid's in 1921.

Herbert Smith was born in Mobberley in 1879 to John and Hannah Smith. He had married Ann Harrop at St Wilfrid's in 1909 and was working as a Domestic Groom in 1911. His younger brother John Percy also served

John Percy Smith was born in Mobberley in 1892 to John and Hannah Smith of 7 Hall Bank. He was a Domestic Gardener

John Thomas Southern was born in Lymm in 1889 and in 1911 was working at Town Lane Hall Farm for Caleb Simcock. He married Jessie Daniel at St Wilfrid's in 1914.

George Spilsbury was one of eight children living with their parents at Half Way House in 1911 when George was 11 years old. His older brother James was killed in the war



John Cooper Starkey (188867) was born in Agden in 1890. In 1911 he was in partnership with his brother on a farm in Agden. When he enlisted in 1916 he was working at Bollin House Farm in Mobberley but still gave his next of kin as his brother in Agden. He joined the British Expeditionary Force in 1917 and was wounded in July, then diagnosed with shell-shock in August. He was eventually discharged in 1919.

George Marshall Stephens's father Thomas died before 1911 where the family had lived at Coppock House in Faulkn|ers Lane. His mother remarried William Hatton who lived on the adjoining Antrobus Hall Farm. William took on Mary's four children including Marshall. He married Mary Pimlott in Alderley in 1923.



Harold Stockton (14112) was born in 1899 in Mobberley and lived at Tythe Barn Farm. In 1915 he signed up for the Kings Royal Rifles claiming to be 19 but didn't fool the medical examiner who discharged him straight away as underage for frontline service, transferring him to the Army Service Corps.

Herbert Storer has not been positively identified

Percy Stott was born in Mobberley in 1893. His father Thomas came to the village from Harrogate to work as a domestic groom and met and married Sarah Ann Higginson. Percy followed in his father's footsteps



and when his employer took him to Cally House in Scotland for the shooting, he met Jane Manson who was in service there. They married in Rochdale in 1916. Percy's grand-daughter who now lives in Dalbeattie in Scotland, says that Percy died in 1931 as a result of being gassed in the war but it appears that his war record hasn't survived.

Joseph Ernest Street (5752/72357) was born in Mobberley in 1891 to Peter and Margaret Street of Hall Bank. When he enlisted in 1914 he was a platelayer on the railway and his address was in Wilmslow where he married Louisa Thomas in 1924. He served with the Machine Gun Corps

Eugene Strickland (214960) was born in Hertfordshire in 1884. In 1911 he was boarding in Ashton on Mersey where in 1912 he married Edith Greenup. At that time he was a Domestic Groom. He joined the Army Service Corps in 1916 and was posted to Ormskirk, going to France in 1918. By this time his given address was Wayside, Newton Hall Lane Mobberley.

Arthur Taylor was the son of a Coachman who moved to Slade Cottage, Hall Lane from High Legh after he married in 1895. Arthur was born in 1898.

Charles Taylor was born in 1869 in High Legh. He was married to Annie, worked as a coachman and had three children at school in 1911 when the family lived at Hall Lane.

Ernest Taylor, Charles's brother was born in Mobberley in 1892. In 1911 he was working as a cowman at Heald Mill Farm for Anne Whitelegg.

John Henry Taylor was born in Mobberley in 1886 to Thomas and Harriet (Brown). After his mother died he lived with his father and grandmother at New Mills. By 1901 the household was now John Henry, his aunt Esther (widowed) and his grandmother. His grandmother died before 1911 and he continued to live with his aunt at New Mills. He married Mary Taylor at St Wilfrid's in 1911.

William Taylor has not been identified

John Parrott Taylor was born in New Mills in 1880. His parents left Mobberley for Mottram St Andrew but his widowed mother Emily Taylor was back in Mobberley at Brook Cottage, Smith lane by 1901. John had left home and was a Police Constable boarding in Hoole in 1901. Ten years later he had married and was a railway platelayer living in Hulme Manchester.

Fred Thorpe was a plumber born in Altrincham who married Dorothy Emily Brown at St Wilfrid's in 1913. Fred died in 1945 at 4 Greenwood Terrace Mobberley where his granddaughter Wendy Gittins still lives. Fred was a sergeant who drove an ammunition truck in Belgium. His daughter Eunice (Norton) lives today in Meadowsweet Road. Fred is pictured in the Mobberley Cricket Club's First X1 in 1920.



William Tideswell has not been positively identified

Harry Turner is pictured on the Mobberley AFC team photo of 1920.

Harry Waldron married Alice Maud Fagan in 1911 at St Wilfrid's. He and his brother John were born in Tatton Old Hall. John (b1887) worked as a printing compositor at the Rajar Works where he stayed for 44 years. He married Sarah Anne Webb of Knutsford at Cross Town Church having met her at Rostherne Church. The couple lived to celebrate their golden wedding anniversary in 1959 while living at Bramley in Pavement Lane. Harry died in 1863.

Henry Walker was born in Pendleton Lancashire. His family moved to Mobberley just before 1911 to take on Dam Head Farm. He married Alice Stephens at St Wilfrid's in 1925.

Edwin Warburton was born in 1898 in Great Warford. His father Joseph Edwin Warburton was the gardener for the Allens at Holt House and they lived in Hall Lane.

Albert Ward (1853) was the son of Alfred and Annie Ward of Smith Lane. His father was a platelayer on the railway. In 1911 Albert was a 17 year old gardener. He enlisted in September 1914 and was a driver in the Royal Army Service Corps serving in France from 1915 to 1918.

Harry Ward married Annie Hatton at St Wilfrid's in 1913. Annie was born in Altrincham but a servant at Kay House Farm for the Hewitts in 1911. They lived in the original Kay Cottage in Smith Lane before it was destroyed by fire.

Knutsford Guardian 4th August 1916: "Private Harry Ward (married) son of Mr Walter Ward, Broad oak Lane, Mobberley, has been wounded in the arm"

John Thomas Ward (15674) was Albert's brother. In 1901 he was at home in Smith Lane aged 11. He enlisted in 1914. He was posted in September but discharged as medically unfit one month later

William Edward Ward (36053) was the third of the Smith Lane family to serve. In 1911 he was working for the Higginsons at Greenbank Farm. He enlisted at Hale Station in 1915 and embarked at Devonport for Salonica in August 1916 where at various points he suffered from Malaria. Earlier in 1916 he had married Jane Goodier whose three brothers also served and they lived at Station Cottages.

John Arthur Westerman (3385) was born in Gatley. His father was an electrician and in 1901 they lived in Chorley, Wilmslow. In 1916 the London Gazette reported his appointment to the rank of 2nd Lieutenant and he served in France with the Royal Flying Corps. In 1921 when he applied for his service medals he was living at Brathay (now Pinetree Cottage), Pavement Lane and he was in the procession at the opening of the war memorial that year.

John Samuel Whitehead was born in Mobberley in 1901. His family moved to Paddock Hill in Mobberley in 1891 from Blackley in Lancashire. John Married in 1926 and died in the locality in 1970. We think John is the one on the left.



George Whittaker lived at Vale Wood Farm. He was actually born in Boothstown Lancashire in 1896 although his family were at Vale Wood both before and after that date.

Frank Whittaker was one of three brothers born in Mobberley to Robert and Emma (Hayman) who lived with her father Enoch (Hayman) at Bleakley in 1891. In 1911 Frank was working as a milkman and living with his uncle William Whittaker in Old Trafford.

George Whittaker was born in Mobberly in 1897. He married Annie Barrow at St Wilfrid's in 1927.

John Whittaker was the eldest, born in Mobberley in 1890

Philip Williams has not been positively identified.

Arthur Ollier Wills (S/3978) was born at Holt House Cottage in 1900 where his father was the coachman for the Allens for 50 years. He was a sergeant in the 21st Lancers and served in India. He married Sarah Spilsbury of Half Way House, Knutsford Road in 1931.

Albert Winstanley married Maria Caveney at St Wilfrid's in 1923. In 1911 she lived at Ashcroft, Town Lane and later at Coldstream Cottages Wood Lane.

Knutsford Guardian Friday September 24th 1915:

MOBBERLAY STATION PORTER WITH ROYAL IRISH

Private Albert Winstanley of the Royal Irish Rifles who prior to joining the army was a porter at Mobberley Station and well known in the township writing from France to Mr T Daniel, clerk at the Station says: "We are having it a bit rough out here and I have had a few narrow shaves from getting wounded but I am happy to say I have again come through alright"

Knutsford Guardian Friday October 15th 1915:

Private a Winstanley, formerly porter at Mobberley Station serving with the Royal Irish Rifles in France has been wounded and is a patient at Lord Derby's hospital at Warrington.

Charles Henry Winterton (11773) was born in Leicestershire but in 1911 was a cowman at Burleyhurst. He married Ethel Bower at St Wilfrid's in 1915 and served in the Lancashire Fusiliers and the West Yorkshire Regiment where he reached the rank of 2nd Lieutenant.

Joseph Kenneth Wolstenholme (438409 / T1512) and his brother George (below) were sons of an architect (Joseph Lancashire Wolstenholme) who moved to The Nurseries, Wood Lane during the war from Altrincham. Kenneth served with the Royal Engineers

George Lancashire Wolstenholme (550) was born in Ormskirk in 1892 and signed up for four years' service in the East Lancs Royal Engineers in 1910 claiming he was 21. When the war broke out he was posted to Egypt and promoted to Corporal. In 1915 he was wounded in the Dardanelles strait and admitted to hospital in Mudros, Greece. He rejoined at Gallipoli in May 1915 and returned to England in 1916 where his period of engagement was terminated in March of that year

James Wood married Delia Caveney, sister of Arthur and Edward (above) at St Wilfrid's in 1913. In 1911 she was working as a servant in a household in Market Street Altrincham. After the war they had the Bull's Head.

John William Worsley was born in Great Warford and in 1911 was working as a butcher, married with a 1 year old son and living in Chapel Lane Wilmslow

Willie Worsley was born in Mobberley in 1874. He married Sarah Burgess in 1907 and they lived at Paulden House at the junction of Paddock Hill Lane and Moss Lane where in 1911 he was a farmer. He died in 1939 and is buried at St Wilfrid's.

Thomas Shirley Scott Worthington (13162) was born in Styal in 1900. His father Percy was an architect who grew up in Chorley and who during the war moved to Grove House in Town Lane and later to Newstead next to Ivernia in Hobcroft Lane. Percy (who was knighted in 1935 and died in Mobberley in 1939) designed the Memorial Cross for the 1914-1918 war. In 1911 Thomas was on the Isle of Wight with his mother. He enlisted in October 1917 and was mobilized in May 1918 but never left England and was demobbed in 1919.

Henry Percy Wright (24594) was born in Mobberley in 1884 where his parents ran the Church Inn. They moved to Salford. In 1911 Henry had moved out but was still in Salford boarding and working as an insurance clerk.

Reginald Horace Wright was born in Sale in 1893. His family ran some sort of catering establishment and by 1911 were living on the Knutsford Road, Great Warford. His son Joe still lives in Mobberley.

Colin Louis Ziegler (2823) was born in 1884 in Didsbury. When the Mallory family left the Manor House in 1893 (where the current Rectory now sits) it was let to Mr Payne and then to the Zieglers who bought it in 1919 and considerably altered it. Colin was educated at Fettes College Edinburgh followed by the Royal Military Academy, Woolwich and was appointed to the rank of 2nd Lieutenant in the Royal Artillery in 1903. At the 1911 census he was with his parents in Didsbury. He served in India, Ireland and the Boer War and then when war was declared in 1914 went to France with the British Expeditionary Force where he saw out the war reaching the rank of Major and receiving the DSO in 1917 before resigning his commission when the war ended. In 1922 he married Dora Barnwell in London and moved to the New Forest. The Manor House was purchased from the Zieglers by the Murray family. The Second World War saw it being requisitioned for American Army use. After that war it was derequisitioned and purchased by Lord Egerton who demolished it. Colin died in Hampshire in 1977.





The service of commemoration where Betsy Norbury, mother of Robert and Samuel who both died in France, was asked to unveil the memorial.