

Gordon Chapman

PLUMPTON ROLL OF HONOUR

BORN: 1893 in Plumpton. PARENTS: William Groombridge and Alice Harriott Chapman. His father was a coachman and they moved a lot.
MARRIED: Jane E Dench in 1916 (remarried in 1949 to Charles Butland).
DIED: 9 July 1917 aged 24 of wounds in France & Flanders.

JOB: He was initially a groom. Before joining the Army he was for some years in the service of Mrs. Barclay, of Burgess Hill, being nephew to her housekeeper, Mrs. Cheese.

SERVICE RECORD: He joined the Suffolk Regiment in 1914 under service number 27092 and became Lance Corporal 50440, 9th (Service) Battalion, The Suffolk Regiment under 50440. He is buried in Noeux-Les-Mines Communal Cemetery, France - (grave reference: Plot II. Row E. Grave 12). The following report appeared in '*The Mid-Sussex Times*' on July 17th 1917: DIED FOR HIS COUNTRY - The death of yet another Burgess Hill soldier in the service of his country has been notified, Lance Corporal Gordon Chapman, Suffolk Regiment, having been killed in action on the 8th inst.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: 2nd son and older brother of Nelson Chapman

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Nelson Chapman

PLUMPTON ROLL OF HONOUR

BORN: 1894 in Plumpton. PARENTS: PARENTS: William Groombridge and Alice Harriott Chapman. His father was a coachman and they moved a lot
MARRIED: Erna Neurenberg (Austrian) in Cuckfield in 1951.
DIED: in Surrey in 1976 aged 82

JOB: In 1911 he was a Cowman living at his uncle and aunt, Jessie and Sarah Bristow of Gurrs Cottages Plumpton.

SERVICE RECORD: He joined the Suffolk Regiment in 1914 as a Private under service number 29288. He transferred to Northumberland Regiment under service number 60963 and again to the Army Service Corps under service number ER/59383.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:3rd son and younger brother of Gordon Chapman. His cousin, Gilbert Upton who was 95 and Plumpton's oldest inhabitants at the time of the 2014 Project, remembers Nelson. He recalled that he was a seaman in WW2 and was torpedoed three times and survived. He was probably in the Merchant Navy.

Researched by 2014 Project and enhanced by Richard Wells 2018 Project



A J Chatfield

PLUMPTON ROLL OF HONOUR

BORN: Unknown. PARENTS: Unknown DIED: Unknown

JOB: He was a employed by Mr Ellis of Streat (unsure in what capacity).

SERVICE RECORD: joined the Royal Garrison Artillery in 1915.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Unable to locate on local records or war records. Found article in Sussex Agricultural Express dated 14 September 1917 stating they believed he was the first soldier to receive a decoration from Plumpton and linking him to Mr Ellis in Streat and Mrs Welfare of Inhomes Cottages. Further research is required.



PLUMPTON.

AGENTS FOR THIS PAPER.—Mr. Honess, grocer; and Mr. Cheall, Post Office, Plumpton.

HARPER AND STEDMAN, 44, Cliffe, Lewes, have in stock a great number of Binders, Mowers, Hay Loaders, Rakes, etc., and all farm machinery; all duplicate parts.

HOME ON LEAVE.—Sapper A. Cornford, Royal Engineers, has been home on leave and has now returned to France. Lance- and has now returned to France. Regiment, arrived home on Tuesday on leave from France.

THE STORM. — The storm last Wednesday evening was very heavy here and resulted in a house at Fair Haven, tenanted by Mrs. Gill, being struck by the lightning. The roof was stripped of its covering at one corner. The crash resembled falling glass. Fortunately no one was injured.

CASUALTY.—Mrs. Harriott, of South View, received a telegram on Monday which stated that her husband, Private A. G. Harriott, was lying dangerously wounded in a French hospital. He only returned to France a short time ago, after recovering from an illness. He was serving with the Royal Sussex Regiment.

HONOUR FOR A PLUMPTON BOY.—Gunner A. J. Chatfield, Royal Garrison Artillery, who is serving in France, is believed to be the first in this village to receive a decoration. In a letter to a friend he writes:—"I had my Military Medal ribbon presented to me by General Sands yesterday, August 29th." He went to France in May last year. Prior to his enlistment he was in the employ of Mr. J. Ellis, at Streat, and made his home with Mrs. Welfare, of Inholmes-cottages.

Researched by Lee Stevens 2018 Project



David Cheeseman

EAST CHILTINGTON ROLL OF HONOUR

BORN: c1891 in North Barnes Lane, Plumpton Green. PARENTS:

MARRIED: Unknown

DIED: Unknown

JOB: He was a cowman before the war.

SERVICE RECORD: Joined Royal Sussex Regiment.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Brother to George Cheeseman (on next presentation). The picture, courtesy of daughter Jean Stacy, was taken ‘somewhere in France’, with David on the left and George on the right.

Researched by the 2014 Project



George Cheeseman

EAST CHILTINGTON ROLL OF HONOUR

BORN: c1894 in North Barnes Lane, Plumpton Green. PARENTS: Unknown

MARRIED: Unknown

DIED: Unknown

JOB: he was a farm labourer after the War.

SERVICE RECORD: Joined Royal Sussex Regiment.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Brother to David Cheeseman. The picture, courtesy of daughter Jean Stacy, was taken ‘somewhere in France’, with David on the left and George on the right.

Researched by the 2014 Project



F H (Thomas Henry/Harry?) Chivers

PLUMPTON ROLL OF HONOUR

The historic records are unclear. We think he was TH Chivers and he was later known as Harry. Born in 1878 in Brixton. In the census from 1901 there was a Thomas Henry Chivers living at 37 Mandrell Road, Lambeth (age 23 gardener). Parents Thomas Henry and Elizabeth Chivers. In 1905 he married Mary Elizabeth Cosh in Islington. We think he called himself Harry. Sussex Express December 1915 records Harry was recruited at a meeting at Plumpton School. In 1918 Electoral Register he was living at Venture Cottages in Plumpton Lane (near the new development Fairhaven). He died in 1960 in Surrey aged 83.

JOB: he was a gardener.

SERVICE RECORD: HE joined the Army Service Corps (Mechanical Transport) in 1915.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: In 1921 we know he was a private chauffeur in Greenwood Stables, Frant Ticehurst, Kent.

Researched by Lee Stevens 2018 Project, enhanced by Richard Wells in 2026.



Leslie Stuart Churches

EAST CHILTINGTON ROLL OF HONOUR

BORN: 1898 near Thakeham. PARENTS: John and Eleanor Churches.

MARRIED: Mary May in 1941 locally

DIED: near Hailsham in 1966 aged 68

JOB: Unknown

SERVICE RECORD: He Joined the Motor Transport of the Army Service Corps in 1917 signing up in Streatham London under service number 35825.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: His father was a farm bailiff and they moved up to Banbury Oxfordshire in his early years and before the war they moved to Burrells in East Chiltington. His father had remarried to Majorie Churches at this time.

Researched by Lee Stevens 2018 Project



Ralph Woolnough Churches

EAST CHILTINGTON ROLL OF HONOUR

BORN: 1892 near Sevenoaks Kent. PARENTS: He lived with his Grandparents Charles and Eleanor Woolnough and their daughter and possibly his mother Kate Woolnough, in his early life in Wakehurst Farm, Ardingly.

MARRIED: Unknown

DIED: He died in 1972 aged 80 near Hastings.

JOB: Unknown

SERVICE RECORD: Joined the Army Ordnance Corps under service number 07059.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: He spent his early life in Wakehurst Farm Ardingly with his grandparents. Before the war he moved into his own home in Broad Street, Cuckfield. It is unclear if he was related to Leslie Stuart Churches but this is a strong possibility and potential reason for inclusion in the East Chiltington Roll of Honour

Researched by Lee Stevens 2018 Project

Arras Memorial, France



Jesse Moore Cluer (Cleur)

PLUMPTON ROLL OF HONOUR

BORN: 1894 in 7 West Stoke, Westhampnett. PARENTS: Nellie Cluer and lived with his Grandfather Henry Cluer and Mother in his early days.

MARRIED: He married Ellen Morgan in January 1917 when he came home on leave. After he died, Ellen remarried (Jenner) and moved to Bramber.

DIED: 13 April 1917 aged 24 in France and Flanders.

JOB: he was a Signal Porter at Plumpton before the war.

SERVICE RECORD: He joined the Royal Field Artillery in August 1914 under service number 14865 in D Battery/70th Battalion. He was awarded the Military Medal for bravery in the field in 1916 as an acting Bombardier/Corporal. He has no known grave and his name is commemorated on the Arras Memorial, France - (memorial reference Bay 1). The Mid Sussex Times on 22 May 1917 reported that an officer wrote to his widow 'He was in charge of my signallers, and a better man I never knew. He was a straight, true Briton and a very brave man'

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: The Roll of Honour mis-spelt his name as Cleur, with all records showing his surname of Cluer.

Researched by 2004 Commonwealth War Graves Project, 2014 Project and enhanced by Lee Stevens 2018 Project



Horace J Cottingham

PLUMPTON ROLL OF HONOUR

BORN: 1889 in East Chiltington. PARENTS: Rowland and Alice Cottingham.

MARRIED: Mabel Blanche Terry in 1912

DIED: in 1974 near Gosport aged 85

JOB: a sailor before the war.

SERVICE RECORD: He joined the Royal Navy in 1906. In 1911 he was recorded as being aboard HMS Jupiter and by the start of the war HMS Spitfire and later HMS Victory. He was a Leading Seaman under service number 236475.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: His father Rowland Cottingham was a bricklayer. They moved to Surrey Cottage at Shillinglee near Petworth by age 11 (1901). His mother Alice Cottingham was housekeeper for the Rector at East Chiltington by 1911 - living at Church House. Cannot find what happened to his father, but he may have served in the war. He was in the Gosport area in later life

Researched by 2014 Project and enhanced by Lee Stevens 2018 Project



Albert Henry Cornford

EAST CHILTINGTON ROLL OF HONOUR

BORN: 1892 in East Chiltington (possibly in the family home Westland).
PARENTS: James and Matilda Cornford.

MARRIED: Maria Le Grand in 1920.

DIED: locally in 1962 aged 70

JOB: he was a gardener before the War.

SERVICE RECORD: He joined the Royal Engineers within the 90th Motor Ambulance Company under service number 49535. In November 1915 he was wounded in both hands, right leg, left foot and chest. He was in hospital in Cuckfield (now demolished) for a time.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: he was the younger brother of James William Cornford, who was killed in the war.

Researched by Lee Stevens 2018 Project

Thiepval Memorial France



James William Cornford

EAST CHILTINGTON ROLL OF HONOUR add photo

BORN: 1887 in East Chiltington (possibly in the family home Westland).
PARENTS: James and Matilda Cornford.

MARRIED: Annie Louisa Hathaway in 1915.

DIED: 18 August 1916 in France & Flanders

JOB: See below, he joined the Army before the War.

SERVICE RECORD: He joined the Royal Sussex Regiment in 1911, signing up in Brighton and served in Rawalpindi Punjab India. By the start of the war he was a Sergeant under service number L/8399 with the 9th Service Battalion. He was killed in action as part of the British Expeditionary Force in France & Flanders on 18th August 1916. He has no known grave and is commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial France (Pier and Face 7C).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: he was the older brother of Albert Henry Cornford, who also served in the war.

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John Cox

EAST CHILTINGTON ROLL OF HONOUR

BORN: 1874 in North Barnes, East Chiltington.
PARENTS: Miles and Rebecca Cox.
MARRIED: Unknown
DIED: Unknown

JOB: His records disappear locally by age 14

SERVICE RECORD: Joined the Royal West Kent Regiment as a Private under service number 7387

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: The family moved to Plumpton by the time he was 14, but there was no record of him living with them at that time. He may have moved back to where his Grandmother was born in Dartford Kent, given the Regiment he joined, but no further information is available.

Researched by Lee Stevens 2018 Project



Walter Francis Lawrence Dagger

PLUMPTON ROLL OF HONOUR

BORN: 1899 in Pimlico Middlesex. PARENTS: Frank Henry and Susanah Dagger.

MARRIED: in 1921 and moved to Tring, Hertfordshire.

DIED: in Camberwell London in 1983 aged 83

JOB: unknown

SERVICE RECORD: He joined the Northumberland Fusiliers in 1917.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: The family moved to 1 Ashurst Cottage, Plumpton by the time he was two. One of ten children (five boys and five girls), they moved to 3 Chapel Road (only 6 rooms) by 1911 where his father was a carpenter.

Researched by Lee Stevens 2018 Project

Basra Memorial in Iraq



Aubrey De St Croix

EAST CHILTINGTON & IRAQ ROLL OF HONOUR

BORN: 1893 in East Chiltington. PARENTS: George Clement and Clara De St Croix of North Hall, East Chiltington. His surname was often mis-spelt in the historic records, including De St Arix, and De St Croise.

DIED: 3 February 1917 aged 23.

JOB: He was educated in Tonbridge School and Sandhurst before the war.

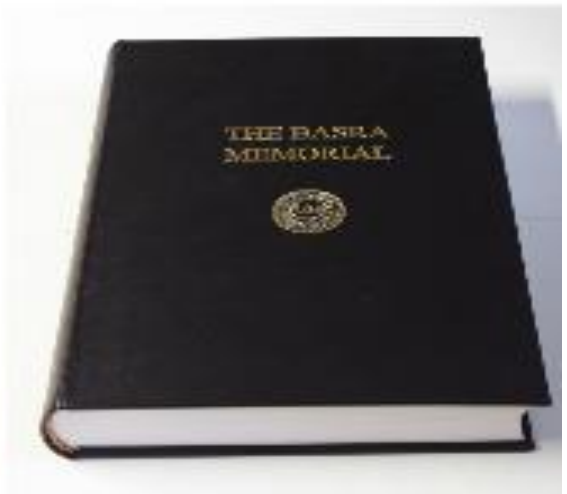
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: His father George Clement De St Croix, was an influential man. He served in many institutions and lent his services to deserving causes. A Bank Manager for the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank based in Shanghai, he moved to Cheltenham and then finally to North Hall in East Chiltington (which later became a hospital for the wounded). He served on the Lewes Board of Guardians, the Chailey Rural District Council and the General Purpose Committee at the East Chiltington Workhouse. He was also Chairman of the East Chiltington Parish Council. His grave stone at East Chiltington Churchyard, can be found by the Church door. George Clement De St Croix's father was Revd William De St Croix, former Rector of Glynde.

SERVICE RECORD: He joined the Army in 1912 on leaving Sandhurst. He was attached to the Royal Berkshire Regiment for a year, then posted to the Indian Infantry, with the 19th Indian Infantry (Mooltan Regiment). Soon after the war broke out he was sent to Mesopotamia (Persian Gulf). He served as a Second Lieutenant, Lieutenant in the 2nd Battalion and at the time of his death he was acting temporary Captain.

During his service, he contracted enteric (typhoid) and was wounded, being invalided to India to recover.

He was mentioned twice in despatches for his bravery, including one in the Gazette Issue 29536, regarding the operations at Mesopotania (Persian Gulf) between April and September 1915. He has no known grave. He was commemorated on the Basra Memorial in Iraq (panel 51) . His name also appears in the Iraq Roll of Honour at the Basra Memorial.





Researched by 2004 Commonwealth War Graves Project, enhanced by Richard Wells 2018 Project



Charles Henry Dean

PLUMPTON ROLL OF HONOUR

BORN: 1897 in Plumpton Green. PARENTS: Charles Alfred and Emma Dean of Plumpton and by the time of his death they had moved to 6 Railway Cottages, Horsted Keynes, East Grinstead.

DIED: 3 May 1917 aged 20. Killed in Action in France and Flanders.

JOB: Grocer Assistant at Plumpton Shop working for Mr Honess

SERVICE RECORD: He joined the London Rifle Brigade in 1916. He served as Rifleman 304073, 1st / 5th (City of London) Battalion, London Rifle Brigade) of the London Regiment. He has no known grave and his name is commemorated on the Arras Memorial, France (memorial reference: Bay 9.)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: He is the younger brother of William Alfred Dean who also joined the London Rifles (Post Office Rifles). The Mid Sussex Times reported his death and advised that William sent a letter to his parents, telling them of 'Charlies' death.

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William Alfred Dean

PLUMPTON ROLL OF HONOUR

BORN: 1895 in Chailey and moved to Plumpton Green by the age of 2. PARENTS: Charles Alfred and Emma Dean.

MARRIED: Edith Baxter in 1919.

DIED: believe he died near Brighton in 1946 aged 51

JOB: Assistant Nursery Gardener after leaving school and he may have joined the Post Office before the war. He was a local postman afterwards.

SERVICE RECORD: Joined the London Rifle Brigade in 1916. He is reported to have joined the Post Office Rifles. However, cannot locate his war records to see details of his service.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: He was the older Brother of CH Dean also of London Rifle Brigade. He and Edith later moved into 3 Council Cottages, Riddens Lane.

Researched by Lee Stevens 2018 Project



Frank Dence

EAST CHILTINGTON ROLL OF HONOUR

BORN: 1896 in Biddenden, Tenterden Kent. PARENTS: George and Alice Dence.

DIED: 8 April 1920 aged 24. He was buried on 12 April 1920 at East Chiltington Churchyard.

JOB: He was a farm labourer at Novington Farm and at Hastings, before the War.

SERVICE RECORD: He joined the Royal Field Artillery in 1914 under Service Number 905635. He served as a Gunner in Mesopotamia (Persian Gulf) and India. After he was demobilised, he returned to East Chiltington in November 1919, then in January 1920 he was admitted to the Seamans Hospital at Royal Albert Docks in London, where he died of dysentery.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: His father was a Game Keeper and the family moved from Summer Hill, Biddenden, Tenterden, Kent to Novington Lane, East Chiltington in his early years.

Researched by Lee Stevens 2018 Project



John Leopold Denman

PLUMPTON ROLL OF HONOUR

BORN: 1883 near Brighton. PARENTS: Samuel and Elizabeth Denman.

MARRIED: Wife's details unknown.

DIED: in 1975 aged 92.

JOB: He was an architect.

SERVICE RECORD: He joined the Royal Sussex Regiment in 1914

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Samuel Denman was the architect of All Saints Church and a close friend of the local builder William Wells which may explain John's inclusion on the Plumpton RoH. He was living parents near Uckfield in 1911 and had a son, born just after he joined in December 1914

Researched by Lee Stevens 2018 Project



Annie Doggett

PLUMPTON ROLL OF HONOUR

BORN: 1890 in Sedlescombe. PARENTS: Jonathan and Eliza Doggett.
MARRIED: She did not marry.
DIED: locally in 1975 aged 85.

JOB: She was a parlour maid in Kent before the war and a mid-wife after the war.

SERVICE RECORD: She joined the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps (VAD) in 1917. She went into service as a parlour maid in Kent before the war. Her war records no longer exist (destroyed in WW2).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Older sister of John Osmond Doggett. Her father Johnathan Doggett was a police constable and the family moved around living in police stations. Annie was born October 1891 in Sedlescombe and the family moved to Hollington and Guestling (all near Hastings) by 1901. Her father moved to Lewes by 1911 and probably covered Plumpton village during the war years. The Plumpton Police Station at the time was at 1 Southviews, Barnfield Lane.

Researched by Lee Stevens 2018 Project



John Osmond Doggett

PLUMPTON ROLL OF HONOUR

BORN: 1892 in Hollington, Sussex. PARENTS: Jonathan and Eliza Doggett.

MARRIED: Edith Willett (born in Plumpton) in late 1916

DIED: in Portsmouth in 1984 aged 91.

JOB: He signed up at the age of 16.

SERVICE RECORD: Joined the Navy in June 1906 (service number J1610) and first ship was the HMS Impregnable. By the start of the war in 1914 he was 22 and serving on the HMS Saracen. He continued to serve until he left the Navy in 1928 with his last ship being HMS Constance

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: He was 2 years younger than sister Annie. He also moved around Sussex due to father being a Police Constable and settled down in Portsmouth after he married Edith.

Researched by 2014 Project and Lee Stevens 2018 Project



Charles H Durrant

PLUMPTON ROLL OF HONOUR

BORN: 1887 in Kirdford, near Petworth. PARENTS: George and Amelia Durrant of The Moat, Plumpton. George was their 3rd child of seven children.

DIED: Unknown

JOB: He was initially an errand boy and then a cowman before the war.

SERVICE RECORD: He joined Royal Naval Division in 1914. It is believed he was the skipper of The Ethurian.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Brother of George and William. His family moved from Kirdford to Dunsfold before arriving at Plumpton before the war. They lived at The Moat (Plumpton Place).

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George Durrant

PLUMPTON ROLL OF HONOUR

BORN: 1885 in Kirdford, near Petworth. PARENTS: George and Amelia Durrant of The Moat, Plumpton. George was their 2nd child of seven children.

DIED: 7 May 1921 aged 38 and is buried in All Saints Churchyard

JOB: He was initially a cowman and returned to Petworth to be a Labour County Councillor before the war.

SERVICE RECORD: He joined the Royal Sussex Regiment in 1914. He was a Private in the 13th (Service) Battalion. (3rd South Down) under service number 3083. The Royal Sussex Regiment. He is buried in All Saint's Churchyard, Plumpton - (grave reference: CWGC 86 (North-East of Church). His name is on the Roll of Honour, but was not added to the Stone Cross War Memorial as he died after the war (cause of death unknown).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Brother of Charles and William. His family moved from Kirdford to Dunsfold before arriving at Plumpton before the war. They lived at The Moat (Plumpton Place).

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William Durrant

PLUMPTON ROLL OF HONOUR

BORN: 1894 in Kirdford, near Petworth.
PARENTS: George and Amelia Durrant of The Moat, Plumpton. George was their 3rd child of seven children.
DIED: Unknown

JOB: He was initially a farm labourer before the war.

SERVICE RECORD: The Roll of Honour says that he joined the Royal Naval Division in 1914. However his war record can not be located. There is a William Durrant who joined the Air Force under service number 18927, but have not been able to verify that William transferred to the Royal Air Force.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Brother of Charles and George. His family moved from Kirdford to Dunsfold before arriving at Plumpton before the war. They lived at The Moat (Plumpton Place).

Researched by 2014 Project and enhanced by Lee Stevens 2018 Project



Alfred Edwards

Richard thinks Alfred

PLUMPTON ROLL OF HONOUR

BORN: 1894 in Barcombe. PARENTS: Fanny Brown is recorded as his foster mother.

DIED: Unknown

JOB: He was a groom to the Brown family at Novington Cottage Plumpton before the war.

SERVICE RECORD: The Roll of Honour says he joined Royal Field Artillery in 1914, but the war records show he joined the Royal Sussex Regiment under service number GS1010 in August 1914 and he may have transferred quickly to a new Regiment. He was discharged after 3 months at the Royal Sussex Regiment, as unfit for service. There is no indication that he was wounded but he may have been when serving.

Researched by 2014 Project and enhanced by Lee Stevens 2018 Project



Lucius Emelius Fagan

PLUMPTON ROLL OF HONOUR

BORN: 1868 in Charcombe, Somerset. PARENTS: Unknown.
MARRIED: Maud Fagan (maiden name unknown) in 1905.
DIED: in Christchurch New Zealand in 1948 aged 80.

JOB: He was a farmer before he joined the army.

SERVICE RECORD: Prior to the war he served in the 79th Infantry of the Indian Army and was promoted to Captain in December 1900 and became Major Fagan in 1926 whilst serving in Fortuna, California. He joined Royal Horse and Royal Field Artillery in 1914 as an officer serving with Special Reserve of Officers, Territorial Force. He was 46 at the start of the war and no doubt his army experience was invaluable.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: he lived at The Old Rectory Plumpton.

Researched by 2014 Project and enhanced by Lee Stevens 2018 Project



Edward Fisher

PLUMPTON AND EAST CHILTINGTON ROLLS OF HONOUR

BORN: 1884 in Westmorland. PARENTS: Herbert W and Mary Fisher.

MARRIED: Theodora Fisher (maiden name unknown).

DIED: Unknown

JOB: Unknown before the war, but he was possibly a Banker after the war.

SERVICE RECORD: He joined the Army Service Corps in 1917 aged 42 under service number 180129. That year he was gassed (shell) and had piles.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Before the turn of the century he was living with his family in Hove. He was the youngest of five children. We cannot find his location locally (Plumpton or East Chiltington) before the war years but after the war, he was possibly living at The Barleys, Chailey married to Dora Fisher and with a profession of a Banker.

Researched by Lee Stevens 2018 Project



George Foster (Buckwell)

PLUMPTON ROLL OF HONOUR

BORN: 1891 in Burgess Hill or Gosport (conflicting information) PARENTS: Benjamin Harry and Alice Emily Foster.
MARRIED: Unknown.
DIED: Unknown.

JOB: he was a labourer in Burgess Hill before he signed up.

SERVICE RECORD: He joined the Royal Sussex Regiment in 1914. He was discharged in September 1917 (he originally signed up for 3 years) and at that time, it was noted that he was no longer physically fit for service due to the degeneration of Ophthalmic division fifth nerve.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: He knew Nelly Wells at the Old Plough and hence his connection to Plumpton. Whilst researching the Buckwell family it was discovered that his mothers maiden name was Buckwell and she did not marry his father until 1895. Therefore his birth records were in the name of George Buckwell.





Pictures of George Foster, Private Royal Sussex Regiment. Top picture George is on the left. Bottom picture is at the Regimental Barracks in Dover. George is far right. Photos from the Richard Wells Collection.

Researched by 2014 Project and enhanced by Richard Wells and Lee Stevens 2018 Project



Frederick Sydney Funnell

PLUMPTON ROLL OF HONOUR

BORN: 1887 in Keymer. PARENTS: Henry and Mary Funnell of Burgess Hill.

DIED: 21 September 1916 aged 23 in France & Flanders

JOB: He was the signal porter in Isfield (now a key part of the Lavender Line) and had been signal master at Plumpton Station until enlisted.

SERVICE RECORD: He joined Royal Field Artillery (D Battery, 180th Battalion) in 1914 at aged 21 and was a Bombardier under service number 14864. He is buried at Delville Wood Cemetery, Longueval. Cemetery/Memorial Reference XXVI.J.10. It was recorded in the press that Major Digby wrote to his parents on his death saying that he had done excellent work.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: On the Roll of Honour as S Funnell and believe he was known as Sydney as confirmed by some of the Census records. He was known as Frederick Sydney in other Census records, plus all war records.

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Ernest Edward Funnell

PLUMPTON ROLL OF HONOUR

BORN: 1878 in Plumpton PARENTS: Elizabeth Funnell and lived with his mother and grandparents William and Mary Funnell at 3 St Helena Lane (opposite Challoners, then called Callenders Farm) and later in Elm Grove Cottage in Plumpton.

MARRIED: Annie Owen in 1902

DIED: in 1947 aged 69 near Bromley, Kent.

JOB: he was a gardener before the war.

SERVICE RECORD: He joined the East Kent Regiment in 1916 aged 39 under service number G20444. From a Sussex Agricultural Express news article on 2 August 1918, we know he came home on leave, from serving in France.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: After he married Annie, they moved to Eastbourne. No apparent connection to Frederick Sydney Funnell

Researched by Richard Wells 2018 Project



Frank Ripley Gandy

PLUMPTON ROLL OF HONOUR

BORN: in 1897 in Hove. PARENTS: John Ripley and Agnes Gandy

DIED: in 1929 aged 50.

JOB: he signed up after leaving school.

SERVICE RECORD: He joined the Royal Navy at 15 and served in the Eighth Flotilla as a gunner. He signed up at the beginning of the war aged 35. Served on HMS M21 and was Chief Gunner during the War. Died in 1929 aged 50

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Lived in Hove with mother Agnes Gandy and 5 brothers and sisters and later at Winkfield Station Road. After the war he organised a presentation of medals to the local servicemen (as reported in the Sussex Agricultural Express October 1919) and was a key person in creating the Old Comrades Club in Plumpton

Researched by 2014 Project and enhanced by Lee Stevens 2018 Project



Arthur S Goodman

PLUMPTON ROLL OF HONOUR

BORN: 1899 in Billingshurst. PARENTS: 5th son of Albert and Elizabeth Moffat Goodman of Clovelly, Plumpton.
MARRIED: Susie E Pyke in 1976 in Exeter
DIED: in 1979 aged 80 in Exeter

JOB: After the war he was a Builders Foreman in Chichester.

SERVICE RECORD: He joined the 16th Lancers in 1914 (aged 15) under service number L/7614. He served in France from October 1915. He was discharged in July 1918 due to wounds unfit for war service.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Their father was a market gardener.

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Bristol (Arnos Vale) Cemetery



Eric Walter Goodman

PLUMPTON ROLL OF HONOUR

BORN: PARENTS: 2nd son of Albert and Elizabeth Moffat Goodman of Clovelly, Plumpton.
DIED: in 1915 aged 23 in France & Flanders. Buried in Bristol Cemetery UK.

JOB: his records in 1911 show he was an 'out of work cowman' living with Arthur and Percy at Batchelor's Farm Laughton.

SERVICE RECORD: He joined the 4th Battalion of the Coldstream Guards in 1914. He is listed as dying in France & Flanders on the Soldiers Died in the Great War CDROM while the CWGC Debt of Honour Register has him listed as being buried in Bristol (Arnos Vale) Cemetery U.K. - (grave reference: 5.657), which normally means he died in the UK. *Note*: Bristol (Arnos Vale) Cemetery contains 356 First World War burials, most of these were of men who died at the local hospitals, particularly the 2nd Southern General and the Beaufort. He contracted meningitis and was invalided back to the UK.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Twin of Percy Conrad Goodman (who survived, see separate entry)

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Hugh Dennis Goodman

PLUMPTON ROLL OF HONOUR

BORN: 1894 in Earlswood. PARENTS: 4th son of Albert and Elizabeth Moffat Goodman of Clovelly, Plumpton.
MARRIED: Rosa Lillian Fears in 1916 in Eastbourne
DIED: in 1967 aged 73 in Eastbourne

JOB: He was a butcher's assistant in Earlswood, near Redhill and joined up two months before the start of the war. After the war he was a coal merchant in Hailsham.

SERVICE RECORD: He joined the 3rd Battalion of the Royal Horse Guards, Machine Gun Regiment in 1914 (under service number 5022) and moved to the Household Cavalry and Cavalry of the Line under regiment number 1626.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Mother lived at Venture Cottage Plumpton

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Percy Conrad Goodman

PLUMPTON ROLL OF HONOUR

BORN: 1893 in Croydon. PARENTS: 2nd son of Albert and Elizabeth Moffat Goodman of Clovelly, Plumpton.
MARRIED: Mabel Victoria Scott in 1924 in Brentford.
DIED: in 1946 aged 53 in Brentford.

JOB: Before the war he was a Motor Car Cleaner (boarding in Brighton).

SERVICE RECORD: He joined the Army Service Corps, Mechanical Transport, in the 7th Auxiliary Motor Transport Company in 1915, as a Trade Motor Mechanic Driver under service number 120888. He served in France between October 1915 and April 1918. He was attached to the 29th Casualty Clearing Station so probably driving an ambulance. He was discharged in May 1919. There are detailed records of where he drove.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: His father was a market gardener. He was twin of Eric Walter Goodman.

Researched by Richard Wells 2018 Project



Sidney Herbert Goodman

PLUMPTON ROLL OF HONOUR

BORN: 1891 in West Lewisham PARENTS: Eldest son of Albert and Elizabeth Moffat Goodman of Clovelly, Plumpton.
MARRIED: Lily M Goodman in 1917.
DIED: in Surrey in 1970 aged 79.

JOB: He was a motor driver before the war (boarding at Chiddingfold). After the war he was a Licenced Victualler at the Halfway House in Alton which he ran with his wife Lily.

SERVICE RECORD: He joined the Army Service Corps, Mechanical Transport in 1914. From the Sussex Express Article in 1915 on the Fighting Sons of Sussex we learn he is stationed at Whitley where he drives a Generals Motor Car (picture above from this article). He suffered influenza in February 1919 and was treated in Shorncliffe Military Hospital He was discharged in April 1919.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: His father was a market gardener.

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Frederick James Grainger

PLUMPTON ROLL OF HONOUR

BORN: 1899 in Eastbourne. PARENTS: William and Fanny Grainger Goodman

DIED: locally in 1973, aged 74.

JOB: He was a grocers boy before the war.

SERVICE RECORD: He joined the Royal Sussex Regiment in 1916 at aged 17. His war record cannot be located.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION The family moved to Chapel Road, Plumpton where his father was a Carpenter. He was the younger brother of Hubert Grainger.

Researched by Lee Stevens 2018 Project



Hubert Grainger

PLUMPTON ROLL OF HONOUR

BORN: 1894 in Plumpton. PARENTS: William and Fanny Grainger
MARRIED: Annie Beard in 1917
DIED: in 1987 aged 93 near Chichester.

JOB: He was a baker's assistant at The Mill, South Common, Chailey before the war.

SERVICE RECORD: He joined the Royal Sussex Regiment in 1914 under service number 3558 and later moved to the Labour Corps under service number 633362, gaining a long service award.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION . Records show him as Hubert and Herbert. He moved to Artisans Dwellings in 4 Avondale Road, Eastbourne as a boy and then back to Chapel Road, Plumpton where his father was a Carpenter. He was the older brother of Frederick James Grainger.

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William George Halford

PLUMPTON ROLL OF HONOUR

BORN: Unknown PARENTS: Unknown

DIED: Unknown

JOB: Unknown

SERVICE RECORD: joined the Army Service Corps, Mechanical Transport in 1915 and became Warrant Officer, then Company Major Sergeant under service number M2/018487. We know he saw active service, the Sussex Agricultural Express on 16 August 1918, showed under a heading of PLUMPTON, that he was home on leave from France.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: His connection to Plumpton is unknown as he cannot be located within local records.

Researched by Lee Stevens 2018 Project



Albert William James Hammond

PLUMPTON ROLL OF HONOUR

BORN: 1892 in Norwood, Surrey. PARENTS: mother Jane Hammond
DIED: near Cuckfield in 1966 aged 74.

JOB: He was a coach builder before the war.

SERVICE RECORD: He joined the Royal Field Artillery in 1916. He was a gunner, service No 241379.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: He moved with his mother to The Gables in Plumpton.

Researched by Lee Stevens 2018 Project



Alfred George Harriott

PLUMPTON ROLL OF HONOUR

BORN: 1885 in Barcombe. PARENTS: Henry and Rosina Harriott

MARRIED: Possibly to Dora Harriott (maiden name unknown).

DIED: Unknown

JOB: He was a cattle dealer before the war and After the war moved to Brighton where he was a pig dealer and possibly later a wholesale butcher.

SERVICE RECORD: He joined the Royal Sussex Regiment in 1915 aged 30 under service number G/12232. and he returned from the war in April 1918 (no reason given).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Just before the war he lived in Well House Plumpton with his wife and son.

Researched by Lee Stevens 2018 Project



Henry Richard Harriott

PLUMPTON ROLL OF HONOUR

BORN: 1890 in Plumpton. PARENTS: Gilbert and Alice Harriott
DIED: Unknown

JOB: He was a kennel man at The Stables, Stanmer near Lewes.

SERVICE RECORD: The Roll of Honour shows as joining Lancaster Regiment but this is probably an error, more likely joined Royal Sussex Regiment.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Older brother of Gilbert Harriott who died in the war. His address at birth was Plumpton Lane and later in the 1901 census, the family are living at 2 Mill Cottages Plumpton.

There is likely to be a link to Alfred George Harriott (cousins?) but none has been found.

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Le Touret Military Cemetery, Richebourge-L'Avoue



Gilbert Harriott

PLUMPTON ROLL OF HONOUR

BORN: 1893 in Plumpton. PARENTS: Gilbert and Alice Harriott of 2 Mill Cottages Plumpton and later of Wales Farm, Plumpton.

DIED: 13 May 1916 aged 23. Killed in Action in France & Flanders.

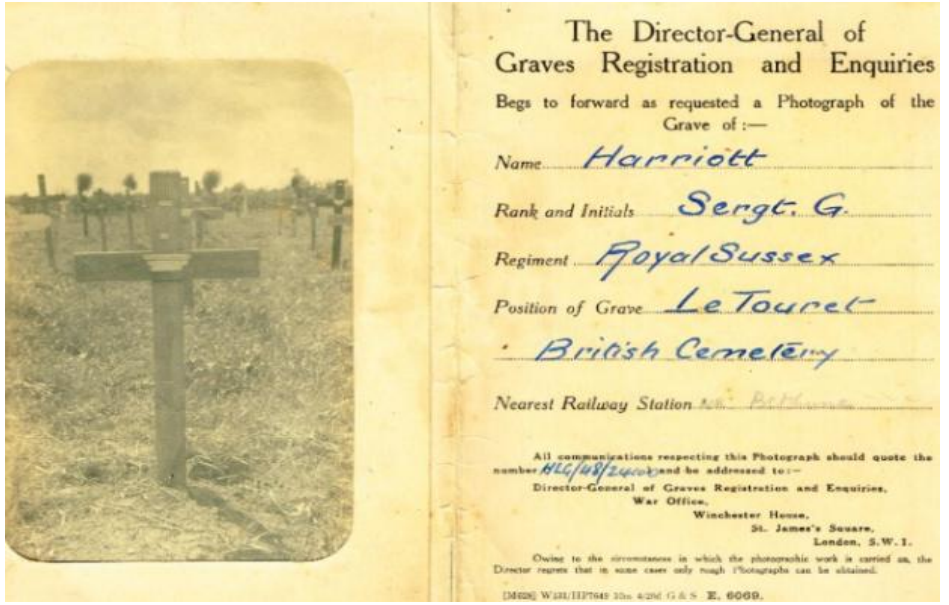
JOB: Nursery Gardener before the war.

SERVICE RECORD: He joined the Royal Sussex Regiment, 13th (Service) Battalion. (3rd South Down) in 1915. Attained the rank of Lance Sergeant under service number SD/3363. He is buried in Le Touret Military Cemetery, Richebourge-L'Avoue, France - (grave reference: Plot III. Row F. Grave 9). See photo card to the right of the original grave.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: He was a member of the Plumpton Miniature Rifle Club before the war. In the photo, from the Richard Wells Collection via the late Gilbert Upton, Gilbert Harriott is the 2nd soldier from the left in the front row.

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The Director-General of Graves Registration and Enquiries

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Name Harriott

Rank and Initials Sergt. G.

Regiment Royal Sussex

Position of Grave Le Touret British Cemetery

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Albert Harris

PLUMPTON ROLL OF HONOUR

BORN: 1893 in Maresfield near Uckfield. PARENTS: third son of James and Annie Harris.

MARRIED: Unknown

DIED: Unknown

JOB: Before the war he became a gardener and moved back to Hellingly (near Hailsham) and his old home (where we know he had his childhood) in Vicarage Lane and was a boarder to the Birch family.

SERVICE RECORD: He joined Royal Sussex Regiment in 1914 and it is believed his service number was G/1485.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: He moved with his parents and sister and five brothers to Place Mill, Plumpton before the war. His brothers all served in the war. Albert Harris' name is recorded as Harriss on the Plumpton Roll of Honour.

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Vadencourt British Cemetery, Maissemy



Edward Harris

PLUMPTON ROLL OF HONOUR

BORN: 1896 in Maresfield near Uckfield. PARENTS Fourth son of James and Annie Harris

DIED: 7 April 1917 aged 20. Killed in Action in France & Flanders

JOB: it is unclear what his job was before the war. He enlisted in New Court, Middlesex and it is assumed he was working nearby at the time.

SERVICE RECORD: He joined in 1915, the 2nd/4th Battalions Buckinghamshire Battalion Territorial Force of the Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry under service number 203473 and 7724. The notes say that he was formerly under service number 2768, Buckinghamshire Yeomanry (Royal Bucks Hussars). He is buried in Vadencourt British Cemetery, Maissemy, France - (grave reference: Plot II. Row A. Grave 43.)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: He moved with his parents and sister and five brothers to Place Mill, Plumpton before the war. His brothers all served in the war. Edward Harris' name is recorded as Harriss on the Plumpton Roll of Honour.

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Frederick George Harris

PLUMPTON ROLL OF HONOUR

BORN: 1891 in Cackle South Mill, Burnt Oak Bottom, Maresfield, Uckfield.
PARENTS: second son of James and Annie Harris.
DIED: Unknown

JOB: Unknown.

SERVICE RECORD: He joined the 9th Battalion, Manchester Regiment in 1915 under service number 43526.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: He moved with his parents and sister and five brothers to Place Mill, Plumpton before the war. His brothers all served in the war. Frederick George Harris' name is recorded as Harriss on the Plumpton Roll of Honour.



Robert Harris

PLUMPTON ROLL OF HONOUR

BORN: 1898 in Vicarage Lane, Hellingly (near Hailsham). PARENTS: the fifth son to James and Annie Harris.
DIED: Unknown

JOB: Unknown

SERVICE RECORD: He joined the 7th Reserve Brigade of the Royal Garrison Artillery in 1917 under service number 216494.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. He moved with his parents and sister and five brothers to Place Mill, Plumpton before the war. His brothers all served in the war. Robert Harris' name is recorded as Harriss on the Plumpton Roll of Honour.

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James Harris

PLUMPTON ROLL OF HONOUR

BORN: 1886 in Plumpton. PARENTS: first son of James and Annie Harris
DIED: Unknown

JOB: He became a Grocers Errand Boy at the turn of the Century. He worked at Gage Estate Firle and then for Rvd FS Selater in Newick Park before the war.

SERVICE RECORD: He joined 15th Hussars in 1908 serving abroad including India and South Africa, then joined World War 1 in 1914 under service number 1014. He was 'Dodging the Germans Plumpton Man's Thrilling Experience' and escaped through Belgium and turned up unexpectedly at Plumpton Station in muddy civilian clothes (see press article in March 1915 to the right). He returned to the front line at Flanders, France and was wounded in April/May 1915.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: James Harris' name is recorded as Harriss on the Plumpton Roll of Honour. He moved to Maresfield in his early life.

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DODGING THE GERMANS.

PLUMPTON MAN'S THRILLING EXPERIENCE.

Clad in civilian clothes which had seen better days, and wearing mud bespattered boots, a well-known Plumpton soldier alighted from the train at the village railway station. His appearance created a mild sensation, and the man had a story to tell that will no doubt interest our readers. The incident occurred some time ago, but it is worth recording.

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Walter William Hearns

EAST CHILTINGTON ROLL OF HONOUR

BORN: 1880 near Lewes (could be East Chiltington). PARENTS: Unknown

MARRIED: Caroline Louise Langridge in 1906

DIED: near Hove in 1964 aged 83

JOB: after the war he was a general labourer

SERVICE RECORD: Joined the 150th Horse Transport Company within the Army Service Corps as a (horse) driver under service number T4/037854.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Walter and Caroline Hearns moved to The Willows, Hailsham after the war.

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Lone Pine Memorial in Turkey



William Heaver

EAST CHILTINGTON ROLL OF HONOUR

BORN: 1872 in 62 Camberwell New Road, Lambeth (then Surrey)
PARENTS: William and Ernestine Heaver.

DIED: 3 May 1915 aged 42 in Dardanelles, Gallipoli

JOB: he was a dairyman at his fathers farm, before leaving for New Zealand in 1902. He joined the New Zealand Field Ambulance in 1908.

SERVICE RECORD: When the war broke out he returned serving under the New Zealand contingent. He served with New Zealand Medical Corps as a Private, under service number 3/170. He was mentioned in dispatches by General Hamilton per Gazette 29251 as deserving a special mention. No known grave. Commemorated on the Lone Pine Memorial in Turkey. Panel 76.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: The Heaver family moved to Chapel Farm, East Chiltington at the end of the 1890's. His father retired and sold the farm in April 1918.

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Henry J Hemsley

PLUMPTON ROLL OF HONOUR

BORN: in 1895 in Chailey. PARENTS: Stephen and Jane Hemsley of Sevelands Cottages in Plumpton Green.
DIED: Unknown

JOB: He worked in the Brickworks where his father was a Brickmaker.

SERVICE RECORD: He joined Royal Sussex Regiment in 1916. His war records cannot be located at this time.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. Older brother of Sidney Hemsley and younger brother of Stephen Thomas Hemsley.

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Sidney Hemsley

PLUMPTON ROLL OF HONOUR

BORN: 1896 in Streat. PARENTS: Stephen and Jane Hemsley of Sevelands Cottages in Plumpton Green.
MARRIED: Maime Snow in 1921.
DIED: Unknown

JOB: Unknown

SERVICE RECORD: Joined Royal Navy Division in 1916. His war records cannot be located at this time.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. Younger brother of Stephen Thomas Hemlsey and Henry J Hemsley.

Researched by Lee Stevens 2018 Project



Stephen Thomas Hemsley

PLUMPTON ROLL OF HONOUR

BORN: 1884 in Chailey. PARENTS: Stephen and Jane Hemsley of Sevelands Cottages in Plumpton Green.
MARRIED: Alice Maud Bowey in 1907
DIED: died near Hastings aged 79 in 1966.

JOB: He worked in the Brickworks where his father was a Brickmaker.

SERVICE RECORD: The Roll of Honour says he joined East Surrey Regiment in 1916, but he must have transferred, as his war record is with the 14th (Reserve Battalion) of the Royal Sussex Regiment under service number 6103 and then moved onto the 3rd Battalion of the Royal Sussex under G/6482 or 25755.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. He is on the Roll of Honour as TS Hemsley. When Stephen and Alice married, they also lived in Plumpton but we are not aware of their address. They had two children before the war, Reginald and Clara in 1908/1910.

Researched by Lee Stevens 2018 Project

Vis-en-Artois Memorial, France



Albert Ernest Hewlett

PLUMPTON ROLL OF HONOUR

BORN: 1891 in Lewes. PARENTS: William and Ellen Hewlett.

MARRIED: Eva M Smith in 1914.

DIED: 21 September 1918 aged 27. Killed in Action in France & Flanders.

JOB: He was a Bakers Assistant before the war.

SERVICE RECORD: He joined the 1st Battalion, the Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment), after initially joining the Royal Sussex Regiment in 1914. He was a Corporal under Service Number G/24398. The Sussex Agricultural Express reported that he was reported as wounded and a fortnight later they reported him as missing. Sadly, it was discovered that he was killed in action. He has no known grave and is commemorated on the Vis-en-Artois Memorial, France - (memorial reference: Panel 3) .

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: The family was from North Street Lewes and when he married he moved to Hill Rise Cottages in Plumpton.

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THE HIGGINS FAMILY – PLEASE SEE FOLDER FOR FULL RESEARCH

Arthur George Higgins – 4th son
Frank Edward Higgins – 6th son
George Austin Higgins – 5th son
Gerald Lyle Higgins – 3rd son
Hugh Percival Higgins – 7th son
John (Jack) Alfred Higgins – 1st son
Richard Higgins – 2nd son



CORPORAL A. G. HIGGINS.

Arthur George Higgins

PLUMPTON ROLL OF HONOUR

BORN: 1891 in Aldrington, Sussex. PARENTS: fourth son of John and Mary Ann Higgins of Knowlands Farm Plumpton Green. They had ten children, seven sons all who fought in WW1.
MARRIED: Grace B Bolton in June 1920 in Wandsworth.
DIED: in 1923 in Plumpton aged 31

JOB: Unknown before he signed up.

SERVICE RECORD: By 1911, he was a Private at the Infantry Barracks Broyle Road Chichester, Sussex Regiment and he enlisted in the Alexandra Princess of Wales Own Yorkshire Regiment. He went to the front in September 1914 having previously been stationed in the Channel Islands. He was promoted to Sergeant and his service number was 9788. He revealed a story of hand to hand bayonet combat with the Germans in the trenches where he had prevailed. He was wounded and discharged April 1918 under Army Order 2bi (a soldier who had served overseas and been discharged on account of disablement or ill-health caused otherwise than by misconduct).

Researched by Richard Wells 2018 Project



Frank Edward Higgins

PLUMPTON ROLL OF HONOUR

BORN: 1896 in Plumpton. PARENTS: sixth son of John and Mary Ann Higgins of Knowlands Farm Plumpton Green. They had ten children, seven sons all who fought in WW1.
MARRIED: Mildred Olive Seamer in 1921 at All Saints Church Plumpton and lived in 11 Council Cottages in Riddens Lane, Plumpton Green.
DIED: in 1988 aged 92 in Haywards Heath.

JOB: He was a jobbing builder, the same as his father.

SERVICE RECORD: He joined the Royal Irish Rifles in 1915 under service number 3/6481. He had previously applied to join the Royal Engineers and the Royal Flying Corps but was refused admission as he was not 'tall enough around the chest'. In July 1916 it was reported in the local news under CASUALTIES that he had been wounded in the thigh and was in hospital in England. He was wounded in the shoulder in 1917 and was in hospital in Yorkshire. He was discharged later that year, with newspaper reports saying he had 'done his bit'.

Researched by Richard Wells 2018 Project



SAPPER G. A. HIGGINS.

George Austin Higgins

PLUMPTON ROLL OF HONOUR

BORN: 1895 in Plumpton. PARENTS: fifth son of John and Mary Ann Higgins of Knowlands Farm Plumpton Green. They had ten children, seven sons all who fought in WW1.
MARRIED: Ethel F Cripps in 1923 in Hastings.
DIED: in 1974 aged in Plumpton aged 79.

JOB: He was an apprentice carpenter with Mr Davey a builder in Lewes, and he was known to be working in Brighton before the war.

SERVICE RECORD: He joined the Royal Engineers in 1915 as a Sapper under service number 33405 and served in France.

Researched by Richard Wells 2018 Project



GUNNER G. L. HIGGINS.

Gerald Lyle Higgins

PLUMPTON ROLL OF HONOUR

BORN: 1889 in Aldrington, Sussex. PARENTS: was the third son of John and Mary Ann Higgins of Knowlands Farm Plumpton Green.
MARRIED: Jessie P Wells of Haywards Heath in 1915 in Woolwich
DIED: 11 December 1916, age 28 in France & Flanders

JOB: a servant, hotel boots, at Golding's Hotel Haywards Heath.

SERVICE RECORD: He enlisted in September 1914 at Haywards Heath in the Royal Field Artillery as Gunner under service number 2406, "D" Battery, 123rd Brigade. His service records did not survive but he served in France and Flanders and died of wounds in hospital at Boulogne. He is buried in Doullens Communal Cemetery Extension 1, France - (grave reference: Plot III. Row F. Grave 10).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: His widow Jessie received £18.1s War Gratuity. In September 1917 she married again in Willesden, Gerald L Darke an estate owner, lived in Worthing and died there in 1952.

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Hugh Percival Higgins

PLUMPTON ROLL OF HONOUR

BORN: 1897 in Plumpton. PARENTS: was the seventh son of John and Mary Ann Higgins of Knowlands Farm Plumpton Green.
MARRIED: Olive Lilian Fisher in 1933
DIED: in (Trevalyn) Plumpton in 1954 aged 56

JOB: after the war he worked at Corbett's Engineering in Burgess Hill.

SERVICE RECORD: He joined the 17th Royal Sussex Regiment in 1916 as a Private and he transferred to the Royal Fusiliers under service number G/49644 and then back to the Royal Sussex Regiment under service number G/31391. In June 1919 it was reported that his parents were summoned by telegram to the bedside of their son Hugh who was lying dangerously ill in a Military Hospital at Cosham having recently been sent there from France. He was discharged at the end of 1919.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: He was a founder member of the Plumpton and East Chiltington British Legion Branch. Due to his injuries he underwent numerous operations and suffered from the effects of his war wounds for the rest of his life.

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John (Jack) Alfred Higgins

PLUMPTON ROLL OF HONOUR

BORN: 1884 in Horsham and known as Jack. PARENTS: John and Mary Ann Higgins (Jack was their oldest son).

MARRIED: Emma Ridley (from Barcombe) in 1911.

DIED: 9 April 1917 aged 32. Killed in Action the first day of the Battle of Arras, which went on until 16 May (see photo above of the Battle) where a total of 159,000 Allied troops were Killed in Action.

JOB: In 1901 he was age 16 an apprentice builder with his father who was a builder and contractor, by 1911 he was a joiner living at 3 Belfast Street Hove with his Grandmother Lucy Louise Turner.

SERVICE RECORD He joined the Royal Engineers in 1915. Sapper under service number 140260, 61st Field Company, Corps of Royal Engineers. He is buried in Beaurains Road Cemetery, Beaurains, France - (grave reference: Row D. Grave 7) with the inscription 'in loving memory of my dear husband until the day breaks'.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: The Higgins family was a large one and they served their country well in the war. The Sussex Express report in 1954 of the death of their son Hugh Percival Higgins says that he was one of the youngest of the family of 24. This may be true but does not agree with the 1911 census filled in by John Higgins when they were living at Knowlands Farm Plumpton Green, which records that they had been married 27 years had 16 children born alive, 6 had died and 10 were still living. However the birth and death records show 9 Higgins infant deaths which are likely to be from this family:-Nellie Louise 1886 Steyning, Female 1887 Steyning, Edith age 1 year 1887 Steyning, Charlie 1894 Lewes, Annie and Winifred probably twins 1898 Lewes, William Henry 1904 Lewes, Albert Job 1900 died 1907 age 6 Lewes, Thomas Cuthbert 1909 Lewes. From the census records and various news reports it has been possible to trace some of the places where the family lived. Horsham 1884, Aldrington near Hove 21 Upper Westbourne Street 1891, Sevelands Plumpton 1897, *The Home* probably near Beresford Lane Plumpton 1901 East Chiltington Parish Census, Knowlands Farm Plumpton Green 1911, Flint Cottage Plumpton in 1927. Their surviving children were **John Alfred 1884 Killed 1917 aged 32**, **Esther Alice** 1886, Richard 1888, **Gerald Lyle 1889 Killed 1916 age 28**, **Arthur George** 1891 died 1923 aged 31**, Nellie Maria** 1893 Married 1927 Henry John Banks of Plumpton, **George Austin** 1895 died 1974, **Frank Edward** 1896 died 1988, **Hugh Percival** 1897 died 1954, **Florence** 1901 did not marry, died 1988 Hastings. **7 Boys, all of whom fought in WW1**, and 3 girls.

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PRIVATE R. HIGGINS.

Richard Higgins

PLUMPTON ROLL OF HONOUR

BORN: 1888 in Aldrington, Sussex. PARENTS: was the second son of John and Mary Ann Higgins of Knowlands Farm Plumpton Green.
MARRIED: Daisy Edith Allfrey in 1920 at All Saints Church, Plumpton.
DIED: in Ringmer in 1975 aged 87.

JOB: after the war he was a painter and decorator.

SERVICE RECORD: He joined the 3rd Battalion 1st Royal Sussex Regiment in 1906. By 1911 he was serving in India at Rawalpindi in the Punjab. His service number is shown as 8469 and 9646. He served with the Royal Sussex Regiment in India and was due to return home in October 1914, but volunteered at the start of WW1, and transferred to the Royal Worcestershire Regiment under service number 38007, when it was sent to Mesopotamia (*now Iraq & Saudi Arabia*) where he was severely wounded while fighting the Turks He was wounded in the shoulder and ribs and was recovering in hospital in Basra as reported in the local news in March 1917.

Researched by Richard Wells 2018 Project

Portsmouth Naval Memorial



Edward Hobden

PLUMPTON ROLL OF HONOUR

BORN: 1888 in Mayfield, Sussex. PARENTS: George and Lizzie Hobden of Lentridge Cottages in Plumpton Green.

DIED: 31 May 1916 aged 28 at Battle of Jutland.

JOB: cowman initially and signed up before the war at Portsmouth.

SERVICE RECORD: He joined the Royal Navy as Leading Stoker under service record K/5309 aboard the H.M.S. Queen Mary. Only three officers and six men were saved from this ship. His name is commemorated on the Portsmouth Naval Memorial, Hampshire (memorial reference: 16).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: The following is taken from: '*Endless Story*' by Captain Taprell Dorling D.S.O. Royal Navy pub. 1923. H.M.S. 'Queen Mary' a 28,500-ton ship blew up after being struck by a salvo of shells abreast of one of her turrets. The ship seemed to collapse inwards, the masts and funnels falling together, the side of the ship being blown outwards, and the armoured roofs of the turrets being hurled 100 feet high, in the wink of an eyelid 57 officers and 1,209 men had gone to their deaths.

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Jesse Harold Hobden

PLUMPTON ROLL OF HONOUR

BORN: 19 October 1881 in Westmeston.
PARENTS: He was the eldest son of William and Ellen Hobden
MARRIED: Amy Ayling in 1906. They had two children and Amy died in October 1912. In June 1917 he married Annie Elizabeth Elphick.
DIED: September 1972 aged 91.

JOB: Brickyard labourer.

SERVICE RECORD: He joined Royal Garrison Artillery in 1918 aged 37. He was a Gunner in the Royal Garrison Artillery, Regimental Number 209537. He was awarded the Victory Medal and the British War Medal.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. The Hobden and Leaney family were historically connected by marriage. Jesse's sister Grace Hobden married Frederick J Parsons in 1925 who is also on the Plumpton Roll of Honour. In 1939 Jesse and Annie lived at 52 High Street Ditchling, 1 Sandrock Cottages, his occupation Hay and Straw Tyer.

Researched by Lee Stevens 2018 Project enhanced by Richard Wells in 2020.



Walter Hodgkinson

PLUMPTON ROLL OF HONOUR

BORN: 1882. PARENTS: William and Elizabeth Hodgkinson.
MARRIED: Unknown
DIED: Unknown

JOB: Chartered Accountant in London.

SERVICE RECORD: He joined the Royal Field Artillery in 1914.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: His father was the churchwarden of Ashurst Farm Plumpton. His mother Elizabeth died in Plumpton in 1912.

Researched by 2014 Project



Frank Howell

PLUMPTON ROLL OF HONOUR

BORN: 1878 in Kings Cottage, East Chiltington. PARENTS: Richard and Eliza Howell.
DIED: in 1964 aged 86 near Brighton.

JOB: He moved locally with work and boarded at The Bothy Plumpton where he was a fruit carter and on to Green Cross Cottage Plumpton, where he was a farm labourer.

SERVICE RECORD: He joined the Royal Garrison Artillery in 1916 and was a Bombardier and Gunner under three service numbers 60205, 71654 and 78783.

Researched by Lee Stevens 2018 Project



Harry Hunt

EAST CHILTINGTON ROLL OF HONOUR

BORN: 1891 in Lancing and moved to Chapel Cottage, East Chiltington at an early age. PARENTS: Henry and Catherine Hunt.
MARRIED: Rose Slater in Lewes in October 1916.
DIED: He died in North Chailey from his wounds in April 1929.

JOB: He was a cowman before the War.

SERVICE RECORD: He joined the Royal Field Artillery. There are 72 possible Harry or H Hunt records at the Royal Field Artillery and to date his war record has not been identified.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Second son and brother to Thomas and William Hunt. From various press articles we learnt he married after serving for 12 months. He had a leg amputated at the knee in France in 1916 and returned to England in 1917. They moved to North Common Chailey and had 4 children. He worked at the Kitchener Huts at Heritage Craft School, and he was popular with the boys. He remained cheerful throughout and died after a long painful illness, patiently borne.

Researched by 2014 Project and enhanced by Lee Stevens 2018 Project. Press article found by Richard Wells in 2020.

Plymouth Naval Memorial



Thomas Hunt

EAST CHILTINGTON ROLL OF HONOUR

BORN: 1891 in Wix Willow, West Grinstead PARENTS: Henry and Catherine Hunt. Moved to Chapel Cottage, East Chiltington just after he was born. Eldest son and brother to Harry and William Hunt.
DIED: 13 May 1915 aged 24 in Dardanelles, Gallipoli

JOB: Before the war he was on the ship Camaroon, but it is not known if this was a commercial or Naval Vessel.

SERVICE RECORD: He joined the Yeoman of Signals under service number 237755, on H.M.S. Goliath, Royal Navy. Killed in action, when the Turkish destroyer Mouavenet-Millieh torpedoed H.M.S. Goliath. The following is taken from: "Dictionary of Disasters at Sea During the Age of Steam 1824-1962" At 01:15hrs on the morning of 13th May three torpedoes hit "Goliath" in quick succession. So swiftly did the ship sink that many of those below were drowned before they could reach the upper deck…. Of the 750 on board Goliath about 570, including the Captain were drowned. Commemorated on Plymouth Naval Memorial, Devon. Panel 6.

Researched by 2004 Commonwealth War Graves Project, 2014 Project and enhanced by Lee Stevens 2018 Project



William Rowland Hunt

EAST CHILTINGTON ROLL OF HONOUR

BORN: 1899 in Chapel Cottage in East Chiltington. PARENTS: Henry and Catherine Hunt.

MARRIED: Unknown

DIED: It is not clear what happened to him after the war.

JOB: He was a carter boy on a farm before the war.

SERVICE RECORD: Joined the Royal Field Artillery. There are 78 possible William R or W Hunt records at the Royal Field Artillery and to date his war record has not been identified.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: He was the youngest son and brother to Harry and Thomas Hunt who also served in the War.

Researched by 2014 Project and enhanced by Lee Stevens 2018 Project