

Ernest George Jerrard

EAST CHILTINGTON ROLL OF HONOUR

BORN: 1884 in Lydd Kent. PARENTS: Charles and Susan Jerrard

MARRIED: Florence Major in 1925.

DIED: near Brighton in 1933 aged 49

JOB: He was a groom at Lewes House, High Street Lewes

SERVICE RECORD: Joined the Royal Navy as an Able Seaman on HMS Malaya under service number 201957.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: His father was a Coast Guard in Kent when he was born, then he moved to a new role of Commissioned Boatman at the Coast Guard at Bucklershard in the New Forest and later he was the Chief Boatman Coast Guard at Lancing. He is the older brother of JA Jerrard.

Researched by Lee Stevens 2018 Project



James Albert Jerrard

EAST CHILTINGTON ROLL OF HONOUR

BORN: 1891 in Beaulieu in the New Forest. PARENTS: Charles and Susan Jerrard

DIED: in 1936 aged 45 in the Royal Naval Hospital in Hasler, Hampshire. The cause of death is unknown.

JOB: He was a shop assistant in Worthing before the war.

SERVICE RECORD: Joined the Royal Navy as an Ordinary Seaman, Second Class on HMS Queen Elizabeth and later on HMS Barham under service number L8226.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: He is the younger brother of EG Jerrard

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Aveluy Wood Cemetery



John Peirce Leaney

PLUMPTON ROLL OF HONOUR

BORN: 1890 in Seaford, Sussex. PARENTS: William and Ruth Leaney of Brickyard Cottage, Plumpton.

MARRIED: Harriet N Deacon in 1912

DIED: 3 September 1916 aged 26. Killed in Action in France & Flanders

JOB: He was a brickmaker before the war.

SERVICE RECORD: Joined the Royal Sussex Regiment in 1914. Private in, 12th (Service) Battalion. (2nd South Down) under service number SD/1392. He is buried in Aveluy Wood Cemetery (Lancashire Dump), Mesnil-Martinsart, France (grave reference: Plot I. Row M. Grave 1.)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: John Leaney was the eldest of 12 children (6 boys and 6 girls). John, Minnie, William, Thomas, Edith, Elsie, Peter, Edward, Mary, Annie, Elizabeth and Frederick. William, Thomas, Edith and Peter signed up, together with their Father. Johns middle name Pierce is his mother's maiden name. Photos with thanks from Jennie Leaney's Family Collection.

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Leaney Family Picture 1908. Photographed outside the family home Brickyard Cottage, Riddens Lane. John and William Leaney are on the top lefthand side. Jennie Leaney collection.



Mr William Leaney and his with Ruth outside their home which was part of Stonyngs Farm and was known as Rylands Cottage/Brickyard Cottage over the years. From Jennie Leaney's collection.



Edith Leaney

PLUMPTON ROLL OF HONOUR

BORN: 1896 in Streat at Stone Heald. PARENTS: William and Ruth Leaney of Brickyard Cottage, Plumpton.
MARRIED: John Noble in Brighton in 1943
DIED: in Brighton in 1971 aged 75.

JOB: She was a domestic servant for the White Family at Riddens Farm before the war.

SERVICE RECORD: She joined the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps in 1917.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: 57,000 women joined the WAAC, but only 7,000 records remain as the remainder were destroyed in a German air-raid in 1940. Sadly, Edith's records are no longer available.

The E Leaney recorded on the Roll of Honour is Edith of the Leaney Brothers. There is also mention of Edith May Leaney born in Ditchling to Peter and Annie Leaney. She was born in 1903 and was the cousin of Edith Leaney from Plumpton.

Researched by Lee Stevens 2018 Project



Peter Henry Leaney

PLUMPTON ROLL OF HONOUR

BORN: in 1899 in Plumpton. PARENTS: William and Ruth Leaney of Brickyard Cottage, Plumpton.
MARRIED: Lilian E Guy in 1925
DIED: near Brighton in 1967 aged 68

JOB: Unknown.

SERVICE RECORD: He served in the Suffolk Regiment in 1918 rather than Bedfordshire Regiment on the roll of honour. His war record can not be currently located. It was fairly common that soldiers were reassigned to other regiments before their service commenced, especially towards the end of the war.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Fourth son of William and Ruth Leaney and brother of William, John, Thomas and Edith.

Researched by Lee Stevens 2018 Project



Thomas Leaney

PLUMPTON ROLL OF HONOUR

BORN: 1894 in Plumpton. PARENTS: William and Ruth Leaney of Brickyard Cottage, Plumpton.
MARRIED: Isabella Longmuir in 1922
DIED: in Worthing in 1971 aged 77.

JOB: He was a brickmaker before the war.

SERVICE RECORD: He joined the 644th Field Company of the Royal Engineers in 1916 under service number 247350.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Third son of William and Ruth Leaney and brother of William, John, Edith and Peter.

Researched by Lee Stevens 2018 Project



William Leaney

PLUMPTON ROLL OF HONOUR

BORN: in 1858 in Ditchling. PARENTS: Peter and Mary Anne Leaney who moved to Green Cross, Plumpton Lane around the time of Williams birth.
MARRIED: Ruth Peirce in 1891.
DIED: in Plumpton in June 1941 aged 82

JOB: He was a Brickmaker by trade.

SERVICE RECORD: He initially joined the Cinque Ports Division in 1882 under service number 35560. As his sons were joining up, he joined Royal Defence Corps in 1915. The Royal Defence Corps provided troops for security and guard duties inside the UK; guarding important locations such as ports or bridges. It also provided independent companies for guarding prisoner of war camps. No detail of his deployment can be found.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: he was father of the Leaney family who served in the War. There were 12 children (6 boys and 6 girls). John, William, Thomas, Edith, and Peter signed up. Minnie and Elsie stayed at home, with Edward, Mary, Annie, Elizabeth and Frederick being too young to serve. See family photos under John Peirce Leaney.

Researched by Lee Stevens 2018 Project



William Leaney

PLUMPTON ROLL OF HONOUR

BORN: 1893 in Ditchling. PARENTS: William and Ruth Leaney of Brickyard Cottage, Plumpton.
MARRIED: Unknown
DIED: In Roehampton in 1971 aged 78.

JOB: Before he signed up, he was a Baker at Cheale's Stores, the Village Shop.

SERVICE RECORD: He joined the Royal Horse Guards Blues in 1911. Please read the news article to the right, which tells how the whole regiment of the Royal Horse Guards Blues volunteered for active service at the beginning of the War in 1914. He was a Lance Corporal in 1915. His letters to his parents gave a good insight into what it was like at the Front.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: William was the second eldest son of William and Ruth, and was brother to John, Edith, Thomas and Peter.

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BELLS RINGING AND GUNS BOOMING.

INTERESTING PLUMPTON LETTERS



LANCE-CORPORAL W. LEANEY.

The Royal Horse Guards Blue—in times of peace the personal bodyguard of the Sovereign—have among their number a Plumpton man, Lance-Corporal William Leaney, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Leaney, Brickyard Cottage. At the outbreak of War the whole regiment volunteered for active service, and on August 15th Leaney accompanied his colleagues to the Front. He has so far escaped without a scratch, and one hopes this will be his good fortune throughout the War. He writes home very regularly, and in one of his letters he describes how, in the early hours of the morning, a band could be heard playing in the distance. "We could not make out what was happening," he states, "but about half-an-hour later the Germans came across an open space of about a quarter of a mile, and there must have been at least two or three thousand of them. Our artillery let drive, and had them lovely. But they still came on, and we wiped them down by the dozen. However, they managed to get in the trenches on our right, so we had to retire to another place half-a-mile back with only three killed and about twelve wounded. It was a bit warm for an hour or so, I can tell you, but our chaps stuck it well."

In another letter Leaney says: "The church bells were ringing just now, and guns were booming at the same time. It was rather a strange contrast."

Prior to enlisting, about four years ago, Leaney was employed as a baker with Mr. Cheale, of Plumpton.

Sussex Express 12 March 1915

The Royal Horse Guards Blues in time of peace the personal bodyguard of the Sovereign have among their number a Plumpton man. Lance Corporal William Leaney, son of Mr and Mrs W Leaney, Brickyard Cottage. At the outbreak of War, the whole regiment volunteered for active service, and on August 15th Leaney accompanied his colleagues to the Front. He has so far escaped without a scratch, and one hopes this will be his good fortune throughout the War. He writes home very regularly, and in one of his letters he describes how, in the early hours of the morning, a band could be heard playing in the distance. "We could not make out what was happening." he states "but about half an hour later the Germans came across an open space of about a quarter of a mile, and there must have been at least two or three thousand of them Our artillery let drive and had them lovely. But they still came on, and we wiped them down by the dozen. However, they managed to get in the trenches on our right, so we had to retire to another place half a mile back with only three killed and about twelve wounded. It was a bit warm for an hour or so, I can tell you, but our chaps stuck it well."

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Walter William Lipscombe

PLUMPTON ROLL OF HONOUR

BORN: 1900 in Chailey. PARENTS: Walter Edward and Emily Jane Lipscombe.
MARRIED: Unknown.
DIED: Unknown.

JOB: His father was a brickmaker and he may have joined him before joining up.

SERVICE RECORD: He joined the East Surrey Regiment in 1918. It is suspected that he joined just before the end of the war, as no war record can be found.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: His name was spelt Lipsommbe on the Plumpton Roll of Honour. He moved from Chailey to Station Road Plumpton before the war, no doubt as his father was a brickmaker. Born in Chailey in 1900 to parents. His half brother, James Paris, also served in the war from Plumpton.

Researched by Lee Stevens 2018 Project



A Malthouse

PLUMPTON ROLL OF HONOUR

BORN: in 1896. PARENTS: Unknown.
MARRIED: Unknown.
DIED: Unknown.

JOB: He was a Gardener before the war.

SERVICE RECORD: He initially joined the Royal Sussex Regiment, Machine Gun Corps in 1914.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: He lived in Arundel.

Researched by 2014 Project



Charles Manville

PLUMPTON ROLL OF HONOUR

BORN: 1894 in Plumpton. PARENTS: John and Elizabeth Manville.
MARRIED: Unknown
DIED: He died in 1922 aged 28 (cause not known).

JOB: He worked as a Brickyard Carter before the war.

SERVICE RECORD: Joined the Royal Garrison Artillery in 1915 under service number 781. He stayed on in the Royal Garrison Artillery (134th Siege Battery) after the war had ended, under service number 374365.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: He was one of fourteen children (9 boys and 3 girls) born between 1874 and 1899. Alfred, Louisa, Arthur, Henry, Edward, Ellen, Edith, Laura, Frederick, John, Annie, Albert and Jesse. The Family lived at 12 Whichelo Place Brighton initially and moved to New Cottages/Cox's Cottages, Plumpton during the 1880's and then before the war were living at 2 Old Plough Cottages, Plumpton.

Researched by Lee Stevens 2018 Project

Hazebrouck Communal Cemetery, France



Henry Manville

PLUMPTON ROLL OF HONOUR

BORN: 1882 in Brighton. PARENTS: John and Elizabeth Manville of 2 Old Plough Cottages in Plumpton.
DIED: 20 November 1914 aged 22. Died of his wounds in France & Flanders

JOB: Initially a farm labourer, he joined the Army by 1911 serving in Rawalpindi Punjab, India as a Cook. It appears he returned home before joining up at the beginning of the war, enlisting in Uckfield.

SERVICE RECORD: In 1914 he Joined the Royal Sussex Regiment under service number L/8529. He was taken to one of the Casualty Stations which were posted at Hazebrouck. He is buried in Hazebrouck Communal Cemetery, France - (grave reference: Plot III. Row A. Grave 25). At first Hazebrouck were buried among the civilian graves, but after the Armistice, these early graves were moved into the main Commonwealth enclosure.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: He was the older brother of John and Charles Manville.

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



John R Manville

PLUMPTON ROLL OF HONOUR

BORN: 1893 in Plumpton. PARENTS: John and Elizabeth Manville.
MARRIED: Unknown.
DIED: Unknown.

JOB: He worked as a Cowman before the war.

SERVICE RECORD: He joined the Army Service Corp in 1915. No war record can be found

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: brother to Charles and Henry Manville.

Researched by Lee Stevens 2018 Project

Menin Road South Military Cemetery



James Marchant

PLUMPTON ROLL OF HONOUR

BORN: 1889 in Alfriston, Sussex. PARENTS: James and Ellen Marchant

DIED: 14 February 1916, aged 27. Killed in Action in France & Flanders

JOB: he worked for Mr Honess in the village shop.

SERVICE RECORD: He enlisted at Lewes into the Royal Sussex Regiment in 1914. Initially a Private in the 9th (Service) Battalion under service number G/3345, he was promoted to Lance Corporal by the time of his death. He is buried in Menin Road South Military Cemetery, Ypres, Belgium - (grave reference: Plot I. Row G. Grave 5). Also found commemorated on the War Memorial located inside St. Andrew's Church, Alfriston, Sussex.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: The following report is taken from '*The Mid-Sussex Times*' 7th March 1916: SUSSEX CASUALTIES - KILLED. CORPORAL JAMES MARCHANT, PLUMPTON : We regret to announce the death of Corporal James Marchant, which took place on February 14th, whilst serving with his Regiment at the Front. The deceased, who was well known in Plumpton, had been in the employ of Mr. Honess, and enlisted after the outbreak of war. He was a native of Alfriston.

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C Mathis

PLUMPTON ROLL OF HONOUR

Whilst on the Roll of Honour as C Mathis, it is believed that this was an error and he was William Richard Mathis (photo above).
BORN: 30 March 1880 in Catsfield near Battle.
PARENTS: Frederick and Mary Jane Mathis. Frederick died in October 1880
MARRIED: May Jennings in 1910 in Kensington.
DIED: 22 June 1948 aged 68 in Buckinghamshire.

JOB: Before the war he worked/lived at Novington Manor Plumpton as a Motor Driver, and was probably chauffeur for Howell Powell-Edwards.

SERVICE RECORD: He joined the Royal Field Artillery on 4 November 1914 aged 34, rank Private. Service No M2/018613 and gave his trade as motor lorry driver**.** He was promoted from acting to full **Sergeant** in 1918. Served in France from 1915 until March1919, and was awarded the 1914-15 Star; British War Medal and the Victory Medal. Demobilized in April 1919.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: They had a daughter Josephine May Mathis born 23 April 1914, just before he signed up. He agreed to allot 48 pence/day from his army pay to support his wife and daughter.

Researched by 2014 Project and enhanced by Richard Wells in 2020.



George Charles Mears

PLUMPTON ROLL OF HONOUR

BORN: 9 August 1890 in Spatham Lane, Ditchling.
PARENTS: Unknown.
MARRIED: Rosa Turrell in 1911 (she was born July 1889 the girl next door in Spatham Lane).
DIED: June 1981 age 91 years in Maidstone.

JOB: Farm labourer.

SERVICE RECORD: He joined the 5th Battalion Royal Sussex Regiment in 1914, under service number 3106, then on 11th September 1918 was transferred to the Royal Army Service Corps Service number M/404212, rank private. He was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: His two younger brothers Arthur Leslie Mears and Alfred Henry Mears sadly died in the war. They were only 24 and 19. It is assumed they are on the Ditchling Roll of Honour. George and Rosa had a daughter Joan Mears, born in 1921. They moved to Chichester. Rosa died in 1975 in Maidstone.

Researched by 2014 Project and enhanced by Richard Wells in 2020.



George Medhurst

EAST CHILTINGTON ROLL OF HONOUR

BORN: 1875 in Ringmer. PARENTS: Ahab and Francis Medhurst

MARRIED: Lily Howell in 1907

DIED: locally in 1947 aged 72. His grave is in East Chiltington Church which regularly has flowers from his family.

JOB: He was a bricklayer before the war.

SERVICE RECORD: Joined the Royal Garrison Artillery under service number 9138.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: in his early years he moved to Plumpton Place near where the College is today. After he married, he moved to Upper Burrells Cottage in East Chiltington

Researched by Lee Stevens 2018 Project



Herbert Mercer

PLUMPTON ROLL OF HONOUR

BORN: 10 December 1891 in Ditchling.
PARENTS: Alfred and Lucy Mercer who were publicans of the Royal Oak in Ditchling (on bend north of Janes Lane – now demolished).
MARRIED: Mary Small in June 1919.
DIED: 8 August 1975 at The Beacon Chelwood Gate aged 84.

JOB: Cowman.

SERVICE RECORD. Joined the 8th Royal Sussex Regiment Pioneers in 1914. Service number G/2684 rank Private. He served in France from 24th July 1915**.** He was promoted to Sergeant and was demobilized on 18th February 1919. He was awarded the 1914-15 Star, British War Medal and Victory Medal.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: One of 4 brothers who all served. His 3 brothers are on the Wivelsfield Roll of Honour. In 1939 he and Mary were living at Wapsbourne Cottage, near Sheffield Park. His occupation is Farm Carter heavy work. Mary died in 1967 age 79.

Researched by 2014 Project, enhanced by Richard Wells in 2020.



Vincent (Tommy) Meredith

PLUMPTON ROLL OF HONOUR

BORN: 1897 in Stroud, Gloucestershire. PARENTS: Walter and Sarah Meredith
MARRIED: Eva Hewett in 1922
DIED: locally in 1964 aged 67.

JOB: He worked at the Orchid House in Jarvis Brook (near Rotherfield) and he was a boot repairer at the Shepherds Hut at the corner of Strawlands after the war.

SERVICE RECORD: he joined the Northumberland Fusiliers (1st and 7th Battalion) under service number 292713 in 1916. He was wounded in November 1916, with a gun shot wounds to his head, arm and leg and a newspaper report from France at the time said that his leg had to be amputated. He was formally discharged in June 1918.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Whilst his name was Vincent he was known as Tommy in the Village as he was Soldier Meredith. The family are known to have moved to Hailsham and Rotherfield in Sussex in Vincent's early years. He was at Plumpton when he joined the Northumberland Fusiliers.

Researched by Lee Stevens 2018 Project



A Merrifield

PLUMPTON ROLL OF HONOUR

BORN: Unknown. PARENTS: Unknown.

MARRIED: Unknown.

DIED: Unknown.

JOB: He was a Baker before he signed up.

SERVICE RECORD. He joined the Royal Garrison Artillery in 1918.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: His local and war record has not been located. From the newspapers we know he was in Plumpton in 1916 and was a Baker and was given an exception to not join up as it was important that bread was provided locally. At that time he was winning competitions at the Plumpton Miniature Rifle Club per a newspaper article.

Researched by Lee Stevens 2018 Project



(Arthur) Edward Morley

PLUMPTON ROLL OF HONOUR

BORN: 1887. PARENTS: Unknown.
MARRIED: Unknown.
DIED: Unknown.

JOB: . He was a print compositor before the war.

SERVICE RECORD: He joined the Royal Army Medical Corps in 1914.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: He is recorded on the Roll of Honour as A Morley. Edward Morley is known to have lived at the Rectory Cottage East Chiltington and further research is required to understand his local history and war record.

Researched by 2014 Project



Henry James Norwood

PLUMPTON ROLL OF HONOUR

BORN: 1899 in Plumpton. PARENTS: George and Elizabeth Norwood who moved to Letchmore Lodge Farm, Plumpton just before Henry was born.
MARRIED: Norah Keevil in 1928
DIED: in 1994 near Lewisham aged 95.

JOB: Unknown

SERVICE RECORD. He was initially serving in D Company Sussex Volunteers. His father applied for an exemption for Henry in April 1917 which was refused. A month later he joined the Royal West Kent Regiment in 1917 at Chatham under service number G/27298.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: He took over the running of the farm from his parents by the start of the second World War.

Researched by Lee Stevens 2018 Project



William George Charles Oatten

PLUMPTON ROLL OF HONOUR

BORN: 1891. PARENTS: Unknown.
MARRIED: Unknown.
DIED: Unknown.

JOB: . He was a porter at Plumpton Railway Station before the war.

SERVICE RECORD: He joined the Royal Field Artillery in 1914 and was a Sergeant in the Royal Field Artillery under service number 14863.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: His name is recorded on the Roll of Honour, as G Outen. Research shows his name was William George Charles Oatten. He lodged with Mrs Reed at Manor House Laundry Cooksbridge. It is believed that he went to Australia after he was demobilised.

Researched by 2014 and enhanced by Richard Wells 2018 Project



James Paris

PLUMPTON ROLL OF HONOUR

BORN: 1888 in Plumpton. PARENTS: Emily Jane Paris a widow or a single mother and she was a painter/plumber in Plumpton. Emily then married Walter Edward Lipscombe.
MARRIED: Unknown.
DIED: Unknown.

JOB: Unknown.

SERVICE RECORD. He joined the Royal Engineers in 1915 as a Sapper under service number T/1411 and 545240.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: William Walter Lipscombe, another Plumpton soldier, was his half brother

Researched by Lee Stevens 2018 Project



Frederick James Parsons

PLUMPTON ROLL OF HONOUR

BORN: 25 April 1889 in Ditchling. PARENTS: Harry and Jane Parsons.
MARRIED: Alice Elizabeth Howes in September 1921, she died in child birth and he married Grace Hobden in March 1925. Sadly their son died aged 12 with meningitis. Their daughter Florence Mary survived.
DIED: in December 1967 aged 78 in Uckfield.

JOB: . He was a domestic chauffeur in Kensington London, before the war.

SERVICE RECORD: His service records have not survived but his Regimental Service number L/9235 indicates that he enlisted in June 1909. In 1911 at age 22; he was a Private in the 1st Royal Sussex Regiment serving in India. He was promoted to Lance Corporal, Regimental Numbers L/9235 and 6390361. He was in the WW1 Asiatic theatre of war and hostilities started on 17thAugust 1915. Hewas awarded the Victory Medal, the British War Medal, the 1914-15 Star, also the India General Service, Afghanistan and North West Frontier 1919 medal at Hounslow on 15th August 1921,

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: In 1901 his family of nine were living at Tar Hut Warningore, East Chiltington He returned to England in 1921 having served 12 years. They lived at 1 St Helena Cottages, Plumpton.

Researched by 2014 Project, enhanced by Richard Wells in 2020.



Harry Parsons

PLUMPTON ROLL OF HONOUR

BORN: 8 August 1884
PARENTS: Harry and Jane Parsons.
MARRIED: Unknown.
DIED: Believed to be 1959, when he was aged 75 in Uckfield.

JOB: Farm labourer.

SERVICE RECORD. The Roll of Honour says he joined the Royal Suffolk Regiment in 1914. However, his military record says that he joined up in 1916 under various service numbers and finally joining oined the 5th Battalion South Staffordshire Regiment. In 1917 he was serving in the Labour Corps Agricultural Company 413. Under No. S/452909 where he was disciplined for various offences, including threatening an NCO. On 27TH October 1919 he was transferred to the Royal Army Service Corps Base Supply Depot, Rhine Army, Antwerp. He was demobilised in January 1920 with a home address of South View, Haley Wood, Streat.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Brother of Frederick Parsons and Harry also lived in Tar Hut Warningore East Chiltington. In his early life.

Researched by 2014 Project, enhanced by Richard Wells in 2020.



W Pateman

PLUMPTON ROLL OF HONOUR

BORN: 1880. PARENTS: His father was a brick carter living at Plough Cottages, Plumpton.
MARRIED: Unknown.
DIED: Unknown.

JOB: He was a general labourer before the war.

SERVICE RECORD: He joined the Royal West Kent Regiment in 1914.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: His local and war record have not been located.

Researched by 2014 Project



Arthur Nix Pentelow

PLUMPTON ROLL OF HONOUR

BORN: 1885 Somersham, St Ives in Huntingtonshire. PARENTS: Ebenezer and Matilda Pentelow.
MARRIED: Mary Pentelow (maiden name unknown)
DIED: in 1956 near Romford aged 72

JOB: He was a Hosiers Assistant in Nottingham and a Groom before the war and he may have served in Egypt before war broke out, per 2014 research.

SERVICE RECORD. He joined the Royal Suffolk Regiment in 1914. He transferred to a Gunner in Royal Horse & Field Artillery, 19th Anti Aircraft Co. under service number 108225.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Plumpton connection; he played for Cricket team. A regular correspondent with the Wells family. See postcards on 2014 Project display.

Researched by 2014 Project, enhanced by Lee Stevens 2018 Project

The Pickering Family – See Folder Below for full research



The Pickering Family at Aspen Lea c 1905 from the Richard Wells Collection
Boys: probably, Left Ernest Augustus, then Arthur with Leonard on the right.
Girls: youngest, Mabel who died in 1911 and Edith. With parents John and Martha



William Wells driving his De Dion in 1905
with Mr Pickering outside his house
Aspen Lea
Now The Rydens
Note the tiller steering
From the Richard Wells Collection



Arthur Pickering

PLUMPTON ROLL OF HONOUR

BORN: 1889 in Plumpton PARENTS: 4th son of John and Martha Pickering of Aspen Lea, Plumpton.
MARRIED: Sarah Minnie Starling Leech in 1919 in St Pancras London
DIED: in Vancouver Canada in 1950 aged 61.

JOB: He was a steward before the war.

SERVICE RECORD: He enlisted in the 50th Battalion of the Canadian Infantry, Canadian Overseas Expeditionary Force in 1915 in Calgary, Canada. The Mid Sussex Times reported he was wounded and in hospital in April 1917.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Arthur and Minnie settled in Calgary, Alberta after the war and had three children. It is not known when he moved to Vancouver.

Researched by Richard Wells 2018 Project



Ernest Augustus Pickering

PLUMPTON ROLL OF HONOUR

BORN: 1887 in Kensington London. PARENTS: 3rd son of John and Martha Pickering of Aspen Lea, Plumpton.
DIED: 17 July 1916 aged 29. Died of wounds at the Battle of the Somme.

JOB: He was a clerk at a mineral water company. The STK prefix of his service number usually denotes that he was a stockbroker before the war .

SERVICE RECORD: He joined the 10th (Service) Battalion, The Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment) in 1914. He was a Private under service number STK/792. The 10th were mainly recruited from the London Stock Exchange. He served in France from July 1915 to July 1916.

He is buried in ABBEVILLE Communal Cemetery, France - (grave reference Plot IV. Row E. Grave 6.) The picture is from the Richard Wells Collection and a wreath laid at the grave in 1920 had this message 'in loving memory of our dear Will and Ern, from all at Aspen Lea'

Researched by 2004 Commonwealth War Graves Project, 2014 Project and enhanced by Richard Wells 2018 Project



Leonard Pickering

PLUMPTON ROLL OF HONOUR

BORN: 1893 in Kensington London. PARENTS: 5th son of John and Martha Pickering of Aspen Lea, Plumpton.
MARRIED: Phoebe Amelia Orridge in 1920
DIED: in Ickenham Middlesex in 1963 aged 69

JOB: Clerk at Messrs Ogden Son and Olly, Wimbledon before the war and after the war he became a Records Clerk in Drawing Office in Guildford.

SERVICE RECORD. He joined the 10th Battalion Kings Royal Rifles Corps Service Battalion under service number R2012 in 1914. He transferred to the Royal Engineers under service number 244612. He was made Lance Corporal in 1918. He moved to the 4th Survey Battalion as Lance Corporal in April 1917 and promoted to 2nd Corporal in July 1917. He returned home in March 1919.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: He and Phoebe moved to Edmonton Middlesex after they married and later lived in Ickenham Middlesex.

Researched by Richard Wells 2018 Project



John Pickering

PLUMPTON ROLL OF HONOUR

BORN: 1885 in Kensington London. PARENTS: 2nd son of John and Martha Pickering of Aspen Lea, Plumpton.
DIED: in 1949 aged 65.

JOB: He was a junior cashier before the war.

SERVICE RECORD: He joined the 3rd Grenadier Guards in 1914 and believe his service number may be 28384 (there are two others who enlisted in 1914). It is not known where he served but from a Sussex Agricultural Express news article we know when he had only been in France for a month, he was gassed in September 1918 and was admitted to a military hospital in Southampton and then moved to a hospital in Neath.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: He lived with his Uncle and Aunt, John and Mary Gilbey in Islington before the war.

Researched by Richard Wells 2018 Project



William Henry Pickering

PLUMPTON ROLL OF HONOUR

BORN: 1883 in Kensington London. PARENTS: eldest son of John and Martha Pickering of Aspen Lea, Plumpton.
DIED: in 1917 aged 34 probably in Shepherds Bush.

JOB: He was a bank clerk for London City Midland Bank in 1911.

SERVICE RECORD. He joined the Territorial Force in 1898 and in 1906 he moved to the 6th London Ambulance division RAMC and service number 476. He was working in London in 1911 and he must have rejoined at the start of the war. He was promoted to ASM in 1914 in the Field Service Unit and was discharged due to sickness in March 1916 when he was an Acting Sergeant Major in the Royal Army Medical Corps. He died the following year at home (cause unknown).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Whilst working at the Bank, he boarded in Highbury in London.

Researched by Richard Wells 2018 Project



Charles Pocock

PLUMPTON ROLL OF HONOUR

BORN: 1875 in Ickfield or Charlwood. PARENTS: George and Harriet Pocock who moved to Plumpton in Charles early years.
MARRIED: Frances Ellen Kellaway in 1905 and started a family in Chailey.
DIED: Unknown.

JOB: He was a farm labourer before initially joining up and was a brickmaker before the war the war.

SERVICE RECORD. He joined the Royal West Kent Regiment in 1894 at the age of 19. He re-joined the 3rd unit, 11th Battalion of Royal West Kent Regiment in 1915 aged 41 under service number G/11009.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: The address in Plumpton is not known as he was growing up. It is felt he was a Brickmaker in Plumpton whilst living in Chailey before the war started.

The Powell Edwards Family

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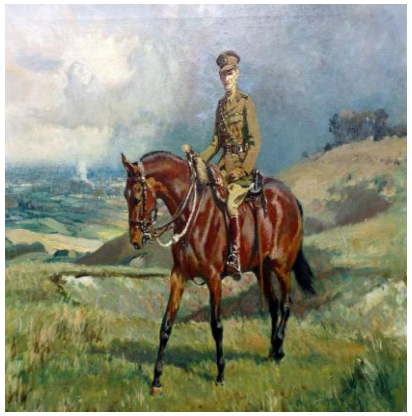
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The Powell Edwards Brothers of East Chiltington were sons of Howell Powell Edwards (1855 - 1917), born at Llanbadarn, Cardiganshire, married Katherine Elizabeth Bonsall (1854 - c1911), daughter of Thomas Bonsall and Katherine Hughes, in Aberystyth in 1881. Howell became a solicitor at Gray's Inn and purchased Novington Manor, (an ancient estate recorded in 1258), in 1885 having made his money in property, owning a section of Oxford St. The Powell Edwards family own it still. Howell Powell Edwards now a wealthy land owner and Justice of the Peace became the gentry of East Chiltington and Plumpton having influence over local affairs as would have the Lord of the Manor if he (the absent Earl Of Chichester) had lived here. He had the original Novington Lodge extensively rebuilt from 1890 to 1897, the work being carried out by W. Wells & Co of Plumpton. It was renamed Novington Manor (see picture right c1900). All three sons served in the war and all served in the Sussex Yeomanry:

William Gerald Howell Powell Edwards
Herbert Ivor Powell Edwards and
Thomas Aubrey Richard Powell Edwards.



Howell Powell Edwards (bottom picture) was tragically killed in an accident at the South Novington Rifle Range in January 1917, when he slipped whilst walking back from the target area and dropped his gun which fired, shooting him through the heart. Ironically he had donated his land for the rifle range following a request by the Brighton Imperial Rifle Club which had been unable to locate a site, in July 1901. The range firing point was located just east of the Half Moon, 400 yards to the target up the North side of the South Downs. The armoury building at the entrance to Hackman’s Farm and the target mechanism on the hillside still survive.



Herbert Ivor Powell Edwards

EAST CHILTINGTON ROLL OF HONOUR

BORN: 1891 in Paddington. PARENTS: eldest son of Howell Powell Edwards JP and Katherine Elizabeth Powell Edwards.
DIED: locally in 1955 aged 64

JOB: He was a solicitor before he signed up.

SERVICE RECORD. He joined the Sussex Yeomanry Regiment with the rank of Major and fought at Gallipoli in 1915 where he was awarded the DSO. He was the Commanding Officer of the 16th Battalion Sussex Yeomanry and he made Lieutenant Colonel in 1927. He was in the army for 20 years and wrote a history of the Sussex Yeomanry. He was the main player in the creation of the War Memorial and Memorial Hall in Plumpton and supported the need for the Comrades Club.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: He was Lord of the Manor of Novington, Justice of the Peace, Deputy Lord Lieutenant of the County of Sussex and Chairman of the East Sussex County Council (1934-37). He was also Churchwarden of East Chiltington and played cricket for Sussex.

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Thomas Aubrey Richard Powell Edwards

EAST CHILTINGTON ROLL OF HONOUR

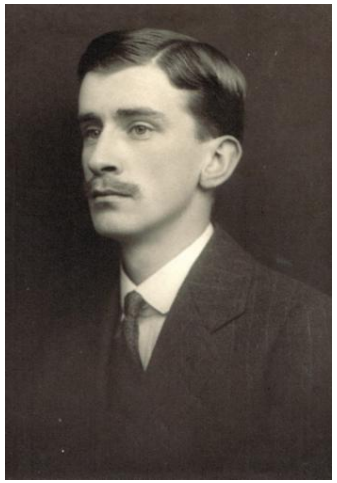
BORN: 1895 in Paddington. PARENTS: youngest son of Howell Powell Edwards JP and Katherine Elizabeth Powell Edwards.
DIED: in Calcutta in India in 1919 aged 26

JOB: He joined up shortly after leaving Eton.

SERVICE RECORD. He returned home from Calcutta to join the Sussex Yeomanry Regiment at the beginning of the war, serving alongside his brothers and fought at Gallipoli in 1915. There he received the congratulations of the Divisional Commander for gallant and successful leading of a patrol. When his regiment was moved from Palestine to France, he refused promotion to return to his regiment and he gained the command of C Company which he held until the end of the war.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: After the war he returned to Calcutta and a fearless horseman, with fine hands and seat and he rode several winners of both fence and flat.

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William Gerald Powell Edwards

EAST CHILTINGTON ROLL OF HONOUR

BORN: 1884 in Llanbadarn Cardiganshire. PARENTS: eldest son of Howell Powell Edwards JP and Katherine Elizabeth Powell Edwards.
MARRIED: Theodora Imogene Parsons of Lewes in 1908
DIED: in Cowes, Isle of Wight in 1946 aged 62

JOB: He joined up soon after leaving Oxford University.

SERVICE RECORD. He joined the Sussex Yeomanry Regiment with the rank of Lieutenant and fought at Gallipoli in 1915. He was then promoted to Acting Major and then Major.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Known locally as Gerald or Major Powell Edwards, he never married and lived at South Novington Farm (Hackmans) with his widowed sister Sybil Tetley (wife of Jack Tetley). He was the General Secretary of the Sussex Rural Community. He was a land owner and farmer and played cricket for Plumpton. He was Scoutmaster of the 1st Plumpton Scout Troop in the 1920s and 1930s.



William Gerald Howell Powell Edwards
Herbert Ivor Powell Edwards and
Thomas Aubrey Richard Powell Edwards

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