

Hollowell Men who died in the First World War

Private Joseph Bounds

Royal Army Medical Corps, 58171

Joseph was born between October and December 1883 in Hollowell.

His father was Edward, a general labourer, and his mother Ellen Horne (Hern?).

He was the third of 14 children, the eldest born in 1881 and the youngest in 1907.

On leaving school became a farm labourer.

He married Mary Jane Hughes from Staffordshire between Jan and March 1909 and by 1911 was working for Northampton Water Works. They had one child, Gladys Mary, who was born in 1910.

Joseph entered the war on 11 August 1915 and was killed in action in Mesopotamia on 14th July 1917, aged 27. He is remembered on the Basra Memorial in Iraq.

Joseph was awarded the Victory medal, the British War medal and the 1915 Star.

Gunner George Goodman Leatherland

Royal Garrison Artillery, 74176

George was born between April and June 1891 in Hollowell.

His father was William, a master carpenter and farmer, his mother was Rebecca Goodman. He had three siblings, Frank, Lucy and Clement.

When George left school he became a farm labourer and wagoner and continued to live with his parents.

He enlisted in April 1916 was posted to France on 7th April 1916. He is named as being in the 141st. Heavy Battery of the Royal Garrison Artillery.

He died of appendicitis on 17th May 1918, aged 27, and his effects were returned to his parents.

He is remembered in the Bagneux British Cemetery, Gezaincourt.

He was awarded the Victory and British War medals.

Private Albert Edward Stafford

9th Battalion, Cheshire Regiment ,268541
(formerly Northamptonshire Yeomanry 2059 and 146094)

Albert was born between July and September 1896 in Nortoft, Guilsborough and was baptised on 10th October 1897 in Guilsborough.

His father was James was a gamekeeper then a shepherd, and his mother was Elizabeth Hannah (Annie) Perrin. He was one of 11 siblings, the eldest born in 1882 and the youngest in 1901. In both the 1891 and 1901 censuses they were living at the Porter's Lodge, Guilsborough.

In 1903 Albert's father died, aged 47, and by 1911 seven of the siblings were recorded as living at the Porter's Lodge, Creton with their widowed mother. The five older boys were all working as farm labourers. It seems likely that this was the same Porter's Lodge but named differently.

Albert enlisted in the Northamptonshire Yeomanry and was later transferred to the 9th Battalion of the Cheshire Regiment. No record has been found of his war experience but we know he died in action on 13 April 1918 in Flanders. He is remembered on the Tyne Cot Memorial, West Flanders, Belgium

He was awarded the Victory and British War medals but these were never collected and in 1922 the Cheshire Regiment requested authorisation for the disposal of the medals.

One of Albert's sisters, Lucy, married (Charles) Vallor Robins in 1924 and his brother Arthur was living in the house next to Ivy Cottage in 1939.