

Hollowell men who served in the First World War

Alfred Joseph Bonsor

He was a Private then Corporal in the Northamptonshire Regiment, 2nd Battalion, 16258. He enlisted in November 1914 and was sent to France on 31 May 1915. He was discharged in May 1919.

He was awarded the Victory, British and 1915 Star medals.

Alfred was born in December 1890 in Creaton.

His father was William, a foreman brick maker, and his mother Ann or Annie. He was the brother of Bertram and Henry Bonsor.

In 1911 he too was a brick maker.

He married Evelyn A Leatherland in Brixworth in September 1930.

He died in March 1946, aged 55, in Brixworth.

[1911 Census](#), [Birth index](#), [Marriage index](#), [Death index](#),
[WW1 Medal rolls](#), [Records of G., N. & H p157](#).

Bertram John Bonsor (Bert or Birt)

He was a Driver in the Royal Field Artillery, 207881. He joined in February 1917 and was awarded the Victory & British war medals.

Bertram was born on 9 October 1895 in Creation

His father was William, a foreman brick maker, and his mother Ann or Annie. He was the brother of Alfred and Henry Bonsor.

He married Elsie Wiggins in September 1930 (perhaps a joint wedding with Alfred and Evelyn?)

In 1969 he was living at Highcliffe, Hollowell and he died in March 1971, aged 75.

(Found in 1901 census but nowhere to be seen in 1911)

[1901 Census](#), [Birth index](#), [Marriage index](#), [Death index](#), [WW1 medal rolls](#), [Records of G., N. & H p157](#), [British Phone Books](#).

Henry James Bonsor (often known as James)

He was a Private in the Northamptonshire Regiment, 4th Battalion, 23074 (*his attestation form is on Ancestry*)

He enlisted on 9 December 1915 under the Derby scheme and was posted to France on 12 February 1916. He was wounded twice, first in the leg and then in the thigh, and finally discharged on 16 April 1919.

Henry was born between January and March 1889, in Creaton.

His father was William a foreman brick maker, and his mother Ann or Annie. He was the brother of Alfred and Bertram Bonsor.

In 1911 he too was a brick maker. He then moved to the Railway Hotel, Kilsby, and worked in a foundry.

He married Catherine Annie Dickins on 20 Nov 1915 and a son Albert Edgar was born on 20 September 1916. Other children were Gertrude Annie, born September 1919 and Gerald Victor, born 10 September 1920. Gertrude later married Herbert Knight in 1943 and Gerald married Valerie Fardon in 1963.

Henry died on 15 November 1955, Holly Tree Farm, Holcot, leaving £948.

[*1911 Census, Birth index, Marriage index, Death index, Probate, Army Service records - attestation sheets, Records of G.,N.& H p157.*](#)

Edward Harry Bounds

He was a Private in the Northamptonshire regiment, 3rd Battalion, 16257. He enlisted in November 1914 and was sent to France on 31 May 1915 (the same day as Alfred Bonsor). Edward was awarded the Victory, British and 1915 star medals.

Edward was born 9 August 1896 in Hollowell. He was the son of Edward, a bricklayer and general labourer, and Ellen. He was one of eight children including Joseph and Richard. By 1911 he was a farm labourer.

He married Charlotte ME Manning between July & September 1919 and they had a daughter Molly between January and March 1922.

Edward died September 1974 in Wellingborough, aged 78.

[*1911 Census, Birth index, Marriage index, Death index, WW1 medal rolls, Records of G.,N.& H p157.*](#)

Joseph Bounds

Joseph was a Private in the Royal Army Medical Corps, 58171.

He enlisted May 1915 and entered the war on 11 August 1915.

He was killed in action (drowned) in Mesopotamia on 14 July 1917. He is remembered on the Basra Memorial in Iraq.

Joseph was awarded the Victory and British War medals and the 1915 Star.

Joseph was born between October and December 1883 in Hollowell, the son of Edward, a bricklayer and general labourer, and Ellen.

He was one of 8 children, including Edward and Richard, and 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 and had one child, Gladys Mary, aged 10 months.

[*1901 & 1911 Census, Birth index, Marriage index, Death index, WW1 medal rolls, Soldiers who died in WW1, Records of G.,N.& H p157.*](#)

Richard Wilfred Bounds (often Wilfred Richard)

Richard was in three different regiments during the first world war. Firstly, he was a Private in the Northamptonshire Regiment, 32315 then a Private in the Northumberland Fusiliers, 37047 and finally a Private in the Shropshire Light Infantry, 45634.

He was awarded Victory and British war medals

Richard was born in Hollowell between July and September 1898, the son of Edward, a bricklayer and general labourer, and Ellen.

He married Dorothy Alice Pearson between January and March 1921 and a son, Richard A, was born in June 1925.

Richard died June 1943, aged 45, in Brixworth and left £698 to Dorothy.

[*Birth index, Marriage index, Death index, WW1 medal rolls, Probate, Records of G.,N.& H p157.*](#)

John Leatherland

John was a Sapper in the Royal Engineers, 169627.

He was awarded Victory and British War medals.

John was born in October 1881, the son of James, a builder and carpenter, and Caroline. He too became a carpenter and married Kate Annie Hickman in September 1922. Kate, born July 1882, and her sister Olive Mary were teachers at Hollowell school and lived with their mother Catherine Elizabeth Hickman at Hollowell Manor.

He died on 31 October 1944, Brixworth leaving £7546.

[*Birth index, Marriage index, Death index, WW1 medal rolls, Probate, Records of G.,N.& H p157.*](#)

George Goodman Leatherland

George was a Gunner in the Royal Garrison Artillery, 74176.

He enlisted in April 1916 and was twice hospitalised for bronchitis.

He died in France on 7 May 1918 of appendicitis and is buried in Bagneux British Cemetery, Gezaincourt, France. He was awarded the Victory and British medals

George was born in Hollowell in April 1891, the son of William, a farmer and master carpenter, and Rebecca.

By 1911 he was a wagoner and farm worker.

[*Birth index, 1901 Census, 1911 Census - name misspelt as Gertrude, WW1 Medal rolls, Army service records - attestation papers, Soldiers who died in WW1, Records of G.,N.& H p157.*](#)

Albert Edward Stafford

Albert joined the Northamptonshire Yeomanry in October 1915, under the Derby scheme. His regimental numbers in the Yeomanry were 2059 then 146094. He then became a Private in 9th Battalion, Cheshire Regiment, 268541. He died in Flanders on 13 April 1918 and is buried at Zonnebeke, West Flanders, Belgium. His Victory and British war medals were unclaimed and on 17 July 1922 the Cheshire regiment requested permission to dispose of them.

Albert was born in Cottesbrooke between July and Sept 1896 and baptised on 10 October 1897. His father, James, was a shepherd and his mother Elizabeth Hannah. His father died in October 1903, aged 47, when Albert was only 7. He was the brother of Arthur Eaton and Henry Charles Stafford and lived at the Porter's Lodge, Creaton.

[*Birth index, 1911 Census, WW1 Medal rolls, Soldiers who died in WW1, Records of G.,N.& H p157.*](#)

Arthur Eaton Stafford

Arthur joined the Royal Garrison Artillery as a Gunner, 74184, in 1915. He was awarded the Victory and British war medals.

Arthur was born in July 1887, at Nortoft. He lived at the Porter's Lodge, Creaton. His father James, was a shepherd, and mother Elizabeth Hannah. His father died on 10 October 1903, aged 47. He was a brother of Albert Edward and Henry Charles Stafford. He became a farm labourer and married Mary Maria York in December 1935. (She was born in 1894 in Creaton, parents William and Elizabeth). Arthur died in June 1962 in Brixworth aged 74.

[*Birth index, 1901 & 1911 Censuses, Marriage index, Death index, WW1 medal rolls, Records of G.,N.& H p157.*](#)

Henry Charles Stafford (or Charles Henry)

Henry joined the Royal Field Artillery in 1915, 126794, and then transferred to the Labour Corps, 575497. He was awarded the Victory and British War medals.

Henry was born in Cottesbrooke in May 1895 and baptised in August 1895. He lived at the Porter's Lodge, Creaton. His father was James, a shepherd, and mother Elizabeth Hannah. His father died in Oct 1903, aged 47. He was a brother of Albert Edward and Arthur Eaton Stafford. He became a farm labourer and married Emily M Smith between Oct and Dec 1925. They had a daughter, Dorothy J. in June 1929. Henry died in Stevenage in March 1978, aged 83.

Birth index, 1911 Census, Marriage index, Death index, WW1 medal rolls, Records of G.,N.& H p157.

Fred Robins

By 1911 Fred was a Private in the 13th Hussars serving in India. He later served in France in the Household Cavalry and Cavalry of the Line, 1198.

He was awarded the Victory and British War Medals.

Fred was born in Hollowell between July and Sept 1888.

His father, Joseph, was the Innkeeper at the Coach and Horses and mother Elizabeth Jane. Joseph died in 1897, aged 49, and for a time Elizabeth became the licensed publican. Fred was the brother of Harold Lawrence and Charles Vallor Robins.

He later lived on Church Hill, Hollowell and died 5 August 1962, aged 74. He left his goods (£1137) to his brother Harry Lawrence Robins and there is nothing to suggest he was ever married.

1901 Census, 1911 Census - military , Birth index, Death index, Probate, Records of G.,N.& H p157.

I cant find source of military info. Book says Robbins and 11th Hussars.

Harry Lawrence Robins

Harry joined the Suffolk Regiment in March 1916 as a Private, 4928 & 201711. He served in France and was wounded.

He was awarded the Victory and British War medals.

Harry was born in January 1886 in Hollowell.

His father, Joseph, was the Innkeeper at the Coach & Horses and mother Elizabeth Jane. Joseph died in 1897, aged 49, and for a time Elizabeth became the licensed publican.

Harry was the brother of Fred and Charles Vallor Robins.

On leaving school Harry became a gardener. He later lived on Church Hill, perhaps with his brother Fred, and died in Hollowell on 31 March 1964, aged 78. There is no record of a marriage. He left £2320 to Lucy Elizabeth Robins, widow of his brother Charles Vallor Robins.

1911 Census, Birth index, Death index, Probate, WW1 medal rolls, Records of G.,N.& H p157.

Charles Vallor Robins

Charles joined the East Kent Regiment in March 1916, served in France and was wounded.

He was awarded the Victory and British was medals.

Charles was born in July 1885 in Hollowell. His father, Joseph, was the Innkeeper at the Coach & Horses and mother Elizabeth Jane. Joseph died in 1897, aged 49, and for a time Elizabeth became the licensed publican.

Charles was the brother of Fred and Harry Lawrence Robins and became a housepainter. In October 1924 he married Lucy Elizabeth Stafford.

He died in Brixworth in December 1957, aged 73.

1911 Census, Birth index, Marriage index, Death index, Records of G.,N.& H p157.

Not found in WW1 medal rolls - only man of that name was rifleman in Royal Irish Rifles, 15/52179.