

Steeple Barton

Middle Barton

Westcote Barton



**IN MEMORY OF THOSE
MEN FROM THE BARTONS
WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES
IN WORLD WAR I**



WORLD WAR I, 1914 – 1918

Private HAROLD (BIDMEAD) BASSETT

12134 The Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry, and
47030 Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers

Died of wounds in France 8th September 1918 Aged 23

He is buried at Arneke Cemetery, Plot 8 Row A24

Harold was the son of James and Annie Bassett who lived in Worton Road

Private FREDERICK CARPENTER

12111 The Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry, 6th Battalion

Killed in action 3rd September 1916 Aged 21

He has no known grave but he is commemorated by name on the Thiepval Memorial, France. Pier and Face 10A and D

He and William Keen enlisted at the same time and they both died on the same day.

Frederick was the son of John and Ruth Carpenter who lived in Kiddington Road.

Private HORACE VAUGHN CASTLE

132757 The Machine Gun Corps (Infantry),
36th Battalion

Killed in action, 8th September 1918 Aged 20

He is buried in the Wulverghem-Udenhosk Road Military Cemetery, Belgium. Plot 5, Row B, Grave 17.

Horace was the youngest son of Moses and Annie Castle who lived in the part of the main road now called Enstone Road.

Private WILLIAM JOHN CLACK

101415 The Machine Gun Corps (Cavalry)

Drowned at sea (from H. T. Osmanieh) 31st December 1917 Aged 19

He is commemorated by name on the Chatby Memorial, Alexandria, Egypt, and also on a tombstone in the churchyard of St Edward the Confessor, Westcote Barton.

William was the son of Samuel and Elizabeth Clack, who lived in Brookside, Enstone Hill, Westcote Barton.

Private FREDERICK WILLIAM CONSTABLE

65103 The Lancashire Fusiliers, 16th Battalion

Killed in action. 4th November 1918 Aged 27

He is buried in Landrecies British Cemetery, France. Row B, Grave 49, and is also commemorated on his brother's tombstone in the churchyard of St Mary the Virgin, Steeple Barton.

Frederick was a son of William John and Eliza Constable who lived at Home Farm, South Street

JOHN CONSTABLE

The Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry

Civilian records: Died 19th February 1917 Aged 23

He is buried in the churchyard of St Mary the Virgin, Steeple Barton.

John was a son of William John and Eliza Constable, Home Farm, South Street

Gunner ERNEST JAMES HAWKINS

73221 Royal Garrison Artillery, 108th Heavy Battery.

Died of wounds in France 19th April 1917 Aged 29

He is buried in the Duisans British Cemetery, France. 11 L1

Ernest was the son of James and Harriett Hawkins, who lived on the Duns Tew Road. He was the husband of Elsie Maud, neé Tims, and they had a daughter Edith Maud.

Ernest was also the uncle of brothers George Henry, Albert Edward and Ernest James Hawkins, who all died in the war.

Private ALBERT EDWARD HAWKINS

5692 Yorkshire Regiment.

Transferred 41041 West Yorkshire Regiment

Transferred 143187 Machine Gun Corps (Infantry) 17th Battalion

Died 4th April 1918

Aged 28

He is buried in St Sever Cemetery Extension, Rouen. Block P, Plot 7, Row N, Grave 8B.

Albert was the second of three sons of Stephen and Martha (Patty) Hawkins who lived in Jacob's Yard. All three sons were killed in the war.

Private ERNEST JAMES HAWKINS

106940 The Machine Gun Corps (Infantry),
202nd Company

Died 9th October 1917

Aged 22

He has no known grave but is commemorated by name of the Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium.

Ernest was the youngest of three sons of Stephen and Martha (Patty) Hawkins who lived in Jacob's Yard. All three sons were killed in the war.

Private GEORGE HENRY HAWKINS

6349 London Regiment, 1st/13th Kensington Battalion

Died of wounds in France, 17th January 1917

Aged 29

He is buried at Merville Communal Cemetery Extension, France. II A 24

George was the eldest of three sons of Stephen and Martha (Patty) Hawkins who lived in Jacob's Yard. All three sons were killed in the war.

Private WILLIAM EDWARD HUMPHRIES

37920 Gloucester Regiment, 8th Service Battalion

Died of wounds at Bailleul, France, 29.30th July 1918

Aged 19

He is buried at the Bailleul Communal Cemetery extension. Plot 3, Row D, Grave 287. He is also commemorated in an inscription on his mother's tombstone in the churchyard of St Mary the Virgin, Steeple Barton.

Edward was a son of William and Ellen (Nellie) Humphries who lived in Jacob's Yard.

Private WILLIAM KEEN

12112 The Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry, 6th Battalion.

Killed in action 3rd September 1916 Aged 20

He has no known grave but is commemorated by name on the Thiepval Memorial, France. Pier and Face 10A and D

William Keen and Frederick Carpenter enlisted at the same time and they both died on the same day.

William was the son of Edwin and Martha Keen who lived in Fox Lane.

Private GEORGE FELIX KIRBY

14/1263 The 14th Royal Warwickshire Regiment, B Company

Killed in action 23rd July 1916 Aged 20

He has no known grave but is commemorated by name of the Thiepval Memorial, France. 9A, 9B and 10B, and also on the stone surround of his parents' grave in the churchyard of St Mary the Virgin, Steeple Barton, although the inscription is now obscured by moss and ivy.

George was the only son of Felix John (Phil) and Marianne Kirby who kept the shop in North Street.

Private FREDERICK JOHN LUING

28821 The Royal Berkshire Regiment,
2nd Battalion

Killed in action 2nd December 1917 Aged 38

He has no known grave but is commemorated by name on the Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium. Panels 105 to 106.

Frederick was a son of William and Emma Luing who lived in the Cottages-in-the-Fields, Steeple Barton.

Second Lieutenant JENNER STEPHEN CHANCE MARSHALL

The Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry, 2nd Battalion

Killed in action 23rd October 1914 Aged 19

He is buried in Ypres Town Cemetery, Belgium. Row E2, Grave 6, and is also commemorated on a tablet on the wall in the church of St Edward the Confessor, Westcote Barton.

Jenner Stephen was the only son of Jenner Guest and Grace Marshall of Westcote Barton Manor

Private WILLIAM JAMES PARSONS

Military details unknown

Killed in action at Passchendaele 27th August 1917 Aged 36

No known grave but is commemorated on his parents' tombstone in the churchyard of St Edward the Confessor, Westcote Barton.

William was the only son of James and Jane Parsons who lived in North Street, opposite the Alice Marshall Hall

Sapper WILLIAM W PROFFITT

155806 The Royal Engineers, 173rd Company

Killed in action 5th July 1916 Aged 26

He is buried in St Patrick's Cemetery, Loos, France. Plot 3, Row A, Grave 20.

William was the son of Ellen Proffitt who lived in Fox Lane

Private NIGEL STEWART RIACH

23725 Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders,
14th Battalion

Died of wounds received at St Eloi near Ypres, 30th September 1918 Aged 19

He is buried in the Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery, Belgium, although a plaque in St Mary the Virgin's Church, Steeple Barton Church records that he was buried in St Bartholomew's Cemetery, Poperinge, Belgium.

Nigel was the youngest son of Colonel and Mrs Stewart Riach, Charlecome, formerly of Steeple Barton.

A note of interest

A railway spur was laid from the Poperinge line to the Lijssenthoek Cemetery, the second largest in Flanders, where men of many nationalities were buried. The cemetery was begun by the French in 1914 and it has the unusual dates of 1914-1920.

Private JOHN EDWIN SMITH

203341 The Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry, 1st/4th Battalion

Died of wounds 23rd July 1919 Aged 35

He is buried in the churchyard of St Mary the Virgin, Steeple Barton.

John was the son of John and Martha Smith. His father died when the children were young. His mother went on to marry Edwin Keen and they had a son called William Keen, John's half brother, who also died in the war.

John Smith was married to Ethel (née Gibson) and they had a son also called John Edwin Smith.

Private CHARLES BERNARD STEVEN

43676 Lincolnshire Regiment, 10th Battalion

Died 12th October 1917

Aged 21

He is buried in the Cement House Cemetery, Belgium. Plot 6, Row D, Grave 27.

The War Graves Commission information states that this is the only C Steven listed but also records two entries for his parentage. 1) He was the son of Robert Marshall, or 2) he was the son of Steven and Mary Matilda Steven of Warwick. The Bartons' History Group would be welcome any more information about this man.

Private HORACE PERCY STEWART

12477 The Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry. 6th Battalion.

Killed in action 3rd September 1916

Aged 21

He has no known grave but is commemorated by name on the Thiepval Memorial, France. Pier and Face 10A and D.

Horace was a son of Thomas and Lucy Stewart who lived in Fox Lane.

Private FELIX FRANCIS GEORGE STOCKFORD

G/25259 The Queen's Royal Regiment (West Surreys), 1st Battalion.

Killed in action 13th April 1918

Aged 19

He has no known grave but is commemorated by name on the extension to the Ploegsteert Memorial, Belgium. Panels 1 and 2.

Felix was a son of Mark and Annie Stockford who lived in Fox Lane.

Private WALTER ALLISON WOODRUFF

33321 The Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry, 1/4th Battalion.

Killed in action 16th August 1917 Aged 31

He has no known grave but is commemorated by name on the Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium. Panels 96-98.

Walter was the son of William and Sarah Woodruff who lived in Greenways, Church Lane.