

Ash Chapel's First World War Dead



Ash War Memorial – Ash Magna

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Henry Hollowood

Birth Place: Ash - 1884

Date of Death: 20th September 1918 – France/Flanders (Somme)

Type of Casualty: Killed in action

Enlistment Location: Whitchurch

Rank: Private

Regiment: 10th Battalion King's Shropshire Light Infantry

Service Number: 29788 – Formerly 203591 KSLI & 285191 Welsh Regiment

Medals: Posthumously - Victory and British

Henry was the son of 'ordinary farm labourer' John Hollowood (1844-1916 - born in Ash) and Mary Anne Fowlkes (1852-1924 - born at Coton Wood). In 1901 Henry was living with his parents at Wood Lane, Ash Parva, and working as a 'boy on farm' (see Census). At this time, also living in the Hollowood household were Henry's brother (Joseph) Thomas, an 18 year-old blacksmith's apprentice, Henry's sisters Lucy, Edith and Lily (aged 13,10 and 8 respectively), and Henry's brother William, aged 5.

It has not been possible to find Henry in the 1911 Census, but it is recorded that he married Elizabeth Cooke in 1914 at Ash. In 1911 Elizabeth was living with her Uncle, farm labourer Thomas Wilkinson, and his wife Elizabeth, at 34 Ash Parva (the address recorded for Henry when probate for his effects of £116:17/2d was awarded to his wife Elizabeth after his death). Henry and Elizabeth had 3 children, Thomas Henry (born in 1914), Elizabeth (born and died in 1916) and John Henry (born in 1918, 6 months after his father's death).

Resting Place: Plot: I.B.18 Sainte Emilie Valley Cemetery, Villers-Faucon, Picardie. Three large graves of Commonwealth soldiers buried by the Germans form part of Plot I. The remainder of the cemetery is composed mostly of graves brought in from an older cemetery or from the battlefields. Sainte Emilie Valley Cemetery contains 513 burials. 222 of the burials are unidentified but there are special memorials to 21 casualties believed to be buried among them. There are also ten German burials in the cemetery, which was designed by Sir Edwin Lutyens.

Administrative County		The undermentioned Houses are situate within the boundaries of the										Page 9		
Civil Parish of <i>St. Andrew's</i>		Ecclesiastical Parish of <i>St. Andrew's</i>		County Borough, Municipal Borough, or Urban District		Ward of Municipal Borough or Urban District		Rural District of <i>St. Andrew's</i>		Parliamentary Borough or Division of <i>St. Andrew's</i>		Town or Village or Hamlet of <i>St. Andrew's</i>		
Dwellings	ROAD, STREET, No. and No. or NAME of HOUSE	HOUSES			Name and Surname of each Person	RELATION to Head of Family	Sex	Age last Birthday		PROFESSION OR OCCUPATION	Employer, Worked, or Own account	If Working at Home	WIVES BORN	(1) Deaf and Dumb (2) Blind (3) Lame (4) Infirm, feeble-minded
		Number	Occupied	Empty				Males	Females					
512	Ash Wood Lane	1			John Hollowood	Head	M	54	1	Wagoner	Worker			
					Mary	wife	F	49						
					Thomas	son	M	18	1	Blacksmith (apprentice)	Worker			
					Agnes	daughter	F	15		Wagoner on Farm	Worker			
					John	son	M	13						
					Elizabeth	daughter	F	10						
					John	son	M	8						
					William	son	M	5						
51	Ash Parva	1			William Grant	Head	M	60	1	Wagoner	Worker			
					Elizabeth	wife	F	63						
					Elizabeth	daughter	F	15						
52	Ash Parva	1			John Charles	Head	M	35	1	Wagoner	Worker			
					Mary Bluff	wife	F	33						
					Kate	daughter	F	4						
53	do do	1			Charlotte Bentley	Head	M	69		Wagoner on own account				
					Margaret A. do	daughter	F	25						
54	do do	1			William Nield	Head	M	78		Farmer of 200 Acres	Employer			
					Samuel do	son	M	52		Farmer of 200 Acres	Worker			
					Mary S. do	daughter	F	45						
					Alce do	daughter	F	36						
					Elizabeth William	daughter	F	16		General Servant (Domestic)				
55	Ash House Farm	1			John Hough	Head	M	61	1	Wagoner on Farm	Worker			
					Jane do	wife	F	56						
					Sarah do	daughter	F	13						
56	Ash Parva	1			James Oliver	Head	M	41	1	Wagoner on Farm	Worker			
					Martha do	wife	F	38						
							Total of Males and Females...		10	16				

Henry Hollowood: 1901 Census Record



Sainte Emilie Valley Cemetery, Picardie.

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Harry Williams

Birth Place: Wem - 1891

Date of Death: 2nd April 1917 – France/Flanders

Type of Casualty: Killed in action

Enlistment Location: Whitchurch

Rank: Private

Regiment: 7th Battalion King's Shropshire Light Infantry

Service Number: 24018

Medals: Posthumously - Victory and British

Harry was the youngest of the 10 children of farmer 'on own account' Richard Williams (1852-1933 b. in Whixall) and Harriet Ann Parsons (1850-1916 b. in Prees). In the 1911 Census (see picture) Harry was recorded as a 19 year-old waggoner living at Ash House, Ash with his parents, his unmarried sister Harriet Ann, aged 26, who did 'dairy work', his brother Edwin Thomas, aged 24, who worked on the farm, his unmarried 21 year-old sister Sarah Elizabeth, who did 'housework', and his grandfather James Williams, 86, a widower and retired farmer from Prees.

Resting Place: Plot II.N.12 Faubourg D'Amiens Cemetery, Arras

The Commonwealth section of the Faubourg D'Amiens Cemetery was begun in March 1916, behind the French military cemetery established earlier. It continued to be used by field ambulance and fighting units until November 1918. The cemetery was enlarged after the Armistice when graves were brought in from the battlefields and from two smaller cemeteries in the vicinity.

The cemetery contains over 2,650 Commonwealth burials of the First World War, 10 of which are unidentified. The cemetery and memorials were designed by Sir Edwin Lutyens, with sculpture by Sir William Reid Dick.

CENSUS OF ENGLAND AND WALES, 1911.

Before writing on this Schedule please read the Examples and the Instructions given on the other side of the paper, as well as the headings of the Columns. The entries should be written in Ink.

The contents of the Schedule will be treated as confidential. Strict care will be taken that no information is disclosed with regard to individual persons. The returns are not to be used for proof of age, or for any other purpose than the preparation of Statistical Tables.

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Number of Schedule
(To be filled up by the Enumerator after completion)

NAME AND SURNAME	RELATIONSHIP to Head of Family	AGE (last birthday) and SEX	PARTICULARS as to MARRIAGE		PROFESSION or OCCUPATION of Persons aged ten years and upwards			BIRTHPLACE of every person	NATIONALITY of every person born in a Foreign Country	INFIRMITY	
			For Males	For Females	Personal Occupation	Industry or Service with which worker is connected	Whether Employer, Worker, or Working on Own Account				
1. Richard Williams	Head	67	Married	36	10	8	Labourer	150		England	British subject by birth
2. Harriett Ann Williams	Wife	61	Married	36	10	8				England	British subject by birth
3. Harriett Ann Williams	Daughter	30	Single				Wash. Work	110		Wales	British subject by birth
4. Edwin Thomas Williams	Son	24	Single				Washing in Town (Washing)	120	110	Wales	British subject by birth
5. Harold Albert Williams	Daughter	21	Single				Washing in Town (Washing)	110		Wales	British subject by birth
6. Harry Williams	Son	19	Single				Washing in Town (Washing)	110		Wales	British subject by birth
7. Frances Williams	Daughter	16	Single				Washing in Town (Washing)	150		Wales	British subject by birth
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(To be filled up by the Enumerator)

Family No.	15
Number of Persons	7
Male	4
Female	3
Persons	7

(To be filled up by, or on behalf of, the Head of Family or other person in occupation, or in charge, of this dwelling)

I declare that this Schedule is correctly filled up to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature: *Richard Williams*

Postal Address: *17, High Street, Whitehouse, Walsley*

Harry Williams: 1911 Census Record



Faubourg D'Amiens Cemetery, Arras



The Wesleyan Chapel at Ash Parva where Henry and Harry would have attended (now converted to a house).



Men of the 7th Battalion of the King's Shropshire Light Infantry "just out of the trenches" near Arras March 1917. This was the unit in which Harry Williams served and was killed a month after this picture was taken – could Harry be one these men?



Plate from the west side of the Ash War Memorial, showing the names of both Henry Hollowood and Harry Williams amongst the men of the parish killed in World War 1.



Ash War Memorial

“TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN HONOURED MEMORY OF THE LOYALTY AND DEVOTION OF THE MEN OF THIS PARISH WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES IN THE CAUSE OF JUSTICE AND FREEDOM DURING THE GREAT WAR 1914-1918”