Servicemen Commemorated on Kerridge War Memorial

The First World War (1914-1919)

Geoffrey Hillier Swindells

Lieutenant Colonel Geoffrey Hillier Swindells, 4th Battalion Cheshire Regiment (T). Born in 1875 in Rainow. Son of George Cawley (Mill Manager) and Eleanor Maude Swindells (nee Hillier). Lived at Clough Bank in 1881, at Stonyhurst College near Blackburn in 1891 and the census then has him back at Clough Bank in 1901. He married Sybil Louisa Ethel Maitland-Addison in 1908; he was working as a Cotton Mill Manager. He had been the organist at St Gregory's church. He had joined the Volunteer Rifles in 1892 and had the rank of Major when war was declared. First saw action in the Balkans, then was transferred to France, killed in action 1st August 1918. Medals: 1914/15 Star, British War Medal and Victory Medal, sent to Mrs Swindells at Clough Bank, Bollington. He is buried at Raperie British Cemetery, Villemontoire, France.

Commonwealth War Graves Commission, Ref: - IX.A.6.

Sydney Hammond Marsland

Lieutenant Sydney Hammond Marsland, 11th Battalion Manchester Regiment. Born in 1893, in Didsbury. Son of James Edwards and Hannah Sarah Marsland (nee Hammond), lived in Palatine Road, Didsbury in 1901. In 1911, whilst as a law student he lived in Woodstock, West Didsbury, he later followed in his father's footsteps and became a Grey Cloth Merchant when he moved to Endon Hall, Kerridge. He entered the Dardanelles' in July 1915, killed in action on 7th August 1915. Medals: 1914/15 Star, British War Medal and Victory Medal. He is commemorated on the Helles Memorial, Gallipoli, Turkey.

Commonwealth War Graves Commission, Ref: - Panel 158 to 170.

Frederick Ash

Corporal 104, Frederick Ash, 1st Battalion Lancashire Fusiliers.

Born in 1888 in Oldham, Lancashire. Son of Thomas and Emma Ash (nee Risely). In 1901 he was a boarder with the Pickford family in Clarke Lane, Kerridge. He enlisted in Macclesfield and was already serving as a Drummer with the Regiment in Multan in the Punjab in 1911. His theatre of war was the Balkans. He entered there on 25th April 1915 surviving for just six weeks, he died of his wounds on 7th June 1915. Medal entitlement: 1914/15 Star, British War Medal and Victory Medal. He is buried at the Cairo War Cemetery, Egypt.

Commonwealth War Graves Commission, Ref: - B.279.

Edwin Arnold

Lance Corporal 24457, Edwin Arnold, 8th Battalion Cheshire Regiment.

Born in 1894 in Kerridge. Son of William Henry and Isabella Arnold (nee Rothwell). Lived at 1 Oak Lane, Kerridge in 1911, he was working as an Assistant Pasteboard Maker. He enlisted in Macclesfield and then first saw action on 4th November 1915 in the Balkans before moving onto India, killed in action on 13th May 1916. Medals: 1914/15 Star, British War Medal and Victory Medal. He is commemorated on Kirkee 1914-1918 Memorial, Pune, India.

Commonwealth War Graves Commission, Ref: -Face C.

Charles Baguley

Lance Corporal 52836, Charles Baguley, 21st Battalion Manchester Regiment. Born in 1898 in Kerridge. Son of William Henry and Alice Baguley (nee Fox). In 1911 he was living at 10 Oak Lane, Kerridge, employed as a Bleach Works Operative. He enlisted in Macclesfield. His theatre of war was France and Flanders. Killed in action on 27th October 1917. Medals: British War Medal and Victory Medal. He is commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium.

Commonwealth War Graves Commission, Ref: - Panel 120 to 124, and 162 to 162a and 163a.

Joseph Francis Pickford

Lance Corporal 2557, Joseph Francis Pickford, 1/7th Battalion Cheshire Regiment. Born in 1896 in Rainow. Son of farmer John Charles and Elizabeth Pickford, who in 1901 were living at Lower Eddisberry Farm, Rainow, later they moved to Kerridge. Before enlisting, Joseph was a Weigh Clerk at the Gasworks. He enlisted in Macclesfield and entered the Balkans on 8th August 1915 and was killed in action on 11th August 1915, surviving only for three days. Medals: 1914/15 Star, British War Medal and Victory Medal. He is commemorated on the Helles Memorial, Gallipoli, Turkey.

Commonwealth War Graves Commission, Ref: - Panel 75-77.

James Allan Wetton

Sapper 1765, James Allan Wetton, 2nd/3rd North Midland Coy, Corps of Royal Engineers. Born in Kerridge in 1893. Son of William and Martha Elizabeth Wetton (nee Broster). The Wetton family were large quarry owners, who lived on Grimshaw Lane. James enlisted in Hanley in Staffordshire. He died at home on 17th April 1916. He is buried at Holy Trinity Churchyard, Rainow, in the family grave.

Commonwealth War Graves Commission, Ref: - Old Part C.10.211.

James Snape

Sapper 223855, James Snape, M, Company Royal Engineers.

Born in Kerridge in 1882. Son of James and Eliza Snape of 83 Higher Lane, Kerridge. Occupation: Stone Dresser. Enlisted in Bolton whilst working in a quarry in Darwen, Lancashire. Albert Oldfield and his wife lived with them for a period during this time. Married to Sarah E. Snape. Died on 12th February 1917, he is buried at Fort Pitt Military Cemetery, Chatham, Kent. It is possible he died in Fort Pitt Military Hospital which is very close by.

Commonwealth War Graves Commission, Ref: - 1436.

John Hatton

Private 291832, John Hatton, 7th Battalion Royal Welsh Fusiliers.

Born in 1894 in Kerridge. Son of Adam and Emma Hatton, 2 Higher Lane, Kerridge. Occupation given as a Warehouseman. He attested on 29th November 1915 in Macclesfield. Formerly 4131 with the Cheshire Regiment, then was transferred to the Royal Welsh Fusiliers on 1st July 1916. They were part of the Egyptian Expeditionary Force in 1916. He was killed in action on 6th November 1917. Medals: British War Medal and Victory Medal. He is buried at the Beersheba War Cemetery, nr Jerusalem, Israel.

Commonwealth War Graves Commission, Ref: - H.83.

Percy Gaskell

Private 64283, Percy Gaskell, 2nd Battalion Welsh Regiment.

Born in 1899 in Kerridge. Son of Maria Gaskell, 4 Redway Lane, Kerridge, she later became Mrs Maria Bowden. He enlisted in Macclesfield on 18th November 1916, 5' 7¼ inches tall with a mole on his chest and regarded as fit for duty. He embarked for France on 18th January 1918 and was killed in action on 9th April 1918. Medals: British War Medal and Victory Medal. He is buried at Beuvry Communal Cemetery Extension, France.

Commonwealth War Graves Commission, Ref: - III.A.9.

Albert Sigley

Private 37121, Albert Sigley, 8th Battalion Welsh Regiment.

Born in 1895 in Leek, Staffordshire. Son of James and Sarah Sigley (nee Robinson), the family lived in Meerbrook, Leek before moving to Kerridge. The 1911 census gives his address as 20 Higher Lane, Kerridge. His occupation was a Railway Porter. He enlisted in Manchester and the theatre of war engaged in was the Balkans, entering there on 2nd October 1915. Records show he died on 17th July 1916, no reason stated. Medals: 1914/15 Star, British War Medal and Victory Medal. He is buried in the Amara War Cemetery, Iraq.

Commonwealth War Graves Commission, Ref: - IX.E.1.

James William Millward

Private 50928, James William Millward, 7th Battalion The King's Liverpool Regiment. Born in Kerridge in 1898. Son of John and Sarah Millward (nee Shatwell), they lived in a cottage close to Dawson Farm. He enlisted in Macclesfield. His battle was fought in France, where he died of wounds received on 2nd October 1918, aged just 20 years. Medal entitlement: British War Medal and Victory Medal. He is buried at Sunken Road Cemetery, Boisleux-St. Marc, France.

Commonwealth War Graves Commission, Ref: - III.F.25.

Arthur Tinsley

Private 198768, Arthur Tinsley, 24th Battalion Canadian Infantry (Quebec Regiment). Born on 7th April 1889 in Bollington. Son of Albert and Mary Eliza Tinsley. In 1901, they were living in Red Lion Brow, but by 1911 they had moved to 2 Chancery Lane, Bollington. He married May Clayton in 1912 who died later that year. His occupation was given as a Cotton Doubler. He emigrated from Liverpool to Canada on 11th April 1913 on board the 'Virginian'. He enlisted on 10th January 1916 in Fort William, Ontario and died on 11th August 1918. He is buried at Rosieres Communal Cemetery Extension, France.

Commonwealth War Graves Commission, Ref: - III.A.17.

J. Shaw

Private 107, J. Shaw, 107th Protection Company, Royal Defence Corps. Born in 1899. Son of Samuel and Maria Shaw of 3 Vernon Street, Buxton Road, Macclesfield. Samuel was born in Kerridge. This is the only J. Shaw, R.D.C. on the Commonwealth War Graves Commission List. Recorded as buried at the City of London Cemetery and Crematorium.

Commonwealth War Graves Commission, Ref: - Screen Wall 235.5A.

George Ankers

Private 243646, George Ankers, 11th Battalion Cheshire Regiment.

Born in 1882, in Hazel Grove. Son of James Harry and Annie Maria Ankers (nee Worth). The census has them living in Bollington Cross in 1891 and 1901. By 1911 he was working as a Cotton Winding Overlooker and living at 33 Grimshaw Lane. He enlisted in Macclesfield and perished on the fields of France on 11th June 1918. Medals: British War Medal and Victory Medal. He is commemorated on the Soissons Memorial, France.

Commonwealth War Graves Commission, Ref: - None.

William Baguley

Private 2496, William Baguley, 7th Battalion Cheshire Regiment.

Born in 1891 in Kerridge. Son of William Henry and Alice Baguley (nee Fox) and brother of Lance Corporal Charles Baguley mentioned earlier. He worked as a Cutter at the paper staining works and lived at 10 Oak Lane. Enlisted in Macclesfield and entered the Balkans on 8th August 1915 and died of wounds received on 11th August 1915, surviving just three days in the carnage of Gallipoli. Medals: 1914/15 Star, British War Medal and Victory Medal. He is commemorated on the Helles Memorial, Gallipoli, Turkey.

Commonwealth War Graves Commission, Ref: - Panel 75 to 77.

John James Birch

Private 32865, John James Birch, 13th Battalion Cheshire Regiment.

Born in 1896 in Kerridge. Son of John and Mary Birch (nee Hankinson), lived at Cow Lane in 1901 and was a Cotton Piecer living at 6 Redway, Kerridge in 1911. He enlisted in Macclesfield and fought in Flanders on the Ypres salient and was killed in action on 21st October 1916. He is commemorated on the Menin Gate Memorial, Ypres, Belgium.

Commonwealth War Graves Commission, Ref: - Panel 19-22.

Samson Leigh

Private 291058, Samson Leigh, 13th Battalion Cheshire Regiment.

Born in 1880 in Lymm, Cheshire. Son of Peter and Mary, his father was a Railway Porter. They moved to Kerridge. Samson enlisted in Macclesfield. The theatre of war engaged in was the Ypres Salient. He was killed in action on 10th August 1917. Medals; British War Medal and Victory Medal. He is commemorated on the Menin Gate Memorial, Ypres, Belgium.

Commonwealth War Graves Commission, Ref: - Panel 19-22.

Harold Mayers

Private, Harold Mayers, 116th Cheshire Regiment.

Born in 1888 in Kerridge. Son of Edward and Ann Mayers (nee Jackson) living at the Farmhouse, Stakehouse End in 1891, later he lived with his grandfather at 25 Grimshaw Lane. He enlisted in Macclesfield and was killed in action on 31st August 1917. Medals: British War Medal and Victory Medal. He is commemorated on the Menin Gate Memorial, Ypres, Belgium.

Commonwealth War Graves Commission, Ref: - Panel 4 and 6.

Albert Oldfield

Private 291382, Albert Oldfield, 1/7th Battalion Cheshire Regiment.

Born in in 1888. Son of George and Sarah Oldfield, lived at Redway, Kerridge in 1891 and 1901. He married Lily Gaskell in 1907 and was a Stone Delver at a quarry, living with James Snape and his wife in Darwen in 1911. He enlisted in Macclesfield and was engaged in the Egyptian theatre of war, killed in action on 17th December 1917. Medal entitlement: British War Medal and Victory Medal. He is buried at the Jerusalem War Cemetery, was Palestine, now Israel.

Commonwealth War Graves Commission, Ref: - M.21.

George Oldfield

Private 291846, George Oldfield, 7th Battalion Royal Welsh Fusiliers, formerly, 4107, Cheshire Regiment.

Born in 1892 in Rainow. Son of George and Sarah Oldfield, brother of Private Albert Oldfield (above) also of 67 Redway, Kerridge. He enlisted in Macclesfield and like his brother he was also engaged in the Egyptian theatre of war. Killed in action on 10th March 1918. Medals: British War Medal and Victory Medal. He is buried at the Jerusalem War Cemetery, Israel (united with his brother).

Commonwealth War Graves Commission, Ref: - L.7.

Joseph Potts

Private 3519, Joseph Potts, 2/7th Battalion Cheshire Regiment.

Joseph died in a swimming accident on 19th July 1916 at his Bedford Training Camp, aged 18 years. Born in 1898 in Macclesfield, Court No. 1, Off Hibel Road. Son of Town Postman, Joseph and Lillian Potts. At the age of 13 he was a boarder at 20 Higher Lane, Kerridge with the Sigley family. He and Albert Sigley sadly were to feature on all the local War Memorial. Joseph was given a full military funeral and buried at Old Warden, St Leonards Churchyard, Bedford.

Commonwealth War Graves Commission, Ref: - North of the Chancel.

Samuel Rose

Private 49637, Samuel Rose, 13th Battalion Cheshire Regiment.

Born in 1880, lived at Clark Lane Farm, Kerridge. Son of Samuel and Martha Rose (nee Brocklehurst). By 1911 he was working as a Stonemason and living in Higher Hurdsfield. He enlisted in Stockport and the battleground he was engaged in was the Somme. He was killed in action on 21st October 1916, he was 20 years of age. Medals: British War Medal and Victory Medal. He is buried at the Stump Road Cemetery, Grandcourt, Somme, France.

Commonwealth War Graves Commission, Ref: - C.27.

Henry Havelock Snape

Private 14180, Henry Havelock Snape, 10th Battalion Cheshire Regiment.

Born in 1879 in Bollington. Son of Walter John and Ann Snape (nee Thorley), of Lord Street, Bollington. Married Harriet Hewitt on 9th July 1900, and lived first in Palmerston Street in 1901, then moved onto 23 Oak Lane, Kerridge by 1911. He had three children when he enlisted in Macclesfield on 1st September 1914. His occupation before joining up was a Builders Labourer. He embarked for France from Folkstone on 26th September 1915 and was killed in action on 3rd May 1916. His wife received a pension of £1.5s6d for herself and the three children, along with his Medals: 1914/15 Star, British War Medal and Victory Medal. He is buried at Ecoivres Military Cemetery, Mont-St-Eloi, France.

Commonwealth War Graves Commission, Ref: - I.A.27.

Herbert Trueman

Private 243645, Herbert Trueman, 7th Battalion Cheshire Regiment.

Born in 1898 in Bollington. Son of James and Martha Trueman, living in Adshead Barn, off Cow Lane, Bollington, later to move to Grimshaw Lane. He enlisted in Macclesfield and Flanders was the scene of his demise, killed in action on 3rd September 1918 aged about 20. Medals: British War Medial and Victory Medal. He is buried at Pond Farm Cemetery, Belgium.

Commonwealth War Graves Commission, Ref: - Sp.Mem.1.

Samuel Hunt

Private 947, Samuel Hunt, 7th Battalion Cheshire Regiment.

Born in 1889 in Kerridge. Son of Samuel and Susan Hunt, of Machine Cottage, Kerridge in 1891, and Higher Lane, Kerridge in 1901. Married to Annie May with a four month old son in 1911, he worked as a Cotton Piecer and lived at 32 Higher Lane, Kerridge. He enlisted in Bollington and went to the Balkans landing on 8th August 1915; he was killed two days later on 10th August 1915. Medals: 1914/15 Star, British War Medal and Victory Medal. He is commemorated on the Helles Memorial, Gallipoli, Turkey.

Commonwealth War Graves Commission, Ref: - Panel 75 to 77.

William Hallowell

Private 22138, William Hallowell, 6th Battalion King's Shropshire Light Infantry. Born in 1890 in Bollington. Son of Thomas and Selina Hallowell (nee Bramwell). They lived on Lord Street, Bollington. He worked as a Tenter at a cotton mill before enlisting in Chester. Engaged in battle on the Ypres salient, killed in action on 16th August 1917. Medals: British War Medal and

Commonwealth War Graves Commission, Ref: - Panel 112 to 113.

Victory Medal. He is commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium.

Second World War (1939-1945)

John Kershaw

Flying Officer (Pilot) John Kershaw Royal Air Force 4 Sqdn Service No 72503.

He was born in 1917 at Prestwich, the son of Harold Slaney Kershaw, C.B.E., and Pleasance (formerly Holt).

The family lived at Endon Hall in the 1940s.

He died 16 July 1940 aged 22. His Lysander N1205 came down near East Barnby, NW of Whitby. It had been on a coastal reconnaissance when a heavy sea mist formed. It is thought that he was trying to get down below the mist believing he was still over the sea.

John was cremated at Manchester Crematorium.

He is commemorated at Manchester Crematorium on Panel 16 and on the Bollington and Kerridge War Memorials.

Anthony Kershaw

Pilot Officer (Pilot) Anthony Kershaw Royal Air Force (Auxiliary Air Force) 1 Sqdn. Service No 91191

He was born in 1919 at Prestwich, the son of Harold Slaney Kershaw, C.B.E., and Pleasance (formerly Holt).

The family lived at Endon Hall in the 1940s.

Anthony joined 613 Squadron, Auxiliary Air Force on 13th May 1939 as an officer designate and began flying training on 5th June as a pupil pilot. He was to go up to Christ Church, Oxford in October 1939 but was called to full-time service on 26th August and commissioned. After completing training at RAF College FTS Cranwell on 13th July 1940 he rejoined 613 Squadron. After further training and converting to Hurricanes he joined No. 1 Squadron at Wittering on the 21 September 1940.

On a convoy patrol on 19th March 1941, Kershaw was shot down by a Me109 in Hurricane II Z2759. He bailed out but was too low. His body was recovered and landed at Newhaven the next day.

He died 19 March 1941 aged 21 and was cremated at Manchester Crematorium.

He is commemorated on the WW2 memorial at Manchester Crematorium Panel 16 and on the Bollington and Kerridge War Memorials.

Geoffrey Lucas Jackson

Sailor Geoffrey Lucas Jackson Merchant Navy M.V. California Star (London)

He was born 30 January 1912 at Bollington, the son of Harry Edmund Jackson and Lilian (formerly Lowndes).

His address at death was 15 Oak Lane.

He died 3 March 1943 aged 30 when the ship was torpedoed by German submarine U-515. 45 of the crew (of 64) lost their lives; one was taken prisoner of war.

He is commemorated on the Tower Hill Memorial Panel 22, on the Bollington and Kerridge War Memorials, and on the memorial at St Oswald's.

Leslie Banbrook

Corporal Leslie Banbrook Royal Norfolk Regiment 4th Bn. Service No:5573360

He was born in 1916 at Alnwick, Northumberland, the son of Reuben Banbrook and Emma (formerly Wardle).

In 1942 the family were living at the Lodge, Endon Hall and his father was employed as a butler.

His death in Malaya is recorded as 11 February 1942 aged 25, although the date may be an approximation.

He has no known grave and is commemorated on Singapore Memorial Panel Reference: Column 47. He is commemorated on the Bollington and Kerridge War Memorials.

Jack Allman

Sergeant Jack Allman Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve 166 Sqdn. Service No:2209293

He was born 1924, the son of William and Martha Allman (formerly Ford)

The family were residents of Bollington.

He was at school in 1939, living with his parents at 34 Chancery Lane.

He was a Wireless Operator (Air) and died 1 Feb 1945 aged 20. He was buried at Durnbach War Cemetery, Bavaria, Grave Reference1. H. 27.

He is commemorated on the Bollington and Kerridge War Memorials. He is also commemorated at Rainow Methodist Chapel plot 130.

Reginald Vare

Guardsman Reginald Vare Irish Guards 1st Bn. Service No 2720441

He was born 2 December 1919, the son of James Vare and Bertha (formerly Snape) of Bollington. He was living with his parents at 11 Cow Lane in 1939; he was a reeler operator at the paper staining mill. He died 30 April 1943 aged 23 in the final drive to Tunis, and was buried at Massicault War Cemetry, Tunisia Grave Reference: III. E. 17.

He is commemorated on the Bollington and Kerridge War Memorials, and on his grandparent's grave at Pott Shrigley church [plot 259].

Frederick James Beardmore

Trooper Frederick James Beardmore 144th Royal Armoured Corps (8th Bn. The East Lancashire) Regt. Service No:3391133

He was born 22 November 1914, the son of Abram Beardmore and Emily (formerly Hollins) and was baptised 10 January 1915 at St John's. In September 1939 he was living with his widowed mother and other siblings at 30 Kingsway, he was a ground labourer at King's School.

He married Edith Ball 23 December 1939 at St Oswald's. The family lived in Bollington.

He died 20 September 1943 aged 28 and was buried at St John's [plot 1103].

He is commemorated on the Bollington and Kerridge War Memorials, and on the memorial at St Oswald's.

Edwin Carlisle

Corporal Edwin Carlisle Royal Army Service Corps Service No:T/146033

He was born 1896, the son of Allan Blair Carlisle and Anne (formerly Millward).

He lived at Chancery Lane in 1901 (his father being a manager at Slater's Paper Staining Mill) and was a horseman at Green Hill Lodge, Coalville, Leicestershire in 1911.

He served in WW1 as Private Edwin Carlisle 20th Hussars 12388, was wounded and awarded the Silver War Badge.

He was named on the absent voters list for 7 Chancery Lane in 1918.

He married Martha Jane Pickford in 1920.

In 1939 he was living at Hildenborough, Tonbridge and was a horse breaker and nagsman.

He was killed in a motorcycle accident at Maidstone 5 June 1943 aged 46 and was buried at Rainow (Holy Trinity) Churchyard plot 203.

The local paper reported his address as 10 Higher Lane, Kerridge.

He is commemorated on the Bollington and Kerridge War Memorials, and on the memorial at St Oswald's.

Eric Asquith Cochrane

Cook Eric Asquith Cochrane Royal Naval Patrol Service H.M. Trawler Ganilly. Service No:LT/MX 533770

He was born in 1922 in the West Derby district (Liverpool). His mother Ellen lived in Bollington. His address at death was 2 Endon Avenue.

He died at sea 5 July 1944 aged 22 when the ship was torpedoed by German submarine U-390. He was one of 40 crew killed. (The U-boat was sunk later that day.)

He is commemorated on the Lowestoft Naval Memorial Panel 16, Column 1 and on the Bollington and Kerridge War Memorials.

Notes:

The names of the servicemen appear above in the order that they are inscribed on the Kerridge War Memorial.

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