



FARNDON DURING THE FIRST WORLD WAR

Remembering the Men of Farndon

Private JOSEPH JAMES STRETTON

51640 17th Battalion, The King's Liverpool Regiment
Killed in Action 26 April 1917 Aged 21

Lance Corporal JAMES CARTWRIGHT

17923 4th Battalion, The Grenadier Guards
Died 3 December 1917 Aged

*(although not on the memorial, nor from Farndon,
he was the half-brother of Joseph Stretton)*

Joseph Stretton was born in Liverpool on 15 August 1895, the son of Albert Stretton and Sarah Ann Cartwright (nee Baines), but his link with Farndon actually goes back to his paternal grandparents, Joseph James Stretton, a coachman, and Elizabeth, a domestic cook.

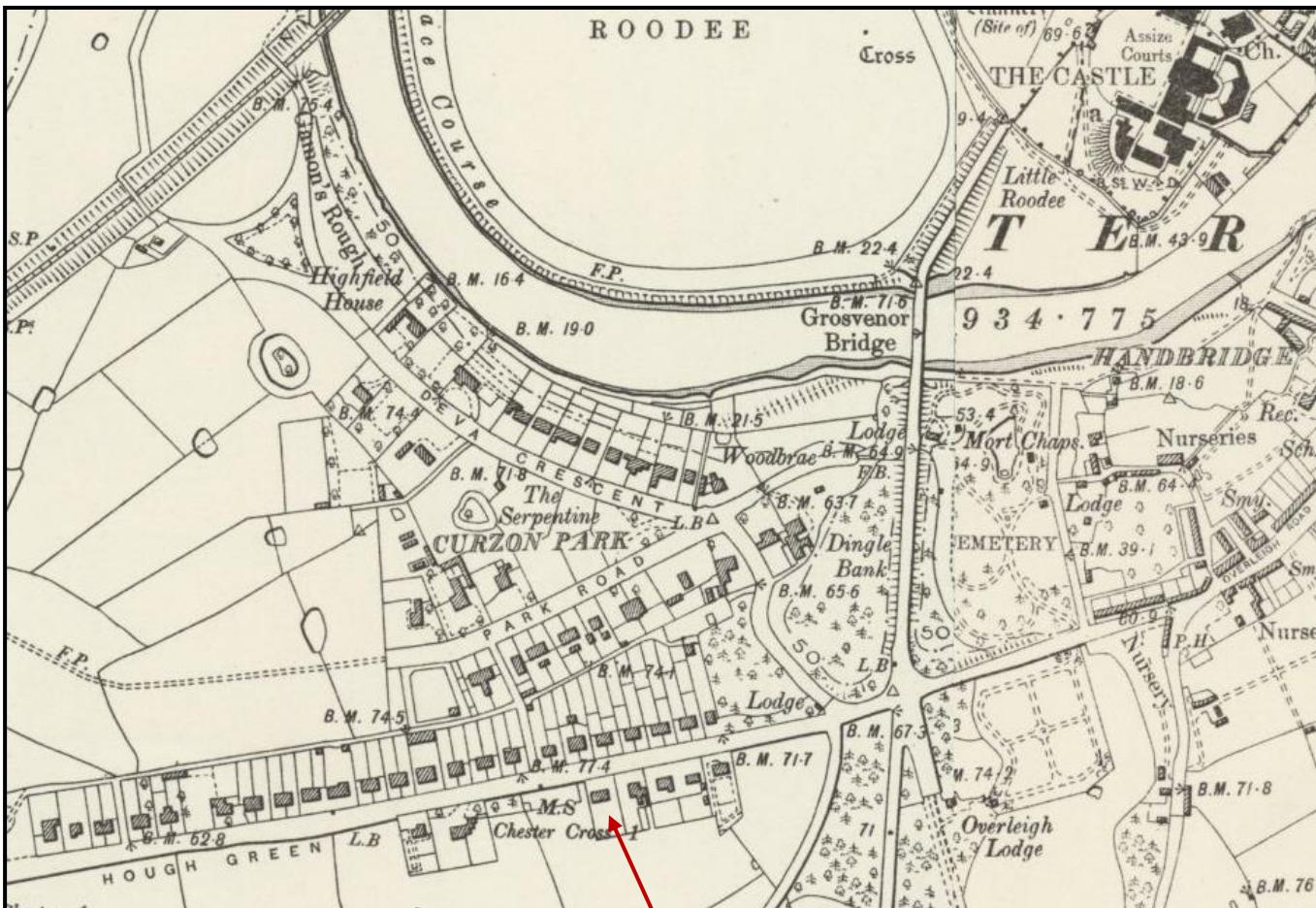
Joseph and Elizabeth originally came from Rugeley in Staffordshire, on edge of Cannock Chase, where they lived at 90 Brereton Road, followed by a short move to nearby Ridware in 1877, but in 1881 an opening came for them to work in the home of a military gentleman, Lieutenant Hugh Barker of the 5th Staffordshire Regiment. His home was in Hough Green on the Welsh Road out of Chester (now Saltney Road), and by 1881, the family had moved into the house as live-in servants (the two eldest, Lucy and Albert, became 'child servants' at the age of thirteen, plus they had two young sisters, Anne and Alice, while their older sister, Elizabeth, had married in 1880 and stayed in Staffordshire).

Lieutenant Hugh Barker was a widower at the age of only thirty-four, and was still living on his own in his large Victorian house in Hough Green. Hugh's father was the Reverend Thomas Francis Barker, who had been the vicar of Farndon between 1838-1843. Hugh had kept his ties with the village and had married Anne Harding of Farndon in 1875.



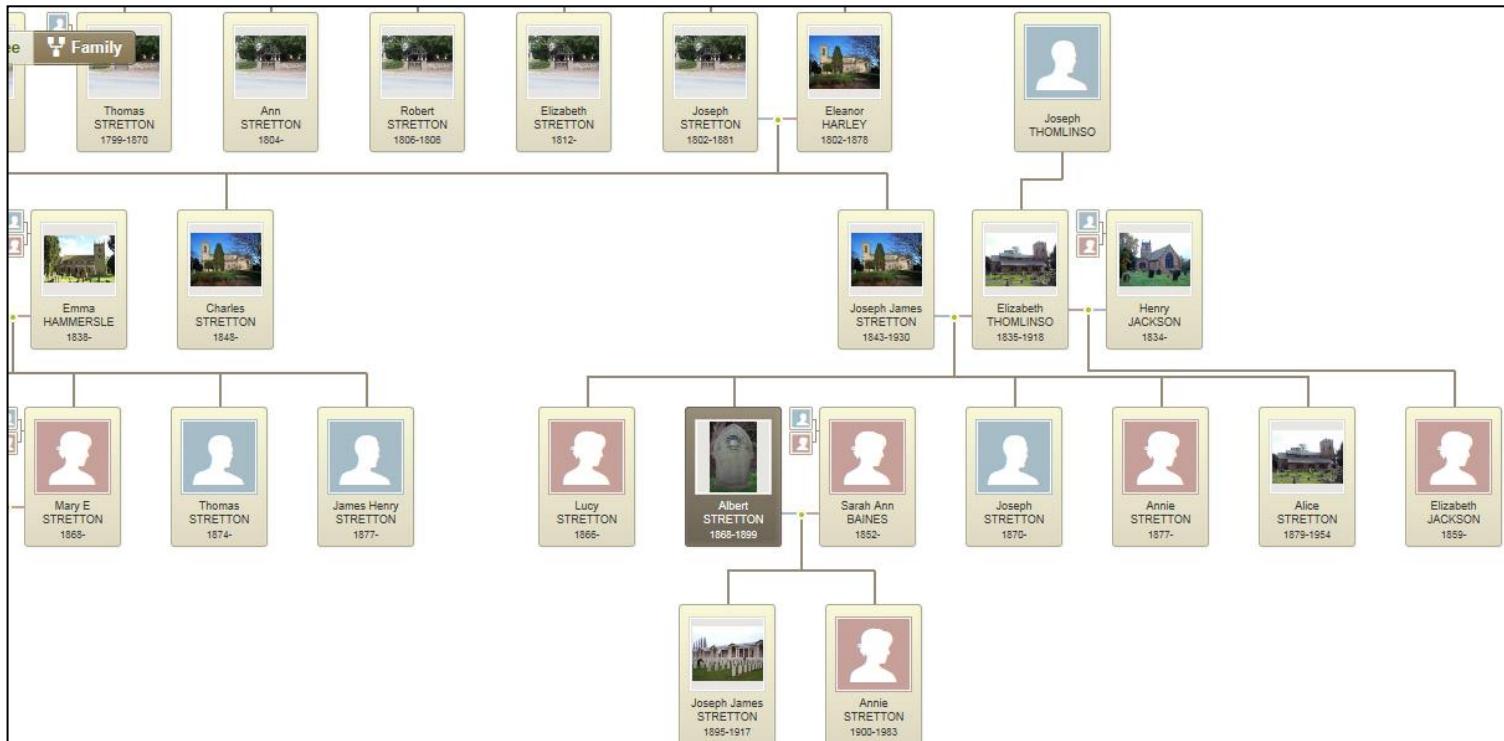
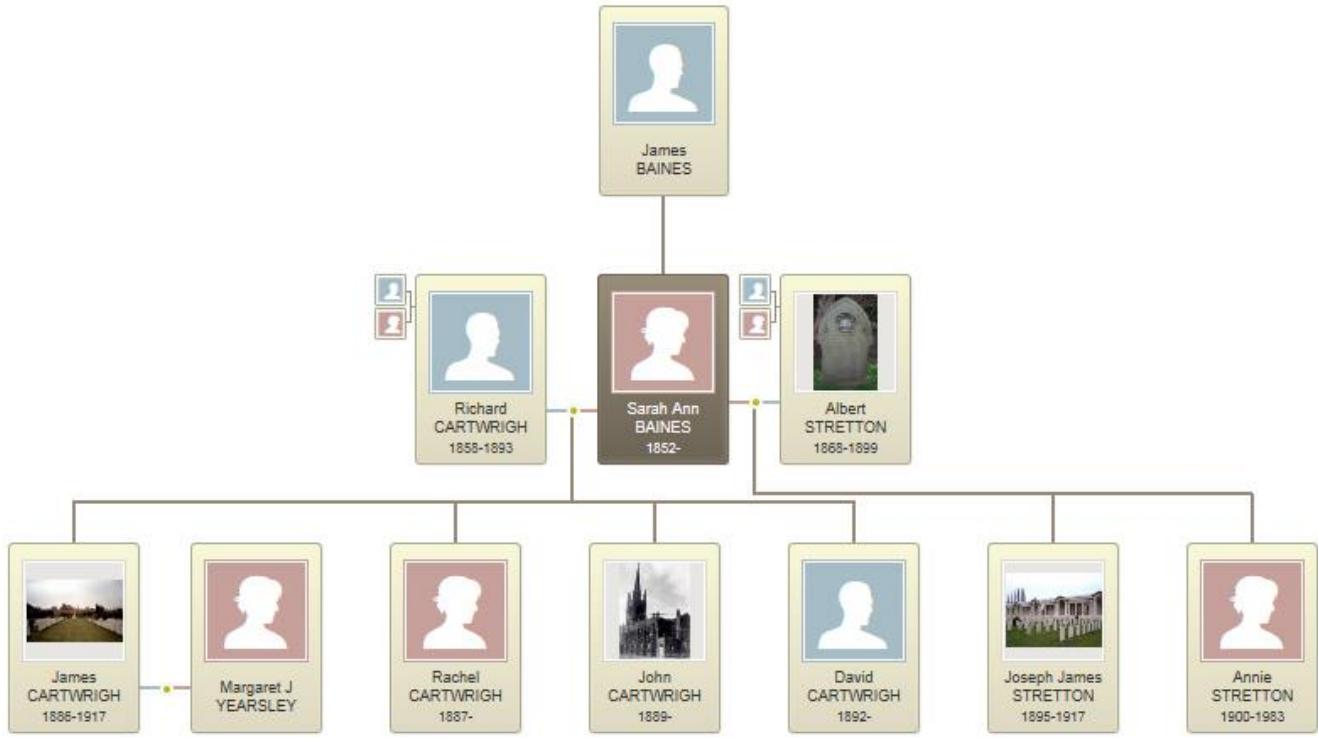
Brereton Road, Rugeley, Staffordshire





Hough Green, Chester c. 1895

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Brief extracts from the ancestry trees of;
Top: Sarah Ann Baines (Cartwright/Stretton)
Bottom: Joseph James Stretton

Family Tree Research by David Stretton

Administrative County of Cheshire

The undermentioned Houses are situate within the Boundaries of the

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Civil Parish of Farndon	Municipal Borough of	Municipal Ward of	Urban Sanitary District of	Town or Village or Hamlet of Farndon	Rural Sanitary District of Marvin Union	Parliamentary Borough or Division of Eddisbury	Ecclesiastical Parish or District of Farndon					
Cols. 1 No. of Schedules	2 ROAD, STREET, &c., and No. or NAME of HOUSE	3 HOUSES Number of rooms Inhabited (U.) or Uninhabited (D.)	4 NAME and Surname of each Person	5 RELATION to Head of Family	6 CON- DI-TION as to Marriage	7 AGE last Birthday of Male (Females)	8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55	PROFESSION or OCCUPATION	Employer Name or Business Engaged	Employed Males Female Total	Where Born	If (1) Deaf-and-Dumb (2) Blind (3) Lunatic, Imbecile or Idiot
43	Shaw Road	1	Samuel Paddington	Head	M	36	34	Labourer	X	Cheshire Stockport		
			Annie Do	Wife	M	36	34			Denbighshire Llangollen		
			Thomas Do	Son	S	6		Labourer		Cheshire Farndon		
			Frank Do	Son	S	4				Do		
			Sarah Do	Daughter	S	1				Do		
44	"	1	Ann Carr	Head	Mid	39		Marshwoman	X	Do Crown Le Farndon		
			James Do	Son	S	15		General Labourer	X	Do Farndon		
			Richard Carr	Son	S	14		General Labourer	X	Do Do		
45	"	1	John Baker	Head	M	24		General Labourer	X	Ches Farndon		
			Ann Baker	Mother	Mid	44				Wiltshire Glastonbury		
			Mary Do	Niece	S	17		Domestic Servant	X	Ches Farndon		
			William & Lewis	Head	S	21		General Labourer	X	Do Do		
			Martha Do	Sister	S	22			X	Do Do		
			Edeline Do	Sister	S	17		Domestic Servant (Domestic)	X	Do Do		
			Anne Do	Sister	S	16				Do Do		
46	"	1	John Davies	Head	M	39		Schoolmaster	X	Monmouth Chepstow		
			Mary Jane Do	Wife	M	28				Pembroke Carmarthen		
			James Do	Son	S	1				Do Do		
			Sarah Marshall	Serv	S	14		Dom General Servant	X	Denbighshire Llangollen		
			Mary Ann Marshall	Head	Mid	34		on her Means		Cheshire Latchford		
			Charles Caudland	son in Law	M	34		Farmer	X	Do Goddenley		
			Alice Do	Wife	M	26				Lancashire Liverpool		
			Dorothy Do	Daughter	S	5				Staffordshire Holt		
			William Do	Son	S	1				Ches Farndon		
			Mary Williams	Serv	S	26		General Servant Dom	X	Denbighshire Gresford		
			Frances A Edwards	Serv	S	17		Nurse Domestic	X	Cheshire Runcorn		
			George P Harding	Head	S	25		on own Means	X	Shropshire Baschurch		
			Richard P Barber	Serv	S	30				Ches Thornton Hough		
			Andrew Mc Munday	Serv	S	50		Insurance agent	X	Scotland Glasgow		
			Joseph P Shattock	Serv	M	47		on own Means	X	Staff Runcely		
			Elizabeth Shattock	Serv	M	56		Coachman (Domestic)	X	Do Hinon		
47	Total of Houses and of Tenements with less than Five Rooms ...	7	Total of Males and Females...	15	16							

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Census 1891 – Belmont House, Farndon

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Civil Parish of Farndon	Municipal Borough of	Municipal Ward of	Urban Sanitary District of	Town or Village or Hamlet of Farndon	Rural Sanitary District of Marvin Union	Parliamentary Borough or Division of Eddisbury	Ecclesiastical Parish or District of Farndon					
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50	Belmont House		Anne Stretton	Daughter	S	18		Governress Domestic	X	Staff Runcorn		
			Eliza Stretton	Daughter	S	10				Do Do		
			Joseph Salmon	Head	M	52		Brewer	X	Cheshire Hanleyton		
			Sarah E Do	Wife	M	41				Wiltshire Glastonbury		
			Rose Do	Daughter	S	12				Cheshire Farndon		
			Sarah P Do	Daughter	S	15				Do Do		
			Mary Stretton Do	Daughter	S	14				Do Do		
			Joseph R Do	Son	S	5				Do Do		
			Janet H Do	Daughter	S	7				Do Do		
			Mary J Jones	Serv	S	24		General Servant (Domestic)	X	Denbighshire Holt		
			Lillian E Lewis	Serv	S	14		Nurse Domestic	X	Cheshire Glastonbury		
			Ellie H Charles	Head	M	35		Breckseter	X	Do Do		
			Caroline T Do	Wife	M	35				Do Do		
			George Do	Son	S	11				Liverpool		
			Mary Do	Daughter	S	9				Liverpool		
			William Do	Father	M	80		Breckseter L		Denbighshire Holt	Blind	
			George Braine	Head	M	35		Schoolmaster	X	Scotland Dundee		
			Mary Armstrong	Daughter	S	26		General Domestic	X	Denbighshire Much Wenlock		
			Harriet Do	Daughter	S	29		Schoolmistress	X	Do Do		
			John Jones	Head	M	40		Pub Licensed Victualler	X	Cheshire Dulwich		
			Mary Do	Wife	M	34				Suffolk Ipswich		
			Eliza Do	Daughter	S	18				Denbighshire Bodmin		
			Clara Do	Daughter	S	15				Cheshire Wrenbury Farndon		
			John Do	Son	S	8		Scholar		Do Farndon		
			Ann Do	Daughter	S	10				Do Do		
			Amy Do	Daughter	S	53				Do Do		
			Mary Stretton Do	Serv	S	37		General Servant (Domestic)	X	Do Charlton		
			Mary E Simon	Serv	S	76		General Servant (Domestic)	X	Durham		
			John Smith	Head	M	64		Gardener	X	Denbighshire Marchwiel		
			Jane Smith	Wife	M	63				Liverpool		
5	Total of Houses and of Tenements with less than Five Rooms ...	5	Total of Males and Females...	9	21							

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Administrative County - Cheshire		The undermentioned Houses are situated within the boundaries of the Civil Parish of Farndon												Page 14	
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No. of Schedule	ROAD, STREET, &c. and No. or NAME of HOUSE	HOUSES Uninhabited	In Occupied	For in Building	of House	Name and Surname of each Person	RELATION to Head of Family	Condition in which Member	Age last Birthday of	PROFESSION OR OCCUPATION	Employer, Worker, or Own account	If Working at Home	WHERE BORN	11	
72	School House	1				Henry C Pennington	Head	Mid	43	Certified teacher	Worker	at home	Cheshire Whiston	(1) Deaf and Dumb	
						Annie Pennington	Daughter	2	18	Housekeeper Domestic	Worker	"	a Shropshire	(2) Blind	
						Bridie Anne Pennington	Daughter	1	15	Scholar	Worker	"	Flote Pennington	(3) Imbecile	
						Geoff Ralph Pennington	Son	1	11	Scholar	Worker	"	"	(4) Imbecile, feeble-minded	
73	National School					John Grange	Head	Mid	74	own Organs	Employee	Yorkshire Gateshead	/		
	Dale House	1				Eliza Elizabeth Grange	Daughter	1	26	✓	✓	"	Lancashire Manchester	/	
						Frederick Grange	Son	1	24	✓	✓	"	"	/	
						Emma Barlow	Serv	see	18	✓	✓	"	Cheshire Alford	/	
						Henry Elliott Saltallard	Son	1	17	Grocer	Worker	"	Cumberland Carlisle	/	
74	Belmont House	1				George Fletcher Harding	Head	St	35	✓	✓	"	Salop Baschurch	/	
						Joseph James Fletcher	Serv	Yn	57	Coachman	Worker	Staffs Rugeley	/		
						Elizabeth Fletcher	Serv	M	66	Housekeeper	Worker	"	Hinckley	/	
						Annie Fletcher	Serv	2	34	Cook	Worker	"	Rugley	/	
						Alice Fletcher	Serv	0	31	Housemaid	Worker	"	Rugley	/	
						Sarah Fletcher	Serv	1	43	Maidserv	Worker	"	Cheshire Boughton	/	
75	Brewery	1				Joseph Salmon	Head	Mid	62	Whaletail Farmer	Employee	at home	Cheshire Huntington		
						Bob Salmon	Daughter	1	37	Housekeeper	Worker	"	Farndon		
						Sarah Parker Salmon	Daughter	1	25	✓	"	"	"		
						Mary Josephine Salmon	Daughter	1	15	✓	"	"	"		
						Sarah Hamilton Salmon	Daughter	1	14	✓	"	"	"		
						Thomas Salmon	Serv	0	9	✓	"	"	"		
						Joseph Robt Salmon	Son	1	13	✓	"	"	"		
						Lillian Thomas	Serv	1	21	✓	Hempstead Domestic	Worker	"	"	
76		1				Ella Hughes	Head	Yn	45	✓	Boyle Layer	own account at home	Cheshire Farndon		
						Caroline Hughes	Wife	M	45	✓	"	"	"		
						Mary Hughes	Daughter	1	19	✓	Daughter	Worker	Lancs Liverpool		
						Harry Hughes	Son	1	5	✓	"	"	Cheshire Farndon		
5	Total of Schedules of Houses and of Tenements with less than Five Rooms	5				Total of Males and of Females...			12	15					

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Census 1901 – Belmont House, Farndon

CENSUS OF ENGLAND AND WALES, 1911.																	
<p>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.</p> <p>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, as in connection with Old Age Pensions, or for any other purpose than the preparation of Statistical Tables.</p>																	
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 Foreign Country.		INFIRMITY.	
of every Person, whether Member of Family, Visitor, Boarder, or Servant, who—						State for each Married Woman entered on this Schedule, the number of—			Personal Occupation.			Industry or Service with which worker is connected.		Whether Employer, Worker, or Working on Own Account.		Whether Working at Home.	
(1) passed the night of Sunday, April 2nd, 1911, in this dwelling and was alive at midnight, or		State whether "Head," or "Wife," "Son," "Daughter," "Brother," "Sister," "Other Relative," "Visitor," "Boarder," or "Servant."		Write "Single," "Married," "Divorced," "widowed," or "Widower."		Children born alive to present Marriage. (If no children born alive write "None" in Column 7).			The reply should show the precise branch of Profession, Trade, Manufacture, &c.			This question should generally be answered by stating the business carried on by the employer. If this is clearly indicated Col. 14 should be omitted.		Write opposite the name of each person engaged in any trade, industry, or occupation, &c., giving full name of each person other than the question need not be answered here.		Write opposite the name of each person working on his own account on Industry at home.	
(2) arrived in this dwelling on the morning of Monday, April 3rd, not having been enumerated elsewhere.				Opposite the name of all persons aged 15 years and upwards.		If engaged in any Trade or Manufacture, the particular kind of work done, and the Article made or Material worked or dealt in should be clearly indicated.			No entry needed for Domestic Servants.			(1) If working for an employer, or employed by a public body, or in a hospital, etc., state what body.		(2) If working for an employer, or employed by a public body, or in a hospital, etc., state what body.		NOTE.—In the case of persons born in a Foreign Country, whether he or she became a British subject by birth, or by naturalization, or by marriage, or by becoming a citizen of another country.	
No one else must be included.				If less than 15 years old, write "under 15 years."		Total Children Born Alive.			(See Instructions 1 to 8 and Examples on back of Schedule.)			(3) If born in a Foreign Country, write the name of the Country.		(4) If born at sea, write "At Sea."		(3) If born in a Foreign Country, write the name of the Country.	
(For order of entering names see Examples on back of Schedule.)				Age of Males.		Age of Females.		(See Instruction 9 and Examples on back of Schedule.)			(See Instruction 9 and Examples on back of Schedule.)		(5) If working for an employer, or employed by a public body, or in a hospital, etc., state what body.		(6) If working for an employer, or employed by a public body, or in a hospital, etc., state what body.		(4) If born at sea, write "At Sea."
1	Joseph Stretton	Head	67	"	Married	48	5	8	2	(Domestic) Cook	476	"	"	"	"		
2	Elizabeth Stretton	Wife	75	"	married	45	5	3	2	(Domestic) Housekeeper	010	"	"	Rugley, Staffs	British		
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(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 certify that—															I declare that this Schedule is correctly filled up to the best of my knowledge and belief.		
(1) All the ages on this Schedule are entered in the proper sex columns.															(2) I have written the total number of persons in this dwelling, and the number of males and females.		
(2) I have countersigned their names with the total number of persons.															(3) After making the necessary enquiries I have completed all entries on this Schedule, and nothing appears to be defective, except what is corrected such as appears to be erroneous.		
Initials of Enumerator															Signature Joseph Stretton		
															Postal Address Farndon Cheshire		

Census 1911 – cottage adjoining Belmont House, Farndon

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

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 Infants under one year state the age in months, as "under one month," "one month," etc.	State whether "Male," "Female," "Wife," "Son," "Daughter," or "other Relative," "Husband," "Boarder," or "Servant."	Write "Single," "Married," "Widower," or "Widow," opposite the number of all persons aged 15 years and upwards.	Completed years the present Marriage has lasted.	Total Children born Alive.	Children still Living.	Children who have Died.	Personal Occupation.	Industry or Service with which worker is connected.	Whether Employer, Worker, or Self-employed on Own Account.	Whether Working at Home.			
of every Person, whether Member of Family, Visitor, Boarder, or Servant, who (1) passed the night of Sunday, April 2nd, 1911, in this dwelling and was alive at midnight, or (2) arrived in this dwelling on the morning of Monday, April 3rd, not having been enumerated elsewhere. No one else must be included. (For order of entering names see Examples on back of Schedule.)																
1 George Hardinge	Head	43 ..	Single	"	"	"		Private Secretary 370	"	0	"	Barrelwear, Salop	70	British	"	
2 Annie Stretton	Spouse	33 ..	Single	"	"	"		Cook (Domestic) 010	"	"	"	Hill Ridware, Staffs	10	British	"	
3 Alice Stretton	Servant	51 ..	Single	"	"	"		Housemaid (Domestic)	"	"	"	Hill Ridware, Staffs	14	British	"	
4 Furlah Pickstread	Servant	53 ..	Single	"	"	"		Maidress (Domestic)	"	"	"	Boughton, Chester	12	British	"	
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(To be filled up by the Enumerator.)

Total.	Males.	Females.	Persons.
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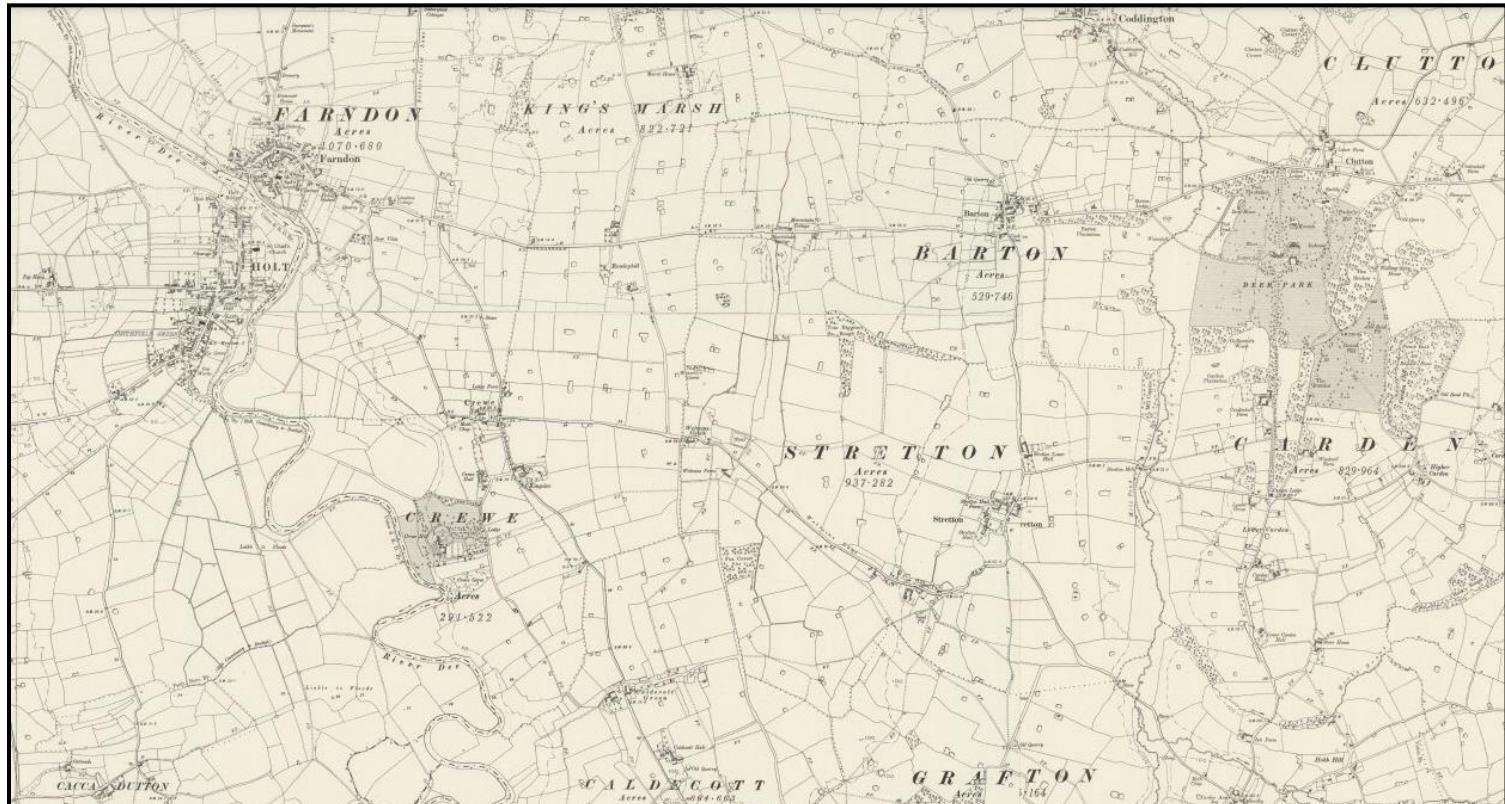
Signature _____
Postal Address _____

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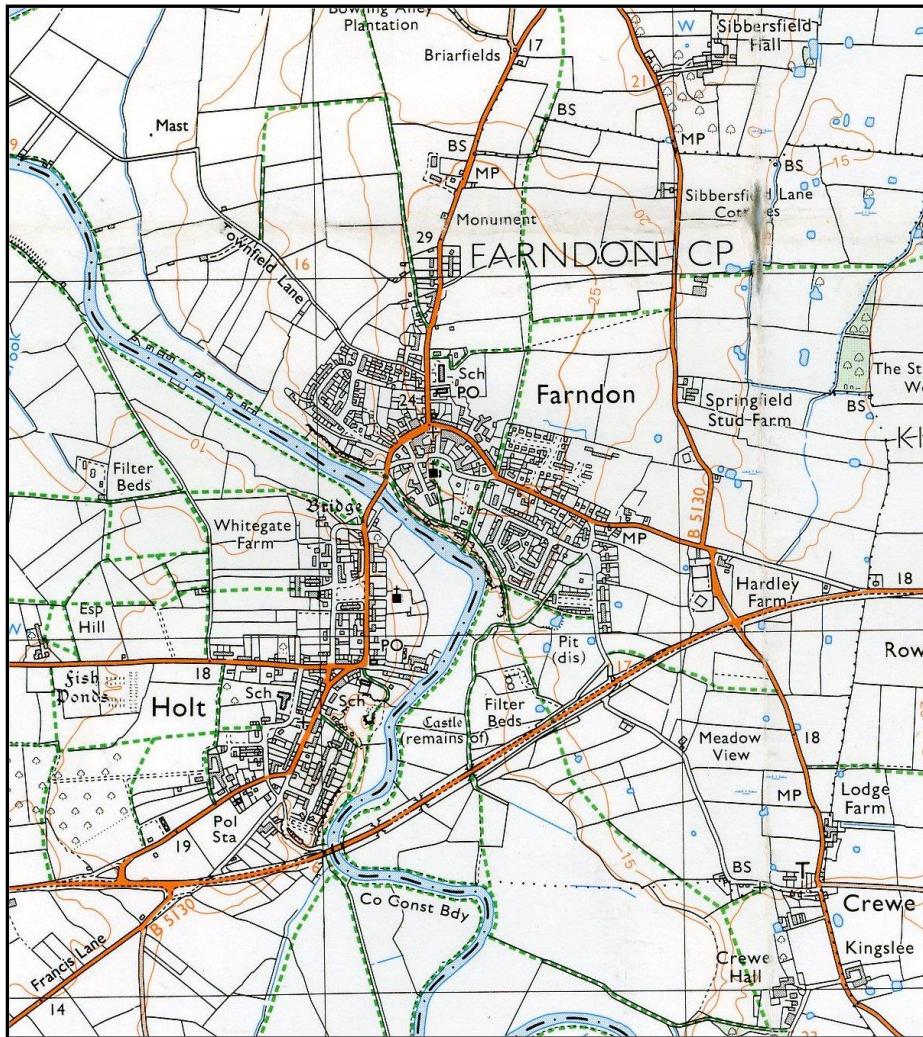
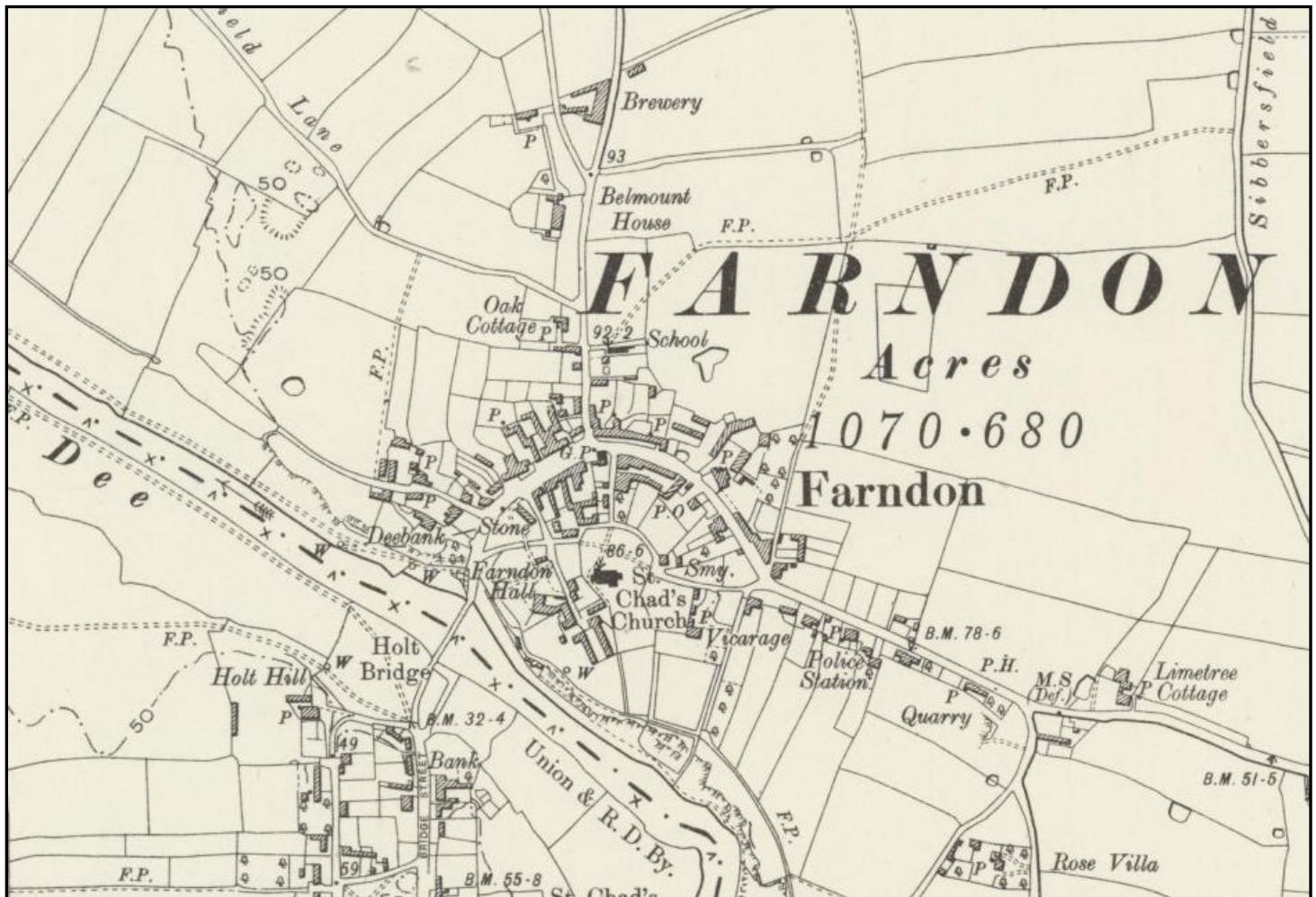
Write below the Number of Rooms in this Dwelling (House, Tenement, or Apartment). Count all rooms, but do not count scullery, landing, lobby, closet, bathroom nor warehouse, office, shop.

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

Signature _____
Postal Address _____



Farndon and surrounding area c.1895



Above: Farndon c.1895
Belmont House is centre top, to the left of the road

Left:
Modern map of Farndon
Belmont House is opposite the school on the road leading out northwards



Above: Belmont House today

Below: I have a particular affinity with this soldier's story, especially when I was searching for him in Arras. This view of Belmont House is from the window of my home, as the property backs on to my own.



In 1883, Hugh married again, to Margaret Barbara Elliot of Basford in Nottinghamshire, and they moved to Nant-y-Gaer in Gresford, probably taking their staff with them.

However, this new found happiness was to be short lived, as Lieutenant Barker passed away at his new home on 22 January 1889. Such sad circumstances however, were instrumental in the Strettons moving to Farndon, as a situation was found for them with Hugh's brother-in-law from his first marriage; George Harding of Belmont House, in Churton Road, Farndon. (In fact Hugh's brother, Richard Barker, was staying there when the census was taken in 1891). Joseph and Elizabeth moved into the house to take up similar positions for their new master as before - coachman and cook - and brought their youngest daughters, Anne and Alice, to work as housemaids.

THE MOVE TO LIVERPOOL

Joseph and Elizabeth's son, Albert Stretton, meanwhile, had decided to move to Liverpool, hopeful of employment and a more secure life. Albert found a job in one of the local flour mills, but must have found the going tough, and it was certainly a culture shock, especially as his lodgings, in 93 Silvester Street, were in the heart of the Scotland Road area, a mile to the north of the centre of town.

Silvester Street was busy thoroughfare running from Scotland Road towards the hectic Vauxhall Road dock area, although today it is unrecognisable having been carved by modern residences and through access closed off. A couple of pubs stand isolated and forlorn, all business deserted, awaiting the demolition hammer, as the long awaited regeneration sweeps through the Vauxhall-Scotland Road area of the city.

But in the mid 19th century, this was a hive of activity, with densely populated worker's housing and dozens of industrial sites supplying the port or processing imports. Most of the housing was already in slum conditions by the time Albert moved in, as each street throughout the area was row upon row of miserable, back to back court housing, with their narrow alleys leading into dank courtyards with their communal water pumps and grim privies. There had been some improvement in 1869 when the first municipal housing in the country was opened at the bottom of Silvester Street. Known as St Martin's Cottages, they consisted of 124 flats in six blocks of four storeys. They had two or three bedrooms each, with living room and scullery. They were somewhat stark by modern standards, solidly built and looking rather like military barracks. Cooking was carried out over an open fire and lighting was by gas. They had no bathrooms, and the toilets were communal, on the half landings. They were, however, a vast improvement on the living standards of the day – especially the court housing in the same street, and gave the occupants probably the first real stability in their lives. They were improved in the 1950's, but demolished in 1977.

A few doors down in court 46, lived warehouseman James Cartwright, with his wife Sarah Ann and their three young children, James, Rachael and John, but within a couple years James had died, at the age of only thirty-six. Sarah Ann, still a young mother at the age of thirty, was clearly left in great hardship, and could have descended into pauperism, in an area where unemployment and poverty were rife. Within months, she had been rescued from an uncertain future, and had married Albert Stretton on 7 January 1895, in St Mary's Kirkdale. They moved up to nearby Everton Hill into 143 Netherfield Road North, where their two children were born, **Joseph James Stretton** (on 15 August 1895) and his sister Annie (1900). No. 143 was a public house, and Albert and Sarah had started a new career as publicans. But for poor Sarah Ann, her new found security was short lived, as Albert died in 1899, and may not have even seen his new daughter Annie. In his final months, Albert had been brought to Farndon from his Liverpool home, probably to be looked after by his family in Belmont House, as he died in Farndon in October 1899, and was buried on the 10th in St.Chad's churchyard in the village.

1885. Marriage solemnized at All Saints Church in the parish of Liverpool in the County of Lancashire							Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the time of Marriage.		
293	June 14 1885	Richard Cartwright Sarah Ann Raines	25 22	Bachelor Spinstress	Warehouse keeper	40 Virgil Street 30 Virgil Street	James Cartwright James Raines	Boiler maker Mariner
Married in the Fair Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church, by — or after Barnes by me, D Holland Stubb, Curate								
This Marriage was solemnized between us, { Richard Cartwright in the Presence of us, { Sarah Ann Raines Richard Cartwright Sarah Ann Raines								

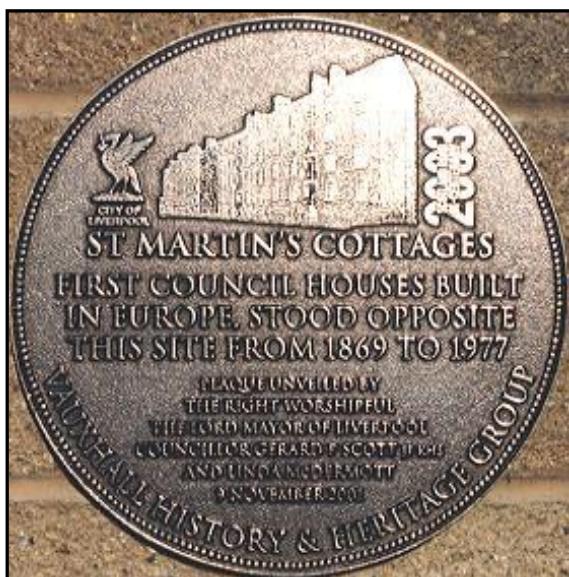
Marriage entry for Sarah Ann's first marriage, to Richard Cartwright.

Virgil Street, was just a few streets away closer to the city, in the same Scotland Road area.

REGISTRATION DISTRICT										WEST DERBY	
1895 BIRTH in the Sub-district of Everton North										in the County of Liverpool	
Columns:-	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
No.	When and where born	Name, if any	Sex	Name and surname of father	Name, surname and maiden surname of mother	Occupation of father	Signature, description and residence of informant	When registered	Signature of registrar	Name entered after registration	
	15th August 1895 268 Netherfield Road North	Joseph James	Boy	Albert Stratton late Cartwright formerly Barnes	Sarah Ann Stratton Mother	Labourer	A. Stratton 143 Netherfield Road South	Eleventh September 1895	W Dugdale Deputy Registrar		

Birth certificate for Joseph James Stretton, her first child from her second marriage to Albert Stretton.

(With thanks to David Stretton)



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				John Gallager	do	do	do	Cartier				X				Liverpool		
				James Marshall	Labourer	do	25	Deck Labourer				X				Bellamy		
				James Penruddick	do	do	25	do				X				Dulwich Island		
				Robert Penruddick	do	do	25	Cartier				X				Liverpool		
				Martina Penruddick	House	Wife	25	Machine Worker				X				Liverpool		
				James Penruddick	Labourer	do	25	Linen Draper				X				do		
				Richard Penruddick	Labourer	do	25	Marlboroughman				X				do		
				Sarah Penruddick	Wife	do	25	Refector				X				do		
				James Penruddick	do	do	25	Mineral Water Manufacturer				X				Southwark		
				Albert Penruddick	do	do	25	General Survivor				X				Southwark		
				Thomas Penruddick	Head	do	25	General Dealer				X				Longford Island		
				Thomas Penruddick	Wife	do	25	Deck Labourer				X				Bilbao		
				Charlotte Penruddick	Servant	do	25	Scholar				X				Liverpool		
				Thomas Penruddick	Head	do	25	Loco/Labourer				X				do		
				Sarah Penruddick	Wife	do	25	Marlboroughman				X				do		
				Penruddick	do	do	25	Pilgrim				X				do		
				Penruddick	do	do	25	Grocer				X				Southwark		
				Penruddick	do	do	25	Grocer/Advertiser				X				Liverpool		
				Penruddick	do	do	25	Scholar				X				do		
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1891 Census – Silvester Street, Scotland Road, Liverpool

Neighbours - the Cartwrights (above) and Albert Stretton (below)

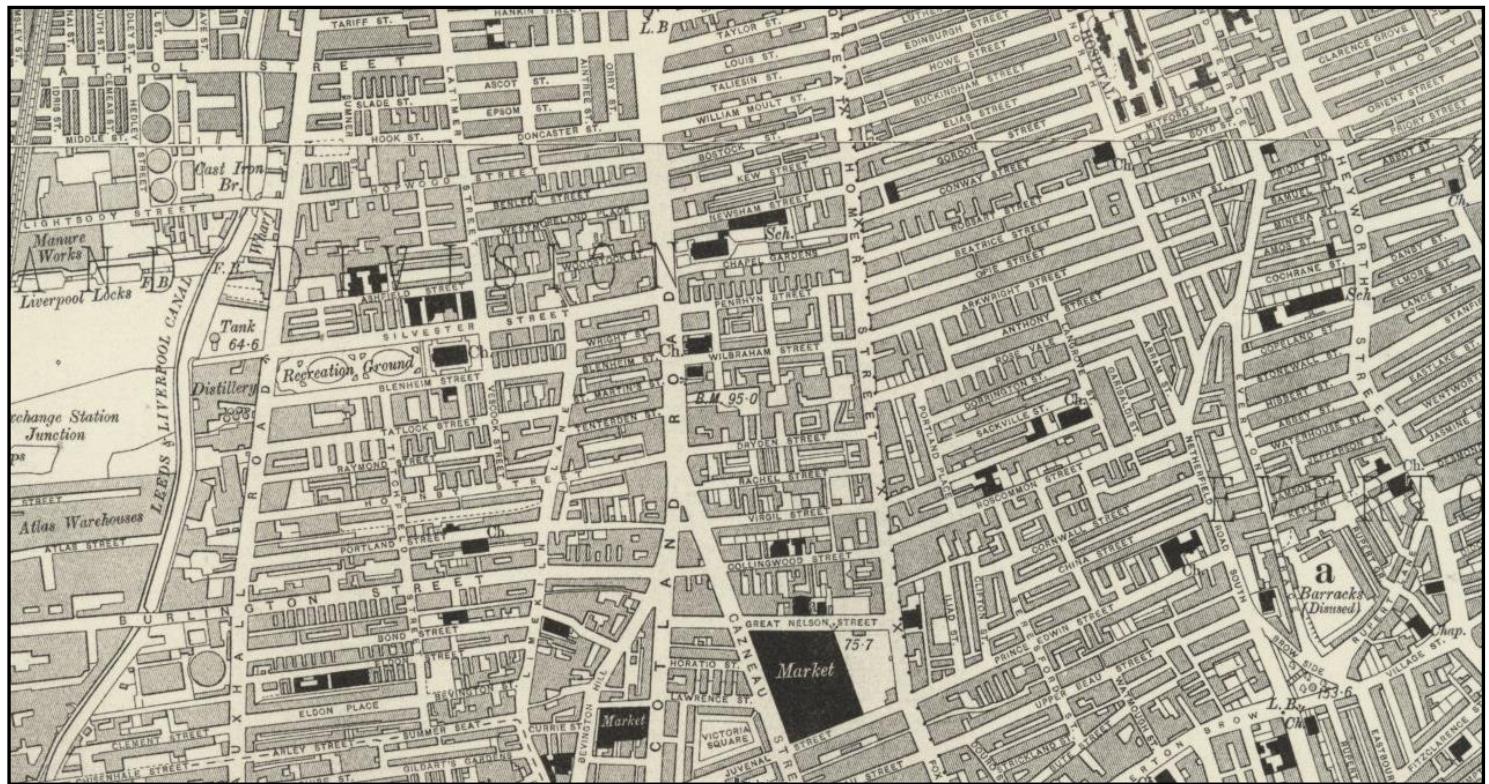
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				William C	Son	do	20	do								do		
				Charles	Father	Wife	40	Engine Driver EA				X				do		
				Joseph Johnson	Head	Mr	41	Foreman Carter-Carrier				X				Cheshire Middlewich		
				Emie	Wife	do	41	do								Liverpool		
				Harriet-Jackson	Wife	do	41	do								Birkenhead (Cheshire)		
				Edith E. Jackson	Daughter	do	12	Scholar								Liverpool		
				John A	Brother	do	12	do								do		
				Thomas Bett	Brother	Wife	46	Furnace-man TAC				X				do		
				Elizabeth Dalgarnie	Son	do	20	Bookstic Servant								do		
				Henry Kennedy	Head	Wife	45	Blacksmith				X				do		
				Elizabeth Kennedy	Son	do	20	do								do		
				James	Bro	do	13	do								do		
				Catherine	Bro	do	11	Scholar								do		
				John	Son	do	11	do								do		
				Mary	Daughter	do	10	do								do		
				William Balon	Neighbour	do	10	Railway Porter				X				do		
				Albert Stretton	Boarder	do	10	Labourer in Flour Mill Corra				X				Birkenhead (Staffordshire)		
				104				do								do		
				233-234 Scotland Rd	5th fl			do								do		
139	301 Scotland Rd	1	1	Mary Fazlor	Head	Mr	48	Licensed Victualler Pub				X				Harrow		
				Maria Kennedy	Son	do	18	Domestic Servant				X				do		
				308 Ley	do			do								do		
				309 Ley	do			do								do		
				William Argyle	Head	Mr	44	Licensed Victualler Pub				X				Stony Edge		
				Mary	Wife	do	44	do								Liverpool		
				Alice R	Son	do	2	do								do		
				Horatio Spear	Son	do	2	General Servant AD				X				do		
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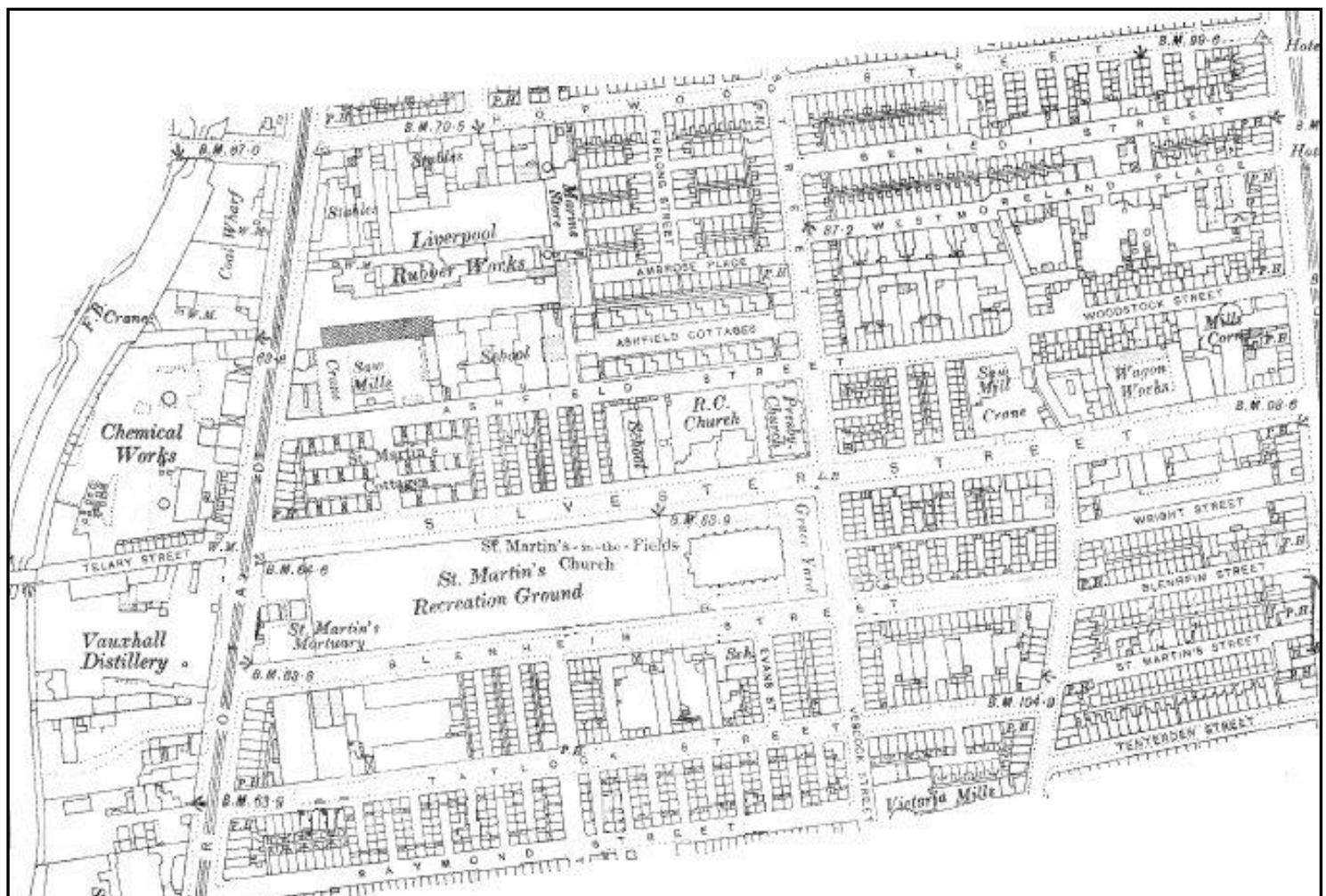


19th century court housing in Silvester Street
and below, the modern, leafy view, towards Scotland Road today.
St. Martin's Cottages stood on the left.





Above: Scotland Road area c.1895. Silvester Street is centre left.
Below: Silvester Street in detail c.1900

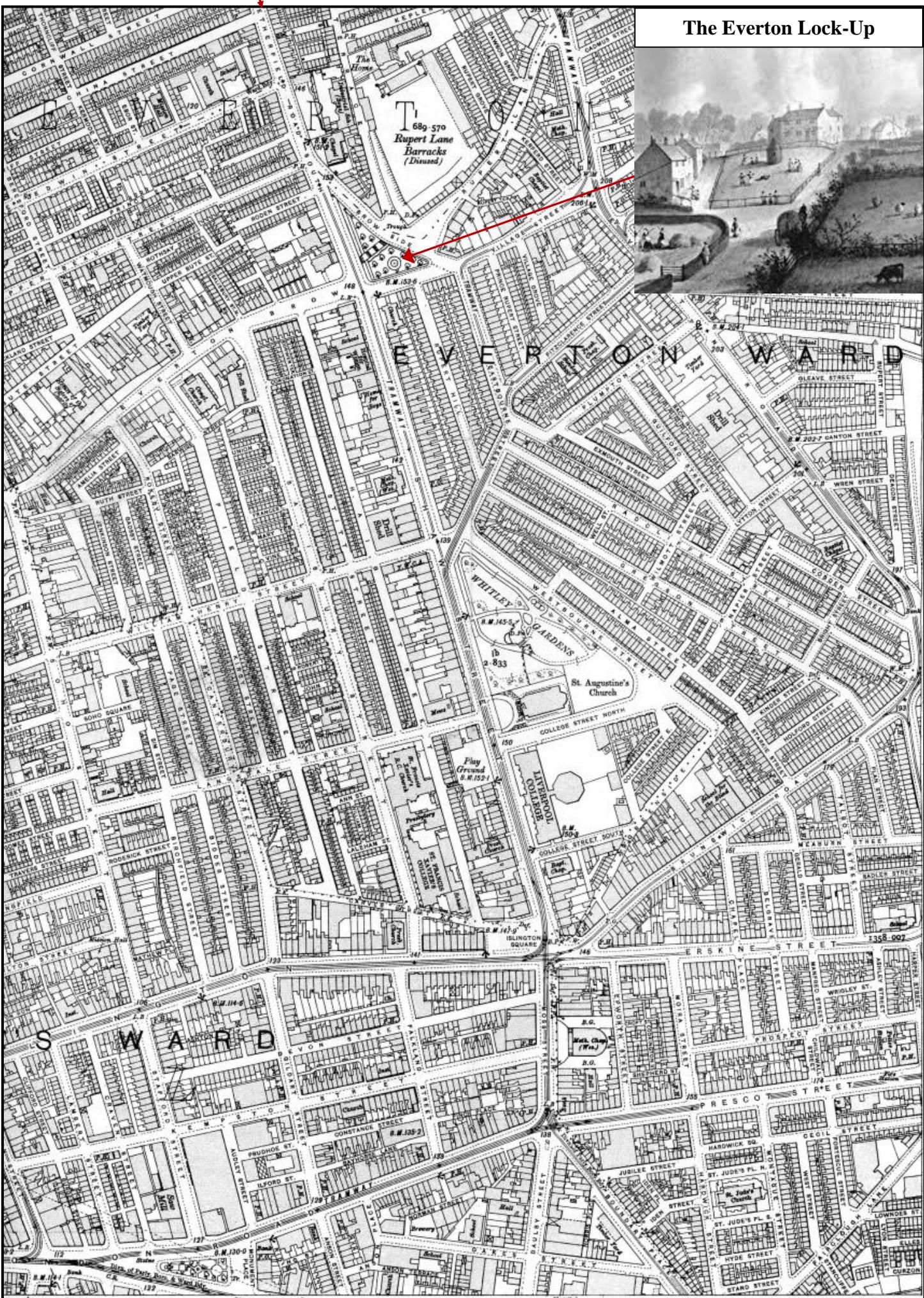




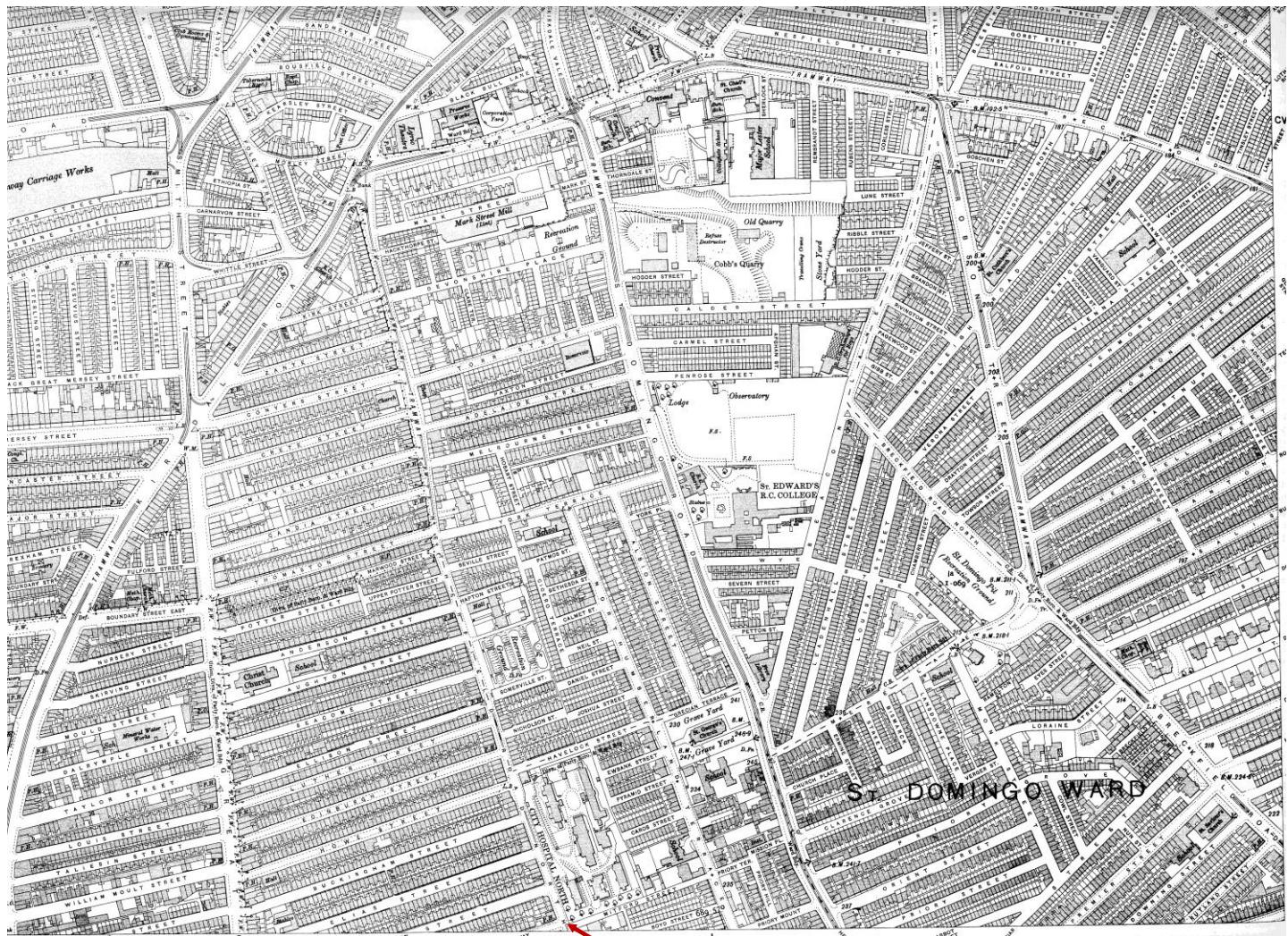
Above: View from a tethered balloon in the late 1860s (extracted from a much larger panorama). Silvester Street is arrowed on the far right.

Left: Corner shop on Athol Street, a few streets to the north of Silvester Street.

The Everton Lock-Up



Everton Hill area in 1906 – Netherfield Road is arrowed at the top



Above: Everton Hill showing Netherfield Road North, with a public house on practically every corner.

Left: The tenements on Netherfield Road.



Above: The view from the hill. Looking down Everton Hill, to Netherfield Road immediately below, and the densely packed Scotland Road area beyond.

Below: Modern view of Netherfield Road. On the right is the famous Everton lock-up, a well-known local landmark, immortalised in the badge and crest of Everton Football Club.





Above: 'The Evelyn' public house on the corner of Evelyn Street, most likely the one run by Sarah Ann Stretton.

Left: Not only has the pub gone, but Evelyn Street has gone too.

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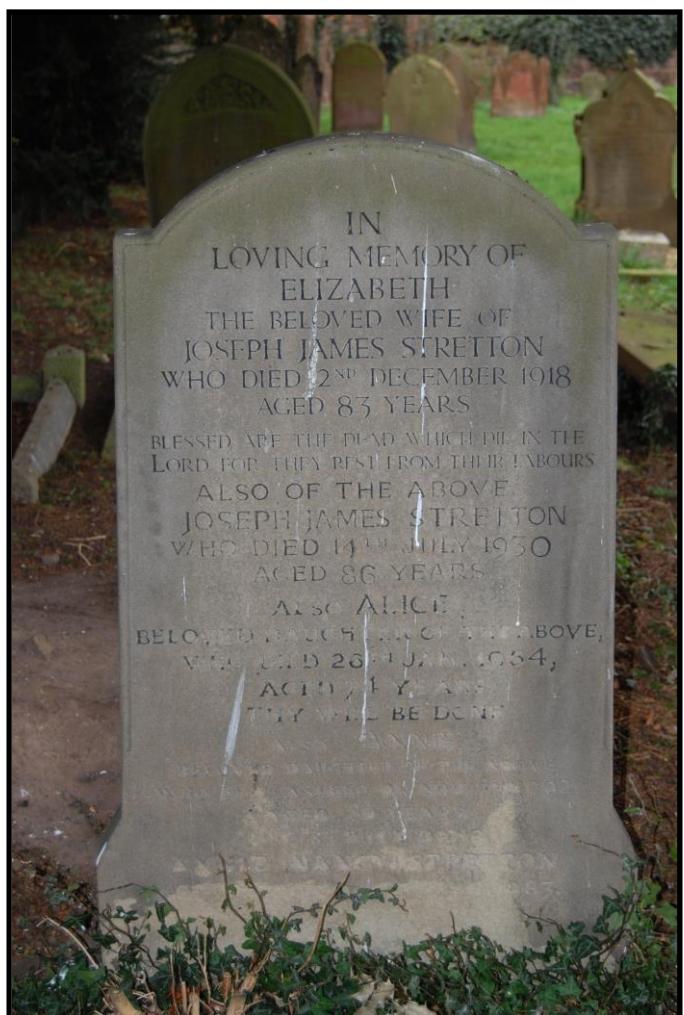
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Sarah's children from her first marriage to James Cartwright were making their own way in the world by 1911; James and David, although still at home, were working as carters, while John was working as a clerk in a local office, and was now married - to Margaret Williamson, and had son John, born in 1910, although they were still living with the in-laws in 240 Netherfield Road. Sarah's children from her marriage to Albert; Joseph James and Annie, were also still at home, Joseph working as a junior clerk for a local ship's stores company. Rachael Cartwright was a 'ward's maid' while Joseph's younger sister Annie was still at school. The family had moved northwards, still in the same densely populated Kirkdale area, but now closer to the docks, and still running a pub - 'The Evelyn' on the corner of Commercial Road and Evelyn Street. Commercial Road was a busy road running north out of the town, and parallel to the dock warehousing and industrial sites. The pub would have been a popular watering hole for the local workforce.

Meanwhile, in Farndon, Joseph and Annie's grandparents, Joseph (67) and Elizabeth Stretton (75) had all but retired to a cottage adjoining Belmont House, while their daughters, Annie and Alice, were still living-in, taking on the burden of the work.

It would now seem that Annie Stretton, Sarah Anne's daughter, moved from Liverpool to work with her aunts in Belmont House. Due to the lack of records, it isn't clear if her brother Joseph moved with her. His war record has not survived, but as he had not lived in Farndon before now, and his family had his name added to the village memorial, there is a possibility that he spent some time in Farndon before he died.



St.Chad's Churchyard, Farndon

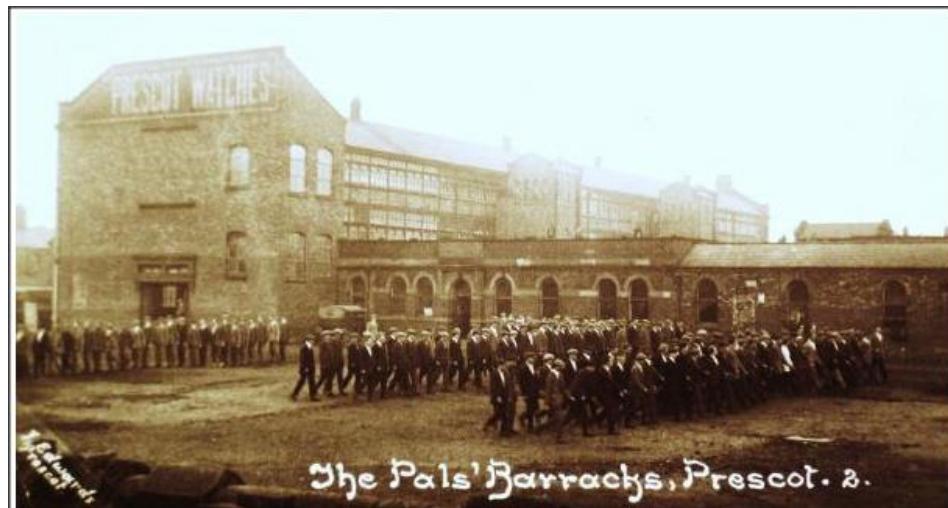
Left: The resting place of Albert Stretton, with a memorial inscription to his son Joseph James Stretton
Right: Albert's parents, Joseph James and Elizabeth Stretton, and his sister's Alice and Anne, plus Albert's daughter Annie

THE COMING OF WAR

When the war came, Joseph signed on in Liverpool and was enlisted as Private 51640 into the 17th Battalion, The King's Liverpool Regiment – one of the Old Pal's regiments. The 17th (Service) Battalion (1st City) was formed in Liverpool on 29 August 1914 by Lord Derby, in the old watch factory at Prescot and has the distinction of being the first of the 'Pals' battalions to be formed. They joined 89th Brigade, 30th Division, which

concentrated near Grantham. In the Autumn they moved to Larkhill, Salisbury, and after their period of training, they were shipped out to France, landing at Boulogne on 7 November 1915, the division concentrating near Amiens. In 1916, they were in action during the Battle of the Somme, in which the Division captured Montauban.

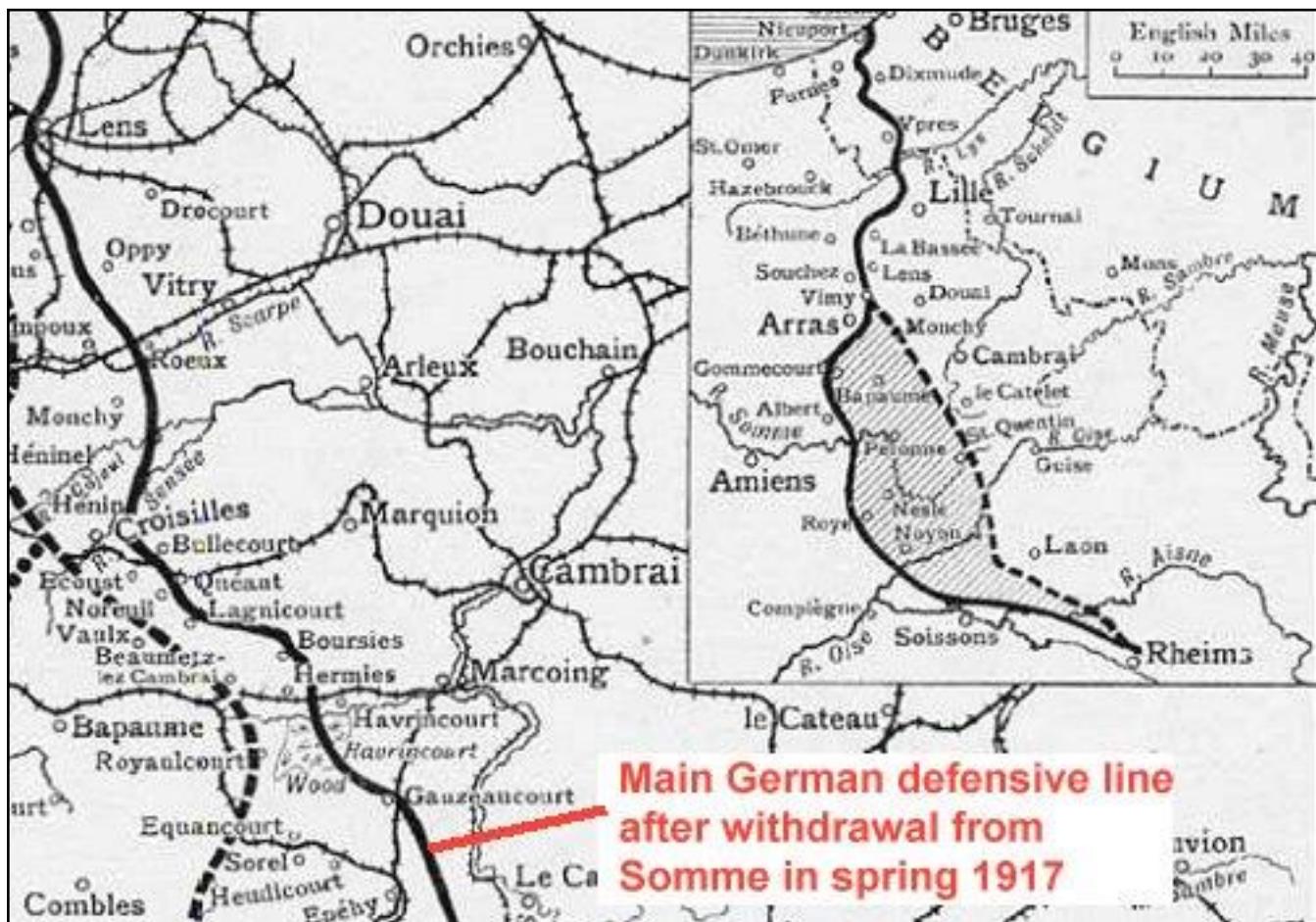
However, with not being able to check his war record, it is not known if Joseph was with the battalion at this time. As he was not awarded the 1915 Star, and given his service number, he is likely to have been conscripted in early 1916, aged twenty. Rather than speculate on where he was in 1916, it is more certain that he was involved in the action around Arras in the Spring of 1917.



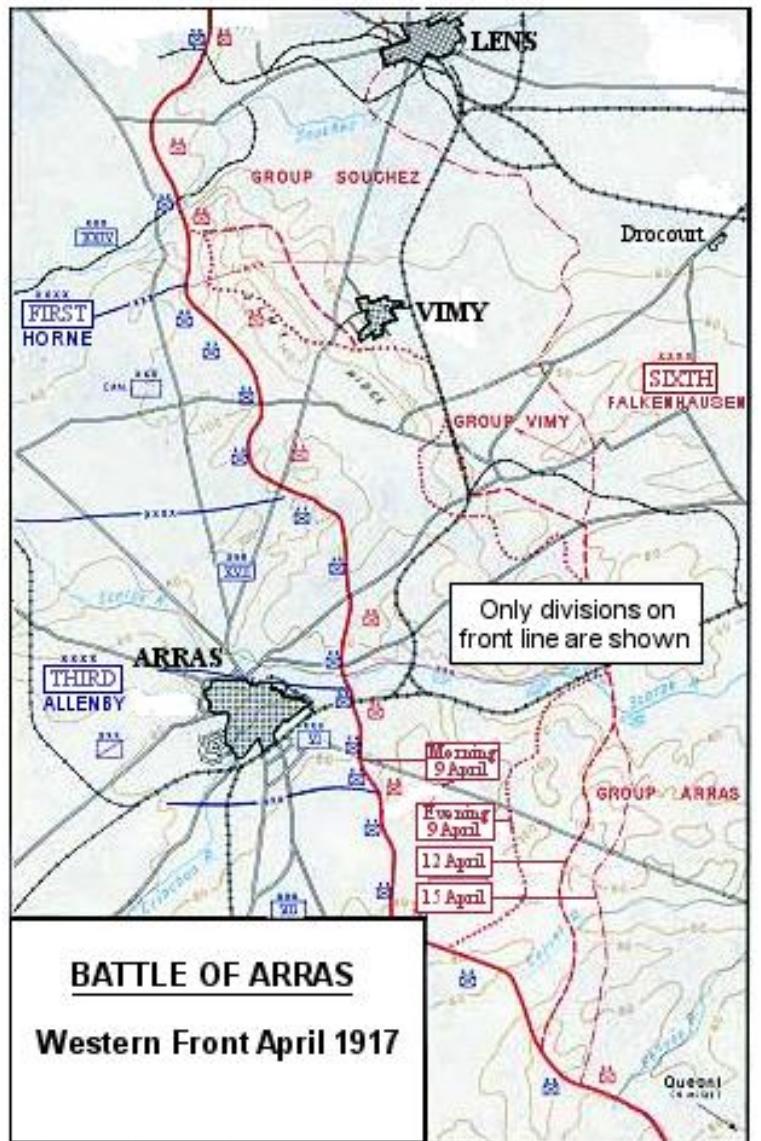
The 17th (Service) Battalion (1st City) in the old watch factory at Prescot, shown above and below

BATTLE OF ARRAS 9 APRIL-16 MAY 1917

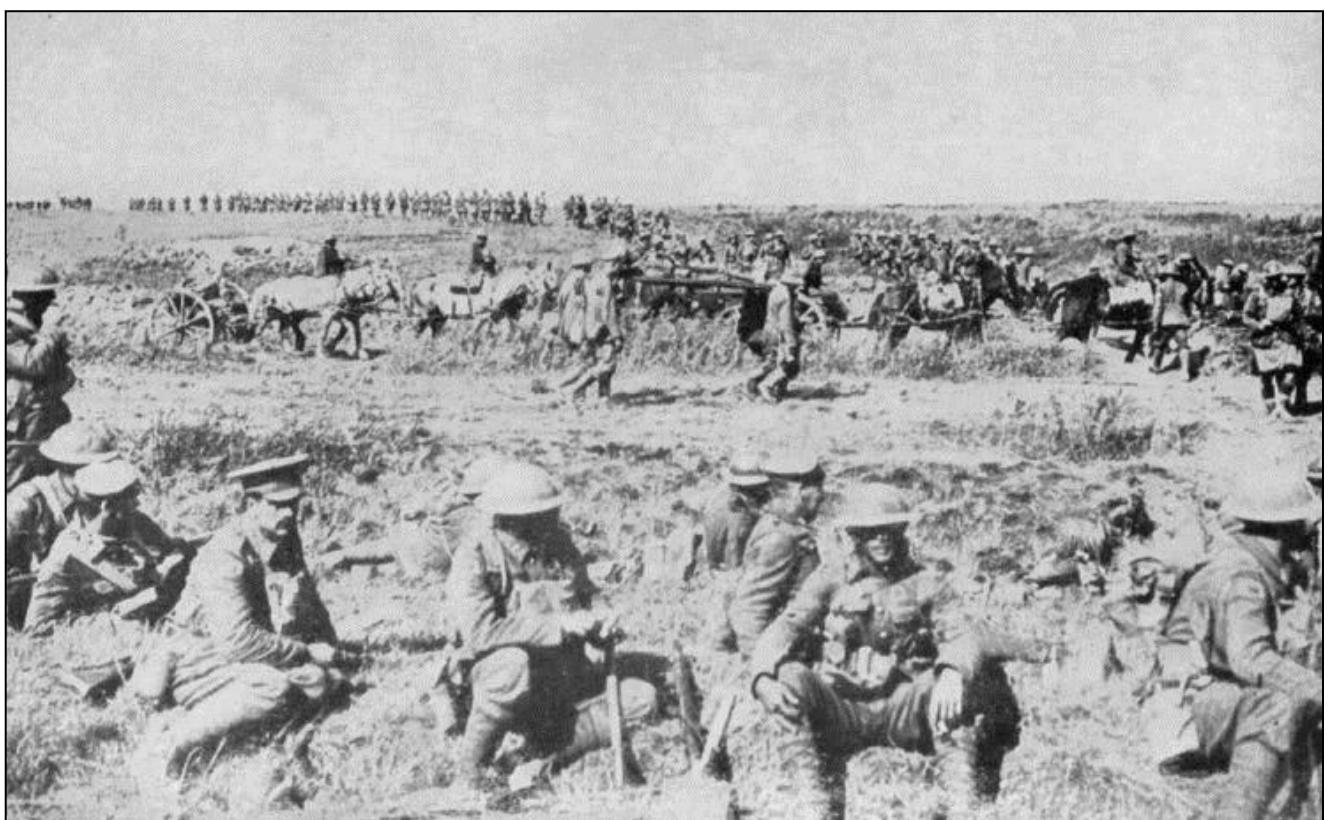
After the Somme Offensive ended in November, the Allies began to prepare for a series of combined Allied offensives in April 1917. Meanwhile, the German Army carried out a strategic withdrawal to the 'Hindenburg Line' in northern France. This phased withdrawal, conducted from February to April, reduced the German front by 25 miles, while the King's Liverpool Regiment's six second-line battalions arrived on the Western Front with the 57th (2nd West Lancashire) Division in February 1917.



Battle of Arras:
German retreat to
the Hindenburg Line,
23 April 1917



Battle of Arras:
British infantry advancing after the
successful offensive of 9 April 1917



The Pals battalions were initially involved in the Battle of the Scarpe on 9 April 1917 with mixed results, with casualties for the King's during the initial phase of the Arras Offensive exceeding seven hundred. The 17ths mainly played a supporting role in this action, but this was not to be the end of it. This conflict moved into the '2nd Battle of the Scarpe' in order to keep the Germans pinned down in the areas they had been forced back to. The 89th Brigade returned to the Front on 23 April, where the 17th Battalion supported the 21st Brigade in the line, and the 19th and 20th Battalions were engaged in carrying, working, and burial parties until all three were relieved on 28 April. The War Diary of the 17th Battalion covering their final days in the front line before withdrawal reflect the difficult conditions they had to endure,

April 25th

At 1.45am Nos 1 and 2 Platoons returned and at 2.45am No.4 Platoon returned.

It was not until 5.00am that No.3 Platoon returned. One casualty had occurred.

Work done; 4 strong points constructed at

O.25 b 9/0

O.25 d 5/4

O.31 a 9/9

O.31 a 4/5

At 1.10am orders were received from Brigade to send a party of 100 OR to report to the Burial Office at 9.00am at M.24 d 10/90. D Coy was detailed for this work and moved off at 7.45am, reporting at the rendezvous at 8.45am. From there they proceeded to the forward area about N.24a and O.25a where they worked until 3.30pm. They encountered considerable shelling but suffered no casualties and moved back to bivouacs at M.24d 10/90, leaving there at 9.00am and rejoining the Battalion the following morning with the Company intact.

April 26th

At 10.15am message was received from Brigade cancelling pending operations (00 95) and advising that the Division would be relieved between 27th and 29th and instructing that consolidation and improvement of observation must be carried out energetically.

At 3.45pm orders were received from Brigade for one Company to act as a burying party, reporting to an officer of KOPJE at cross roads HENINEL CEMETERY N.29a 8/5 at 8.0pm. D Coy were detailed for this work and left at 7.15pm. At the same time, orders were received for the other three companies to act as carrying parties for KNIGHT and KOPJE, carrying wire and pickets in proportion to the front line. Guides of KNIGHT and KOPJE met the Companies at cross junction N.28b 6/2 at 8.15pm, 6 platoons carrying for KNIGHT and 6 platoons for KOPJE, the material being collected and en route from Dump at HENINEL N28b 9/5. These three Companies moved off at 7.15pm. 'D' Company commenced digging graves at 8.30pm at N.29c 6/8 and worked until 10.45pm and arrived back and reported all present at midnight. 'A' Company carried pickets and wire for the 20th Battalion K.L.R. to the front and support lines. The Company returned and reported in at 11.15pm, having had one man wounded. 'B' Company carried for 17th Battalion K.L.R. to the front and support lines and reported all in at 1.30am.

'C' Company was divided, two platoons carrying for the 20th Battalion and two platoons for the 17th Battalion K.L.R. The latter two platoons returned with 'B' Company at 1.30am but the platoons carrying for the 20th Battalion K.L.R. Had to make a second journey and only returned at 4.20am.

April 27th

At 7.20am orders were received that the 89th Brigade less 17th Battalion and 20th Battalion K.L.R. would be relieved on the 27th by the 21st Brigade.

'D' Company were again detailed for burying and worked from 9.00am to 2.00pm with 60 men and from 2.00pm to 6.00pm with another 60 men, about 80 bodies being collected and identifications removed. The work was curtailed during the afternoon by heavy shell fire. The whole of 'D' Company again commenced this work at 11.00pm and worked until 3.30am.

The remainder of the Battalion was employed in cleaning the trenches and getting them into a fit and clean condition for handing over to the incoming Battalions.

At 4.30pm orders were received to entrain at ARRAS on the 28th for SIBVILLE Detraining at PETIT HOUVIN.

At 11.55pm movement orders were received.

Far from sitting about in trenches waiting for something to happen, these brief extracts give an insight into the manual labour involved in preparations for action, plus the grim horror of digging graves for dozens of comrades into the early hours under intense shell fire, before returning exhausted to trench lines rather than a comfortable bed. This is not the image they had signed up for, or ever pictured, in the eagerness to raise the Pals battalions back in the fever of August-September 1914.

Furthermore, it was during this phase of activity that Private Joseph James Stretton died, Killed in Action on 26 April 1917, aged twenty-one. The precise circumstances are unknown and his body was not recovered, but during this phase of operations back in the Front Line, Second-Lieutenant L Band of the 17th Battalion and a total of twenty-one other ranks from all three battalions were killed.

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or
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.**

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XIII

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
APL 24 th			<p>At 1.45 am Nos. 1 and 2 Platoons returned and at 2.45 am No. 4 Platoon returned. It was not until 5.00am that No. 3. Platoon returned. One casualty had occurred. Work done: 4 strong points constructed at:</p> <p>0. 25 b 9/0 0. 25 d 5/4 0. 31 a 9/9 0. 31 a 4/5</p> <p>At 1.00am orders were received from Brigade to send a party of 100 OR to report to the Bucial Bivouac at 9.00am at M. 24d 10/90. D Coy was detailed for this work and moved off at 7.45am, reporting at the rendezvous at 8.45am. From there they proceeded to the forward area about N. 24d 10/90 and O. 25.a where they worked until 3.30pm. They encountered considerable shelling but suffered no casualties and moved back to bivouacs at M. 24d 10/90, leaving there at 9.00am and rejoining the Battalion the following morning with the Company intact.</p> <p>At 10.15am message was received from Brigade cancelling pending operations (00.95) and advising that the Division would be relieved between 27th and 29th.</p>	
APL 26 th				

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A.P.L. 26 th			<p>and instructing that consolidation and improvements of observation must be carried on energetically.</p> <p>At 3.45pm orders were received from Brigade for one Company to act as a carrying party, reporting to an officer of KOPJE at cross roads HENINEL CEMETERY N. 29.2 8/5. at 8.0pm. 'D' Coy were detailed for this work and left at 7.15pm. At the same time orders were received for the other three Companies to act as carrying parties for KNIGHT and KOPJE, carrying wire and pickets in proportion to the front line. Guides of KNIGHT and KOPJE met the Companies at cross junction N. 29.6 6/2 at 8.15pm, 6 platoons carrying for KNIGHT and 6 platoons for KOPJE, the material being collected and en route from Dump at HENINEL N. 29.6 9/5. These three Companies moved off at 7.15pm. 'D' Company commenced digging graves at 8.30pm at N. 29.C 6/8 and worked until 10.45pm and arrived back and reported all present at midnight. 'A' Company carried pickets and wire for the 20th Battalion K.L.R. to the front and support lines. The Company returned and reported in at 11.15pm, having had one man wounded. 'B' Company carried for the 17th Battalion K.L.R. to the front and support lines.</p> <p>2353 Wt. W2544/M454 700,000 5/15 D.D. & L. A.D.S.S./Forms/C. 2118.</p>	<p><i>[Handwritten signature]</i></p>

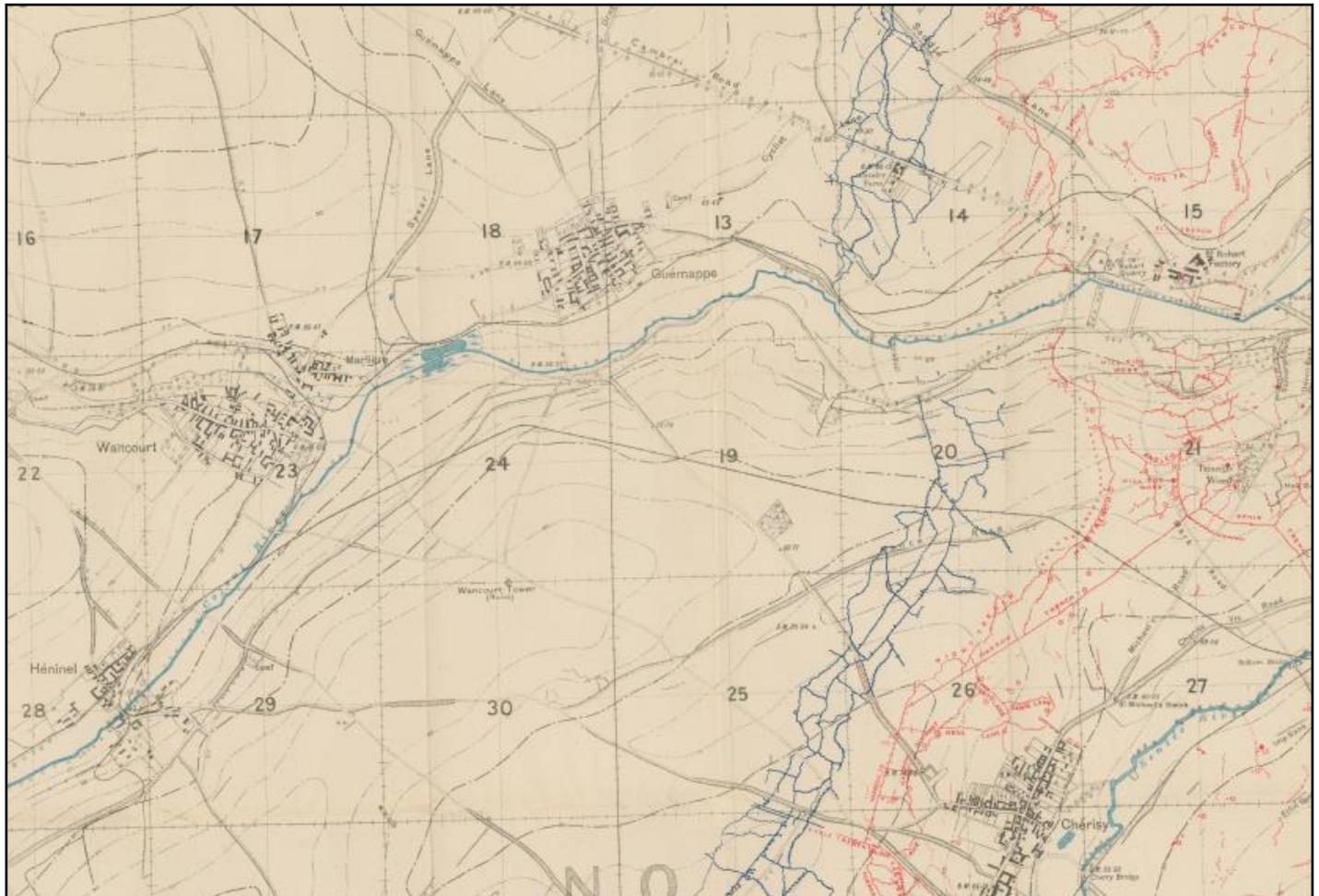
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
A.P.L. 26 th			<p>and reported all in at 1.30am.</p> <p>'C' Company was not divided, two platoons carrying for the 20th Battalion and two platoons for the 17th Battalion K.L.R. The latter two platoons returned with 'B' Company at 1.30 am but the platoons carrying for the 20th Battalion K.L.R. had to make a second journey and only returned at 4.20am.</p>	<p><i>[Handwritten signature]</i></p>
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**Trench Map for the area occupied by the Pals in April 1917.
Heninel is to the bottom left. The British lines are in blue, the enemy in red.**

Although the Battle of Arras, which continued until 16 May 1917, saw major gains on the first day, it was followed by a stalemate. The battle was costly for both sides with nearly 160,000 British and close to 125,000 German casualties. However, worse was to come for the Pals, they were headed for the dreaded Salient, around Ypres in Belgium and would become known as The Third Battle of Ypres, or simply, 'Passchendaele'.

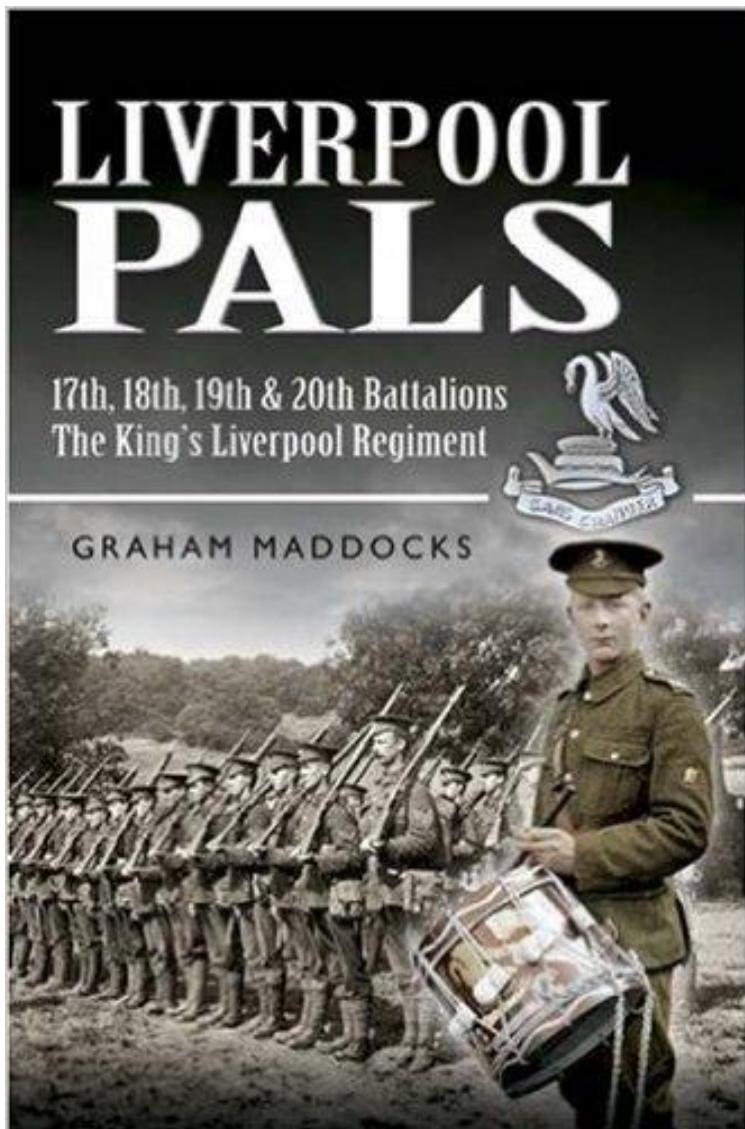
**Battle of Arras - 24 April 1917
18 pounders under fire**



MEMORIALS

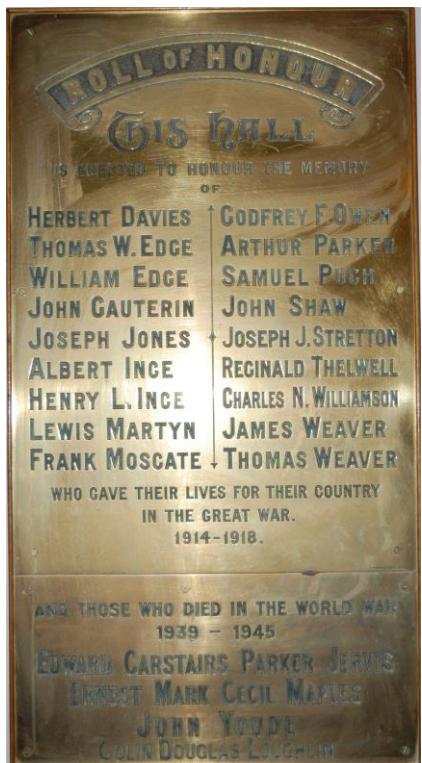
STRETTON-CARTWRIGHT—In ever-loving memory of Joseph James Stretton, K.L.R., who fell in action April 26th, 1917, aged 21 years, also of James Cartwright (brother), Grenadier Guards, who died from wounds, December 3rd, 1917, aged 31 years.

'There upon the field of battle,
They calmly took their place;
They fought and died for Britain
And the honour of their Race.
They bravely answered duty's call,
It was God's will that they should fall.
—From sister, grand-parents, and aunts,
Farndon.



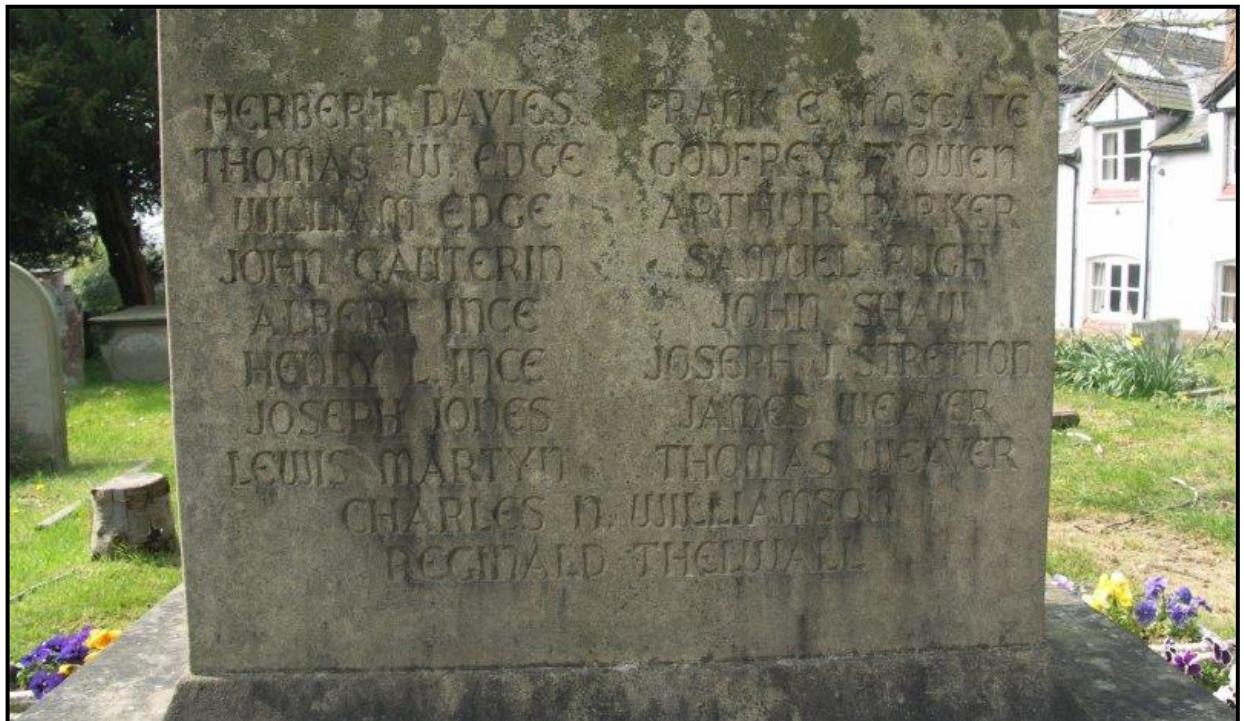
Above: Memorial placed in the *Cheshire Courant* newspaper on 27 April 1918

Left: The classic work by Graham Muddocks on the Liverpool Pals. Joseph James Stretton is recorded on the memorial pages.



Farndon War Memorial

Left: the memorial plaque located in the entrance hall in the adjacent Memorial Hall (top left).

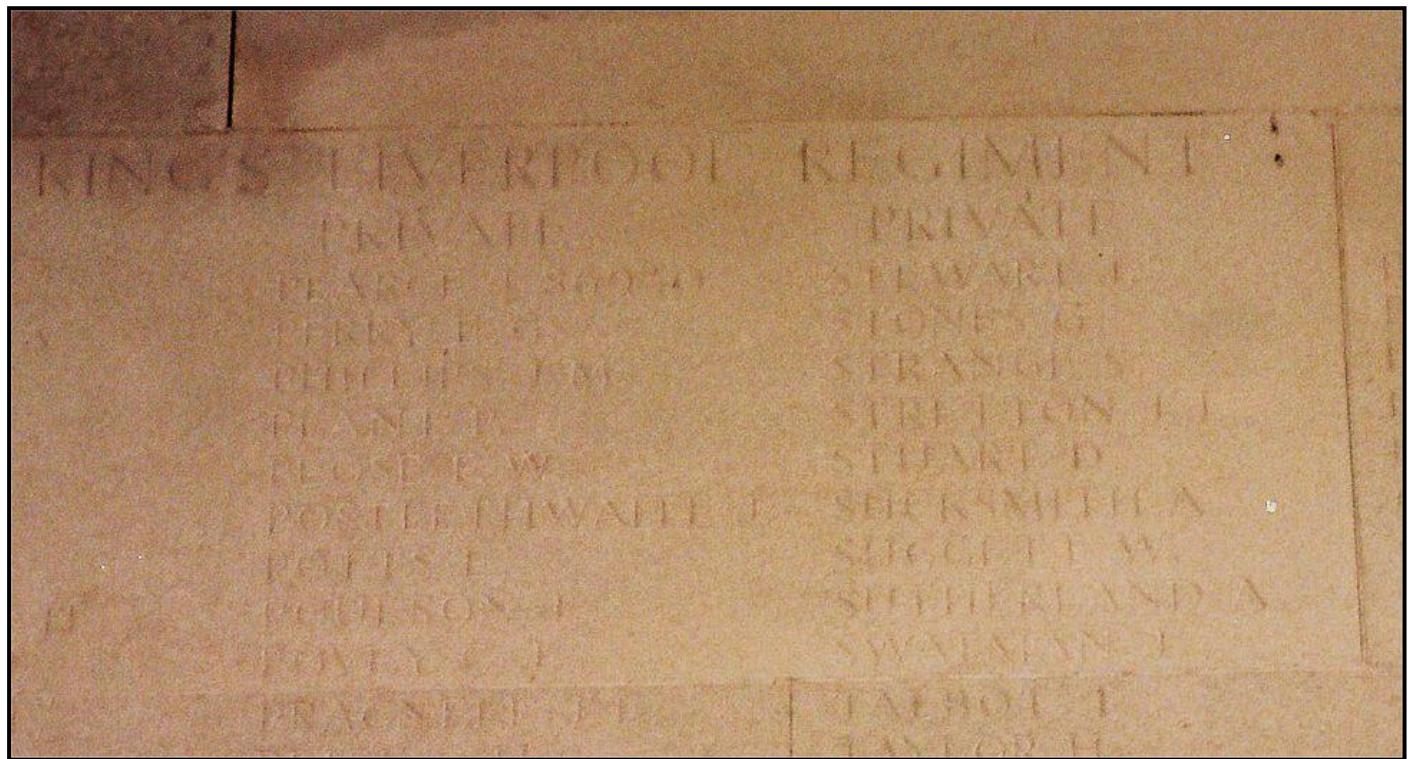


Arras Memorial



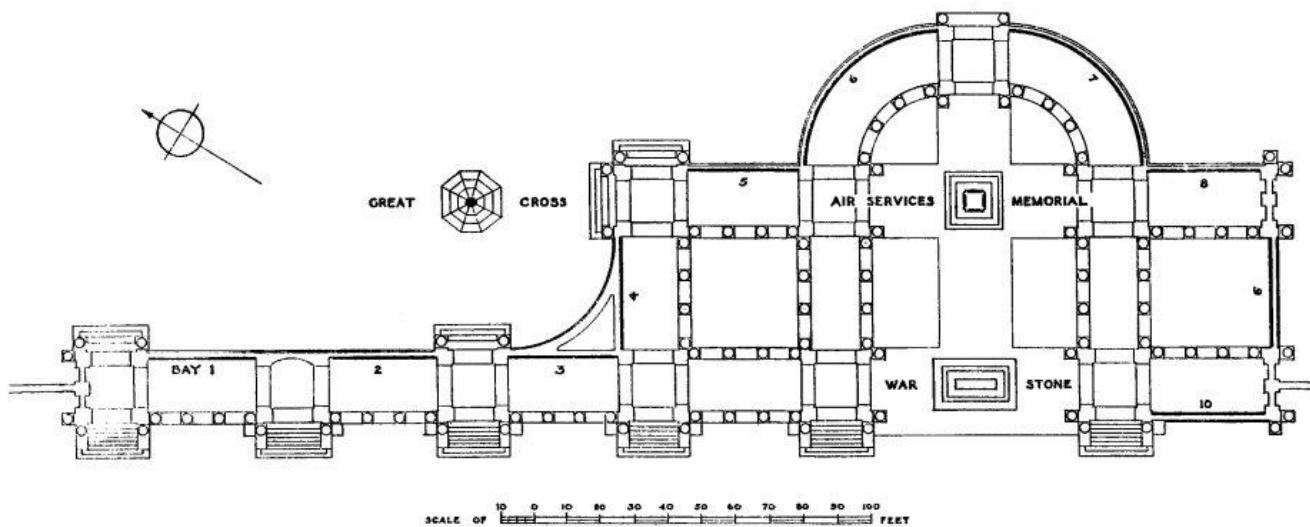
The Arras Memorial and Faubourg-d'Amiens Cemetery





Memorial Panel to 17th Battalion, King's Liverpool Regiment

The panels are now in poor condition, but Joseph James Stretton is recorded fourth name down on the right



LAY-OUT OF THE PANELS (OR BAYS).

As Joseph's body was not recovered, he is remembered on the Arras Memorial to the Missing in the centre of the town. The Arras Memorial was constructed within the Faubourg-d'Amiens Cemetery, in the Boulevard du General de Gaulle in the western part of Arras. The French handed over Arras to Commonwealth forces in the spring of 1916, and the system of tunnels upon which the town is built were used and developed in preparation for the major offensive planned for April 1917 which Joseph Stretton and the Pal's regiments had taken part in. 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 ambulances 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 2,651 Commonwealth burials of the First World War. In addition, there are 30 war graves of other nationalities, most of them German. During the Second World War, Arras was occupied by United Kingdom forces headquarters until the town was evacuated on 23 May 1940. Arras then remained in German hands until retaken by Commonwealth and Free French forces on 1 September 1944. The cemetery contains seven Commonwealth burials of the Second World War. The graves in the French military cemetery were removed after the First World War to other burial grounds and the land they had occupied was used for the construction of the Arras Memorial and Arras Flying Services Memorial.

The Arras Memorial commemorates almost 35,000 servicemen from the United Kingdom, South Africa and New Zealand who died in the Arras sector between the spring of 1916 and 7 August 1918, the eve of the Advance to Victory, and have no known grave. The most conspicuous events of this period were the Arras offensive of April-May 1917, and the German attack in the spring of 1918. Canadian and Australian servicemen killed in these operations are commemorated by memorials at Vimy and Villers-Bretonneux. A separate memorial remembers those killed in the Battle of Cambrai in 1917.

The Arras Flying Services Memorial commemorates nearly 1,000 airmen of the Royal Naval Air Service, the Royal Flying Corps, and the Royal Air Force, either by attachment from other arms of the forces of the Commonwealth or by original enlistment, who were killed on the whole Western Front and who have no known grave. Both cemetery and memorial were designed by Sir Edwin Lutyens, with sculpture by Sir William Reid Dick.

Arras

& The First World War (1914–18)

Arras suffered from continuous military activity during the First World War, and witnessed two major battles. First it was taken by the Germans, then recaptured by the French, and finally in 1916 its defence passed to the British Expeditionary Force (B.E.F.).



In 1917, Commonwealth forces attacked the German positions around the town (at Vimy Ridge and elsewhere) in their bloodiest conflict so far. The vast labyrinth of cellars and tunnels beneath Arras was extended to allow an army to be concealed underground. One early April morning, 20,000 Commonwealth soldiers emerged from the earth within the German trenches, catching many occupants completely by surprise. 159,000 Commonwealth soldiers died at Arras over 39 days, an average of 4,076 per day, but the offensive was seen as a welcome victory during a dark year of conflict.

Arras also endured a sustained German attack in 1918.

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"One just takes the job that comes along and tries to do it. I'm rather fed up with seeing fellows blown to bits and don't mind when the war ends. It's heart-breaking all the good fellows... killed. Splendid men, but they never had a chance. No men could do more than they did."

Letter home from The Hon William Fraser, who fought at Arras with the Gordon Highlanders

The Military Cemetery of Faubourg d'Amiens

Within the cemetery all are equal. Men and officers lie here shoulder to shoulder, and the memorials were commissioned with this in mind. The Cross of Sacrifice symbolises the religious faith of the majority – Christianity – while the Stone of Remembrance represents those who had different faiths, or none.

The cemetery grew from 1916 onwards as those buried in temporary graves on the battlefield and in smaller cemeteries were removed and brought here to their final place of rest. Today, 2,651 Commonwealth soldiers from the First World War, 700 Commonwealth and 30 non-Commonwealth soldiers, and seven burials date from the Second World War, are buried here. The General Cemetery at Arras was eventually closed in 1941.

Remembering those with no known grave

This cemetery houses a memorial to the 35,000 soldiers who died nearby during the First World War and whose bodies were never found. These men were fighting in appalling conditions, facing weapons more powerful and deadly than ever before. British, South African or New Zealanders, most of them young men in their prime, they died between spring 1916 and summer 1918. Their Canadian and Australian comrades-in-arms are commemorated in memorials at Vimy and Villers-Bretonneux. A separate memorial records those who fell in the Battle of Cambrai in 1917.

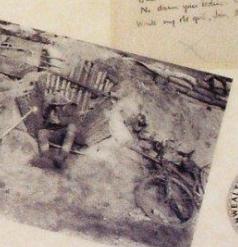
The memorial to the Flying Services bears the names of approximately 1,000 Royal Naval Air Service, Royal Flying Corps or Royal Air Force members who died on the Western Front and who also have no known grave (the RAF was created by combining the R.N.A.S. and R.F.C. in 1918). The life expectancy of a pilot during "Bloody April" 1917 tell from three weeks to just 17½ hours, largely due to the skill and tenacity of the German air force.

"In front is the German first line trench, myriads of lights rise and fall. Red, green, orange colours. Golden rain. (...) We see great spouts of flame and earth as shell after shell falls accurately in or nearby... Nothing on earth can live in such as this."

George Culpitt of the Royal Welch Fusiliers describes going "over the top" into No Man's Land between the trenches during the battle of Arras.

In The Letter the poet Wilfred Owen writes as a member of the British Expeditionary Force. Owen was gassed and hospitalized, returning to the front. He writes that he was the only one to be killed at the age of 25 on November 11, 1918, the day the armistice was signed.

His poem represents a reminder of the death the day church bells rang throughout the land to celebrate peace at last.



OTHER MEMORIALS

Joseph James Stretton is recorded on several memorials, including:

The War Memorial Book, Liverpool Anglican Cathedral



This beautiful volume dedicated to Liverpool men who were lost in the First World War, is mounted within a large case on a raised plinth, and a page is turned each day. There were three small volumes with a corresponding list on show for the public to access - Joseph Stretton was recorded here too - although they are no longer *in situ* and are now stored in the Cathedral archive.



Liverpool Town Hall - Hall of Remembrance

The Hall of Remembrance was opened by the Duke of Windsor, then Prince of Wales, in 1921, and contains the City's Roll of Honour. The Roll of Honour carries the names of over 13,000 military men from Liverpool who died during the First World War. This list of war dead began to be compiled during the war when names of the fallen were posted in a window overlooking Exchange Flags and relatives queued to add names. Because of this, the list is far from complete, but a number of names have been added since 1921 on additional panels.

Joseph James Stretton is recorded on the Roll of Honour.

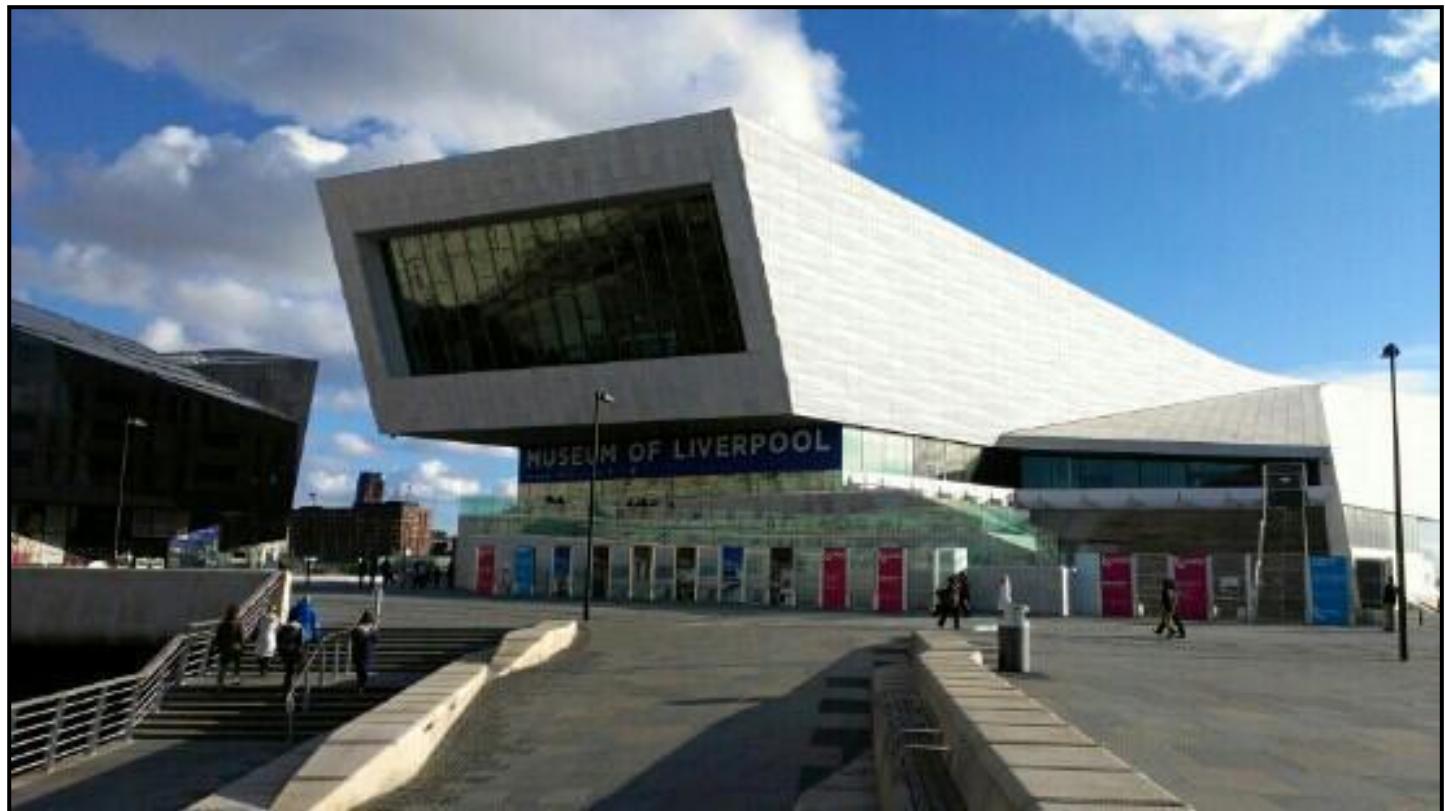
The Lord Mayor's Office has transcribed the list of names and a database has been created which can be used to search for names on this - the First World War Memorial Roll of Honour of Liverpool's Military War Dead. This is now held on the web site for the Town Hall and the entry for Joseph is shown here;



Panel	Rank	Initials	Surname	Award	Regiment
Panel 38 Left	Private	J.J.	STRETTON		King's Liverpool Regiment (17 th Battalion)



Museum of Liverpool WW1 Exhibition, Pier Head



Within the Museum of Liverpool is the special exhibition about Liverpool's First World War named 'From waterfront to Western Front'. There is a special memorial wall featuring the men of Liverpool who gave their lives. The entrance is shown here surrounded by the poppy field.





**Inside the exhibition – the darkened panels record the names of the Liverpool men
– a section of which is shown below.**

**At the top left is my own great grandfather – Bombardier Charles Royden R.F.A. ,
but as the eye drifts to the bottom right, there is Private Joseph James Stretton.**

• L.CPL. W.R. RUTHVEN •
• BDR. C. ROYDEN • PTE. C. ROYDON • GNR. T. ROYLE • PTE. J. ROYD
S.C. RUTHVEN • 2ND LT. J.W. RUTLEDGE • CLK.3 W.J. RUTTER • PTE. P.R. RUTTER • PTE. M. RUM
MMOND • PTE. E. SAMPSON • RFN. W. SAMSON • CAPT. W.D. SAMUELSON • 2ND LT. G.G. SAND
LLY • SGT. P. SCANLON • PTE. D. SCARLETT • PTE. A.L. SCARTH • PTE. P. LE. SCELLEUR • PTE. G. S
PTE. W. SEARCY • PTE. H. SECKERSON • 2ND LT. F.A. SEDDON • CPL. W. SEDDON • CPL. T.E. SEDI
RP • PTE. W.J. SHARP • 2ND LT. J.S. SHARPE • CAPT. A.H. SHARPE • SGT. S. SHARPLES • DMR. J. S
CPL. J. SHEPHERD • PTE. A. SHEPHERD • PTE. J. SHEPHERD • PTE. A. SHEPPEY • PTE. J. SHERIDA
W. SIMMONS • RFN. J.A. SIMMONS • PTE. D. SIMMS • PTE. J. SIMMS • 2ND LT. N. SIMON • LT.
D • SGT. C.W. SKAFTE • PTE. J.J. SKELLAND • PTE. W. SKELLAND • PTE. W.E.J. SKELLAND • PTE.
TE. D.D. SMART • PTE. G.R. SMART • PTE. J.W. SMEDLEY • PTE. W. SMEDLEY • SGT. T. SMEDLEY
E. SMITH • PTE. E.H. SMITH • PTE. E.P. SMITH • PTE. G. SMITH • PTE. G.D. SMITH • PTE. G.E. SI
N • FMN. S. SOBEY • LT. H.C. SODEN • PTE. C.J. SOMERSET • 2ND LT. P.T. SOMERVILLE • PTE. C
SPENCER • LT. J.C. SPENCER-WARWICK • PTE. H.G. SPENLEY • GNR. W. SPICER • PTE. E. SPIERS
E. T. STANLEY • PTE. T.R. STANLEY • CPL. H.N. STANSFIELD • PTE. J.E. STANTON • PTE. W.W. ST
EVENS • PTE. H. STEVENS • PTE. J. STEVENS • PTE. S.L. STEVENS • LT. H.F. STEVENSON • PTE. E
STRATTON • PTE. E.H. STRAW • PTE. J. STRAWSON • PTE. T. STRETCH • PTE. J.J. STRETTON
GUTHRIE, J. • PTE. J.D. SUTTERBERRY • MA

King's Liverpool Regiment / Liverpool Pals' Memorials

There are several more memorials dedicated to the King's Liverpool Regiment and the Liverpool Pals, which do not record individual names:



Liverpool Cenotaph

The Cenotaph stands on St George's Plateau, to the east of St George's Hall. It was erected as a memorial to those who had fallen in the First World War. The dates of the Second World War were subsequently added. It is now a Grade One Listed Building in keeping with its larger neighbour to the rear.



Memorial to the King's Liverpool Regiment

Pre-WW1 memorial designed by Sir William Goscombe John and erected in 1905. At the top of it stands the figure of Britannia, mourning men who lost their lives fighting in Afghanistan (1878-80), Burma (1885-87) and South Africa (1899-1902).

THE
KINGS
LIVERPOOL
REGIMENT

THIS MONUMENT IS ERECTED BY THE OFFICERS
NON COMMISSIONED OFFICERS AND MEN OF THE
REGIMENT AND BY THE GRATEFUL CONTRIBUTIONS
OF THE PEOPLE OF LIVERPOOL IN MEMORY OF
THEIR COMRADES AND FELLOW CITIZENS WHO
DIED DURING THE CAMPAIGN IN AFGHANISTAN 1878-80
BURMA 1885-1887 AND SOUTH AFRICA 1899-1902
SOME FELL ON THE FIELD OF BATTLE SOME DIED
OF WOUNDS AND SOME OF DISEASE BUT ALL GAVE
THEIR LIVES FOR THE HONOUR OF THE REGIMENT
THEIR CITY AND THEIR COUNTY
AFGHANISTAN 1878-80. BURMA 1885-7
SOUTH AFRICA 1899-1902
PRO PATRIA
NEC ASPERA TERRENT
(BLENHEIM. RAMILLIES. OUDENARDE.
MALPLAQUET. DETTINGEN. DEFENCE OF
MARTINIQUE. NIAGARA. DELHI.
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The Liverpool Pals Memorial Montauban, Somme, France

Graham Maddocks, author of 'The Liverpool Pals' was the instigator of a subscription fund to raise a memorial to the four battalions of *Pals* from Liverpool and Manchester. The memorial stone was designed by Derek Sheard and unveiled by Major General Peter Davies, Colonel of the King's Liverpool Regiment on 1 July 1994. On one face it carries the Liverpool Service Battalions' cap badge of the Eagle and Child, on the other that of the Manchester Battalions.

There is also an inscription in English and French honouring the men from Manchester and Liverpool who formed part of the 30th Division.

*To the glorious memory of the
Liverpool and Manchester Pals
Who as part of the 30th Division
Liberated this village
1st July 1916*

The Liverpool Pals Memorial Frieze

Lime Street Station



The Liverpool Pals Memorial

Unveiled by HRH The Earl of Wessex on 31 August 2014





'The Liverpool Pals'

Unveiled by
HRH The Earl of Wessex KG GCVO
on 31st August 2014

Between August and November 1914 more than 6,000 men and boys, mainly from the business community of Liverpool, answered Lord Derby's call for volunteers to join his "Liverpool Pals" battalions, with some 1050 enlisting at St George's Hall at the very first opportunity on 31st August 1914.

Four battalions, the 17th, 18th, 19th and 20th Battalions of the Kings Liverpool Regiment, were formed together with two reserve battalions, the 21st and 22nd.

Over 2800 men died as Liverpool Pals during the course of the Great War and the campaign in Russia. The remainder returned home, many wounded, to pick up the pieces of their lives.

This frieze tells the story of their euphoric inception at St George's Hall; their leaving of Liverpool in 1915; on to France and Flanders and their battlefield experiences on the Western Front; to the subdued homecoming of the survivors.

The final scene completes the cycle and shows St George's Hall and the Cenotaph during present day Remembrance commemorations.

This Memorial is a handsome tribute to the Liverpool Pals - the first Pals battalions formed and the last to be stood down. May it stand for many years to come as a testimony to the memory of every Liverpool Pal, ensuring they are never forgotten.

The Liverpool Pals Memorial Fund would like to thank everybody who helped to place this memorial to these brave men.



Sculptor Tom Murphy

Memorial to the Liverpool Pals

Prescot Station



**Lord Derby unveiled a new memorial commemorating the 100th anniversary
of the Liverpool Pals leaving Prescot Station, bound for Grantham**



Name.	Corps	Rank.	Regt. No.
STRETTON Joseph Jas	L'POOL R	Pte	51640
Medal.	Roll.	Page.	Remarks.
VICTORY	H/2/102 B20	2261	
BRITISH	—	—	
STAR			
Theatre of War first served in			
Date of entry therein			K. 1380.

Above: Medal Card
Below: Service Medals (Victory Medal, and British Medal)
Memorial Plaque and Scrolls



Soldier's Effects

Register entry detailing the pension payouts and the family members who were awarded. All his siblings have been traced and listed.

In Memory of
Private
Joseph James Stretton

51640, 17th Bn., The King's (Liverpool Regiment) who died on 26 April 1917 Age 21

Brother of Miss Annie Stretton, of Belmont House, Farndon, Chester.

Remembered with Honour
Arras Memorial



Commemorated in perpetuity by
the Commonwealth War Graves Commission

Guardsman Lance Corporal JAMES CARTWRIGHT

17923 4th Battalion, The Grenadier Guards
Died 3 December 1917 Aged

*(although not on the memorial, nor from Farndon,
he was the half-brother of Joseph Stretton)*

James was born on 12 March 1886, the son of Sarah Ann from her first marriage to Richard Cartwright. Although still at home in 1911, he was working as a carter with his younger brother David in the Scotland Road area of Liverpool. When the war came he enlisted with the 4th Battalion , Grenadier Guards, and although his war record has not survived, his service number suggests he was an early volunteer, signing on during September 1914.



The 4th Battalion Grenadier Guards was formed at Marlow, where James is likely to have been despatched to complete his training. Once mobilised, they proceeded to France on the 14 July 1915, and joined 3rd Guards Brigade, Guards Division, on the 19 August. They were in action in The Battle of Loos, then in 1916 they fought on The Somme in the Battle of Flers-Courcelette, and The Battle of Morval, where they captured Lesboeufs. Into 1917, the Battalion were involved in the action surrounding the German retreat to the Hindenburg Line (14 March - 5 April), before being moved to Belgium, where they took part in The Third Battles of Ypres. This horrific engagement saw them in action in the Battle of Pilckem (31 July - 2 August), The Battle of the Menin Road (20 - 25 September), The Battle of Poelcapelle (9 October), and The First Battle of Passchendaele (12 October). Due to the lack of records, it is impossible to know the precise role, if any, played by James in these key battles.

The Battle of Cambrai

At the end of the year, the 4th Battalion were involved in The Battle of Cambrai, which commenced on 20 November and ran until 7 December 1917. This action saw the first use of the new tank weapon on a large-scale, with over 450 tanks attacking the German Front Line at the Cambrai salient. There was no preliminary bombardment before the attack and the assault on the German lines was a surprise. The Germans lost ground on the first day of the battle, while fighting continued over the next few days as the Allies tried to press home their victory. However, on 30 November a German counter-attack of 20 divisions began to push the British back across the ground they had captured. By 7 December the battle had ended, and the British had lost almost all the ground taken in the first few days of the attack.

Columns:-	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
No.	When and where born	Name, if any	Sex	Name and surname of father	Name, surname and maiden surname of mother	Occupation of father	Signature, description and residence of informant	When registered	Signature of registrar	Name entered after registration

49	Twelfth March 1886 49 Louis Street, u.s.a	James	Boy	Richard Cartwright	Sarah Ann Cartwright formerly Baines	Warehouse Keeper	S. A. Cartwright Mother 49 Louis Street	Sixth April 1886	J. Blair Deputy Registrar	
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BAPTISMS solemnized in the Parish of Liverpool in the County of Lancashire in the Year 1886						
When Baptized.	Child's Christian Name.	Parents' Names.		Abode.	Quality, Trade, or Profession.	By whom the Ceremony was performed.
		Christian.	Surname.			
18 th April 1886	John Francis	Emil Henry & Elizabeth Maynard	Lettens	27 St. George St.	Seaman	D. Holland St. Curate
No. 1705						
12 th April 1886	James	Richard & Sarah	Carter	24 Louie St.	Labourer	D. Holland St. Curate
No. 1706						
26 th April 1886	Elizabeth George & Bridget	Lawnion	56. 24 St. Ron Hill	Carter	D. Holland St. Curate	
No. 1707						
14 th April 1886	Ann	Edward & Jane	Morris	20. 15 St. Princess St.	Labourer	D. Holland St. Curate
No. 1708						
18 th April 1886	Elizabeth	Henry & Elizabeth	Lightfoot	17 Stree St.	Copier	H. Banks & Son Curate
No. 1709						
18 th April 1886	Mary	Richard & Elizabeth	Pughall	103 Wapping St.	Labourer	H. Banks & Son Curate
No. 1710						
18 th April 1886	Susan	Robert & Mary	Pekavance	63 Cornwall St	Foreman	D. Holland St. Curate
No. 1711						
18 th April 1886	John Alfred	John Henry & Emily	Borrow	24 Langdale Street	Carrier	D. Holland St. Curate
No. 1712						

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When Baptized.	Child's Christian Name.	Parents' Names.		Abode.	Quality, Trade, or Profession.	By whom the Ceremony was performed.
		Christian.	Surname.			
18 th April 1886	Joshua	William & Sophia	Ashcroft	55 Queen Anne St.	Linier	H. Banks & Son Curate
No. 1713						
18 th April 1886	Walter	Robert & Maria	Berry	61 Holland St.	Labourer	H. Banks & Son Curate
No. 1714						
18 th April 1886	Mary	Richard & Ann	Grey	10. 8th Dyerden Street	Cotton Porter	D. Holland St. Curate
No. 1715						
18 th April 1886	Thomas	Charles & Mary Ann	Sansbury	8 Clement St.	Labourer	D. Holland St. Curate
No. 1716						
18 th April 1886	Ellen	Thomas Edward Joyce	Hastings	79 P. George St. Euston	Cutter	H. Banks & Son Curate
No. 1717						
18 th April 1886	William	Robert & Mary Ann	Law	33. St. Hornet St.	Candler	D. Holland St. Curate
No. 1718						
18 th April 1886	Ellen	Arthur & Ann	Tayforth	26 Clarendon Street	Labourer	D. Holland St. Curate
No. 1719						
18 th April 1886	Mary	John & Margaret Mitchell	Dempster	11. Court 2nd Clarendon Street	Sister	D. Holland St. Curate
No. 1720						

James Cartwright - Birth Records

Birth certificate (thanks to David Stretton) and baptismal register entry for James Cartwright, 1886.



It was sometime during this action that James suffered serious wounds in action, from which he did not recover. He died on 3 December 1917, aged thirty one. He was recovered from the battlefield on the enemy side of the lines, and buried in Clary, a German Cemetery with a German cross. At the end of the war he was reinterred in Honnechy British Cemetery.

Honnechy is 8 kilometres south-west of Le Cateau, with the cemetery lying on the north-east of the village, on the north-west side of the road to Reumont.

Honnechy was part of the battlefield of Le Cateau in August 1914, and from that time it remained in German hands until the 9 October 1918, when the 25th Division and the 6th Cavalry Brigade captured it. It had been a German Hospital centre, and from its capture until the end of October it was a British Field Ambulance centre. The village was inhabited by civilians during the whole of the War. The cemetery stands on the site of a German Cemetery begun in the Battle of Cambrai 1917, and used by German troops, and then by British until the 24 October 1918. The 300 German graves were removed to another burial ground, leaving 44 British graves; and the cemetery was re-made in 1922 and 1923 by the concentration of British graves transferred almost entirely from German Cemeteries, which included those from Clary German Cemetery, on the North side of the village, which contained the graves of 96 soldiers from the United Kingdom. Of these, 47 were buried by French civilians after the Battle of Le Cateau; 28 were buried by the enemy in 1917-18; and 21 were buried by their comrades in October 1918. The 127 German graves have also been removed.

There are now over 450, 1914-18 war casualties commemorated in this site. Of these, nearly a quarter are unidentified and a special memorial is erected to one Canadian soldier known to be

buried among them. Other special memorials record the names of eight soldiers from the United Kingdom whose graves could not be found during the concentrations from German cemeteries.

Guardsman Lance Corporal James Cartwright is also recorded on the memorials to Liverpool men in Liverpool Town Hall, Liverpool Cathedral, and the Museum of Liverpool WW1 exhibition, as detailed previously in the biography of his half-brother.



Left: The Guards Divisional Canteen for the wounded at Guillemont, September 1916.

Note the banner bearing the Grenadier Guards Divisional Sign. The notice on the board read: "For Wounded: Tea, Cake etc. Free at any hour".

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							Account and Date	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.			
3		359566	184983	Forkey, John	P.R.C. N.B. 21860	1-2-18 Star Discharge	London. 1/1 2 3	1 5 3	m.o.818	6-8-18	Wid. Ben.	1 5 3				
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5		359569	184988	Hewabaw. Charles. William	2/18 Regt. Non Regt. A/16. 491018	23-12-18 Non Regt. 5-18 Wales	London 2 11 -	2 4 -	m.o. 6.18	18-6-18	Fr. Helena G.	2 11 -				10-10-18-1-1-18 27/11/18 23/12/18
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										5-11-19	Fr. 10/18 Lorraine K.	11 -			10	

Soldier's Effects

Register entry detailing the pension payouts and the family members who were awarded.

HONNECHY 6-41
CONCENTRATION OF GRAVES (Exhumation and Reburials).

BURIAL RETURN.

Name of Cemetery of Reburial **HONNECHY BRITISH CEMETERY. 57b.P.23.d.0.6.**

Plot	Row	Grave	Map Reference where body found German Grave No.	Was cross on grave?	Regimental particulars	Means of Identification	Were any effects recovered to Base REPORT Nos. plot Row Gr.
2	D	8426	--	Yes. Regtl.Cross	In Memory of :- 107686 Pte.H.HINKS ✓ 16th.Sherwood Fores., 9/10/18	Cross,Clothing, G.S.Buttons,Boots	Nil. 2 B 8
"	"	8527	--	do.	9281 Pte. P.COWAN ✓ 2nd.A& Suth.H'rs., 12/10/18.	Cross (Body naked)	Nil. 2 J 7
"	"	8628	77	Yes. Ger.Cross	5511 Pte.B.BRUIN ✓ 2nd.Leinsters, 1/4/18.	do.	Nil. 2 J 10
"	"	8729	--	Yes. Regd.Cross	Lieut.J.A.MONAT-BIGGS ✓ 8th.R.I.R., 22/3/18.	do.	Nil. 2 G 1
"	"	8830	--	Yes. Regtl.Cross	In Memory of :- 12333 Rfn.E.BRIDGEMAN ✓ 16th.L.R.R.C., 12/10/18.	Cross, Clothing, K.R.R.Numerals	Nil. 2 A 1
"	"	8931	12	Yes. Ger.Cross	241203 Rfn.D.FARNAN ✓ 1/5th.South Lancs., 1/12/17.	Cross (Body naked)	Nil. 1 A 20
"	"	9032	--	do.	243861 Pte.C.NICHOLAS ✓ 1/5th.South Lancs., 2/12/17. <i>R/2012</i>	do.	Nil. 1 A 16
"	"	9133	15	do.	17923 J.CARTWRIGHT ✓ Grenadier Guards, 3/12/17.	do.	Nil. 1 A 15
"	"	9234	17	do.	27010 Pte.C.BENNETT ✓ 4th.Grenadier Guards, 5/12/17.	do.	Nil. 1 11

*CANCELLED BY
CERTIFIED REPORT*

Initialled: *S. H. H.*

Isolated Registered Graves from
Formerly CLARY GERMAN CEMETERY.
57b.0.17.b.5.3.

Exhumations & Re-interments superintended by Capt.W.G.WELLS A.R.O.
This form to be made out in triplicate, two copies being handed to the D.A.D. (C. of G.) and the other retained by the Burial Officer.

10/22/22 Registration Officer,
No. 4 Area.

Above: Reburial instruction covering the transfer from Clary German Cemetery to Honnechy British Cemetery in 1922

Below: Honnechy British Cemetery



Campaign :—	1318-15				(A) Where decoration was earned.
					(B) Present situation.
Name	Corps	Rank	Reg. No.	Roll on which included (if any)	
(A) CARTWRIGHT James	g Gds Gabn 17923			MEDAL ROLL VICTORY 99163 B3 190 a a	
(B) James				15	gg11B41
Action taken	Dof W				
THEATRE OF WAR	(1) France				
GRANTING DATE	16.3.15				
(6 34 46) W284—HP5590 500,000 4/19 HWV(P210) K608					[OVER.]

Above: Medal Card
Below: Service Medals (1915 Star, Victory Medal, and British Medal)
Memorial Plaque and Scrolls



In Memory of
Lance Corporal
J Cartwright

17923, 4th Bn., Grenadier Guards who died on 03 December 1917

Remembered with Honour
Honnechy British Cemetery



Commemorated in perpetuity by
the Commonwealth War Graves Commission

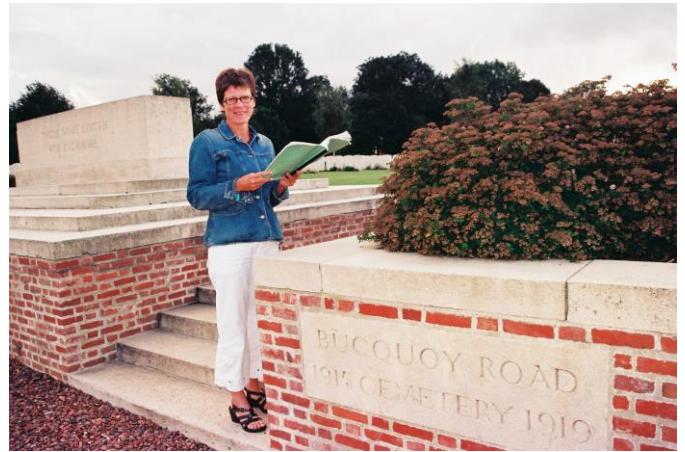
Researched and written

by

Mike Royden

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