

The History of Lostock Hall War Memorial



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1914-1918
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Volume Two

The Lostock Hall Magazine and its sponsors bring you Volume Two of our special commemorative booklets as we remember World War One which marked a significant milestone in our local history. We have put together a unique collection of images and research dedicated to memorialising the men named on our War Memorials.

We have researched information about some of the soldiers whose names are on our memorials and included a list of all the men named. We hope to include further information over the next three years.

We are still appealing for information, photos or documents relating to any of the named men on our memorials to be included in our next volume.

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Lostock Hall War Memorial Unveiling Ceremony and Dedication

There was a large attendance on Saturday afternoon on the occasion of the unveiling of the Lostock Hall and district war memorial by Colonel CJ Trimble CB CMG DI. Amongst those present at the ceremony were Mr W Lonsdale, Farington, Mr D Jones (chairman) and Messrs W Hodson and E Sanderson (joint secretaries of the local war memorial committee) and local clergy. The Farington St Pauls troop of Girl Guides were also present. Col Trimble in unveiling the memorial paid tribute to the men of Lostock Hall who gallantly made the supreme sacrifice for their country. After the ceremony the memorial was dedicated by the Rev W Worthington, after which the 'Last Post' was sounded by local ex-Service men. An impressive two minute silence followed, and afterwards the names of the fallen soldiers were read by Mr T Newsham. Col Trimble was thanked on the motion of Mr W Lonsdale, supported by the Rev W Shepperd and Dr S Sharples. The Farington Mill band played for the hymns. During the singing of 'Abide with me' wreaths were placed at the foot of the memorial by the relatives and friends of the fallen. There were also wreaths from Messrs Thomas Moss and Sons, the Lostock Hall Spinning Co. Ltd., the local ROAB lodges and the local Conservative Association. The Benediction was pronounced by the Rev T Huntington, after which the National Anthem was sung by all present. The memorial is a figure of 'Peace' mounted on a pedestal of granite, and it stands 15 ft 6 in. high and occupies a prominent position at the crossroads of Lostock Hall, Tardy Gate and Farington.

Lancashire Daily Post December 22nd 1924

Resolved that the council take charge of the war memorial at Tardy Gate recently erected in memory of the men killed in the Great War 1914-1919. The erection of which has been authorised by them and maintained in perpetuity'

**Lancashire Archives LRO/
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Purposes Committee, 5th Jan
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**Description from the War Memorials Archive (IMPERIAL
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INSCRIPTION 1914-1918 NAMES / 1939-1945 NAMES

COMPONENTS

COLUMN GRANITE HEIGHT C 2000MM WIDTH C 700 MM DEPTH 700 MM
FIGURE UNKNOWN HEIGHT C 2000 MM

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

COLUMNS WITH SCULPTED FIGURE ATOP. FIGURE IS FEMALE AND
HOLDING A LAUREL WREATH. POSSIBLE 'PEACE' OR 'VICTORY'

WARS COMMEMORATED AND PEOPLE REMEMBERED

FIRST WORLD WAR 1914-1918

TOTAL NAMES **83**

SURNAME, FORENAME, DECORATIONS

SECOND WORLD WAR 1939-1945

TOTAL NAMES **31**

16910 Ernest Sturzaker

In 1891, Ernest Sturzaker was born in Calder Vale and baptised in St John's, the village church. Before long he moved to Tardy Gate, confirmed by an entry in the 1891 Census records. However, ten years later, he was found to be working on the railway, boarding in the vicinity of Penrith. Soon after, on the 7th December, 1901, he returned to Charnock Moss to be married to Jane Alice Oram in Saint Pauls, Farington. They set up home in Blackburn, where he found work as a weaver. In 1904, a son, Wilfred was born, but he died the following year. In 1907, another son, Henry was born. In 1911, Ernest was still working in the cotton mill. The Great War was looking for volunteers, and Ernest decided to join up. He enlisted in 2nd Bn., Royal Scots Fusiliers as Private 16910 and was sent to train at Fort Matilda, Greenock. Only too soon he was despatched to France to participate in the Battle of Festubert, where on 16th June, 1915, he was killed in action. His remains were never recovered, which explains why his name is included on Le Touret Memorial in France. In 1922 he was posthumously awarded the Bronze Star, and his family were given an individually named bronze Memorial Plaque to record the nation's gratitude for their sacrifice. Ernest is remembered with honour at Lostock Hall Cenotaph, Saint Paul's, Farington Moss and Le Touret Memorial, Nord-Pas-de-Calais, France.



Researched by Jack Wilcock, Lostock Hall.

Sgt Richard Morris

Richard Morris was born in Lostock Hall in November 1878 and christened at St Paul's, Farington, at the end of that month. His father was George Morris, b. in Hereford in 1853, but who moved to Lancashire sometime in the early 1870s, where he met his wife Margaret Bamber, b. 1856 in Tarleton. They married at St Saviour's in Bamber Bridge in 1878 and lived at 10 Ward Street, Lostock Hall. As well as Richard, their first child, George and Margaret had 5 other children. George had been an agricultural labourer in Hereford, then a railway labourer in Lostock Hall, then in 1891 he registered his occupation as brewer. George died in 1907, his wife two years later.

Richard was already a half-timer in the mill in 1891. He is not registered as living at the family home in 1901; the most likely explanation being that he was in the army. However, in 1906 he married Louisa Heyes, b. 1878 in Leyland, and they had two daughters, Lillian b. 1909 and Esther b. 1910. In 1911, the family was living at 17 Ward Street and both parents were working as weavers in the mill. They also had a 67-year old widow, Liza Sherburn, living with them as a domestic which allowed Louisa to continue to work.

At the outbreak of War, Richard joined the 7th Battalion of the King's Royal Rifle Corps which was raised in Winchester in August 1914 then moved to Aldershot. Richard was with the Battalion when they landed in Boulogne on 19 May 1915 at which time he was a sergeant – which is how we know he must have had considerable previous service in the army. By the end of May the Battalion were entrenched near Ypres and had begun to suffer their first casualties. Throughout June, the Battalion were in and out of the trenches and on 1 July they moved to Hooze where the fighting was getting worse. The Battalion's War Diary is unusual: it is still only two months into their war service and each casualty is fully recorded: name, rank and serial number and nature of casualty (killed, wounded, gassed etc) but the appalling events which were about to happen would make accurate record keeping impossible.

On 20 July the British had detonated a large mine near Hooze and had then occupied the village (Hooze means 'high' in Flemish, the village was strategically important as it provided a vantage point over the surrounding area). On 30 July the Germans mounted an attack to recapture the ground lost. For the first time in the history of warfare, they deployed flamethrowers (called 'liquid fire' at the time), with devastating effect. 7KRRC had just been relieved after several days in the trenches when the Germans launched their attack so they were hastily recalled to the lines. The German attack was ferocious: although few men were actually burned by the flamethrowers the effect on morale was devastating, but most casualties were caused by machine-gun enfilade, hand grenades and bayonettes. The War Diarist attempts to present a full list of all casualties, but prefaces this with: "A correct casualty list is very hard to prepare without details from the Clearing Stations and owing to many being killed and wounded beyond reach." He says during that week the Battalion lost all its officers and about 300 other ranks. Richard Morris was among them. His name is not listed in the War Diary – in fact his body was never found. When the British re-occupied the crater on 9 August, they were able to recover many bodies, but many more were never found. Richard has no grave but is commemorated on the Menin Gate Memorial in Ypres. He was 36 years old. Richard died in July 1915 and is remembered on Lostock Hall War Memorial and St Pauls Memorial.

The War and Lostock Hall: January 1915 and the Fairclough Family

By Bill Brierley

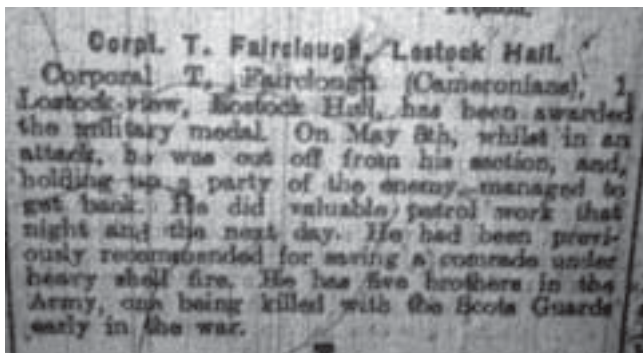
By January 1915, the War had reached its first stalemate. The British and French had managed to halt the initial German advance and begun to force them back, but now both sides were entrenched and conditions during the winter became appalling. On some days it was 'All Quiet on the Western Front', but some days were murderous; such a day was 25 January 1915. Recruits had been arriving from England to reinforce the British Expeditionary Force and a group of men from Lostock Hall, Farington and Leyland arrived to join 1st Battalion Scots Guards on 14 January and were immediately sent to the front line. The new draft included William Collinge (who turned 21 on 13 Jan), and Robert Holmes, from Leyland, Harold Southworth from Farington, and James Fairclough from Lostock Hall. 1/ Scots Guards had been in France since October 1914, and in January 1915 they were in the trenches near Cuinchy in northern France. This area known as 'The Brickstacks' sat on a flat piece of land between the towns of Béthune and La Bassée and here the front line did not move for most of the War. Both sides were fully entrenched. The trenches by now were knee-deep in mud and water and infested with rats. The Battalion's War Diary says: At 6.30am (on 25 January) a German deserter reported that an attack was going to be made in half an hour, bombardment first and then our trenches were to be blown in by previously made mines. After an hour all happened as the deserter had said. The Germans first shelled and then got out of their trenches and attacked and then threw bombs in, got to the lip of the parapet and shot down into the trenches. The Germans afterwards swarmed up to the 'keep' where Major Romilly was. There they were checked and held. All four local men were in a trench which was blown up by a German mine. They were either instantly killed or buried alive. Their bodies were not recovered at the time and so they lay 'in some corner of a foreign field that is forever England'. They had been in France for just 11 days before they were killed. The bodies of Robert Holmes and William Collinge were discovered by a farmer ploughing his fields some time after the War, and they were re-buried side-by-side in the Canadian Cemetery near Arras. The other men's' bodies were never found and they are commemorated on the memorial at Le Touret.

James Fairclough was one of six brothers from Lostock Hall who all enlisted for service in the War. His parents were James Fairclough and Alice Ellen Fairclough (née Cornwell) (both b. 1860 or 1861) and they lived at 1 Lostock View, Lostock Hall. James (senior) was a spinner in the cotton mill. He and Alice married on Christmas Day 1880 and had 8 children, 7 of whom survived infancy. Thomas b. 1883, William b. 1886, Alice b. 1889, James b. 1891, Albert b. 1892, John b. 1895, and George b. 1897. Their youngest son, Edward b. 1899, died in 1910. All the boys in the family were cotton spinners, Alice was a card room hand.



Thomas, the oldest of the boys, married Mary Durham in 1904,

whereupon they moved to 13 Lostock View where they lodged with Mary's father Richard. The 1911 Census says that in the interim period they had 4 children 3 of whom died. Although one child is still alive, s/he is not listed as living with the parents at the time of the Census. Thomas enlisted in 9/Cameronians Scottish



Rifles and served in France from 3 October 1915 (his brother James had already been killed). He was promoted to L/Cpl then Cpl. In May 1918, Thomas was engaged in action during which he displayed conspicuous bravery for which he was awarded the Military Medal. The award was reported in the Preston Guardian at the time.

His brother William married Margaret Hodson in 1912 and they lived at 17 Lostock View. He enlisted with 12 Battalion King's Liverpool Regiment at Southport/Seaforth on 5 Sep 1914. From his military records (which have survived) we know that he was 5ft 4in tall and weighed 110lbs (a fraction under 8st). He was initially passed as fit for service but was shortly afterwards (23 Sep) discharged as being 'not likely to become an efficient soldier' under King's Regulations para 392.iii.(c) as a result of a 35% disablement (not specified). He was given a gratuity of £5 for his service. Although he never served abroad, William did nevertheless enlist and was discharged due to sickness and he has a medal card to record his service. It is likely that he qualified for the King's Silver War Badge, which was awarded to all of those military personnel who had served at home or overseas during the war, and who had been discharged from the army under King's Regulations. Although instituted in 1916 it was also awarded in retrospect.



Albert, John and George all also served in the Army. It seems that Albert was enlisted in the Artillery in 1915 and his younger brothers John and George enlisted later, but we have no firm data about this. Tom, Albert, John and George Fairclough all survived the War. Perhaps you are a descendant and have some information you would like to share? If so, please get in touch.



The Gidlow and Barker Families and the First World War

Bill Brierley explores some family connections hidden in the Hope Terrace Memorial. He is grateful to Janet Davis for supplying a copy of the newspaper article

William Gidlow b. 1855 was a basket maker originally from Castle Donington, Leicestershire, who had moved to Preston in the late 1870s where he met his wife Catherine (Kate) Sutton, b. 1861 in Much Hoole. He had been a soldier in the 81st Regiment of Foot and served with this Regiment in Afghanistan, before it was merged with the 2nd Battalion of the Loyal North Lancashire Regiment in 1881. William and Kate married in 1881 and had 12 children, 9 of whom survived infancy: Ursula (b. 1882), William (b. 1884), Ellen (b. 1886), Alfred (b. 1888), Robert (b. 1889), Kate (b. 1893) George (b. 1895), Thomas (b. 1898) and Caroline (b. 1905). The family lived in the Much Hoole/Longton area at least until 1911, with William continuing to work as a basket maker but all the children worked in the cotton mill. Some time between 1911 and 1914, the family moved to Lostock Hall and lived at 121 Watkin Lane. Alfred found work as a loomer at Moss & Sons Tardy Gate Mill.



Mr. Wm. Gidlow, Pte. Robert Gidlow, Pte. Alfred Gidlow, and Pte. George Gidlow.

The three sons of Mr. William Gidlow, 121, Watkin Lane, Lostock Hall, an ex-soldier, who formerly belonged to the 81st Foot (now the 2nd Batt. Loyal North Lancashire Regt.), have followed in their father's footsteps since the outbreak of war. Private Alfred Gidlow is at the front with the 5th Loyal North Lancashire, and went through the famous charge on June 30th without a scratch. Private Geo. Gidlow is in the same battalion, but has been wounded and is at present in hospital at Longton. Private Robert Gidlow is in the 11th Batt. Loyal North Lancashire. The father served in India and Afghanistan, and took part in the Boer War, and has a good many medals for Mr. Deane's and Mr. Deane's, maker, Preston, and a number of other honours.

Alfred was born in the second quarter of 1888 in Much Hoole, and signed up at the outbreak of War and joined the 4th (later 1/4) Territorial Battalion. Units were sent out in various contingents between October 1914 and May 1915 and Alfred was in the contingent which arrived in France on 4 May 1915, to be assigned to 51st (Highland) Division. He fought with 1/4Bn through the Battle of Festubert in May and June 1915 during which 431 officers and other ranks were killed, wounded or missing. The article above tells us Alfred got through Festubert 'without a scratch'. The Battalion was then in reserve during the Battle of Loos and in training for most of the rest of the year, during which time they received reinforcements, and in early 1916 the Battalion was moved to join the 55th (West Lancashire) Division, spending the spring and early summer in training and preparation for the Battle of the Somme. The Division was not engaged in the opening assaults, except to provide artillery support, but was called into action at the end of July at Guillemont. The Battalion lost a further 200 men in late July and early August in the failed attempt to take Guillemont. On 15 August they were withdrawn to rest at Saigneville, where they received drafts of over 200 NCOs and men to reinforce their ranks, and they were called back to the line on 7 September, this time to attempt to complete the capture of Delville Wood. The artillery barrage began at 4pm in the afternoon of 9 September, with the infantry advance commencing at 4.45 and 1/4Bn going 'over the top' at 5.25. In the following action, the various battalions took and then lost a few hundred yards of ground, ending the day where they had started. Of 1/4Bn, 24 officers and men were killed, 133 wounded and 79 missing. Alfred's body was never found. He was 28 years old. His sacrifice is commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial. Alfred had four brothers and four sisters. His older brother William may not have served as he was already 30 at the outbreak of War, but the other brothers did. Robert Gidlow was 21119 in the 11th Battalion, L.N.LAN.R. but subsequently transferred to the Machine Gun Corps, with service number 7706. In 1914, Robert was married to Lena Ranger (b. 1891 in Preston). Robert survived the War and died in 1945, aged 56. George volunteered alongside his brother Alfred on 1 September 1914, initially joining 10Bn L.N.LAN.R. with service number 14198, but was discharged less

LOSTOCK HALL SOLDIERS KILLED— On Sunday the evening service, conducted by the Rev. W. Sheppard, at St. James's Church, Lostock Hall, took the form of a memorial service for Pte. Alfred Gidlow, whose parents reside at 121, Watkin Lane, Lostock Hall. Pte. Gidlow, whose photo we reproduce, was killed in action on September 9th. He enlisted immediately war broke out, previous to which he was employed as a loomer at Messrs. Moss and Sons, Tardy Gate Mill.—News has also been received of the death of Pte. Jas. Carr, King's (Liverpool) Regiment, 17, King-street, Lostock Hall, from wounds received in action.

than 2 months later because of weak eyesight. However, he seems to have re-enlisted in 1/4Bn with service number 3459, as the newspaper article says he was wounded and in hospital in Liverpool in 1915, and his medal records indicate that he was finally discharged on medical grounds on 7 August 1916. George married Elizabeth Hutchinson in 1935 and died in 1965, aged 69. The youngest brother Thomas also joined L.N.LAN.R. He was 203652 Pte. T. Gidlow, serving in 4Bn. He signed up on 10 January 1917, just after he turned 18. He served in France from 20 June to 12 August 1917, returned to England on 13 August and was discharged as medically unfit for further service on 24 April 1918. Unfortunately his documents give no further details about why he was discharged. In August 1917, 4Bn, then attached to 57th (West Lancashire) Division, was in Armentières which was under heavy enemy artillery bombardment, so he may have been wounded here but there is no firm evidence. He died in 1948, aged 50.

Alfred's sister Ellen was married to Ernest Barker, who was killed in action in April 1917.

Alfred's sister Ellen was married to Ernest Atkinson Barker, who served with 10Bn L.N.LAN.R. and was killed in action during the Battle of Arras on 28 April 1917. Ernest was born on 31 January 1886, in Much Hoole. His parents were George Barker (b. 1856), a market gardener, originally from Manchester, and Matilda Atkinson (b. 1859), originally from Markby in Lincolnshire. George and Matilda were married in Much Hoole in 1883 and had 7 children: Ellen (b. 1884), Ernest, William (b. 1889), Fred (b. 1891), Allan (b. 1894), Georgina (b. 1896) and Elizabeth (b. 1900). It appears most of the family continued to live in Much Hoole, but I have been unable as yet to find them in the 1911 Census; however, Ernest married Ellen Gidlow in Much Hoole in 1911 but shortly thereafter moved to Lostock Hall where he worked in the cotton mill as a weaver. Ernest enlisted in the Loyal North Lancashire Regiment as private 25413 and was posted to 10th Battalion. In Spring 1917, 10Bn formed part of 37th Division in the VI Corps on the Third Army and was deployed in the Battle of Arras, fought from 9 April to 16 May. For the first two days, the battalion was in support whilst the army made good progress and they joined the attack on the morning of the 11th fighting through the next two days to continue the advance but at the loss to the Battalion of 13 officers and 286 other ranks, killed, wounded or missing. They were then withdrawn to rest at Ambures before returning to the front line on 23 April near St. Nicholas, south of Arras. Under heavy barrage and machine gun fire, the Battalion, now reduced to only 140 NCOs and men, failed to make any progress.

Ernest Barker was killed on 28 April and his body was never found. He was 31 years old.

During these operations of April 1917, the Battalion had 21 officers and 478 other ranks killed, wounded or missing. Overall, the British losses totalled close to 160,000, the Germans lost 125,000 men. The opening two days of the battle had seen some spectacular gains, including the capture of the strategically important Vimy Ridge, but the Allies were unable to make the breakthrough they hoped for and the situation returned to stalemate. Ernest's brother, William was 36097 PTE. W. BARKER. L.N.LAN.R, killed 7 June 1917. He enlisted at Seaforth on 31 March 1916 and was called into service on 30 June 1916, initially with the King's Liverpool Regiment (service number 16/35692). He was 5'4" tall, weighed 130lbs and had 39" chest. He began service in the BEF on 15 January 1917, but 5 days later was posted to 8Bn L.N.LAN.R.

He was among the four small drafts of men who arrived in the Battalion in January 1917, totalling one officer and 147 other ranks, based initially in France near St Omer. Much of the Spring was spent in training and/or hard labour. In March, for example, the Battalion was called on to supply working parties for road-making, cable-burying and constructing shelters and bomb-proof dugouts in view of the offensive which was expected to open shortly. In April and May they were moved around various locations on the French-Belgian border, ending up in May near Wulverghem where they made ready to play their part in the approaching battle for the Messines-Wytschaete Ridge. The tactical objective of the attack at Messines was to capture the German defences on the ridge, which ran from Ploegsteert (Plugstreet) Wood in the south, through Messines and Wytschaete to Mt. Sorrel, to deprive the German 4th Army of the high ground south of Ypres. The ridge commanded the British defences and back areas further north, from which the British intended to conduct the "Northern Operation", to advance to Passchendaele Ridge, then capture the Belgian coast up to the Dutch frontier. By midnight on 6 June the Battalion was in its assembly position and at 3.10am on 7 June, following the explosion of several mines and under cover of an intensive bombardment, the attack was launched. The initial objectives were soon captured and shortly afterwards the whole Division was able to advance quickly capturing the Ridge and penetrating 6,000 yards into the enemy's position. The Battalion remained occupying and defending the newly occupied territory until withdrawn on the 11-12 June. During the operation, the Battalion lost 36 men killed, 4 officers and 98 other ranks wounded and 7 missing. Among the missing was William Barker. He was 28 years old. Matilda (his mother) had lost her husband in 1913, then she lost two sons within 6 weeks of each other in 1917. His brother Allan served in the Lancashire Fusiliers. He signed up in December 1915, served briefly in France in May/June 1916 but was then sent home suffering from chronic nephritis, exacerbated by his service abroad. He was discharged as medically unfit on 24 July 1916. It's quite likely that the other brother, Fred, would also have served but I have no records. The Gidlow and Barker families, connected as they were by marriage, between them provided at least 7 men who served, three of whom were killed.

NAMES OF THE FALLEN MEN ON LOSTOCK HALL WAR MEMORIAL

ASHCROFT EDWARD
BALDWIN FRED
BALDWIN THOMAS G
BARKER ERNEST A
BARNISH JOHN E
BENNETT JOHN
BIRD WILLIAM G
BLEASDALE ARTHUR
BRADLEY FRANK
BRADLEY RICHARD
BRADLEY JOHN
BROWN ROBERT
BRUNDRETT HENRY
BUCK JAMES
BUCK GEORGE
BUCK FRED
CARR JAMES
CANK THOMAS G
CHARNLEY JOHN
CLAYTON ALBERT E
COWLEY JOHN
DOBSON HENRY
DOOLAN JAMES
DURHAM WILLIAM
DURHAM FRED



EAVES LEONARD
FAIRCLOUGH JAMES
FLETCHER HAROLD MM
GIBSON HENRY
GIDLOW ALFRED
GORST JOHN W
GREGSON EDWARD
GYNES CHARLES T
HARDMAN WILLIAM
HARDMAN JOSEPH A
HEWITT CHARLES
HIBBERT WILLIAM
HICKLIN FRANK
HILTON THOMAS A
HOLDEN ELIJAH
HUNT RICHARD
JACKSON MICHAEL
KELLET WILLIAM
LIVESEY HERBERT N
MARSDEN HUMPHREY
MCMULLAN JAMES
MELLING THOMAS
HILL SIDNEY
MOLYNEUX WILLIAM
MOLYNEUX RICHARD
MORRIS JOHN
MORRIS RICHARD
MURRAY FREDERICK
NICKSON CUTHBERT H

NUTTER CHARLES
PARR JOHN H
PARKER JOHN
PARKINSON HENRY
PARKINSON WILLIAM E
PARR STEPHEN
RATCLIFFE CHARLES
RIGBY JOHN
ROBINSON CHARLES
ROSE WILLIAM
SANDERSON THOMAS
SHULTZ FRANCIS MM
SHAW HENRY
SHOLLIKER FRED
SLATER DANIEL
SMALLEY HERBERT
STIRZAKER ERNEST
STOREY JOSEPH
SWINDLEHURST HENRY
TATTERSALL JAMES
TAYLOR THOMAS
WALTON LAWRENCE E
WATSON HENRY E
WEAVER ANDREW
WINSTANLEY WILLIAM
WISEMAN JOSEPH
WOODS JAMES H
YOU D JOHN J



SOLDIERS NAMED ON LOSTOCK HALL **MEMORIALS**

Private Thomas Benedict Melling 54808 7th Bn., Royal Fusiliers who died on 5th April 1918. Remembered with Honour Arras Memorial

Lance Corporal Thomas A Taylor 19962 10th Bn., Kings Own Yorkshire Light Infantry who died 4th October 1917 Aged 24 Remembered with Honour Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium.

Private James Doolan 24648 10th Bn., Loyal North Lancashire Regiment who died 3rd July 1917 Aged 28. Son of Michael and Margaret Doolan, of Bamber Bridge, Preston; husband of Jane Doolan, 1 Tarmers ? (Tanners) Row, Lostock Hall, Preston.
Remembered with Honour Pond Farm Cemetery.

Private Thomas Gregory Baldwin 24595 11th Bn., South Wales Borderers who died on 6th August 1917 Aged 30. Son of John and Elizabeth Baldwin; husband of Margaret Baldwin, of 12 Spring Gardens, Bradshaw Street, Leyland Remembered with Honour Mendinghem Military Cemetery.

Private Charles Edward Leigh 7522 14th Bn., Australian Infantry A.I.F. who died on 31st May, 1918 Age 20. Son of Charles Edward and Emma Isobel Leigh, of Beach Road, Mordialloc, Victoria, Australia. Remembered with Honour at Longueau British Cemetery.

Lance Corporal Richard Molyneux M2/175294 695th Mechanical Transport Coy., Army Service Corps., who died on 17th July 1917.
Remembered with Honour at Basra War Cemetery.

Gunner John Gorst 680629 33rd Bty., 33rd Bde., Royal Field Artillery, who died 16th June, 1917 age 41. Husband of Elizabeth Gorst, of 21 Moss Street, Lostock Hall, Preston. Remembered with Honour at Brandhoek Military Cemetery

Private Frank Hicklin 109037 1st Bn., Sherwood Foresters (Notts and Derby Regiment) who died on 25th April, 1918 aged 19. Son of Frank and Louisa Hicklin, of 8 Albert Place, Tardy Gate, Lostock Hall, Preston.
Remembered with Honour Pozieres Memorial.

Private John Charnley 23804 6th Bt., The Loyal North Lancashire Regiment who died on the 19th October 1917 as a result of wounds received in action at Mesopotamia Age 20. Son of Mary Alice Charnley of 8 Wards New Row, Lostock Hall, Preston, and the late William Charnley. He was a member of St Pauls Church Lads Brigade, Farington and prior to enlisting he was employed at Penwortham Mill. Remembered with Honour at Basra Memorial.

Corporal Charles Ratcliffe 202010 2nd/4th Bn., The Loyal North Lancashire Regiment, who died on 26th October, 1917, aged 24. Son of Mr and Mrs R Ratcliffe, of 100, Almond Terrace, Lostock Hall, Preston. Remembered with Honour Tyne Cot Memorial.

Private Charles Hewitt 680 1st bn., East Lancashire Regiment who died on 19th April 1917 aged 37. Son of late Arthur Hewitt; husband of Elizabeth Ann Hewitt, of Croston Road, Farington, Preston. Remembered with Honour Arras Memorial.

Second Lieutenant Humphrey Miller Marsden 'A' Coy., Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment) who died on 11th October, 1918, aged 25. son of Anne Marsden, of Church Villa, Croston Road, Farington and the late Thomas Marsden. Remembered with Honour at Wellington Cemetery Rieux-En-Cambresis.

Lance Corporal James Tattersall 13308, 'C' Coy., 8th Bn., The Loyal North Lancashire Regiment, who died on 10th July, 1916, aged 23. Son of John Tattersall, of 8 Harold Terrace, Lostock Hall, and the late Mary Tattersall. Remembered with Honour at Thiepval Memorial.

Private Lawrence Edward Walton 50939, 11th Bn., East Yorkshire Regiment, who died 13th August, 1918, aged 18. Son of George and Elizabeth Alice Walton, of Lostock Hall, Lancashire. Remembered with Honour at Le Grand Hasard Military Cemetery Morbecque.

Corporal William George Bird, 4408, 'D' Bty., 75th Bde., Royal Field Artillery, who died on 5th November, 1918. Son of Mrs S Bird, 10 Princess Street, Lostock Hall. Remembered with Honour at Awoingt British Cemetery.

WILLIAM DURHAM (1896-1917)

DURHAM – Died of wounds in France, on April 12th, 1917. Private William Durham, L.N.L., aged 21, twin son of Mr and Mrs T Durham, 15 Lostock View, Lostock Hall.

No loved ones stood beside him

To hear his last farewell

No words of comfort could he have

From those who loved him well.

Sadly missed by his Father, Mother, Soldier
Brothers, Sisters, Uncles, Aunts and Brother-
in-law.



FREDERICK DURHAM (1898-1917) Born 30th April, 1898. Died 9th October, 1917, France and Flanders. Killed in action aged 19. Fred was brother of the above William, their parents were Thomas and Ellen Durham of 15 Lostock View, Lostock Hall.

Gunner Thomas Cuthbert Cank 116582 'B' Bty., 188th Bde., Royal Field Artillery, who died on 24th January, 1917, aged 20. Only son of John and Louise Isabel Cank, of 7 Balderstone Road, Preston, Lancs. Remembered with Honour St Sever Cemetery Extension, Rouen.

Rifleman W R Bentley 242684 1st/6th Bn., The King's (Liverpool Regiment) who died on 31st July, 1917. Remembered with Honour Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial.

Private James Fairclough 10125 'B' Coy., 1st Btn., Scots Guard, who died 25th January, 1915, Age 24. Son of James and Alice Ellen Fairclough, 1 Lostock View, Lostock Hall, Preston. Remembered with Honour Le Touret Memorial

Second Lieutenant Samuel Dunwoody Royal Irish Rifles 17th Bn., attd 16th Bn. Died 5th October, 1918. Remembered with Honour Dadizeele New British Cemetery, Belgium. Richard Bradley 3022 Died 15th August 1916, aged 25. Australian Infantry, A.I.F. 4th Bn. Son of John and Mary Bradley; husband of Monica Bradley, of Lombard St, Balgowlah, Manly, Sydney. Born at Lostock Hall, England. Remembered with Honour Villers-Bretonneux Memorial

Driver Cuthbert Benedict Nickson 681022 Royal Field Artillery 'A' Bty., 286th Bde., Died 9th October 1917 aged 23. Son of John and Lucy Nickson, 20 Ward Street, Lostock Hall, Preston. Dozinghem Military Academy

Lance Corporal James McMullen 15165 The Loyal North Lancashire Regiment died 26th October 1917, aged 25. The son of Miles and Elizabeth McMullen. He is buried at Poelcapelle British Cemetery, Belgium.

Signaller W Hardman, of the LNL Regiment has been killed in France. The deceased who prior to the war was a weaver at Messrs Mosses, Lostock Hall, enlisted at the outbreak of war, and left for the front with the 'Preston Pals'. He was shot whilst repairing telephone wires. A comrade in a letter to his mother said her son was a brave soldier, always did his duty, and died whilst doing it. An expression of sympathy from the whole signalling section was tendered. The dead soldier, who was 19 years of age, was a member of the United Methodist Church, Lostock Hall. His mother was Mrs Goodburn of Lupton-terrace, Lostock Hall.



Private William Edward Parr 21224 Loyal North Lancashire Regiment. Son of William and Emma, husband of Jane, and father of Albert Edward. He died on 9th April, 1916 aged 27. He is Remembered with Honour on the Basra Memorial

St James Church War Memorial Board, Lostock Hall

Names of the Fallen J Buck, G Buck, F Buck, H Brundrett, A Bleasdale, F Baldwin, J. Charnley, J Cowley, J Carr, J Fairclough, E Gregson, JW Gorst, F Hicklin, TA Hilton, W Kellett, J Morris, R Morris, G Nutter, JH Park, W Rose, F Sholliker, J Wiseman, J H Woods.

Names of those who served Nurse

Cassie Colebourne, T Alty, A Armer, T Atkinson, F Buck, J Black, J Beardsworth, H Brown, F G Brown, FW Brown, J Bilsborough, J Bleasdale, EVW Crick, J Colebourne, T Charnley, H Charnley, G Charnley, E Charnley, H Clitheroe, JH Clitheroe, J Clarkson, BC Culshaw, H Culshaw, J Carr, W Carr, S Carr, T Cookson, R Callaghan, WM Cartbright, J Durham, S Davies, R Dimmock, C Edmonson, R Edmonson, W Finch, T Fairclough, A Fairclough, J Fairclough, G Fairclough, L Fowler, T German, S Gore, J Gooder, W Hicklin, G Hicklin, J Hall, H Heyes, GA Hill, FND Hilton, J Iddon, E Ingham, H Jenkins, W Johnson, JW Jolly, G Kirby, J H Latham, S Leyland, W Lloyd, G Morgan, J Morgan, J Moss, T Moulding, F Nuttall, W Nutter, J Norris, A Parkinson, J Parkinson, J Parkinson, W Pilling, G Pilling, J Pilling, A Pilling, J Peters, E Pilkington, R Parker, H Parker, H Parker, R Rawcliffe, I Robinson, E Rothwell, J Randall, T Self, JA Smith, WE Smith, H Smith, S Sharples, W Simm, A Slater, C Sanderson, J Tuson, WJAS Taylor, WJ Taylor, G Taylor, A Taylor, JC Topping, W Topping, J Topping, E Tyrer, T Tomlinson, E Tomlinson, PA Trafford, R Turner, J Turner, R Wilson, J Wilson, F Woods, T Woods, R Watkinson, W Wilkins, R Wilkins, J Walmsley, W Wakefield, W Wiseman, W Wiggins, J Wilding, W Whittle, T Yates.



Lostock Hall Methodist War Memorial

The Fallen

CHARLES NUTTER
WILLIAM GOODBURN
THOMAS SANDERSON
WILLIAM DURHAM
SYDNEY MILL
HENRY PARKINSON
HENRY
SWINDLEHURST
FRED DURHAM
CHARLES RATCLIFFE
JOHN BIBBY
ALBERT SLATER

THOSE WHO SERVED

HUGH ABRAM.
WILLIAM BANNISTER.
WILLIAM BAXTER.
JOHN BEATSON.
WILLIAM BORWICH.
JAMES BRADLEY.
HARRY BULLEN.
ARTHUR BURROWS.
CHARLES BURROWS.
JOHN BIDWELL.
FRED BUTTERWORTH.
EDWARD CLARKSON.
THOMAS DURHAM.
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NORMAN FINCH.
JOHN F. FISHER.
WILLIAM H. FISHER.
THOMAS FORSHAW.
HENRY FISH.
THOMAS
FAIRCLOUGH.
JOSEPH HAMMERSLEY.
JOHN HARDAKER.
HAROLD HEWITT.
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WILLIAM J. NUTTER.
FRANK PRESTON.
JOHN PEACOCK.
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THOSE
WHO SERVED

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JOHN W. SIM.
JOSEPH SIM.
WILLIAM SIMM.
THOMAS
SOWERBUTTS.
RICHARD
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TINSLEY.
FRANK TRUE.
JAMES E.
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HAROLD
TAPNER.
THOMAS
TOMLINSON.
JOHN WIGNALL.
THOMAS
WIGNALL.
KEMBLE
WILLIAMS.
HENRY WILSON.
JOHN WILSON.
JAMES
WHITTLE.
JAMES W. YATES.

NURSES.

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Names on St Gerard's War Memorial

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... RICHARD MOLYNEUX ... 17 JULY 1917
... THOMAS GREGORY BALDWIN ... 6 AUG. 1917
... WILLIAM WINSTANLEY ... 2 SEP 1917
... THOMAS TAYLOR ... 4 OCT. 1917
... CUTHBERT BENEDICT NICKSON ... 12 OCT. 1917
... HENRY EDWARD WATSON ... 23 OCT. 1917
... JAMES McMULLEN ... 26 OCT. 1917
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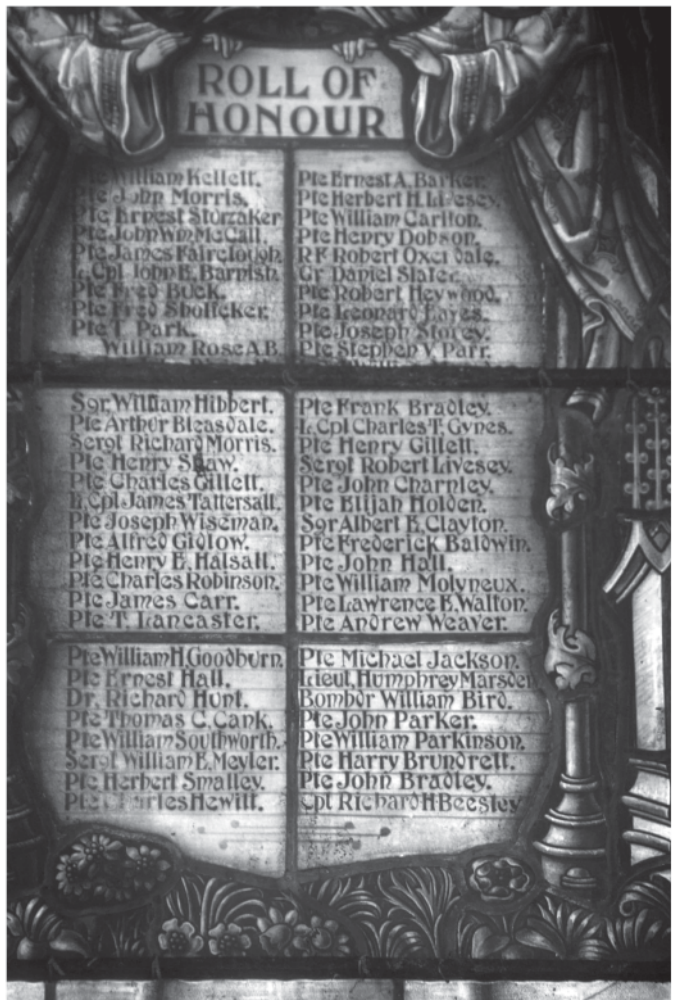
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 Pte. Frank Bradley
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 Pte. Henry Shaw
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 Pte. Charles Gillett
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THE NEW SOUTH RIBBLE WAR MEMORIAL

A new memorial commemorating 682 fallen soldiers from the South Ribble has been installed at the roundabout at the end of Watkin Lane going towards Lostock Lane near Crow Trees Cottages. Included are the names of the men from Lostock Hall and Tardy Gate who fell in the First World War.

The 40ft monument depicting a cut out figure of a World War One soldier, which was made by DP Structures from Nelson, also features poppy shapes and the dates '1914' and '1918'. All the names of the fallen soldiers from the borough of South Ribble are on the back of the structure. All the names, service numbers and dates of death are on the trench wall. The tremendous



amount of research that has gone into it was done by local historian, Mr Charlie O'Donnell, whose role was to get together the names of the people on the memorial - men who were born in South Ribble and / or lived there. This took a painstaking research over 3 years personally surveying each individual memorial in South Ribble and then adding further detail from the Commonwealth War Graves and various other military and civilian records. If anyone has anymore details about the men named on the memorial they can get in touch by emailing: southribble.gw@gmail.com



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