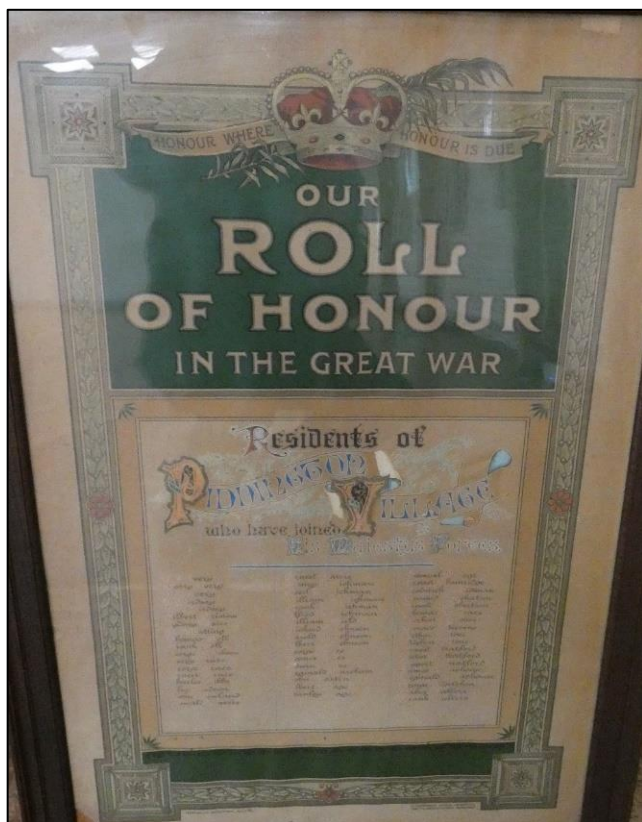


## Men of Piddington who served in the First World War

There is a plaque in the Piddington Village Hall giving a list of 53 “Residents of Piddington Village who have joined His Majesty’s Forces”. It only shows their names, and sometimes



even only their initials so I have tried to find out more about these men and their stories.

I was even not sure that there were so many men living in Piddington at this time, but I have now traced addresses in the village or nearby farms for 42 of them.

Unfortunately there are no women listed, but no doubt many Piddington women were working in the factories, in the land army and doing the jobs that had been done by men.

I must thank Mr Clint Lawson who has made a database of all the men in Buckinghamshire who served, based partly on a 1918 Absent Voter’s list, i.e. men who were away on active service, which gives their regiment and number.

He has also read through every Bucks newspaper of WW1 to find details of the men, and found medal rolls etc.

[https://buckinghamshireremembers.org.uk/clint\\_search.htm](https://buckinghamshireremembers.org.uk/clint_search.htm)

Many thanks also to June and Peter Underwood have created Buckinghamshire Remembers, detailing all the men from Buckinghamshire who died.

<https://buckinghamshireremembers.org.uk/>

I have tried to find the men in censuses to learn about their families, found some addresses on their pension cards and read the newspaper stories found by Mr Lawson. A few full service records have survived. The 1921 census has just been released but is expensive to access.

Only two men out of the 53 were killed on active service, plus one other who is not on the plaque. Two men died of illness during the war, so a total of 9% of all these servicemen died, similar to the national average of 10-12%. But other men died soon after, perhaps after-effects of their service, and at least seven of the men were wounded, often more than once. Their average age in 1916 was 25. There are more details about the men who died in both world wars in my book Piddington and Furniture.

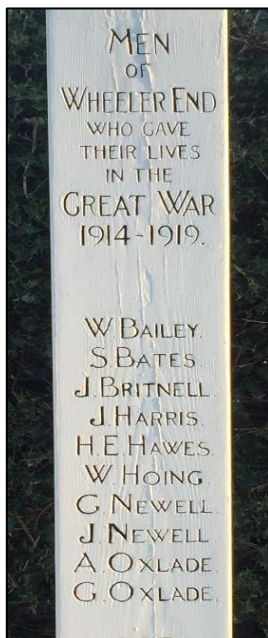
Almost all these men were in the army - only three were in the air forces and one in the Royal Marines. Many of the soldiers were in the Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry, and many of those were in the Buckinghamshire battalion ( 1/1<sup>st</sup>) of the Ox and Bucks, so the Piddington men may well have met each other while in the army. This battalion was in the 145th Brigade, in the 48th (South Midland) Division so they can be followed through accounts of the battles of WW1 where the 48<sup>th</sup> Division is mentioned.

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There is a full listing of all the men at the end of this account but here are the stories of some of them, in the same order as on the plaque :-

Harry and Elizabeth Avery had three sons who served in the war. The family lived in Cadmore End in 1911 but moved to "the Bungalow" Piddington soon after. Harry was a chair polisher so was probably working at North's factory and moved close to the factory when more houses had been built. Their two elder sons Stanley William and Harry both joined the Royal Garrison Artillery, the branch which manned the largest guns which were needed to damage the deep German dugouts.

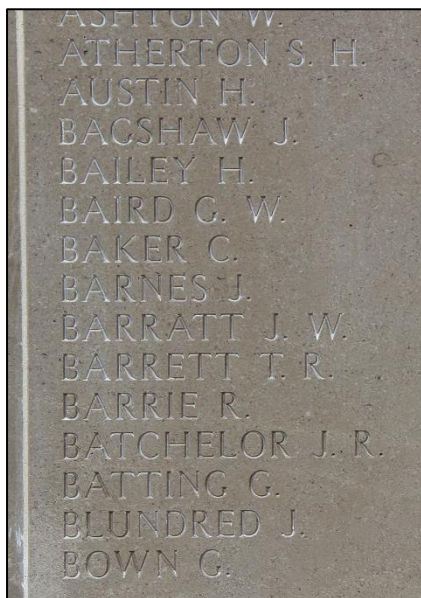
Their youngest son Darrell James Avery joined the RAF in 1918 when he was 19 and became a 2<sup>nd</sup> lieutenant. He had RAF training then specific navigation training in August 1918 to be an observer/navigator/rear gunner. He was in 211 squadron who flew bombing missions in slow DH9 biplanes, attacking German-held ports, aerodromes, ammunition dumps and supporting the Belgian army, with no fighter escort. On a raid on 3<sup>rd</sup> October, only 5 weeks before the end of the war, he was severely wounded by a bullet in the leg from an enemy fighter plane and spent time in a hospital in Dunkirk and then in London.



Sydney Bates, a machinist probably at the furniture factory, was living at 9 King Street Piddington in 1915 with his wife Phoebe and new-born son Bruce when he joined up. He was first assigned to the Royal Field Artillery then transferred to an Agricultural Company. These were usually men who were not fit enough to be on the front line. He died on 1<sup>st</sup> December 1918 of influenza, the pandemic that swept the world in 1918-19. He is remembered on the Wheeler End war memorial on the common, and on the plaque in West Wycombe church. His widow and

son moved to Uxbridge, where he is buried. His photo is from Michael Roche.

Garry Batting also married his wife Bessie in 1915 and had a daughter Bessie, just before joining the 1<sup>st</sup> battalion of the Sherwood Foresters and was promoted to lance-corporal. A newspaper report says he fought in the battle of the Somme in 1916, and went missing on May 27<sup>th</sup> 1918. This was the first day of the Third battle of the Aisne, the very last big German attack in the spring of 1918. The Germans advanced 15km in just one day, and he must have been killed in the attack, but his body was never found, so he is remembered on the Soissons war memorial. His widow remarried in 1921 and they lived at 9 King Street Piddington, after Sydney Bates' widow had moved out.



George Edmonds Dobson lived at West Wycombe with wife and 3 children in 1911 but he was an upholster so probably worked at the Piddington factory, and had moved to Piddington by 1918. He served in the mechanised transport department of the Army Service Corps. He was already 30 by 1916, so one of the older soldiers on the Piddington plaque.

Three brothers named Druce lived at (Upper) Piddington Farm in 1911 ( off Piddington Lane just above the village, now called Oakridge Farm). Percy joined the Liverpool regiment, Ernest was a gunner with the Machine-gun Corps, but Herbert's forces record has not been found.

Aleck Hudson lived at 1 King Street Piddington in 1911. He was a wood sawyer at the factory, had a wife Bertha and a son Alec born in Piddington in 1906, who must have been one of the earliest children born in Piddington. Alec served in the Ox and Bucks light infantry but was discharged in August 1916 ( medical reasons ? ) and sadly died in September 1922, a year after the cut-off date to be included in the Commonwealth War Graves Commission records.

John Howland was only 14 years old in 1911, living at 5 King Street Piddington, but was already working as a "Square chair maker". He served as a rifleman in the Kings Royal Rifle



Corps. In early 1919, as soon as the war was over, he married the unusually named “Maybank” and continued living in Piddington.

James and Grace Harris had two sons who served, Oswald and Ernest. Oswald had already left home by the time the family moved to Hill View on Piddington Lane (James was a “square chair maker” at the factory). Oswald joined the Royal Berkshire Regiment; he was wounded on 15<sup>th</sup> October 1917 which must have been serious because he was discharged from the army two months later. The soldiers called this getting “a Blighty one”, they were safely home to Blighty i.e. Britain. But he lived until 1946.

Ernest Harris served in the Hampshire Regiment. In the first week of June 1918 their war diary says it was just “a quiet tour” but on the 1<sup>st</sup> June Ernest was killed, the only man in the unit killed all week. This was just the routine in the trenches, the occasional death by German sniper or shell. He is buried at Mont-Bernanchon cemetery, 8 kilometres north-north-west of Bethune. His photo is shown here, from Chris Roadnight.



No less than five sons of Peter and Lucy Hickman all served in the forces. Their parents moved to 2 King Street Piddington from Lacey Green before 1911. Francis and Cecil Hickman both joined the Royal Field Artillery before 1911 as career soldiers, before any threat of war. (Field Artillery are the smaller guns, but they are expected to be mobile, which became very tough in the mud of the battlefields). The brothers’ details are here :-

Gunner Cecil Hickman was wounded in the shoulder in November 1914 and was then allowed a trip home to Piddington before returning to the front.

Frank Hickman ( Francis ) was a Battery Quarter-Master Sergeant and was promoted to 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant in December 1914 when he was 35. He had previously fought in the Boer War.

William Hickman was living in West Wycombe in 1911 with wife Daisy and a daughter, probably working at the Piddington chair works. He joined the Royal Garrison Artillery in December 1915 but was discharged in January 1919 with various medical ailments and died on 19<sup>th</sup> November 1921 aged only 35, less than 3 months after the cut-off date to be included on the C.W.G.C. records.

The other two Hickman brothers - Henry was a lance corporal with the Royal Army Service Corps (Motor Transport) and Alfred was in the Ox and Bucks Light Infantry, with so many other local men.



Three Johnson brothers served in the army. They came from Brighton, but their widowed mother married the proprietor of the Dashwood Arms, Piddington in 1916.

Albert Edward Johnson joined up on 28<sup>th</sup> Dec 1914 and was training with the Royal Sussex Regiment but contracted tuberculosis (TB) in late 1915 although he was not discharged June 1917. A medical board decided that his TB was not caused but aggravated by exposure to cold and wet on ordinary military service. He had experienced heavy snow for 6 weeks, and lived in a tent camp for two months.

He refused to go to a sanatorium and died at 4 King Street Piddington on 10<sup>th</sup> June 1918. He is buried in West Wycombe St Lawrence churchyard with a C.W.G.C. headstone, shown here. He was only recognised for commemoration in 2015.

Richard Johnson was a driver in the Royal Field Artillery, his address in the 1918 absent voter's register was the Dashwood Arms. Harold Johnson served in the 18<sup>th</sup> Middlesex, a pioneer unit digging trenches, tunnels, railways, canals etc.

Three brothers from the Lee family were living on Old Oxford Road between Briarholme and Rosedene, i.e. the second house from the Piddington Lane junction, in 1911. Two of them joined the air force :- Edwin Harold transferred from the army to the Royal Flying Corps in 1915, and James Victor Lee was also an RAF cadet although there are few details of either man. George Bertram Lee was in the Royal Army Medical Corps.

Samuel and Mary Page lived in West Wycombe in 1911 but moved to 15 King Street Piddington by 1918. They had three sons, all in the Bucks battalion, who all suffered badly in the war, and all sent letters to their mother to give the bad news which she passed onto the newspaper (perhaps other mothers did not like to share their letters with the newspapers) :-

Corporal Albert Page was captured by the Germans on 17<sup>th</sup> August 1917 at the battle of Langemark, part of 3<sup>rd</sup> Ypres ( before the army was drowning in mud at Passchendaele later in the year). The 145<sup>th</sup> brigade were told to advance at all costs, but when some men got ahead they were surrounded and captured. Many prisoners of war had to work for the Germans in brutal conditions, but Albert must have been wounded because he was repatriated to Switzerland on Sept 1<sup>st</sup> 1918. Under this scheme the Germans allowed wounded prisoners to go to Switzerland on condition they were kept imprisoned ( in unused hotels), but the British government paid for them to be fed. Albert wrote to his parents saying that he had drawn up maps ready to try to escape again before the news of his move from Germany. He said how wonderful it was to be in Switzerland with a welcome from English ladies, good food and beautiful scenery.

His youngest brother Lance-Corporal Samuel Page was only 21 when he wounded in August 1916, a gunshot wound shattered his left arm and he was treated in Stockport hospital. In a letter to his mother, Samuel said they had a great welcome at Manchester station by cheering crowds even though it was 2am. He must have been sent back to the front because he was wounded again, in the face just the day before his brother was captured, on 16<sup>th</sup> August 1917, probably nearby in the same battle. He wrote to his mother to say “unfortunately it was not bad enough to be sent to England”, a very thought-provoking thing to say, wanting a worse injury.

The third brother Stanley Page was wounded in September 1916. A piece of shrapnel from a shell broke his foot so he was treated in a Glasgow hospital. He was sent back and was injured again in July 1917, but must have recovered because he was gassed in the front line in late 1917 which also made him quite blind for a few days. He was treated in hospital in South Wales but was able to write home to say that his sight had recovered.



At least two of the Robertson brothers served in the army. Bernard was in the Royal Army Medical Corps; he first served in Egypt from December 1915 and followed the advance into Palestine in 1917. Jerusalem was captured from the Ottomans (Turks) in December 1917.

His brother Ernest (pictured) was also in the Medical Corps. Their address was Rosedene on the Old Oxford Road in Piddington.

Herbert and George Sears lived at 1 King Street, Piddington. Herbert joined the Bucks battalion in August 1915 and was made Lance Corporal in October 1917, while Thomas was in the Suffolk Regiment.

Horace Stevens lived at 10 King Street with his wife Eliza, he was also in the Royal Army Medical Corps.

Arthur and Steven Stone lived at 9 King Street, Arthur was in the Machine Gun Corps while Steven was another corporal in the Bucks battalion, the newspapers reported he was wounded twice in September and November 1918. Stephen was awarded the Military Medal, noted in the unit war diary on 11<sup>th</sup> Sept 1917 and officially announced on 2nd November.

Three Stratford brothers lived at Ham Cottages in 1911 ( probably across the Chipps Hill Road from the Dashwood Arms). Ernest was in the 4<sup>th</sup> battalion of the Worcestershire Regiment. Victor was in the 7<sup>th</sup> battalion of the Ox and Bucks. Rupert was a driver, 75th signal company, Royal Engineers. He was a patient in Addington Park hospital for treatment on 27th Dec 1919, but his service record goes into great details about how he overstayed his time there by 2 days, which seems tough especially since he was due to be demobbed in a month.

James and Reginald Taphouse were sons of Soloman and Silanay Taphouse; their father died in 1910. The family moved to the Post Office in Piddington just before 1916. James John Taphouse joined the Royal Field Artillery in Feb 1916 after passing the army medical, but in July 1916 he was dismissed using the phrase "Not likely to become an efficient soldier" on health grounds and died in 1922 aged 32 of pulmonary tuberculosis. His brother Reginald Frewin Taphouse joined the Royal Army Veterinary Corps to care for the many horses used by the army.

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One man who is not on the Piddington plaque is Private Alec Charles Hipgrave of the Army Service Corps, husband of Ethel Hipgrave of Glendyne on Old Oxford Road, Piddington. He was in the Salonika campaign; British and French troops landed at Salonika in north-east Greece in late 1915 and held a line along the present northern boundary of Greece, but suffered in freezing winters and boiling summers with malaria.

Alec embarked on the Empress of Britain at Devonport on 6<sup>th</sup> Sept 1916 and arrived at Alexandria in Egypt 10 days later. He was then shipped from Alexandria on 11<sup>th</sup> Nov for a five day voyage to Salonika. His profession in the A.S.C. was as a butcher. Alec died of wounds on 13<sup>th</sup> August 1917, age 25 and is buried at the Salonika Military Cemetery at Thessaloniki in Greece. He is also listed on the war memorial at St Nicholas Church in his home town of Taplow.



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Other sources :-

Censuses and service records [www.ancestry.co.uk](http://www.ancestry.co.uk)

Pension cards <https://www.westernfrontassociation.com/> ( membership required)

Unit war diaries <https://discovery.nationalarchives.gov.uk/details/r/C14303>

Bucks Free Press, on microfilm at High Wycombe reference library

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Old maps <https://maps.nls.uk/os/>

Detailed modern map showing house names

<https://heritageportal.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/map>

WW1 Cemetery and memorial photographs from abroad kindly supplied  
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First name	Middle	Surname	birth	age in	Address in 1911 or earlier census, and military records	parents	wife	number	Information on Pension card or other military record
Stanley	William	Avery	1894	22	The Bungalow, Piddington 1918	Harry and Elizabeth		155985	RGA.
Harry		Avery	1895	21	The Bungalow, Piddington 1918	Harry and Elizabeth	Dorothy. Marr 1920 ?	61821	Driver, 109 Heavy battery, Royal Garrison Artillery, from 9th Dec 1914.
Darrell	James	Avery	1899	17	Warwick Lodge Piddington ( RAF record). The Bungalow, Piddington 1918	Harry and Elizabeth	Joyce. Marr 1926		RAF 2nd Lieutenant 9.8.18. In 211 squadron, flew bombing raids on german-held ports. Wounded 3.10.18, in hospital in Dunkirk. made observer officer 3. 2.19. 28.11.1918 anxious to train as pilot. <a href="http://211squadron.org/world_war_i.html">http://211squadron.org/world_war_i.html</a>
William		Birdsey	1897	19	Lower Piddington Farm, Piddington, in 1911	William and Ellen			Bucks btn. ( Sister died by drowning in 1912).
Thomas	William	Birdsay	1891	25	1901 family at Church Lane, Wycombe. Left home before 1911, can't find him.	William and Ellen			no pension card
Gilbert	Harold	Bristow	1882	34	Desborough Road, Wycombe in 1911	Albert and Eliza	Hilda marr 1909		no pension card
Sydney		Bates	1889	27	9 King street, Piddington in 1915. Widow moved to Uxbridge.	Charles ( died before 1916) and Phoebe	Clara M.1912	153188/5 35458	RFA, then Agricultural company, Labour corps. Joined 9.12.1915. Died 1.12.1918 of influenza. Remembered on Wheeler End and West Wycombe war memorials. Buried in Uxbridge. Son Bruce born 1915
H	Garry	Batting	1891	25	9 King Street Piddington, on CWGC record	James and Ellen	Bessie M q1 1915	80904	1st btn Sherwood Foresters. Died in France, 27th May 1918, start of 3rd battle of the Aisne, last massive German attack of WW1. Bessie remarried to Thomas Rayment in 1921. ( Not Bayment as in CWGC).
Thomas		Dell	1885	31	Fillington Farm, Piddington in 1901, parents still there in 1911. Wooburn	Thomas and Sophia	Married Elizabeth		The only Tom Dell pension is from the Scottish Rifles
Frank		Dell	1887	29	Fillington Farm Piddington in 1901, parents still there in 1911. Frank was in Great Hampden 1911.	Thomas and Sophia	Gertrude 1921	150754	396 Ag Co LC
George	Edmonds	Dobson	1886	30	West Wycombe. Upholsterer so probably at Piddington factory	Frederick and Elizabeth	Lilian Ann	M2/1764 89	Army Service Corps (Mechanised Transport)
Percy	Charles	Druce	1898	18	Piddington Farm 1911	Joseph and Treeza.	May in 1925	88615	Liverpool regiment
Herbert	George	Druce	1896	20	Piddington Farm 1911 and 1918. Piddington in 1939	Joseph and Treeza	Mabel 1924		no pension card
Ernest	William	Druce	1892	24	Piddington Farm 1911 and 1918	Joseph and Treeza.		13829	Gunner, Machine Gun Corps
Eiffell	Charles	Gibbs	1890	26	Green Street, High Wycombe 1911. Chairmaker so maybe worked at Piddington.	Charles and Annie	Lilian 1917	9029	Royal Marines Labour Corps. Married Lilian Page at Oxford Road Free Methodist Church in High Wycombe, before a brief honeymoon in Southall.

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Aleck		Hudson	1880	36	1 King Street Piddington 1911	William and Emma	Bertha 1905	2915	Bucks Light Infantry. Wounded on 4 June 1915, Discharged 19.8.1916, died 5.9.1922
John		Howland	1896	20	5 King Street, Piddington	John and Grace	Maybank 1919	11484	Rfn, Kings Royal Rifle Corps
Oswald		Harris	1887	29	1901 Wheeler end. Parents living at Hill View, Piddington Lane, in 1918. Already married in 1911, in West Wycombe.	James and Mary	Fanny in 1908	203103	Royal Berkshire Regiment. Wounded 5.10.17. Discharged 12.12.1917. Address 23 Victoria St, High Wycombe. Died 1946.
Ernest		Harris	1894	22	1901 Wheeler End. 1911 living with parents at Hill View, Piddington.	James and Mary		29862	Hampshire Regiment. Killed near Bethune, France, 1st June 1918. The war diary just says "A quiet period" in the line.
Henry	John	Hickman	1882	34	Radnage common 1911	Peter and Lucy, were in Piddington 1911	Ellen Maria 1909	DM2/179062	Royal Army Service Corps (Motor Transport)
Cecil	Peter	Hickman	1891	25	1901 Lacey Green	Peter and Lucy	Ethel 1915	51770	1911, Gunner 106th Battery RFA. Wounded 6th Nov 1914.
William	Arthur	Hickman	1886	30	West Wycombe in 1911. Wood sawyer at chair works, probably Piddington	Peter and Lucy	Daisy 1907		145 battery Royal Garrison Artillery. Joined 8th Dec 1915, discharged 10.1.1919 with various ailments. Died 19.11.1921. From service record
Francis	Thomas	Hickman	1879	37	Lacey Green in 1891	Peter and Lucy	Alice ? 1933 ?	19853	1911 Sergeant in Royal Field Artillery at Colchester barracks. 4/12/14 promoted to Lt. BQMS RFA. 2Lt RFA Cadet School
Alfred	James	Hickman	1884	32	1901 Lacey Green. Can't find him in 1911. 1918, 38 Denmark Street, High Wycombe.	Peter and Lucy	Rhoda or Ethel 1905	10857	Ox and Bucks Light infantry. 10857 O&BLI. 28952 Shrop LI
<b>Five Hickman brothers, all born in Lacey Green</b>									
William	Henry	Field	1888	28	Ham Farm, Piddington in 1891. Parents at Chequers Farm, Wheeler End 1901.	John and Ellen	Annabelle 1921 ?	70093	Bucks yeomanry
Richard	Ernest	Johnson	1890	26	Dashwood Arms 1918.	Richard and Marion		901054	Driver, RFA
Harold	Wilfred	Johnson	1899	17	Mothers address in 1916, Dashwood Arms.	Richard and Marion	Annie 1923	11084106086	18th bat Middlesex Regt ( Pioneers). Worked on trenches, tunneling, railways, canals etc.
Albert	Edward	Johnson	1897	19	Initially lodged at the Dashwood Arms in June 1917 after discharge from the army. Died at 4 King Street Piddington in 1918.	Richard (died) and Marion. She remarried William Styles 1916		TR/10/36847	Royal Sussex Regiment. Diagnosed tuberculosis at end of 1915, discharged from the army June 1917, died 10th June 1918 of TB at home in Piddington. Buried in West Wycombe churchyard. Son of Mrs. M. (Marion) Styles.
George	Bertram	Lee	1889	27	Between Rosedene and Briarholme, Piddington 1911	James and Louisa	Dora 1919	26766	Royal Army Medical Corps.
James	Victor	Lee	1891	25	Between Rosedene and Briarholme, Piddington 1911	James and Louisa	Alice 1919	204660	Joined the Royal Naval Air Service before 1917 ( on roll of honour 14-16). RAF Cadet. Discharged 5.3.19. Rosedene, Piddington.
Edwin	Harold	Lee	1894	22	Between Rosedene and Briarholme, Piddington. Used Harold in 1911 and on marriage	James and Louisa	Florence, married Dec 1911	2702	Transferred from army to Royal Flying Corps 2nd Jan 1915, promoted to sergeant 1.11.1916. No sign in RFC records



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Reginald		Marcham	1887	29	4 King Street, Piddington in 1911. Terriers High Wycombe on pension card	Emma. Father died young.	Emily 1909	266468	sapper with the Royal Engineers
John	William	Martin	1891	25	Radnage 1911. Hillcot Villa King Street Piddington in 1918	James and Susanah	Charlotte 1913	M/284085	Army Service Corps (Motor Transport)
Albert	Edward	Page	1893	23	Piddington 1918	Samuel and Mary	1911 ?? Lizzie or Estelle ?	265619	Corporal, 1/1st Bucks btn. Taken prisoner 17th August 1917, same day as his brother was injured. Battle of Langemark, part of 3rd Ypres. 145th brigade. "attempts to press on were bloodily repulsed and parties that reached Springfield Farm disappeared." Interned in Switzerland 1918. Injured and sick soldiers were interned at UK expense in empty hotels.
Stanley		Page	1890	26	West Wycombe 1911 ( employed at chair works), Piddington 1918	Samuel and Mary	Teresa in Eton ?? 1922	2653 & 265879	Lance-Corporal 1918, Bucks Btn, Ox and Bucks LI. Wounded 1st Sept 1916, 13th July 1917, and Gassed and temporarily blinded in 1918, recovering in South Wales hospital.
Samuel	Richard	Page	1895	21	lane end 1911. 15 King Street, Piddington 1918	Samuel and Mary			Lance Corporal Bucks Battalion , Ox and Bucks LI. Wounded 4th Aug 1916, and again in Aug 16th 1917, wounded in the face. Battle of Langemark, part of 3rd Ypres. 145th brigade. But "unfortunately not bad enough to be sent to England", in a letter to his mother.
Ernest		Plumridge	1887	29	Lane End 1901. Between Woodlands and Linthorp, Piddington Lane in 1911. Moved from Woodlands to Desborough Road in 1919	Henry and Annie	MaryAnn married 1910	17565	8th Ox and Bucks LI. Joined 2nd Jan 1915. From service record
Frederick	William	Rittman	1879	37	Newington London 1911. 1918 Stanley Villa, King Street Piddington. In 1939 Beechwood, Piddington.	William and Mary	Mabel 1910 in Southwark.	26775	Quartermaster Sergeant in the RAMC
Bernard	George	Robertson	1886	30	Rosedene, Old Oxford Road, Piddington 1911	James and Eliza	Mabel. Married.	2063 / 434062	Veteran of service in Palestine and Egypt ( from newspaper). Can't find the right pension card.
Ernest	Arthur	Robertson	1892	24	Rosedene, Old Oxford Road, Piddington	James and Eliza	Alice 1918	57068	RAMC No Ernest A pension cards. Pictures on ancestry
Thomas	W	Sears	1899	17	Chapel Road, Wheeler End	George and Florence		44167	suffolks
Herbert	George	Sears	1897	19	Chapel Road, Wheeler End. 1 King Street Piddington in 1918.	George and Florence		266427	made Lance Cpl on 12/10/17, 1/1st Ox and Bucks light infantry., after serving 2 years and 4 months, ie joined August 1915.
Horace		Stevens	1878	38	West Wycombe 1911. Chair maker	George and Ellen	Eliza		Royal Army Medical Corps. 10 King Street , Piddington
Arthur	Edward	Stone	1895	21	9 King Street, Piddington, 1911. Hillcot	Herbert and Fanny	Olive m 1925	3738	MGC.

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Stephen	George	Stone	1898	18	9 King Street, Piddington. 1911	Herbert and Fanny	Gladys m 1925	4480 + 266733	corporal 1/1st Bucks btn. Got a military medal December 1917. Wounded in Sept and nov 1918.
Ernest		Stratford	1898	18	Ham Cottage, Piddington 1911. Myze Farm Cottage 1918	John and Hannah	Caroline or Lily 1911	42608	4th Worcs.
Victor	Frank	Stratford	1896	20	Ham Cottage, Piddington 1911	John and Hannah	Sarah	27460	7th Ox And Bucks light infantry.
Rupert	Frederick	Stratford	1888	28	Ham Cottage, Piddington 1911 and on enlistment.	John and Hannah	Janet Lowe, 1915.	77408	Driver, 75th signal company, Royal Engineers. Patient in Addington Park hospital 27th Dec 1919, overstayed by 2 days. Demob 30.1.1920. Listed on Sands Village memorial hall.
James	John	Taphouse	1890	26	Oxford in 1911. Post Office, Piddington on sign-up	Soloman ( died before 1911) and Silanay		12460	Royal Field Artillery. Joined 2nd Feb 1916, signing up form. Dismissed on health grounds July 1916. "Not likely to become an efficient soldier". Died 1922
Reginald	Frewin	Taphouse	1889	27	Oxford in 1911. Mother was at the Post Office, Piddington in 1916.	Soloman ( died before 1911) and Silanay	Ruby married Dec 1914	16339	L. Cpl, Royal Army veterinary corp, on pension card. Oxford address
George	Edward	Twitchen	1902	14	9 Short Street High Wycombe	Albert and Emily	Ruth m 1927		Ox and Bucks infantry. Lived at 38 railway place, high wycombe, on pension card.
Jabez		Walters			Piddington farm 1918. Maybe he is Arthur Ernest ??	Henry and Bertha		23316 95291 ??	Royal Berks ??
Frank		Walters	1899	17	Born west wycombe. Piddington Farm 1911.	Henry and Bertha	Elizabeth 1923	no number	Bucks btn.
<b>Missing off the plaque :-</b>									
Alec		Hipgrave	1892	24	Glendyne, Piddington in 1917.	Jess and Florence	Ethel, married 1916		28th Lines of Communication Supply Coy, Army Service Corps ( specialist butcher). Died in Salonika, Greece. 13th August 1917.