**POSSIBLE WWI PARTICIPANTS – SURNAMES STARTING C,D,E**

**ARCHIBALD THOMAS CAUDWELL**

B 12 Nov 1899, Shepton Mallet, Somerset

1901 living with his widowed mother (Bessie Caudwell, aged 22 b Blanford, Dorset) at her parent’s house – Thomas 50 and Deklah 49 Sowden. Bessie was their eldest daughter.

1911 Archie is living in Sampford Peverell with his mother and stepfather ; his widowed mother Bessie had remarried - to Walter in 1906 and they had a son Dennis Guy, b 5 Nov 1907, a step-brother to Archie.

1914 Archie was apprenticed to a firm of engineers in Tiverton, where he lived in digs from Monday to Saturday.

25 Aug 1917 , whilst living at Kerslake House, SP he was called up for the army and sent to Ireland for training. He joined the 47th Reserve Batallion Devon Regiment – number 71791. A later regimental number was 418467. I cannot be certain whether he saw active service with the army. He was discharged from the RASC, which he had joined in Exeter in 1918 as 418467, in November 1919, in Germany.

After the end of WWI he joined the RN, having nominally signed up for 12 years – reg no 35300. He first saw active service on HMS Defiance on 12 Jan 1920. He was a fitter and turner. He then had a spell on HMS Hood and his last service date was 14 Nov 1929.

He is shown as a freemason at the St Aubyn Lodge , Devonport on 14 Jun 1921

On 3 Jan 1927 he married Sybil Bessie Pauline Pall (b 1904) at St Johns, Sampford Peverell

He died in Bournemouth Nov 1995, aged 96.

The surname of his stepfather was CLUETT and his step-bother was therefore **Dennis Cluett**, whose memoirs of Sampford Peverell have been published by SP Society - “A Village Childhood”.

**HARRY CAPRON**

B Jul 1874, Wellington

Parents William Henry Capron b 1844, Bampton – Blacksmith and Mary Perry b 1848 Clayhidon

1902 – marries Ellen (b 1876, Burlescombe)

5 children born between 1903 and 1910 – youngest b in Sampford Peverell

1911 Census – occupation shown as Boot & Shoe Maker

NO MILITARY RECORD (was aged 40 and married with 5 kids when war broke out)

**WILLIAM CASE**

B 30 Jun 1891, Chevithorne – youngest of 7 children

Father: Richard Case (b 1845 Cruwys Morchard, d 1938 Tiverton) – a dairy farmer

Mother: Mary Hill (b 1852 Thelbrideg Cross, d Dec 1913 Tiverton)

Parents married in 1872 in South Molton

1911 census – worker on brother’s farm at Lower Turberfield

D Mar 1976, Exeter

NO MILITARY RECORD FOUND

**SIDNEY CASE**

B Oct 1877, Chevithorne, Tiverton. Elder bother to William (shown above)

1911 Census – occupation railway porter

NO MILITARY RECORD FOUND

**REGINALD RICHARD NELSON CHAPPLE**

B 11 Oct 1896 Marylebone, London (6th of 7 children)

Bp 3 Jan 1897 Marylebone (All Saints Church)

Father Albert William Chapple (b 1850 Somerset, d 1902) – a stableman groom

Mother Emma Hanna Morgan (1853-1899)

1911 Census – at St Boniface

1 Jun 1911 Emigrates to Canada

Marries a Grace File (b 21 Aug 1893, Bermondsey, London) and has one boy

NO MILITARY RECORD FOUND – but could be a Canadian record I suppose

No Canadian record found

**FREDERICK HENRY JAMES CHIVERS**

B 1899 Paddington, London, Middlesex

1901 census Pauper at Paddington Workhouse

1911 Census at St Boniface

Son of single mother (Edith Chivers b 1874 Paddington, servant) – baptised 2 Mar 1899

A Fred Chivers b 1899 left Liverpool 31 Mar 1913 for Quebec, Canada on the “Corssican” – one of 28 children on the boat.

Canadian records: Attestation paper for the Canadian Overseas Expeditionary Force/ Frederick Harold James Chivers, born London 20 Feb 1898, trade clerk. Address of next of kin, Thomas Kelly, is Sherbrook, where the home was. He was a bugler, 5’3”, brown complexion, brown hair and black eyes, dated 28 Jul 1916. Oddly the next paper in the collection is for Frederick James Chivers, same birth date and place, signed 7 Oct 1916. He gives next of kin as Mrs Stewart in Sherbrook and is 5’4” with a fair complexion, brown hair and blue eyes. There’s another paper for this one dated 14 Sep 1917 (same next of kin as Mrs James Stewart) which says his occupation was teamster. Full name Frederick Harold James Chivers, same birth date and place. He had already servied 9 months in the 171st Battn (O.S), and the form is stamped ‘York & Simcoe Foresters Const’. This one is 5’5 ½ “, medium complexion, grey eyes, brown hair.

**ALBERT JAMES CLARIDGE**

B 24 Apr 1897 Newbury, Berks

1901 Census – lives with uncle and aunt (Surname Aldridge) in Woodbury St Mary, Berks

1911 Census at St Boniface

Became a machinist for GWR when he left St Boniface

31 Dec 1913 Signed up to Royal Navy – on HMS Impregnable – service no 528878

Moved around from ship to ship

On HMS Hawkins on 5 Mar 1923 he was sentenced to 12 months detention for striking a superior officer and using insulting language. Sentence reduced to 6months by Admiralty

Left RN 23 Apr 1927 – last ship served on was HMS Columbine

**REGINALD ALGERNON AUBREY CLARIDGE**

B 7 Nov 1898, Staines, Middlesex

Son of Bryant Henry William Claridge (1869 Killburn, London) and Fanny Willis (1872, Kent)

His father was an accountant and company secretary who later moved to Sampford Peverell and became the manager of the Globe Inn in the 1920’s

1901 resident in Ashford, Berks and in 1911 Ashford has moved to Middlesex !

He enlisted with the London regiment, but has no connection with Sampford Peverell

On 5 July 1920 in Clifton, Bristol he marries Annie Dorothy Flemming (1898) and dies Sep 1980 in Bristol

**JOHN COLWILL**

B 20 Aug 1888 Sampford Peverell; bp 9 Sep – our record ref SPC222

Father William Colwill (b 1842 North Molton – 1912) Shepherd

Mother Lucy Jones ( b 1862 Tiverton)

Parents married Jan 1888 in Tiveron

1891,1901 Censuses with parents at Barton Cottage with sister Emily b 1889

(newspaper says he died in 1934 but had received a head wound in France in WW1)

A “Head Wound” in France is recorded for a John Colwill, but theres is also a John ColwEll b Bideford 21 Dec 1887 who joined the RN, d 26 Jan 1916 of disease and left a widow in Plymouth. FURTHER INVESTIGATION REQUIRED

FMP has a record of a Lance Corporal John Colwill B111826 who served in the Somerset LI from 07 Nov 1917 to 04 Feb 1919, who was awarded the silver war badge. Ancestry has a Pte John Colwill in the Duke of Cornwall’s LI, 240162. The regiment were in Exeter in Jan 1920. Also a sapper John Colwill in the RE (railways), 283777

**WILFRED THOMAS COOK**

B 15 Aug 1885, Burlescombe – son of William Cook (Yeoman, deceased) of Uplowman

1891 Census – at Heazille Barton, Rewe with parents William b 1853 and Sophia b 1857

1901 Census – At Heazille Barton with parnets and 6 siblings

14 Mar 1907 – signs up to RN – HMS Defiance – number 347642

1911 Census – RN Electrician (3rd Class) at Portland, Weymouth, Somerset

1921 – promoted to RN Electrician 1st Class

29 Nov 1928 – final service date – still on HMS Defiance

16 Oct 1916 – Married Elizabeth Hanna Pedler (b 20 Dec 1879, bp 30 Mar 1880 Sam Pev), youngest of 8 children of William Frederick Pedler, (b 1836, d 1888) Yeoman and Elizabeth Garnsey (b 1837) of the Barton, Sampford Peverell

PROBABLE second marriage to Mimi J Hoskyns, Dec 1921 Plympton, Devon – but cannot find the death record for his first wife Elizabeth Hannah

**T. COOPER**

1911 Census – St Boniface

Can’t see anything definite on Ancestry – name is too common

Possible RN records – Dec14,Jan15,Apr15,Aug15,Dec15,Oct16

**ALBERT JAMES CORNISH**

B 1892 Hillfarance, Somerst, eldest of 8 children

Father Eli Cornish b 1861, Norton Fitzwarren, Somerset), Canal Worker

Mother Elizabeth Maria Rossiter b 1871 Staplegrove, Taunton

1911 Census – lives in Higher Town, Sam Pev with Parents

1925 Newsagent and Shoemaker in Sampford Peverell

D 25 Jan 1936 (single)

POSSIBLE MILITARY RECORD – An Albert J Cornish #3983 joined the 3rd London Regiment as a private, later promoted to Lance Corporal. He transferred to the Guards #2327 where he was part of the machine gun regiment.

**WILLIAM HENRY CORNISH**

B 31 May 1896 Hillfarance, Somerset – younger brother to Albert James shown above

1914 Occupation Dairyman

Enlisted in RN at Devonport in 1915 – service no K28842

Service record shows 5’4 1/2”, 35” chest, brown hair, blue eyes

First saw service 8 Nov 1915 on Vivid II

Last Service 31 May 1919 on HMS Revenge

Occupation on board ship – stoker

**THOMAS CORNISH 1897-1917 IS ON CASUALTY LIST**

Details shown on casualty list

**WILLIAM NEEDS COTTEY**

B Jul 1884 Uplowman, d Jul 1965 Tiverton

1891 Census – at Boehill Cottage with parents and 2 siblings

1901 Census – at Boehill Cottage with 1 sibling (Eliza)

1911 Census living with parents at Higher Mount Pleasant (occupation Quarryman)

Father John Cottey (b 1854 Burlescombe) Waggoner

Mother Elizabeth Needs (“Bessie”- b 1854 London, Middlesex)

Married Florence Sloman from Uplowman and had one boy – William John Cottey 1921-99

NO DEFINITIVE MILITARY RECORDS FOUND

**W CREEDY**

No Records found – need more information !

(Newspaper record of 5 Jul 1918 reports Creedy, a soldier substitute, driving badly !)

**HENRY ALBERT CROUCH**

B 30 Jul 1898 Northampton, d Sep 1969 Christchurch, Hants

NB there is another Henry Albert Crouch b Jul 1898 – but in CAMBERWELL, London

1911 Census – St Boniface

Father James Henry Crouch (b 1869 Walworth, London) finisher in the boot trade

Mother Emma (Crouch) b 1871, Bristol

Has a brother William C b 1897, Northants and a sister Ida J b Non 1900, Bristol

NO MILITARY RECORD FOUND

There are several Henry Crouches but no way of knowing if this was one of them

**FRANCIS DART**

B 1896 as Frances Dart – female !!! and is a servant at Churchwalls Farm in 1911

**HAROLD DAVEY**

B 20 Jun 1897 Shipley, Sussex

8th of 10 children of Stephen Davey (b 1863, Dorking, Surrey) – a gamekeeper and Esther Shuttle( b Jun 1861 Thirley, Surrey).

1911 census at St Boniface

1 Jun 1911 emigrated to Canada with other St Boniface Boys

Returned to England (1920’s ??)

Married Dorothy c 1930

1950 ran the Market Inn at Petersfield, Hants

D Jun 1975 Petworth, Sussex

NO MILITARY RECORD FOUND – but maybe there is a Canadian record None found

**FREDERICK GUY DINHAM**

B 30 Jul 1889 Tiverton, eldest son of Albert (1858 Wellington-1920) and Lucy (1861, Exeter). His father was a signalman on the Railway.

1911 Frederick lives at Moor End Cottage with parents and three younger brothers – Albert Ernest 1892, James Stanley 1896 and William Clifford 1897. Frederick is a clerk on GWR. Frederick started working as a railway clerk in Dec 1906 where he was based in Leominster. By Feb 1909 he is in the telegraph office at Pontypool, Wales.

Frederick first saw service in the RN on 19 Jun 1916 with VIVID1 – a shore based installation. He worked as a clerk and his last service was also at VIVID1 – on 4 Jun 1919. His enlistment record shows that his height was just 3 (Three) feet 7 ¼”.

In Q4 1920 in Taunton he marries Leila Emily Jewell

Frederick died 1 May 1925 and left £811 to his widow Leila and his brother James Stanley Dinham

**THOMAS DISNEY**

B 1877 Uffculme

1911 Census – Farmer at Great Landside with wife Florence (nee Sims) & daughter Florence

D 29 Mar 1917 Sampford Peverell; Probate £1658 to wife Florence

NO MILITARY RECORDS FOUND

**THOMAS DREW**

AKA Thomas OTTER AKA Thomas HODDER

B Jan 1891 as Thomas OTTER – Son of Sarah Drew (B Oct 1862 Uplowman; daughter of Thomas and Sarah Drew) who married Oct 1890 to Frank Otter(B 5 Nov 1860 Sam Pev; son of William and Sarah Otter)

In 1891 Census Thomas is living at Winks Cottage with parents; father is a labourer

In 1901 Census Thomas HODDER is living at Lower Town with his parents (father a Railway Labourer) and 4 younger siblings - Charles 1892, Caroline 1893, Mary 1895, Frank 1897. Also living there is his widowed maternal Grandfather – Thomas Drew b 1834 Hatherleigh

In 1911 Census Thomas has left Sam Pev, but his parents and even more siblings live at Lower Town. His father Frank HODDER is now the Canal Keeper and his mother a Laundress

His father Frank HODDER dies in May 1916 at Exeter Lunatic Asylum. I cannot ascertain when he was admitted. I **suspect** that Thomas changed his surname to Drew (the maiden name of his mother, Sarah) to “distance” himself from his mentally ill father.

Thomas Drew was Rifleman 553536 in the 16th London Regiment

On 16 Sep 1917 , at St John’s Church, Sam Pev, Rifleman Thomas Drew married Annie Dunn, d of Frederick Dunn (deceased) a coal merchant. Annie was the sister of Sidney Dunn – who lost his life in WWI. Intriguingly the marriage record shows the name of Thomas’ deceased father as Frank DREW – rather than Frank OTTER or HODDER ! Thomas was on leave from hospital, having been wounded in the face / shoulder in France in May 1917.

He is on the absent voters list on the 1919 Electoral register, with address Lower Town

MORE RESEARCH REQUIRED !!!

**HAROLD DYER**

B Jan 1899 Walsall, 4th of 6 children - son of Albert Dyer 1864-1907 and Eliza Allen Holt (1866-1943) both of Walsall

In 1911 Census Harold is a pupil at St Boniface; His widowed mother continued to live in Walsall with 5 children, the oldest William (20) a cripple.

NO MILITARY RECORD FOUND None found outside UK either

**JW EATON**

Pupil at St Boniface; On1916 Roll of Honour, but no regimental records found……

HOWEVER, there is a special warworker called JW Eaton, working on Ship Construction (Technical skills) in Southampton. I suspect this may be our man….

**CECIL EDGAR**

B 28 Jun 1897 Bury St Edmonds, Suffolk

In 1901 census he is a pauper at Phingoe Workhouse, Bury St Edmunds with 4 siblings, his single mother , Alice (1866-1961) and his grandfather William – then aged 76. His mother Alice was one of 5 children, all of whom lived into their 90’s, as did her mother and grandmother before them !

In 1911 Census he was a pupil at St Boniface

On 1 Jun 1911 he emigrated to Canada with other boys from St Boniface, and eventually died there.

He is shown on the 1916 St Boniface Roll of Honour – Canadian Contingent

NB Can’t find his military record on [www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com) but there is a photograph of him

Canadian record for Canadian Overseas Expeditionary Force: 29 Jan 1916, confirms birth date, place, mother Alice (34 Eastgate Street, Bury St Edmonds). He’s a farmer, 5’5 ½” dark complexion, brown hair, black eyes

**HARRY EDWARDS**

B 1893 Huxham, Stoke Canon, Exeter. Son of James 1864 and Elizabeth 1868. 6 siblings

In 1911 census he is lodging with the Scorse family at Always Cottage, Chains Road. His occupation is shown as Porter – presumably working on the railways.

NO MILITARY RECORDS FOUND

Possible death record in Exeter (6 Feb 1893 – Jun 1974)

**WILLIAM EDWARDS**

On ST Boniface 1916 Roll of Honour List

POSSIBLE connection with KKLR – Kings Liverpool Regiment

**JAMES WILLIAM ELLIOT**

B Oct 1897 Kingston, Surrey

1911 census at St Boniface – worked as garden boy (as well as an inmate)

UNABLE TO FIND ANY MILITARY RECORD ON [WWW.ANCESTRY.CO.UK](http://WWW.ANCESTRY.CO.UK) or FMP

**FRANCIS GEORGE EVANS**

B Oct 1894 Millbrook, St Germans, Cornwall to parents John 1870 (a seaman) and Amelia 1876. Two siblings John 1893 and William 1897

On 1 Dec 1917 he marries at St Johns, Sam Pev to Augusta Helen Hutchison. Occupation shown as sailor – but this is actually on a MERCHANT ship, so no military service

They has two children – Francis William 1919-1998 and a younger sister who is still alive.

Francis George Evans died in 1951 in Milbrook, Cornwall – same place as he was born

**ARTHUR HENRY EVELEIGH**

B 6 May 1894 Tiverton

He was a “Tiverton” man rather than coming from Sampford Peverell

Private #24214 in the 9th Devons; also in 2nd and 1st Devons

He was discharged 19 Dec 1918

Died Sep 1969 in Tiverton