



HE whom this scroll commemorates was numbered among those who, at the call of King and Country, left all that was dear to them, endured hardness, faced danger, and finally passed out of the sight of men by the path of duty and self-sacrifice, giving up their own lives that others might live in freedom. Let those who come after see to it that his name be not forgotten.

31517, PRIVATE, Alexander William Roydon HARWOOD

11th Battalion.

East Lancashire Regiment

Killed in action, France & Flanders, 28/06/18

Born: Worthing, Sussex, Enlisted: Preston, Lancs, Residence: Longton, Lancs

FORMERLY 62996, MANCHESTER REGT.

In Memory of
Private A W R HARWOOD

**31517, 11th Bn.,
East Lancashire Regiment**

who died on 28 June 1918

Remembered with honour
AVAL WOOD MILITARY CEMETERY,
VIEUX-BERQUIN



Commemorated in perpetuity by
the Commonwealth War Graves Commission

Name: HARWOOD

Initials: A W R

Nationality: United Kingdom

Rank: Private

Regiment/Service: East Lancashire Regiment

Unit Text: 11th Bn.

Date of Death: 28/06/1918

Service No: 31517

Casualty Type: Commonwealth War Dead

Grave/Memorial Reference: I. A. 7.

Cemetery: AVAL WOOD MILITARY CEMETERY, VIEUX-BERQUIN

Cemetery: AVAL WOOD MILITARY CEMETERY, VIEUX-BERQUIN

Country: France

Locality: unspecified

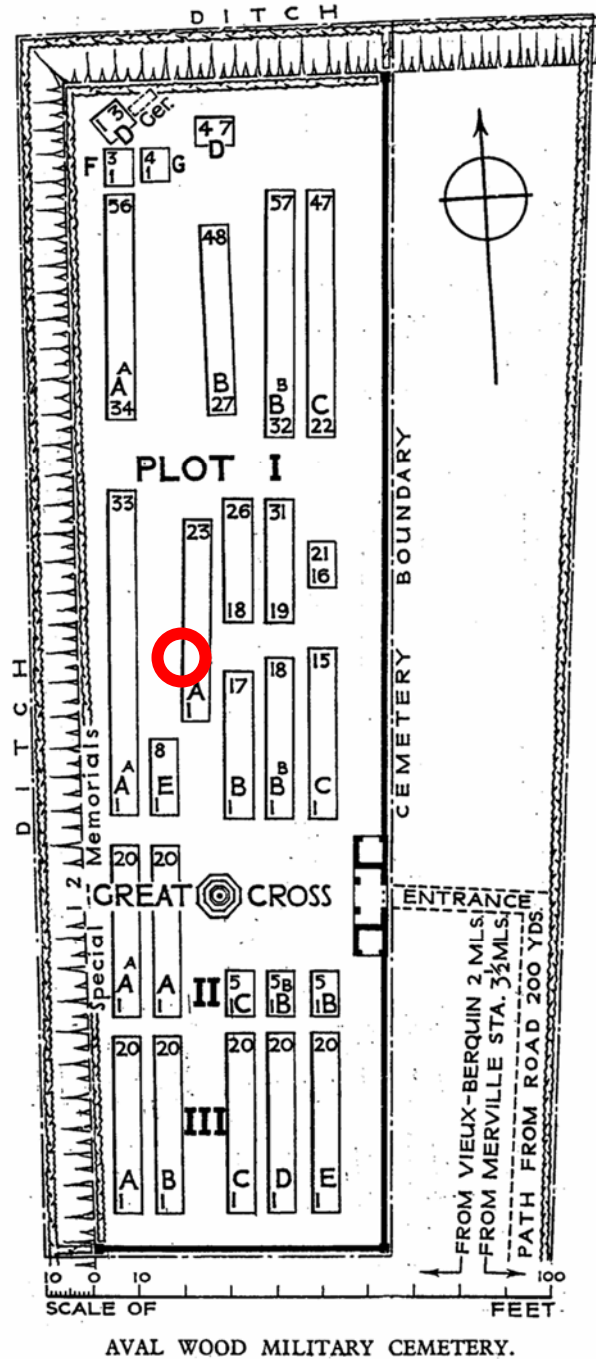
Location Information: Vieux-Berquin is a village 8 kilometres south-west of Bailleul and a similar distance south-east of Hazebrouck. Leave the village on the 947 heading for Neuf-Berquin/Estaires. Turn right 800 metres from the centre of the village on the Rue Merville. Continue for 700 metres to the junction and take the right hand fork towards Caudescure on the D69. The Cemetery is another 1.5 kilometres along this road on the right hand side.

Historical Information: The Battle of Hazebrouck (one of the Battles of the Lys), including the Defence of Nieppe Forest, lasted from 12 to 15 April 1918. The line east of Nieppe Forest was defended against overwhelming forces by the 29th and 31st Divisions, the latter including the 4th Guards Brigade. Although Vieux-Berquin village was lost on 13 April, the rest of the line was held until the 1st Australian Division had detrained and arrived on the field. The cemetery was made in June and August 1918, largely by the 11th Battalions of the East Yorkshire and East Lancashire Regiments, but Plot I was completed, and Plots II and III added after the Armistice when graves were brought in from the battlefields of Vieux-Berquin and Merville. Aval Wood Military Cemetery contains 410 Commonwealth burials and commemorations of the First World War. 155 of the burials are unidentified but special memorials commemorate two casualties believed to be buried among them. The cemetery also contains two burials from the Second World War and one German grave. The cemetery was designed by Sir Herbert Baker.

No. of Identified Casualties: 258

Cemetery Plans

AVAL WOOD MILITARY CEMETERY, VIEUX-BERQUIN



Private HARWOOD's grave highlighted at 1. A. 7.



General view of Aval Wood Cemetery



The grave in relation to the entrance



General view



Close-up

Private HARWOOD's grave at Aval Wood Cemetery 1. A. 7. highlighted

Private A. W. R. LASHMAR

See

HARWOOD

Private 31517 ALEXANDER WILLIAM ROYDON HARWOOD

Private A.W. Lashmar is shown on the Roll of Honour bronze tablet displayed in St. Andrew's Parish Church, Longton, Preston, Lancashire.

He is not however listed on either the "Soldiers Died in the Great War" CD RoM or on the Commonwealth War Graves Commission web-site.

His name does appear in the Penwortham St. Mary's Church Magazine, August, 1918, Page vi, (list of soldiers died up to the fourth anniversary of the war) where he is shown as 'Private W. Harwood LASHMAR, East Lancs. Regt., killed June 1918.

On then checking the "Soldiers Died in the Great War" CD RoM and the Commonwealth War Graves Commission web-site, Private LASHMAR is found under the alternative name of HARWOOD.

I am satisfied that both LASHMAR and HARWOOD and one and the same person.

The following is an extract from the *Preston Guardian* newspaper:-

Preston Guardian *Page 8* *13th July, 1918* *(Photo)*
Private Alexander William Lashmar, (19), East Lancashire Regt. was killed in action on June 26th. He joined the Army on February 12th last year and went to France with the Manchesters on Easter Sunday, being, while in France transferred to the East Lancashire Regiment. In a letter to his mother, who resides in Marsh Lane, Longton, the Chaplain wrote appreciatively of Private Lashmar's personal and soldierly qualities.

Further research reveals that Alexander was the son of Thomas Harwood and Mary Elizabeth Ives, and was born in 1898 at Worthing in Sussex. He was preceded by two sisters, Mabel Ethel b. 1894 and Edith Alice b. 1896, also in Worthing.

To date nothing further is known of the father, Thomas Harwood. He and Mary Elizabeth were married in the third quarter of 1895 at East Preston, West Sussex. Previously Mary Elizabeth (H)Ives was shown on the 1891 census as being a general

domestic servant for two elderly ladies who are letters of properties, and in 1881 she is with her parents John & Eliza A. Ives in Lancing, Sussex with her siblings Sarah b. 1870, Henry b. 1873, Alice L. b. 1877 and Amelia b. 1879. Her father is a bricklayer.

At some stage the couple seem to have parted and Mary Elizabeth has become acquainted with James Henry Lashmar, for they are shown on the 1901 census as residing together in Newman Road, Northfleet, Kent, along with Edith and Alexander. James Henry is shown as single whilst Mary Elizabeth is married. She is shown as being James Henry's housekeeper whilst he is a nurseryman/gardener. There are also two visitors, Alice L. (probably her sister) and Ernest C. Ives.

It is thought that Thomas HARWOOD is that shown on the 1881 census in Melbourne Street, Brighton, aged 6 years, residing with his parents Peter and Mary, along with siblings George b. 1864, Mary Jane b. 1867, Alice Sarah b. 1870, Ernest 1873 and Elizabeth 1880. Peter is a market gardener which follows in with the trade of James Henry Lashmar as a nurseryman / gardener.

Subsequently James and Mary Elizabeth move nearly 300 miles to appear on the 1911 census at 3, West View, Longton, Preston, a reasonably new Accrington bricked terraced house in a quiet cul-de-sac in rural Lancashire, where he is listed as a jobbing gardener. They are both identified as married, but it is only in 1914 that James and Mary Elizabeth are married at Preston Registry Office. By now Mabel has re-joined the family and she and Edith are shown as cotton weavers, probably at the local mill in nearby Walmer Bridge. Alexander is attending school with his half-brother George A. V. Lashmar, born 1904 in Preston, the first child registered as James and Mary's, the others being named Harwood.



The census record is noticeable that James writes his surname as Lashmar, but it would appear that the enumerator has written it in for the remainder of the family members, thus giving them the apparent respectability of being a married couple with their own children. The family have therefore become known as 'the Lashmars' and could well explain why Alexander has been shown on the village war memorial as A. W. Lashmar and not by his birth name of Harwood.

The two girls and George all later marry locally and all have families into modern times. George, Lydia Mary and their family of two boys move away to Barrow-in-Furness and he dies there in March, 1965.

Various Lashmar entries are found in Barratt's Trade Directories of Preston viz.

1922, page 619, Lashmar, Mary E., Marsh Lane, Longton,

1926, page 644, Lashmar, James, gardener, Daisy Nook, Marsh Lane, Longton,



“Daisy Nook”,

now no. 84 Marsh Lane, Longton

1932, page 585 Lashmar, Jas., gardener, Avalwood Ave., Longton.

This address has special significance in that Alexander Harwood is buried in Aval Wood Cemetery, France.

1936 page 734 Lashmar, Mrs. Mary, Avalwood Ave., Longton

1940 No trace

1944 No trace

1948 page 528 Lashmar, George, trawlerman, Dale Ave., Longton



In the 1934/5 voter registration list for Longton , James Henry and Mary Elizabeth and George A. V. and Lydia Mary Lashmar are all shown as residing in Avalwood Avenue, Longton.

In the 1945 list, only Lydia Mary is shown, at 3 Dale Avenue, Longton, but in the 1946 list she is shown along with George. By 1949 there is no trace of any members of the family in the Longton area.



By 1949, it would appear that various members of the family have moved into Preston for at 182, Roebuck Street, we see Mary E. Lashmar and her daughter Mabel Ethel Hamilton with her husband Joseph J. and a Thomas Hamilton in residence. It was here that James Henry Lashmar dies in



December 1948 whilst Mary Elizabeth dies there in June 1954. Both are buried at St. Andrew's church, Longton, and interred with them are daughter Edith Alice and her husband Frederick Preston along with Edith's daughter Mabel Gwendolene and her husband William Bannister, and their daughter Pamela.



Interred alongside are Mary Elizabeth's eldest daughter Mabel with her husband Joseph HAMILTON and their last child, daughter Barbara Doreen.

In the results below, the reference number will be a link. Clicking on this link will add your choice to a summary list on a new page. From this [summary page](#) you will be able to review all your search results and you will find links to printable application forms which can be used to order the certificate for the index entry. Full details of the charges and the Register Office address can be found on the form.

Lancashire Birth indexes for the years: 1904

Surname	Forename(s)	Sub-District	Registers At	Mother's Maiden Name	Reference
LASHMAR	George Albert Victor	East Preston	Preston	IVES	EP/2/9

Lancashire Birth indexes for the years: 1926

Surname	Forename(s)	Sub-District	Registers At	Mother's Maiden Name	Reference
LASHMAR	Allan Henry Graham	Longton	Preston	FLETCHER	LONG/37/76

Lancashire Birth indexes for the years: 1935

Surname	Forename(s)	Sub-District	Registers At	Mother's Maiden Name	Reference
LASHMAR	Royden	Longton	Preston	FLETCHER	LONG/1A/22

Total records matching : 3.

Lancashire Birth indexes for the years: 1932

Surname	Forename(s)	Sub-District	Registers At	Mother's Maiden Name	Reference
HAMILTON	Barbara	Longton	Preston	LASHMAN	LONG/39/4 4

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Many other counties have their BMD indexes on-line. If you can't find the entry in this area, perhaps you could try a neighbouring area. See the **Local BMD** section of

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Lancashire **BMD**

Births, Marriages and Deaths on the Internet

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Lancashire Marriage indexes for the years: 1914

Surname	Forename(s)	Surname	Forename(s)	Church / Register Office	Registers At	Reference
LASHMAR	James Henry	HARWOOD	Mary Elizabeth	Preston Register Office or Registrar Attended	Preston	PRESTON/148/145

Lancashire Marriage indexes for the years: 1916

Surname	Forename(s)	Surname	Forename(s)	Church / Register Office	Registers At	Reference
LASHMAR	Mabel Ethel	HAMILTON	Joseph John	Longton, St. Andrew's	Preston	220/1/324

Lancashire Marriage indexes for the years: 1920

Surname	Forename(s)	Surname	Forename(s)	Church / Register Office	Registers At	Reference
LASHMAR	Edith Alice	PRESTON	Frederick	Penwortham, St Mary	Preston	223/4/181

Lancashire Marriage indexes for the years: 1933

Surname	Forename(s)	Surname	Forename(s)	Church / Register Office	Registers At	Reference
LASHMAR (IVES)	Reginald George	HINDLE	Mary Alice	Preston Register Office or Registrar Attended	Preston	PRESTON/200/10

* See explanation at the end of the page.

Lancashire Marriage indexes for the years: 1935

Surname	Forename(s)	Surname	Forename(s)	Church / Register Office	Registers At	Reference
LASHMAR	Gladys Irene Ives	HARRISON	Thomas William	Preston, St David's Protestant Church, Eldon Street	Preston	321/2/48

Lancashire Marriage indexes for the years: 1947

Surname	Forename(s)	Surname	Forename(s)	Church / Register Office	Registers At	Reference
LASHMAR *	Mary Alice Ives	JOHNSON	Peter William Alexander	Preston Register Office or Registrar Attended	Preston	PRESTON/27A/169

* See explanation at the end of the page.

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Where the first surname is a web link followed by an asterisk (*), it signifies that there are alternative entries in the database for this reference number. Click on the surname to display the full list of alternatives and an explanation of why this occurs.

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Information regarding the purchase of certificates can be found in the [Marriages Information](#) page.

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Lancashire Death indexes for the years: 1948

Surname	Forename(s)	Age	Sub-District	Registers At	Reference
LASHMAR	James Henry	77	Preston North East	Preston	PNE/21B/38

Lancashire Death indexes for the years: 1954

Surname	Forename(s)	Age	Sub-District	Registers At	Reference
LASHMAR	Mary Elizabeth	79	Preston South West	Preston	PSW/3C/76

Lancashire Death indexes for the years: 1971

Surname	Forename(s)	Age	Sub-District	Registers At	Reference
LASHMAR	James Thomas	80	Chorley	Preston	CHO/7D/79

No matching records were found for LASHMAR in the following years:
1901 to 1974

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Information regarding the purchase of certificates can be found in the [Deaths Information](#) page.

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LONGTON ST. ANDREWS



THE GRAVE REGISTERS 1895 - 1987

<u>Name</u>	<u>Burial Date</u>	<u>Page No.</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Other Details</u>	<u>Grave No.</u>
LASHMAR, James Henry	14.Dec.1948	119	77	182 Roebuck Street, Preston	NC119
LASHMAR, Mary Elizabeth	03.Jun.1954	119	79	182 Roebuck Street, Preston	NC119

EXTRACT FROM THE MARRIAGE REGISTER**St. Mary's, Penwortham**PR 3005 / 1 / 5Page 47Entry No. 94

Nov.21 1925	George Albert Victor LASHMAR	21	Bat.	Motor Driver	Marsh Lane, Longton	James Henry LASHMAR	Gardener
	Lydia Mary FLETCHER	21	Spin.	---	Marsh Lane, Longton	Samuel G. FLETCHER	Labourer
(Signed)	George Albert Victor Lashmar Lydia Mary Fletcher			(Witnesses)	Alfred Wareing Lucy Graham Fletcher		H. Woodfield Assist. Priest

EXTRACT FROM THE MARRIAGE REGISTER**St. Andrew's, Longton**PR 3007 / 1 / 5Page 162Entry No. 324

Sept. 25 1916	Joseph John HAMILTON	22	Bat.	Chauffeur	Gore Farm	Thomas Henry HAMILTON	Herdsmen
	Mabel Ethel LASHMAR	22	Spin.	---	Marsh Lane	---	---
(Signed)	Joseph John Hamilton Mabel Ethel Lashmar			(Witnesses)	James Henry Lashmar Frances Hamilton		W. H. Norris Vicar

* It is noticeable that Mabel registers herself as 'Lashmar' but does not list a father's name, whilst James Henry signs the register.

John **IVES** ... m. ... Eliza A. ???
b. 1847 b. 1854
Lancing, Sussex Washington, Sussex

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Mary Elizabeth **IVES** ... m. ...
b. 1875 Lancing, West Sussex $\frac{3}{4}$ 1895 East Preston, West Sussex 2b 715

Joseph **LASHMAR** m. Eliza **HAMMOND**
!
#2 James Henry **LASHMAR** m, Mary Elizabeth **HARWOOD**
b. 05 Dec 1871 1914 !
Lock(Lark)spur Rock, Suffolk Preston Registry Office !
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bur. 14 Dec 1948 bur. 3 June 1954
St. Andrew's, Longton St. Andrew's, Longton

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Peter **HARWOOD** ... m. ... Mary ???
b. 1835 b. 1840
Sullington, Sussex Ditchling, Sussex

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#1 Thomas **HARWOOD**

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Mabel Ethel ???
b. 1894
Worthing
d. 1974
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M. E.
LASHMAR
!
m. Joseph John
HAMILTON
1916
St. Andrew's,
Longton
d. 1956
!
Edith Alice
HARWOOD
b. 1896
Worthing
d. 1962
!
E. A.
LASHMAR
!
m. Frederick
PRESTON
1920
St. Mary's,
Penwortham
!
Alexander William
Roydon HARWOOD
b. 1898
Worthing
d. 28 June 1918
France

! _____ !
!
Mabel Gwendolene
PRESTON
Alexander
William

!	Royden Wilfred	Muriel May	Barbara Doreen	b. 1920	Ronald
!	HAMILTON	HAMILTON	HAMILTON	d. 1980	PRESTON
!	b. 1917	b. 1928	b. 1932	!	b. 1923
!					

from: Sarah Lashmar
to: "big.makk@virgin.net" <big.makk@virgin.net>
date: 10 September 2012 13:06
subject: family tree

Hi Makk,

I'm Paul Lashmar's daughter Sarah- my dad asked me to email these details to you- sorry for the delay. It was really interesting finding out about my grandads family; it was good of you to take the time out, not only in finding out the history but also in letting us know of your findings.

If you can open the scan, it looks a bit messy on paper briefly- Nicola b.1981 and Melanie b. 1983 are Peter and Irenes children- Nicola has 3 children, no partner- Melanie has 1 daughter and marries Ryan next month.

Janet and Paul have 3 daughters Sarah (myself), Emma & Sophie- I married Ben and we have 2 boys Elliot & Zach (Lashmar-Bolton- surname). Emma has 1 son James (Lashmar- surname) and her partner Christopher Hodgson has 3 boys Morgan, Dylan & Ethan (Hodgson-surname) from a previous marriage. Sophie Lashmar and her partner Mark Mackintosh have 2 children Lily and George (Lashmar-Mackintosh- surname).

Tony has no children of his own but his partner Lynne Horne has one son Stuart Horne and married Kerry and have 2 boys Joesph and Ben Horne.

Thanks again for your time and information, its definately something for our family to treasure and continue for future generations.

Kind Regards Sarah

Gladys Irene LASHMAR (IVES)
b. ¼ 1915 Chichester, Sussex
m.m.n. Collings
2b 623

m. Thomas William HARRISON
1935
St. David's, Eldon Street, Preston

Reginald George LASHMAR (IVES)
b. 4/4 1912 Chichester, Sussex,
m.m.n. Collings
2b 631

m. Mary Alice HINDLE
1933
Preston Registry Office

Mary Alice LASHMAR (IVES)

m. Peter William JOHNSON
1947
Preston Registry Office
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Peter David JOHNSON (mother's maiden name IVES/LASHMAR)
b. 1948
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Martin Ditchfield JOHNSON (mother's maiden name LASHMAR/HINDLE)
b. 1951



Lydia Mary Lashmar with son Allan Henry at James Henry and Mary Elizabeth's house in Avalwood Avenue, Longton



Gwendoline Hamilton's marriage to William Preston, she being the daughter of Mabel Ethel Lashmar, George A. V.'s half-sister. ???



George A.V. & Lydia Mary Lashmar with Fred Preston.



Mary Elizabeth Lashmar with Royden Wilfred and Mabel Gwendolene



Royden Lashmar with aunt Alice Fletcher.



Mary Elizabeth Lashmar
(Ives)



Lydia Mary
Lashmar (Fletcher)



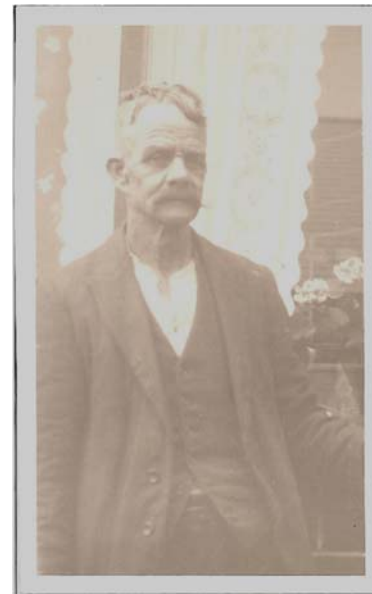
George A.V. Lashmar
with sons
Allan Henry & Royden



Lydia Mary Lashmar
with son Allan



George & Lydia Lashmar with
Granny Fletcher, Allan Lashmar,
Alf. & Alice House, Lucy & Tom
Ainscough, Graham Fletcher &
Roy Lashmar



James Henry Lashmar



Lydia Mary Lashmar
nee Fletcher

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Application Number PAS 766052/1/99

REGISTRATION DISTRICT
 1872 BIRTH in the Sub-district of Westleton in the Blything County of Suffolk

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
	<u>168</u> <u>1871</u> <u>Leiston</u>	<u>James Henry</u>	<u>Boy</u>	<u>Joseph Lashmar</u>	<u>Oliza Lashmar</u> <u>formerly</u> <u>Mammond</u>	<u>Coast Guard</u>	<u>Oliza Lashmar</u> <u>Mother</u> <u>Leiston</u>	<u>Second Sunday</u> <u>1872</u>	<u>James Bond</u> <u>Registrar</u>	

CERTIFIED to be a true copy of an entry in the certified copy of a Register of Births in the District above mentioned.

Given at the GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE, under the Seal of the said Office, the 23th day of June 19 99

BXBY 647163

*See note overleaf



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Copy of James Henry Lashmar's birth certificate

The undermentioned Houses are situate within the Boundaries of the

Municipal Borough of		Municipal Ward of	Parliamentary Borough of	Town or Village or Hamlet of	Urban Sanitary District of	Rural Sanitary District of	Ecological Parish or District of			
Lancing										
No. of House	ROAD, STREET, ALLEY, or No. or NAME of HOUSE	HOUSES by which the House is entered (2)	NAME and Surname of each Person	RELATION to Head of Family	CON-DITION as to Marriage	AGE last Birthday of		Rank, Profession, or OCCUPATION	WHERE BORN	If (1) Deaf-and-Dumb (2) Blind (3) Imbecile or Idiot (4) Lunatic
						Males	Females			
36		1	John Ives	Head	Mar	34		Bricklayer	Lancing	
			Mary E. Ives	Wife	Mar	30		No occupation	Do	
			Joseph Goetcheu	Son		11		Scholar	Do	
			Henry G. Ives	Son		8		Scholar	Do	
			George G. Ives	Son		6		Scholar	Do	
			Elizabeth G. Ives	Son		4		Scholar	Do	
			Ann G. Ives	Son		2			Do	
37		1	Joseph Ives	Head	Mar	38		General Lat	Do	
			John Ives	Wife	Mar	31		No occupation	Do	
			Henry Ives	Son		6		Scholar	Do	
			Elizabeth Ives	Son		4		Scholar	Do	
			Henry Ives	Son		1			Do	
38		1	Mathaniel Blake	Head	Mar	67		carpenter	Do	
			Ann E. Blake	Wife	Mar	42			Do	
			Margaret Blake	Son	Mar	40			Do	
			Elizabeth Blake	Son	Mar	39		carpenter	Do	
			William Blake	Son	Mar	37		carpenter	Do	
39		1	Joseph Ives	Head	Mar	41		Brickmaker	Do	
			Elizabeth Ives	Wife	Mar	41			Do	
			Elizabeth Ives	Son	Mar	20		Waste Dealer	Do	
			George Ives	Son	Mar	16		Brickmaker	Do	
			William Ives	Son	Mar	14		Brickmaker	Do	
			Joseph Ives	Son		8		Scholar	Do	
			Ann Ives	Son		6		Scholar	Do	
			Charles Ives	Son		1			Do	
Total of Houses...		4	Total of Males and Females...			12	13			

NOTE.—Draw the pen through such of the words of the headings as are inappropriate.

1881 census showing Mary E. IVES at home with her family in Lancing, Sussex

The undermentioned Houses are situate within the Boundaries of the

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Civil Parish for Enumeration	City or Municipal Borough of	Municipal Ward of	Parliamentary Borough of	Town or Village or Hamlet of	Urban Sanitary District of	Rural Sanitary District of	Religious Parish or District of		
Brighton	Brighton	Yark	Brighton		Brighton		St Martin's		
No. of Houses	ROAD, STREET, &c. and No. or NAME of HOUSE	HOURS	NAME and Surname of each Person	RELATION to Head of Family	CON-DITION as to Marriage	AGE last Birthday of	Rank, Profession, or OCCUPATION	WHERE BORN	If (1) Deaf-and-Dumb (2) Blind (3) Insane or Lobot (4) Lunatic
	Radstonchens 119 Jones Road		John Williams	Head	Married	38	Publican	Freebury	
19	122 Jones Road (Radstonchens)		Francis	Wife		46	" wife	Freebury	
			Julia Bennett	Servant		20	Domestic Servant	Wilmington	
20	Melrose St (Home)		Richard Baker	Head	Married	47	Cookkeeper mill-	Wilmington	
			Elmy	Wife		64	" wife	Wilmington	
21	Melrose St		John Upton	Head	Married	40	Gardener	Wilmington	
			Martha	Wife		60	" wife	Wilmington	
22	Melrose St		Geo Bartlett	Head	Married	35	Low Carpenter	Wilmington	
			Mary E. Bartlett	Wife		25	" wife	Wilmington	
			Francis Emay Bartlett	Servant		4	"	Wilmington	
			Walter E. Bartlett	"		3	"	Wilmington	
23	Melrose St		Walter James	Head	Married	46	Market Gardener	Wilmington	
			Mary	Wife		41	" wife	Wilmington	
			Geo	Servant		14	"	Brighton	
			Mary Jane	Servant		14	Scholar	"	
			Alice Sarah	Servant		11	"	"	
			Conest	Servant		5	"	"	
			Thomas	Servant		6	"	"	
			Elizabeth	Servant		1	"	"	
24	Bellflower St								
6	Total of Houses...					8			
						11			

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Eng— Sheet H.

1881 census showing Thomas HARWOOD at home with his family in Brighton, Sussex

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Administrative County of West Sussex The undermentioned Houses are situate within the Boundaries of the Page 12

Civil Parish of Broadwater Municipal Borough of Northring Municipal Ward of Central Urban Sanitary District of Worthing Town or Village or Hamlet of Worthing Rural Sanitary District of ✓ Parliamentary Borough or Division of Worthing Ecclesiastical Parish or District of St. Peter's

Col. 1 No. of Schedule	2 ROAD, STREET, &c., and No. or NAME of HOUSE	3 HOUSES			6 NAME and Surname of each Person	7 RELATION to Head of Family	8 CON- DIT- ION as to Marriage	9 AGE last Birthday of		11 PROFESSION or OCCUPATION	12 Employer	13 Employed	14 Number of Years Employed	15 WHERE BORN	16 If (1) Deaf-and-Dumb (2) Blind (3) Lunatic, Imbecile or Idiot
		In- habited	Un- habited (U. or N. or (H.))	Number of Persons occupying it (if less than five)				Males	Females						
	93 <u>Marine Parade</u> <u>Cont.</u>				Margaret H. H. H. H. H.	Daughter								Surrey. Putney	
					Gertrude M. - do -	Daughter								do do	
					Emma M. - do -	Sister	S							Middlesex. Leamington	
85	94 - do -	1			Anne H. - do -	Head	S	68		Letting Furnishes & House	do			Bucks. Princes Risborough	
					Maria - do -	Sister	S	64		Partnership	do			do do	
86					Mary Hives	Servant	S	17		General Servant Domestic				Sussex. Lewes	
					George Elliott	Head	M	38		Builder	X			do Brighton	
					White do	Wife	M	38						Middlesex. Poplar	
					Alice G. do	Daughter		11		School				London. Canning	
					George J. do	Son		10		do				do do	
					Arthur J. do	Son		5		do				do do	
87	95 do -	1			Ann W. do	Daughter		14		do				do do	
					Ann Whitford	Head	Wid	74		Lodging house keeper				Cambridgeshire. Histon	
					Sophia Kidman	Wife	S	36		Housemaid Dom				do do	
88					Wm B. Hayes	Wife	M	32		Wife of Head Merchant				Warrickshire. Birmingham	
					Edwards B. do	Son								Surrey. St. Margate. Brighton	
					Frances E. do	Daughter		12						Warrickshire. Birmingham	
					Helen W. Horne	Wife	S	19		Independent ill				London. Finsbury	
					Elizabeth A. Denny	Sister	S	25		Teacher, Domestic Servant				Staffordshire. Sandbach	
89					Mary D. Thompson	Wife	S	28		Washing on her own				Yorkshire. West. Mid. Gains	
					Mary Christie	Nurse	S	30		Sick Nurse				Scotland	
					Jane A. Ambrose	Head	S	30		Washing on her own				Scotland	
90	96 - do -	1			Mary J. Hall	Head	M	34		Washing on her own	X			Sussex. Brighton	
					Sarah do	Wife	M	40		Lodging House keeper	X			do. Newham	
					Esther Austen	Servant	S	15		Domestic	X			do. Brighton	
91					William H. H. H. H.	Head	Wid	57		Professor of Mathematics King's School				London (City). St. Dunstons Parish	
					Margaret M. - do -	Daughter		72		College teacher				Cambridgeshire (St. Albans) Cambridge	
92					Margaret Adams	Head	Wid	39		Stone				Scotland. Edinburgh	
					Margaret E. Adams	Daughter	S	17		Stone				do do	
					Elizabeth Martens	Wife	S	31		Sick Nurse & Nurse				Somerset. Wells	
Total of Houses and of		4						67							

1891 Census showing Mary (H)Ives as a 17 years old domestic servant in Broadwater, Sussex

Administrative County		The undermentioned Houses are situate within the boundaries of the													Page 12
Civil Parish		Ecclesiastical Parish		County Borough, Municipal Borough, or Urban District			Ward of Municipal Borough or of Urban District		Rural District		Parliamentary Borough or Division		Town or Village or Hamlet		
of Northfleet (Part of)		of All Saints (Part of)		of Northfleet (Part of)			of		of		of		of		
No. of Inhabitants	ROAD, STREET, &c. and No. or NAME of HOUSE	HOUSES			Name and Surname of each Person	RELATION to Head of Family	Sex	Age last Birthday	PROFESSION OR OCCUPATION	Employer, Worker, or Own account	If Working at Home	WHERE BORN	If		
		Inhabited	Uninhabited	Empty									(1) Deaf and Dumb	(2) Blind	
		In	Out	of			Male	Female				(3) Lunatic	(4) Imbecile, feeble-minded		
72	36 Coopers R ^d	1			Margaret Garris	Head	W	47	Wash. woman	Own acc.	at home	Norfolk, New Houghton			
					Fredrick Garris	Son	M	22				Kent, Northfleet		Paralysed	
73	38 Coopers R ^d	1			Alexander D ^c	Son	M	47	Grocer assistant	Worker		Kent, Northfleet			
					Sussey Godwin	Head	W	68				Kent, Farningham			
74	40 Coopers R ^d	1			Alice L. Dennis	Grandson	M	18	Dischargee	Worker		Essex, Upstose, Bick			
75	42 Coopers R ^d	1			James H. Fox	Head	M	24	Center on farm	Worker		Kent, Northfleet			
					Fanny Fox	Wife	W	27				Kent, Gravesend			
					William Gradnick	Head	M	39				Kent, Stone			
					Mary Gradnick	Wife	W	38	Fields worker			Kent, Stone			
					Alice D ^c	Daughter	W	15				Kent, Stone			
					William D ^c	Son	M	12				Kent, Stone			
					Emily D ^c	Daughter	W	10				Kent, Stone			
					Beatrice D ^c	Daughter	W	6				Kent, Stone			
					John D ^c	Son	M	4				Kent, Stone			
					Darry D ^c	Son	M	4				Kent, Stone			
					Walter Gardner	Brother-in-law	M	29	Gardener			Kent, Northfleet			
76	1 Newmans R ^d	1			Frances M. Willis	Head	W	75	Living on own means			Kent, Northfleet			
77	2 Newmans R ^d	1			Charles H. A. Westfield	Head	M	57	Quarantine Inspector	Worker		Essex, Witham			
					William Westfield	Wife	W	51				Essex, Loughton			
78	3 Newmans R ^d	1			Fortunatus Lyons	Head	M	32	Carpenter	Worker		Kent, Longfield			
					Ellen M. Lyons	Wife	W	32				London, Bermondsey			
					Fortunatus D ^c	Son	M	7				Kent, Longfield			
79	4 Newmans R ^d	1			Mary Eves	Head	W	69	Wash. woman	Worker		Kent, Whitwood			
					Amble Eves	Grandson	M	9				Kent, Gravesend			
80	5 Newmans R ^d	1			James H. Lashmar	Head	M	28	Nursery Gardener	Worker		Suffolk, Larkspoe Road			
					Mary Harwood	Wife	W	26	Housekeeper			Essex, Loughton			
					Edith A. D ^c	Daughter	W	4				Sussex, Worthing			
					Alexander W. D ^c	Daughter	W	2				Sussex, Worthing			
					Alice L. D ^c	Daughter	W	24				Sussex, Lancing			
					Ernest C. D ^c	Daughter	M	14				Sussex, Lancing			
9	Total of Schedules of Houses and of Tenements with less than Five Houses	9			Total of Males and of Females...			14	16						

NOTE—Draw your pen through each word of the headings as are inapplicable.

1901 Census showing Mary Harwood living with James H. Lashmar and her children in Northfleet, Kent

then the preparation of Statistical Tables.

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.	Ages of Males.	Ages of Females.	Write "Single," "Married," "Widower," or "Widow," or opposite the names of all persons aged 15 years and upwards.	Completed years the present Marriage has lasted. If less than one year write "under one."	Children born alive to present Marriage. (If no children born alive write "None" in Column 7.)	Children still living.	Children who have died.	Personal Occupation.	Industry or Service with which worker is connected.	Whether Employer, Worker, or Working on Own Account.			
1 James Lashmar	Head	38		Married	10	3	1	2	Jabbing Gardener	Job	Worker		Suffolk	English	
2 Mary Elizabeth Lashmar	Wife	36		Married	10	3	1	2					230 Sussex	English	
3 Mabel Ethel Lashmar	Daughter	14		Single					Cotton Weaver	250	Worker		Sussex	English	
4 Edith Alice Lashmar	Daughter	14		Single					Cotton Weaver	1	Worker		Sussex	English	
5 Alexander William Lashmar	Son	12		Single					School	590			Sussex	English	
6 George Albert Victor Lashmar	Son	7		Single					School				Lancs	English	

(To be filled up by the Enumerator.)

I certify that— (1) All the ages on this Schedule are entered in the proper sex columns. (2) I have counted the males and females in Columns 3 and 4 separately, and have compared their sum with the total number of persons. (3) After making the necessary enquiries I have completed all entries on this Schedule which appeared to be defective, and have corrected such as appeared to be erroneous. Initials of Enumerator: <i>JL</i>	Total.		
	Males.	Females.	Persons.
	3	3	6

(To be filled up by, or on behalf of, the Head of Family or other person in occupation, or in charge, of this dwelling.)

Write below the Number of Rooms in this Dwelling (House, Tenement, or Apartment). Count the kitchen as a room 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 *James Lashmar*

Postal Address *3, West View Longton Lancs*

Three

1911 Census showing Mary Elizabeth (Harwood) residing with her family at 3 West View, Longton, Lancs. She will only marry James Lashmar in 1914 although they are shown as 'married'. The children are shown as 'Lashmar' but only George A. V. is their child. The others are of Thomas Harwood.

Table listing marriages for the fourth quarter of 1895, organized by surname (HARLEY to HARWOOD). Each entry includes names, district, and page number. A red arrow points to 'Henry' in the HARLEY section, page 715.

The fourth quarter G.R.O. marriage indexes for 1895 showing Thomas HARWOOD reference E. Preston 2b 715

**[Alexander W R Harwood East Lancashire Regiment 31517 Private
Cheshire Regiment 9513 Private Manchester Regiment ...](#)**

War Office: Service Medal and Award Rolls Index, First World War. Alexander W R Harwood East Lancashire Regiment 31517 Private Cheshire Regiment 9513 Private Manchester Regiment 62996 Private.

- Collection: Records created or inherited by the War Office, Armed Forces, Judge Advocate General, and related bodies
- Date range: 01 January 1914 - 31 December 1920
- Reference: WO 372/9/76228
- Subjects: Regiments and Corps, Medals, Operations, battles and campaigns, Conflict

From: "stewart mcloughlin" <big.makk@virgin.net>
To: "Suffolk Family History Society" <publications@suffolkfhs.org.uk>
Sent: Tuesday, July 31, 2012 11:01 PM
Subject: Enquiry from Suffolk Family History Society

I am conducting research into our local war casualties (for the last 15 years) and am currently dealing with one who's step-father is shown on the 1911 census as from Lockspur(not sure of the spelling) Rock, Suffolk.

No trace on the internet or in the Ordnance Survey mapping.

Could you possibly point out to me where it is?

Regards

Stewart McLoughlin

from: Elizabeth Arkieson
to: stewart mcloughlin <big.makk@virgin.net>
date: 1 August 2012 08:20subject:
Re: Enquiry from Suffolk Family History Society

Even with Suffolk dialect I am not able to help but have forwarded to a colleague who might be able to assist. I will ask around too.

Regards

Elizabeth Arkieson

from: STEWART MCLOUGHLIN big.makk@virgin.net
to: Elizabeth Arkieson
date: 1 August 2012 10:50subject:
Re: Enquiry from Suffolk Family History Society

Cheers Elizabeth, I shall await your deliberations

Stewart

from: Elizabeth Arkieson
to: stewart mcloughlin <big.makk@virgin.net>
date: 1 August 2012 13:42subject:
Re: Enquiry from Suffolk Family History Society

Hello again Stewart. I have had a reply from my colleague, who was a senior archivist in Bury St Edmunds R O and he is also presently very involved with the Suffolk Regiment Museum. He and three old Suffolk folk he has spoken to all have drawn a blank on that name. I won't delete your query.

Regards

Elizabeth

from: STEWART MCLOUGHLIN big.makk@virgin.net
to: Elizabeth Arkieson
date: 1 August 2012 22:52subject:
Re: Enquiry from Suffolk Family History Society

Hi Elizabeth

Many thanks for you and your friends time on this one.

Have had considerable trouble with this project over the years, so just another outstanding query.

Had good success however yesterday and today with building up the family tree on this one and it is now virtually complete.

Just hope I can eventually build up a biography of our casualty and hopefully a photograph.

Regards

Stewart

from: Robinson, Simon
to: "big.makk@virgin.net" <big.makk@virgin.net>
date: 13 August 2012 18:43
subject: Lashmar/Preston/Bannister/Robinson Grave

Dear Stewart,

In speaking with my Dad recently, he mentioned that you had contacted him regarding the family grave in St. Andrews church yard. I am not sure what information you already have or if there is any specific details you are looking for, but I may be able to help. In addition to my Mum, the grave contains 3 generations of my grandparents of whom I have done some research on.

Please don't hesitate to give me a shout anytime.

Best regards,

Simon Robinson

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Lake Wylie
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USA 29710

from: STEWART MCLOUGHLIN big.makk@virgin.net
to: "Robinson, Simon"
date: 14 August 2012 12:45
subject: Re: Lashmar/Preston/Bannister/Robinson Grave

Well Simon, it's not like I can pop across for a coffee seeing as where you are, but here goes.

Some fifteen years ago our local vicar here at St. Andrew's, Longton, found out that I had retired and was of the impression that I may have a spare hour, so he asked me to research the parochial war memorial inside Church, basically to ascertain the forenames of the WW1 casualties so that they may be included when the names are read out each Armistice Sunday.

So off I set with my former police investigative and my knowledge of family history research skills. Well, some fifteen years later I am still on the trail of finding out the casualty's details, as it is not as easy as one would think. There can also be a considerable cost implication in a search that has no funding. I continue to travel around the UK, Europe and sometimes have farther afield connections including North America, the Far East and the Antipodes. It can be an all-consuming interest, but it keeps the grey matter occupied and in reasonable working condition.

What I try to do for each casualty is not just to find out his name, but to build up a biography of him, schooling, occupation, interests, membership of any organisations i.e. bible class, choir, boys brigade, scouts, sports clubs and any other general knowledge of him that builds up a profile, especially a photograph, not just a cold name on a bronze plaque.

It is the intention, eventually, to place all the information into the village library for others to read and hopefully to remember them, that they are not forgotten. We have already placed details of some of the information of our WW2 casualties on the village web-site, which we also intend to do for WW1 at a later date. You can see this early effort at:-

www.longtononline.co.uk

Go to History, click on WW2 and then scroll down to each individual casualty and click on.

Specifically with soldier A.W. Lashmar, as he is listed on St. Andrew's memorial, it has taken well over a decade to work out who he was, his family and its subsequent tree. It didn't help that he was listed under the wrong name, for A.W. Lashmar he wasn't, or was he?

Having now significantly researched the various archives, there are more still to be done though, I can say that he was the third child of Mary Elizabeth HARWOOD, nee (H)Ives, and Thomas Harwood, who originate from near Brighton, Sussex. Before him there were two sisters, Mabel Ethel b. 1894 and Edith Alice b. 1896, and (Alexander as we shall call him) b. 1898.

By the 1901 census for Kent, Mary Alice, Edith and Alexander, though still shown as married, are living as the housekeeper to a single man, James Henry Lashmar, some two years older, who is described as single. I have not yet traced any further information on Thomas Harwood.

In the 1911 census for Longton, Lancs., Mary Elizabeth and the now three children are still living with Lashmar, but a fourth child George Albert Victor Lashmar is seven years old. Each are described as son/daughter, the marriages has lasted 10 years, though 'married' applying to James Henry has been crossed out to be corrected as 'Head' of the family, there have been three children born alive, one has survived and two have died. These census replies create more questions than they have answered, for though Mary Elizabeth is described as 'wife', they are not married until 1914 at Preston Registry Office. Where is Thomas Harwood? Is Mary Elizabeth still married to him? Has he died or has Mary Elizabeth committed bigamy? What does she describe herself on the marriage register?

Anyway, they have settled down as the Lashmar family, Alexander goes to war with the Cheshires, then the Manchesters and finally the East Lancashires, before he is killed just five months before the end of the conflict.

In the parish magazine for St. Mary's, Penwortham, he is listed as A.W. Harwood but on the memorial at St. Andrew's as Lashmar. On the official records he is shown as Harwood and his headstone likewise. I have visited it and placed a British Legion cross by the side of it.

So you can see that a lot of investigative work has had to be gone into to find out the whys and wherefores of Alexander William Roydon Harwood (Lashmar), one of the most intriguing investigations I have conducted. There are still a number of questions to be resolved, but I don't think we will ever know the full story of the family, especially the earlier days.

That part of the Lashmar family that are the only ones to carry on the name, from George Albert Victor, now reside in the Barrow-in-Furness area and three of them came down to visit me last Friday (10th) and we have exchanged various information that neither knew of. Various photographs and memorabilia were exchanged, especially one each of Mary Elizabeth and James Henry, but regretfully none of Alexander. We have no idea where his war medals or the 'Deadman's Penny' are. I am hoping to continue follow-up research with the various regimental archives.

Well, that's the (my) story so far. Any additions or corrections would be most appreciated.

Regards,
Stewart McLoughlin, Longton, Lancs.

from: Robinson, Simon
to: STEWART MCLOUGHLIN <big.makk@virgin.net>
date: 14 August 2012 14:29subject:
RE: Lashmar/Preston/Bannister/Robinson Grave

Dear Stewart,

Thanks for the note. It's been 6 months or so since I dove headlong into this myself, so will need to go back over my notes/findings. Just like yourself, my research threw up as many questions as it did answers, I only wish I had started work on this prior to my Mum passing away a few years ago as she had quite a bit of insight into some of the family history. She was particularly close to Edith Alice who was her Grandmother and my Great Grandmother. On several occasions she mentioned the Harwood family and claiming some aristocratic connection. I would be interested to know what the family in Barrow were able to share, unfortunately the only time I ever used to see them was at funerals. One thing that is interesting, of which I wasn't aware, was that one of Alexander's middle names was Roydon. Mum often used to speak of her cousin Roydon with whom she had been close growing up and who ended up living in Twickenham. Unfortunately the only reason I remember this is my love of the oval ball game.

Once I've done some digging I will get back to you with anything I can find.

Best regards,

Simon

from: STEWART MCLOUGHLIN big.makk@virgin.net
to: "Robinson, Simon"
date: 14 August 2012 15:07subject:
Re: Lashmar/Preston/Bannister/Robinson Grave

It's always the same with family history, "I wish I had spoken to so-and-so before they died." What tales they could have passed on.

Sorry to say that as yet I have not found an aristocratic connection, other than maybe when Mary Elizabeth was a teenage housekeeper for two elderly lady property developers near Brighton.

The Barrow family similar to yourself know little bits of the whole having done their own research. I shall be in contact with them in the coming weeks.

I think the Roydo(e)n your mum spoke of will be Roydon Lashmar, uncle of the Barrow family members who came down to see me last week. I have given them a copy of the family tree I have put together for their perusal.

I shall await your deliberations.

Regards

Stewart

from: STEWART MCLOUGHLIN big.makk@virgin.net
to: info@onesuffolk.co.uk
date: 15 August 2012 16:07
subject: LARKSPUR ROCK - Westleton Parish

Good morning, can you help me please?

I have been conducting research on our local war memorials here in our villages just south-west of Preston, Lancashire, for the last fifteen-or-so years.

One that has been somewhat stubborn in coming up with any information on one of our casualties has only in the last weeks and days even, come up with something useful.

It would appear that our casualty's stepfather, a James Henry Lashmar, born 1871, was the son of a Coastguard, Joseph Lashmar, stationed near Westleton, his birth being given as in Leiston.

Looking at the Ordnance Survey mapping for the area shows a small number of Coastguard cottages, on the coast, just east of Eastbridge, which would support that information.

On the 1911 Census, James Henry Lashmar gives his place of birth as Larkspur Rock, Suffolk.

The question is, where is/was Larkspur Rock?

To give this as a place of birth is very precise. The location in respects of modern mapping may now be somewhat different due to coastal erosion.

Any help to identify the precise location would be gratefully received.

Regards

Stewart McLoughlin

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16th August, 2012



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MARGETSON FAMILY

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Margetson,

You may re-call that I have telephoned you a couple of times over the last week or so, in an effort to clarify some details about the Margetson family.

The reason I am doing so is that our local vicar asked me a number of years ago to research the names on our local war memorial. I am a member of the Preston Family History branch of the LFHHS and this is the kind of thing we do.

One of these casualties was an Alexander William Royden HARWOOD whose name on the memorial is LASHMAR, but that is another story which I won't trouble you with at this time.

Anyway, this young man who was born near Brighton, Sussex, but moved into our village with his family in the early part of the 20th Century, was killed some five months before the end of the First World War.

He had two elder sisters and a younger brother, the family of him I have traced up in Barrow-in-Furness. His younger sister, Edith Alice married and we have now traced that subsequent modern family. His eldest sister, Mabel Ethel married a Joseph John HAMILTON and they had three children, the last being Barbara Doreen who died as a child.

The middle child was a Muriel May, and now we come to the Margetson connection, who married a Ralph Stephen Margetson here at our local church where the memorial is, in 1949. Their two children were Alan b. 1950 and Keith b. 1952.

When I searched the birth/marriage/death records, the only one with an Alan and Keith were of a family in Glamorgan in the 1950's, Alan born in 1950 and Keith in 1952. Their subsequent marriages in the records are why I have called you by telephone, for they seem to show the relevant members of your family as the possible descendants of Mabel Ethel. I am seeking if you can possibly confirm this? If this is correct, I would like to ask a number of other questions, especially if you are aware of Alan and Keith's cousin Neil, from the eldest son Royden Wilfred Hamilton.

I have managed to trace about eleven cousins of the family, some whom have lost contact over the years, and would like to conclude by finding Mabel Ethel's descendants.

Yours sincerely

Mr. & Mrs. N. Margetson
23 Dalton Road
Port Talbot
Glamorgan
SA12 6SF

Stewart McLoughlin

4, Dudley Close
Longton
PRESTON
Lancs
PR4 5WH

18th August, 2012

Hi, I'm sorry I don't know your name but your mum, Janet, has put me in touch with you so that I can return the enclosed photos etc to Paul and Peter Lashmar who came down to see me last week.

We have been co-operating on tracing your Lashmar/Harwood family tree following my investigation of a member of the family who was killed in the First World War.

At that time he, and the other members of the family, including who I believe was your great grandfather, George Albert Victor Lashmar were living here in Longton, before moving up to Barrow.

I should be obliged if you can return these documents to Paul/Peter as they are a most valuable archive of your family and would not wish to hold on to them any longer than necessary. I have to do it through you I never thought to get Paul and Peter's addresses before they returned to Barrow, and thanking them for their invaluable assistance.

I am currently awaiting a reply from a family in South Wales which I believe is another branch of your family and hope to be seeing another different branch that still lives locally this coming week.

It has been an intriguing period of research over the last 10 years that eventually looks to be coming to a successful conclusion.

Again, many thanks for your time and assistance in the matter.

Stewart McLoughlin