

Who's Who 1914-1918

Information gathered from 1912 & 1916 trade directories, South Collingham Parish Newsletters 1913-1919, Collingham & Nottinghamshire Archives & Fleet magazines

The principal landowners of North Collingham in 1916 were listed as the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, the trustees of the late William Wright JP (of Vine Farm) & Mrs Colton (this could refer to Minnie Colton of South Scarle Hall) See p

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TN = Telephone Number

Banks 'Bank House' 94 High St (sub-branch) Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Banking Co Ltd & Westminster Bank Ltd London

Carriers (to Lincoln Fridays and Newark and back on Wednesdays & Saturdays market days) Carriers were George Cree (1912) William Hickman and A E Williams¹ (1916)

Collingham Cricket Club: Sec. Mr Arthur Loveday

Collingham Farmers' Club: Sec. James Crocker

Collingham Gas, Light and Coke Co: Sec. Richard Cook

Collingham Gymnastics Club²: Sec. Frederick Hoe

Collingham Public Hall Co. Ltd George Hind

Collingham Rural Library (based in the schools)

Librarian: Miss E Brooke (1912) Miss A Pennington (1916) Open Wednesdays 3.30 – 5.00 and Fridays 6.00 – 8.00 pm

¹ Arthur Ernest Williams of Eakring was conscripted in 1916 and died of TB on the Western Front in 1917

² The Gymnastics Club had a short time span – c 1908-1918, perhaps because Fred Hoe enlisted & Charles Bunn, a member, was killed?

Doctors: The Old Hall, North Collingham

Dr Frank Broadbent LRCP Edin. MRCS surgeon & Newark Medical Officer & public vaccinator. Collingham doctor from 1888 to 1915 (died 1915 aged 54)

Dr Catherine L. Smith M B, Ch. B Glas. Deputy Medical Officer Newark & Lincoln Union, lecturer on ambulance to Kesteven & Notts County Councils Collingham doctor from 1900 to 1916 (died 1919)

Dr Alexander Dall, Collingham doctor 1916-1918 Appointed as a temporary replacement for Frank Broadbent, he died in 1918. Succeeded by Dr William Deane in 1919, Deane was the last doctor to run a practice from the Old Hall.

Overseer of the Poor: Joseph Clark

Parish Council (established in 1894)

Joseph Clark – clerk (North)

Hubert Reeve – chairman (South)

Pharmacy/Chemist: 81 a High Street

Mrs Annie Brown, widow of chemist Walter Sims Brown. Annie continued the business after her husband died in 1907 aged 39.

Places of Worship

All Saints, Low St North Collingham

Vicar: Canon Reginald Freestone Gould

Sexton: Fred Skerritt

Baptist Church, Baptist Lane, Collingham

Pastor: William T Shepherd

St John Baptist, South Collingham

Rector: Albert James Maxwell

Sidesmen: Messrs Hoe, Hatcliffe, Clarkson & Crocker

Wesleyan Church, High Street

Minister: not listed in trade directories

Police: Notts County Police Station: 'Jasmine Cottage', 145 High St, North Collingham

Sgt William Cooper (North) Constable Thomas Simons (South)

Post Office 'Chatwood' 69 High St North Collingham

Sub-post mistress: Miss Annie Gibson. 'Letters arrive by mail cart from Newark & are delivered at 7.00am and 5.00 pm; Sunday 7.00 am; dispatched at 10.20 am & 3.25 pm, 4.50, 5.350 and 8.00 pm; Sunday 5.50 pm.'

Wall Box (South Collingham) Cleared 10.10 am, 6.05 and 7.50 pm. Sunday 6.05 pm

1916: Post office was also a telephone call office TN 1

Schools

Collingham Girls & Infants' School, High Street/Lunn Lane, South Collingham 'for 200 pupils' average attendance 95 (1912)

Headteacher: Miss Mary J Wilson

Collingham Boys' Council School, Wesley Room, High Street 'for 85 boys' average attendance 58 (1912)

Headteacher: 1912 - Mr Archibald Ludlow Philips

1914: Mr Sam Coging (excluding time taken for active service) He returned for a brief period after the war but a new head, Mr W Beard, was in place by 1919.

Registrar of Births & Deaths

Miss Alice Holmes 101 High Street 'Ivy House' (North)

Mr John Staley 'The Chestnuts' (South)

Station Master: Mr Arthur Edwin Kind (station master 1900-1931)

Shops. Trades & Businesses (North and South)

Bakers/Millers

William Bailey (107 High St & 112 High St 'The Old Bakehouse')

Thomas Baker

Arthur Willis (near the Cross – now One Stop)

George Widdowson (took over from A. Willis)

Barbers

Herbert Hatcliffe

Blacksmiths

Thomas Milner (1916)

Charles Edward Preston

Thol Waite

Boot & shoemakers

H Mills & son

Ernest Healey (and brushes)

Joseph Watson

Builders

William Thompson Millns (Bank House)

Butchers

Fred East³

Tom East⁴

George Thompson⁵ (near the Cross)

Arthur Hoe⁶ (The Green)

Carpenter

Samuel Moss (Wickstead Lodge, Bell Lane)

Chimney Sweep

John Sharp

Thomas F Wilson

China and Glass Dealer

Walter Holland (1, High St)

Coal Merchants

Joseph Moss

David Nicholson

Corn Merchants

Colton & Cox TN 2 The Laurels High St

Cowkeepers

John Millns

³ Fred East emigrated to Canada 1913. Killed in action n 1916

⁴ Tom East was actually a joiner/plumber. Killed in action 1917

⁵ See son Frank Thompson's profile killed in action Nov 11th 1917

⁶ Arthur and his wife Annie 'adopted' a Belgian refugee, Elodie Tanghe. See Belgian Refugees section

Cycle Agents

Alfred Broadberry (annexe side of Aberdeen House 1916)

Walter E Davies, The Cross

Herbert Hatcliffe TN 6

Drapers

Walter Holland

George Nicholson (39 High St)

Farmers

Walter T Baston (Wheatleys)

Hadfield Bocock⁷ (Lime Tree Farm)

Joseph Bocock

Ben Broadberry (White moor)

Herbert Carter

Samuel Cheetham

John Clark

Miles Clark

John Henry Clayton (Grange Farm, Low St)

Henry Clayton (Cottage Lane)

Robert Clayton (The Poplars Newark Rd)

Henry Crocker

James Crocker

Joshua Crocker

Joseph Gibson

⁷ Hadfield and his wife Harriett provided a cottage for Belgian Refugees. A son, Frederick, was killed when his fishing trawler was torpedoed off the coast of Grimsby July 18th 1915

Thomas and Mitchell Harrison John Hunt William Hunt Henry Liley Jr (Ivy Cottage, Cottage Lane) James W Pratt **Arthur Shaw** George Sheldon (& cattle dealer) William Taylor George & Frederick Thompson (Lodge Farm) Mary Ann White (Mrs) **Furniture Dealer Arthur Holland** Grocers Cooperative Society (71 High St) Walter Holland William Mitchelson (41 High St) William Tanner George Willis (7 High St until 1916 when declared bankrupt) Insurance **Hubert Reeve** Ironmonger Joseph Kemp (103 High St) **Journalists** Wilfred O Merry (sub-editor Newark Advertiser) 'Stixwold'

Land Agents (South Collingham -The Green)

Aitchison, Gowrie

Smith, Woolley & Wigram TN 5

Henry Wigram

John Wigram (& surveyor) TN 4

Reginald Woolley⁸

Market Gardeners

William Andrew

William Taylor

William Henry Taylor

Robert Wiseman

Monumental Mason

Henry Skerritt

Painters

Henry Hoe⁹ (Camelia Cottage Low St)

Charles J Walton¹⁰ (Woodhill Road)

Ploughmakers

George Bealby (12 Besthorpe Rd)

George Moss (c 58 High St workshop since demolished)

⁸ Father of Thomas HC Woolley killed in action 1917

⁹ Henry's son, Frank, enlisted and survived WW1

¹⁰ C J Walton was the father of Bertie Walton, conscientious objector

Plumbers

Arthur Bingham (died c 1914)

Harry Brewster (Brewster's Cottage 45 High St)

George Widnall (near the Cross)

Publicans/ Beer Retailers

William Gervase Bradwell - Grey Horse

Fanny Crossland (Mrs) - King's Head

John Perry - White Hart

Ezra Waddington - Jolly Bargeman

Harry Wells - Royal Oak (1912) Will Hartley (1916)

Robert Price 'beer retailer'

Saddlers

Wm Pridmore (North House, top of Swinderby Rd)

Shopkeepers

Walter Wood Bates¹¹

Bernard Walter Fairest

William Hawkins (Church St- now The Thicketts)

Sarah Ann Norwell (47 High St)

Tailors

George Hind (Woodhill Road)

Richard C Richmond 'Holly House' High St

Tobacconists

Herbert Hatcliffe (now 40/42 High St)

¹¹ Fought with the Sherwood Rangers during the war & contracted malaria in Salonika. Died 1921 aged 51 (T Frecknall)

Undertaker

George Moss

Wheelwrights

Thomas Speed (Queen St)

'Private Residents' as listed in trade directories

| Property | Location | 1912 | 1916 |
|---------------------|---|--|--|
| 'Brooklands' | Low St. House since converted to flats and 'Brooklands Close' built on orchard/land | Mrs Lucas | ? |
| 'Carlshalton' | 133 High St | Mrs Hutton | Mrs Hutton |
| Crescent House | Low St | Mrs Kirk | Robert Owen Williams ¹² & wife Clementina |
| Fleet House | 72 Low St | Henry Cooper | Henry Cooper |
| Grange Farm | Low St | John W Clayton | John W Clayton |
| Holly House | 91 High St | Arthur Loveday | Arthur Loveday |
| Mayfield House | 70 High St | Mrs Denman | Mrs Simpson |
| Old Hall | 122 Low St | Dr Frank Broadbent & family & Dr Catherine Smith | Dr Alex Dall |
| Oakdene Cottages | 3 Station Road | Ernest Dignan | Mrs Maltby |
| Rutland House | 131 Low St | Henry Hampton Copnall | Henry Hampton Copnall |
| The Chestnuts | 24 Low St | John & Emma Staley | John & Emma Staley |
| The Nook | 12 Bell Lane | Miss Harrison | Miss Harrison |
| The Pleasaunce | 14 Swinderby Road | Arthur Riches | Mrs Mary A Berry & son ¹³ |
| The Willows | Low St | Thomas Bradley | Thomas Bradley |

 $^{^{12}}$ Robert Williams was a land agent – his son Arthur Wynne Williams was killed on the Western Front Aug 8th 1918. The Williams' only lived in the village a brief time.

¹³ Widow of Thomas Letts Berry killed in action 1915

| Vine Farm Waterloo House Wickstead Lodge | 121 High St 8 Woodhill Road 4 Bell Lane | William Wright Mrs Aimee Swann Samuel Moss & family | William Wright (died 1917) Edwin C Sneath 1918 Mrs Aimee Swann & daughter Kate Samuel Moss & family |
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| South Collingham | | | |
| South Collingham House | 3 The Green | Mrs Mary Browne ¹⁴ and daughter Dorothy | Mrs Mary Browne and daughter Dorothy |
| The Burnt House | 3 Westfield Lane | Gowrie and Rose Aitchison and daughter Katherine | Gowrie ¹⁵ and Rose Aitchison and daughter Katherine |
| The Cottage | 4 'Westfield House' Westfield Lane | Mrs John Woolley (Mary) | Thomas H C Woolley ¹⁶ & wife Joan & baby daughter Violet |
| The Gables | 26-28 High St | Mrs Jane Longman Rice | Mrs Jane Longman Rice |
| The Hollins | 27 High St | Misses Manuel | Misses Manuel |
| The Lodge | Newark Road | Henry Wigram, 2 nd wife Beatrice & daughter Lorne | Henry Wigram & family |
| The Manor | 17 Low Street | John & Gertrude Wigram & daughter Katherine | John & Gertrude Wigram & daughter Katherine |
| The Small House | 1 Church St | Sisters Constance & Emily Woolley | Constance & Emily Woolley |
| 'Verdala' | Church St (now called South Church House) | ? | Joseph Bartholomew |

 $^{^{14}}$ Widow Mary Browne lost 2 sons in the war – see separate profiles 15 G C Aitchison was Lt Col of the 2/5th Sherwood Foresters throughout the war 16 Woolley was killed in action April 27th 1917

North Collingham Parish Councillors 1914:

William Bailey (baker/confectioner)

George Bealby (ploughwright)

Canon R F Gould

George Hind

Walter Holland

Tom Nicholson Millns (brickmaker)

Wm Mitchelson (grocer)

Hubert Reeve (insurance agent)

George Widnall (plumber & gasfitter)

Arthur Willis (miller/baker)

South Collingham Parish Council 1916:

John Clarke (Chair) – farmer

Miles Clark

Rev. A Maxwell

Joseph Gibson - farmer

Herbert Hatcliffe – tobacconist/cycle agent

W. Taylor – farmer

A. Noton

