

Harry Sawyer

In trying to research information about Harry Sawyer from Cuddesdon and Denton who died during the First World War we have the familiar problem of several families with the same surname. There are 2 main sources of information which help to distinguish the different branches. One is the Parish Records of All saints Church Cuddesdon. Baptism records give the date of the baptism (which in those days was fairly close to the date of birth) and most importantly the names of the child's parents. The second source is the Census returns and in Harry Sawyer's case these are the 1901 and 1911 returns.

The 1911 Return gives the following information:

Name	Status	Age	Occupation	<u>Place of Birth</u>
Tom Sawyer	Head	56	Shepherd	Cuddesdon
Fanny Sawyer	Wife	54		Garsington
William Thomas Sawyer	Son	31	Brick layer	<u>Denton</u>
John Sawyer? Jack	Son	26	Cowman	Cuddesdon
Millie (Amelia May) Sawyer	Daughter	17		Cuddesdon
Harry Sawyer	Son	Farm Labourer		Cuddesdon
Percy (Percival Leonard) Sawyer	Son	12 twin	school	Denton
Albert Sawyer	Son	12 twin	School	Denton
George Sawyer	Son	10	School	Denton
Hilda Sawyer	Daughter	7 months		Denton

But this was not the only branch of the Sawyer Family living in the village. All Saints Baptismal Records allow you to search back several generations. The family members nearest the war years were;

- Joseph and Mary Sawyer who had at least 3 children
- George and Elizabeth Sawyer who had at least 2 children
- John and Grace who had at least 2 children (including Grace Kezia)

Church Bulletin for March 1916 written by Mrs, Gale lists all the local Cuddesdon, Denton and Chippenhurst men serving in the forces up to that time.

Included in this list are the names of 4 Sawyers and from the 1911 Census we can be reasonably certain the 4 were brothers and sons of **Tom and Fanny Sawyer** namely

- William Sawyer
- Arthur Sawyer?
- Jack Sawyer (John?)
- Harry Sawyer

The Oxford Illustrated Journal during the years 1914-19 are also a source of information about the Cuddesdon men serving in the military.

- 3rd Jan 1917 page6 has a photo of Harry Sawyer Killed in action
- 15th August 1917page 9 has a photo of Gunner J Sawyer of the Durham Heavy Infantry from Denton near Wheatley was awarded the Military Medal for conspicuous bravery in action.

Kathy Hawley



1911 England Census for Harry Sawyer

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CENSUS OF ENGLAND AND WALES, 1911.

Before writing on this Schedule please read the Examples and the Instructions given on the other side of the paper, as well as the headings of the Columns. The entries should be written in full.

The contents of the Schedules will be treated as confidential. Strict care will be taken that no information is disclosed with regard to individual persons. The returns are not to be used for proof of age, as in connection with Old Age Pensions, or for any other purpose than 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 16 years and upwards				BIRTHPLACE of every person	NATIONALITY of every person born in a Foreign Country
			State for each Married Woman entered on this Schedule the number of—		The reply should show the precise branch of Profession, Trade, Manufacture, &c. If engaged in any Trade or Manufacture, the particular kind of work done, and the Article made or chiefly worked or used it should be clearly ascertained. The Instructions I to 8 and Examples on back of Schedule.					Industry or Service with which worker is connected.		White (English, Scotch, or Foreign) or Black (Chinese, Indian, or other).	Worker (Machinery, &c.) or Non-Worker (Agriculture, &c.).		
1. <i>Harry Sawyer</i>	Head	56	Married	4	7	7			<i>Shepherdson Farm</i>			<i>White</i>	<i>Home</i>	<i>London</i>	<i>English</i>
2. <i>Fanny Sawyer</i>	Wife	54	Married	31	12	1						<i>White</i>	<i>Home</i>	<i>London</i>	<i>English</i>
3. <i>W. J. Sawyer</i>	Son	31	Single						<i>Labourer - Bricklayers</i>	<i>Quillets</i>	<i>White</i>	<i>Home</i>	<i>London</i>	<i>English</i>	
4. <i>John Sawyer</i>	Son	26	Single						<i>Labourer - Bricklayers</i>		<i>White</i>	<i>Home</i>	<i>London</i>	<i>English</i>	
5. <i>William Sawyer</i>	Son	17	Single								<i>White</i>	<i>Home</i>	<i>London</i>	<i>English</i>	
6. <i>Harry Sawyer</i>	Son	15	Single						<i>Labourer - Bricklayers</i>		<i>White</i>	<i>Home</i>	<i>London</i>	<i>English</i>	
7. <i>David Sawyer</i>	Son	12							<i>School</i>				<i>London</i>	<i>English</i>	
8. <i>Albert Sawyer</i>	Son	12							<i>School</i>				<i>London</i>	<i>English</i>	
9. <i>George Sawyer</i>	Son	10							<i>School</i>				<i>London</i>	<i>English</i>	
10. <i>Edith Sawyer</i>	Daughter	7											<i>London</i>	<i>English</i>	

(To be filled up by the Enumerator)

Total		
Males	Females	Persons
7	3	10

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

I declare that this Schedule is correctly filled up to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature *J. Sawyer*

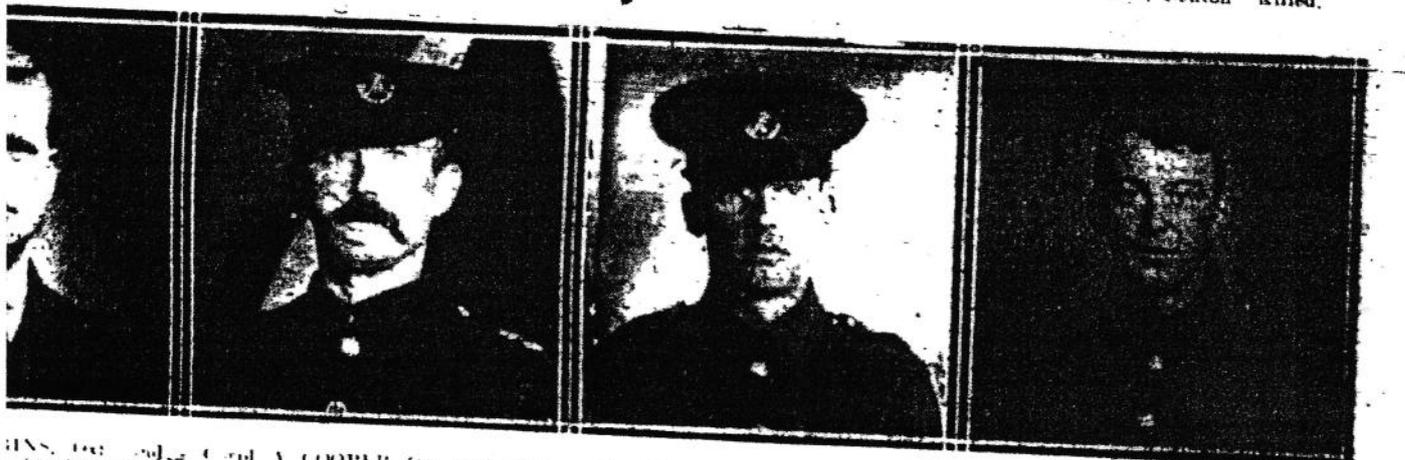
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Lt. E. E. EBBEL, Oxf. and Bucks. Lt. Inty., Sandford-on-Thames. — Missing.
 Lt. Col. F. A. WALKLET, Oxf. and Bucks. Lt. Inty., Kidlington. — Missing.
 Lt. Col. W. HONEY, Oxf. and Bucks. Lt. Inty., Sandford-on-Thames. — Missing.

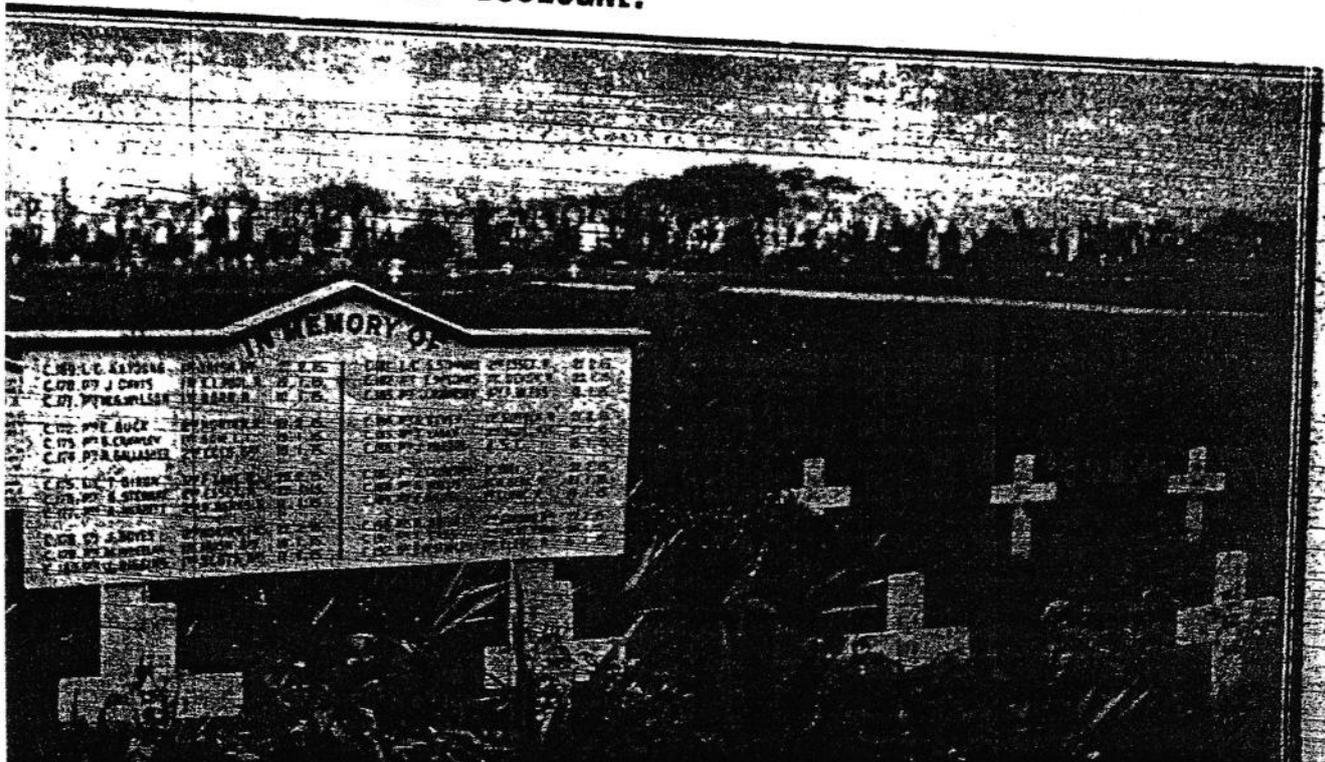


Pte. F. J. PALMER, Oxf. and Bucks. Lt. Inty., Haversham. — Wounded.
 Pte. W. PHIPPS, Lincoln Regiment, Essex street. Killed.
 Pte. H. SAWYER, Oxf. and Bucks. Lt. Inty., Denton. Killed.

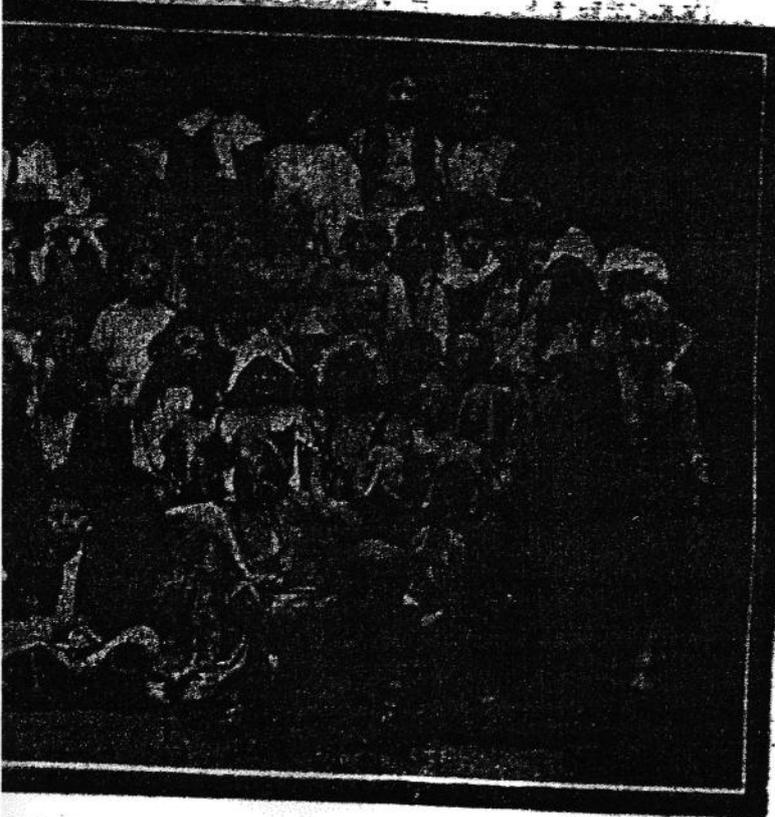


Pte. A. COOPER, Oxf. and Bucks. Lt. Inty., Church street, Old Headington. Wounded.
 Pte. W. J. WILSON, Oxf. and Bucks. Lt. Inty., Machine Gun Section, Woodstock road. Killed.
 Pte. R. WRIGHT, Oxf. and Bucks. Lt. Inty., St. Clement's. — Twice wounded and frost bitten feet.

WAR CEMETERY AT BOULOGNE.

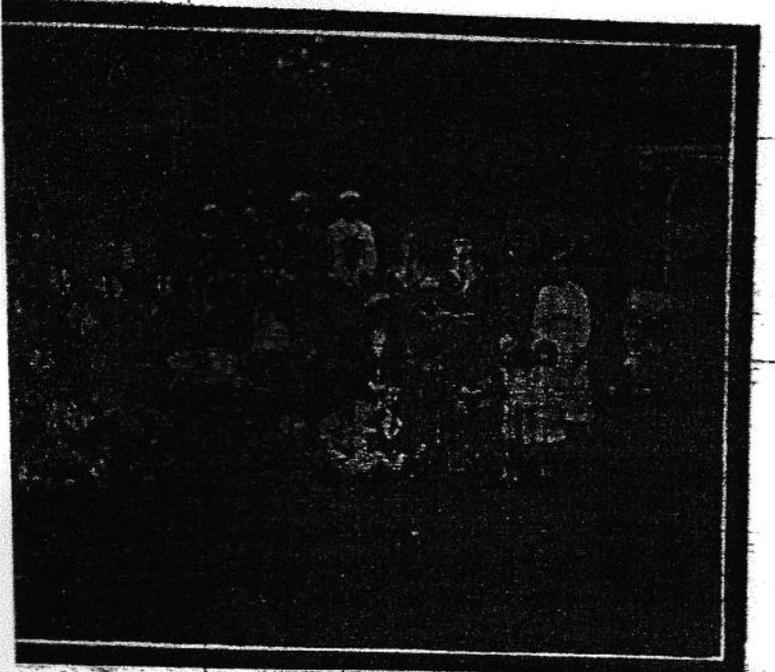


CONCERT AT NEW HINKSEY.



They gave a concert and entertainment in aid of the Orphan's Fund. The play was children took part in it. The children were dressed by Mrs. Lloyd (wife of the title actors performed their various parts. The photograph is a group of the children

TO WOUNDED SOLDIERS.



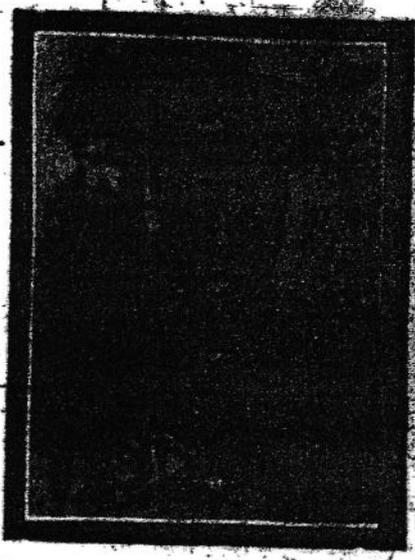
Hall's residence, Banbury road, on Thursday, to 56 wounded soldiers from the gramophone, lent by Mr. Leach. There were lawn bowls and cricket, and in the evening, those contributing being Mr. Palmer, and A.M. Sargeant, all. The guests were served with a substantial tea.

METHODIST FETE.

MILITARY MEDALISTS.



Driver F. W. Talbot, R.E., of Churchwell Street, St. Clement's, has gained the Military Medal for rendering aid to a wounded comrade under heavy shell fire. At the time he joined up he was an attendant at the Warnford Asylum.



Gunner J. Sawyer, of the Durham Heavy Battery, from Denton, near Wheatley, has been awarded the Military Medal for conspicuous bravery in action.

OXFORD COUNTY COURT.

A sitting of this Court took place on Monday, when the following causes came before his Honour Judge Radcliffe.

CLAIM FOR WAGES AND DAMAGES.

Joseph White, of Wolvercote, sued Samuel Butterfield, farmer, Manor Farm, Wolvercote, for wages and damages for an assault. Mr. A. H. Franklin represented the plaintiff, and Mr. H. Collett the defendant. Mr. Franklin said the plaintiff, Joseph White, was a retired farmer, of Wolvercote, an old-age pensioner, 75 years of age, and in the month of April he was at work for the defendant, Samuel Butterfield, on the land. On April 23 plaintiff had an accident with the horse, the pole broke, and injuries were sustained by him. On Wednesday morning he went to defendant with the intention of working, but as he was late defendant complained of this, and assaulted him by kicking him on the leg and punching him while on the ground. Defendant had not paid plaintiff's wages and damages.

Fred Coles Parents Aged born abt 1894
17ch John Olive 17.
14, Gravel Hill Herby Electrical
Engineers
mate

Frederick Coles 14 Arncott Farm labourer
Son of.

William Coles 37
George Coles 29
Harold Coles 20
Fred Coles 14

~~Harry Sawyer 1911 aged 15 born Cuddesley
Upper Farm Denton Farm labourer~~

John 56
Fanny 54
W J Sawyer 31
Minnie 17
Harry
Percy 12
Alber 12
George 10
Hilda 7

1896

Private 12482
in Salonika

Thessalonika Greece

Bulgarians allied Germany.

7th Ox + Bucks died 21/11/1916

Bur. Karasouli Military Cemetery

Killed in campaign against

HARRY SAWYER