

Oakridge Locals Who Served in the Great War and Survived

In 2018, to commemorate the end of the Great War, Oakridge History Group researched and documented those who served in WW1 and survived to tell the tale.

This record is the result of that research. We have tried to include those who were born in the area or who came to live here. We realise that we will have omitted people or provided the wrong information and would be most grateful to learn of any other people from Oakridge Lynch, Far Oakridge, Waterlane, Bournes Green and Tunley who served during the war.

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William Victor Allen

1892 - 1967

William Victor Allen was born in Oakridge and baptised at Oakridge Church on 15 May 1892.

He was the son of William Allen and Adelaide Kate Simmons. William senior was the school master at Oakridge School, and they lived in School House Oakridge Lynch. In 1911 William Victor (known as Victor) was living with his uncle Joseph Heaps in Exeter.

He served from 1914 – 1920 first as a private in the Devonshire Regiment and later as a 2nd Lieutenant in the West Riding Regiment He was awarded medals for gallantry and long service.



The School House

In 1918 he was registered in Oakridge as an absent military voter. In 1920 William married Gladys May in St Thomas, Devon and in 1923 their son, Dennis Victor was born. William was registered to vote in Tavistock in 1920. In 1939 William was described as a school teacher living with his wife and son in Romford Essex. William died in Shrewsbury.

Albert Blackwell

1885 - 1978

Albert Blackwell was born in Oakridge and baptised in Oakridge Church on 14 February 1886.

He was the son of William Blackwell, a stonemason, and Fanny Maria Hunt. Albert moved to Swindon around 1901 and married Kate Ellen Drew on 10 December 1907 at the parish Church in Swindon and lived at 25 Savernake Street, Swindon. Albert was working as a house painter in 1911 and they had their first son Cyril Albert in July 1912 and a second son Kenneth Edgar in January 1917.

He enlisted in February 1917 in the Royal Engineers, service number 239599.

He was discharged in February 1919 and awarded the British War Medal in 1922. In 1939 Albert and his wife were living at 12 Butts Road Highworth where he was described as a builder and contractor. Albert died in Bournemouth aged 93.

Harold Kenneth Gould Blackwell

1887 - 1958

Harold Blackwell was born in Oakridge and baptised in Oakridge Church.

He was the son of James Blackwell, a builder's general foreman, and Amelia Gould. In 1901 the family were living at Trillis. In June 1909 Harold married Annie Gough at



Trillis

the parish Church in Stonehouse and in the 1911 census they were recorded as living in the High Street, Stonehouse. Their first child Percy Frederick James was born in 1910 and another child Joyce Emma Amelia in 1916.

Harold enlisted in May 1916 in the Royal Garrison Artillery, service number 91003, and served in Salonika, Greece from April 1917 to May 1919.

He was discharged in October 1919 and awarded the Silver Star having

suffered from malaria. Harold had two brothers killed in WW1 and another brother, Reginald, who also survived. Back in Stonehouse Harold and his wife had another 2 children Lionel and Kenneth and by 1939 were living in Woodcock Lane, Stonehouse where he was a foreman bricklayer.

Reginald Blackwell

1889 - 1966

Reginald Blackwell was born in Far Oakridge.

He was the son of James Blackwell, a builder's general foreman, and Amelia Gould. In the 1901 census the family were living in Far Oakridge and in the 1911 census in Spring Cottage, Far Oakridge where Reginald was employed as a tiler and plasterer.

He enlisted in Stroud in November 1915 in the Wiltshire Regiment, service number 23998. He was transferred to the 12th Labour Battalion Devon Regiment service number 242602 in 1916 when he embarked for France and was promoted to corporal. He was awarded the British War Medal and Victory Medal. Reginald had two brothers killed in WW1 and another brother, Harold, who also survived.

In August 1918 Reginald married Rose Phipps at Oakridge Church. They had 4 children, Miriam, Ena, Ruby and Josephine. In 1939 Reginald and his wife Rose were living at Spring Cottage, Far Oakridge where he was described as a tiler and plasterer. Reginald died in 1966 aged 77.

Arthur Alfred Bucknell

1899 - 1977

Arthur Bucknell was born in Far Oakridge.

He was the son of Walter Bucknell, a labourer, and Mary Jane Peacey. Walter Bucknell was a labourer. In 1901 the family were living in Frith Cottage, Far Oakridge and in 1911 in Waterlane where Arthur was listed as 'at school'.



He enlisted in the Duke of Cornwall Light Infantry, service no. 41378 and was a Lance Corporal. He was awarded the British War and Victory medals.

In 1919 he was registered in Waterlane as an absent military voter. In February 1925 Arthur married Evelyn Geraldine Halliday at Oakridge Church. They had 2 children, Kenneth and Yvonne. In 1939 Arthur, his wife Evelyn and two children were living in Waterlane where

he was described as a gardener. Arthur died at Duttons Cottage,

Elisha Edward Deane

1871 -1950

Elisha Dean was born in Bournes Green and baptised at Oakridge Church.

He was the son of Mark Deane, a farm labourer, and Selina Jane Gubbins.

Elisha at the age of 18 enlisted in the Royal Field Artillery at Woolwich and went to fight in the Boer War in South Africa in 1899. On arrival back in the UK in 1902 Elisha married Emma Elizabeth Smart in Stroud Register Office. In the 1911 census, Elisha and his wife and their first child Frances Alice were living in Bussage where Elisha was working as a rag sorter in a flock mill.

In 1914 Elisha was called up to the Army Reserve and went to France in December 1914 as a driver in the Royal Field Artillery as part of the British Expeditionary Force. They had 2 further children, Alfred Cyril and Grace.

In 1939 Elisha and his wife Emma were living at Lillyhorn, Bournes Green and he was described as a farm labourer, incapacitated.

Cecily de Freville

1882 - 1960



Watercombe House

Cecily was born in Chatham Kent. Her father Frederick de Freville was a clergyman, becoming vicar of Oakridge, and her mother was Hilda. In the 1911 census they were living in the vicarage in Oakridge Lynch.

Cecily joined the Red Cross in 1918 and was sister in charge at Shelford Red Cross hospital, Cambridgeshire.

In 1939 she was living at Watercombe House, Waterlane where she was looking after her parents.

She died in 1960 and is buried in Oakridge Churchyard.

Ashley Dickenson

1886 - 1975

Ashley Dickenson was born at Frith Farm, Tunley.

He was the son of Henry Dickenson, a farmer, and Rosa Septima Whiting. In the 1911 census Ashley was working on the family farm at Frith Farm.

Ashley enlisted in the Royal Field Artillery in 1915 and served in France as a corporal. He was treated at the 51st Field Ambulance Hospital for scabies in 1915.



Frith Farmhouse

He was awarded the Victory Medal and the Silver Star.

In 1921 Ashley married Annie Amelia Davis at Stroud Register Office and they had four children, Douglas, Robert, Mervyn and Reginald. In 1939 Ashley was working as a farm bailiff at Parton Court, Churchdown.

George James Fowles

1886 - 1953

George James Fowles was born in France Lynch.

He was the son of George Fowles, a mason, and Mary Ann Rice. In 1901 George James was working in a wood stick factory.

He enlisted in the Royal Navy as a stoker. On 2 May 1916 George married Olive Letitia Young of Oakridge at Oakridge Church and they had two children, Maud and Evelyn.

In 1939 George was working as a tiler labourer and living at Rodborough Cottage, Oakridge Lynch.

Frank Walter William Gardiner

1896 - 1990

Frank Gardiner, sometime known as Walter, was born in Oakridge.

He was the son of Walter Edward Gardiner, a stone mason, and Emma Harriett Arkell. His mother Emma died in 1904 and his father remarried Mary Jane Gardiner in 1910. In 1911 the family was living at The Mount in Oakridge Lynch when Frank is described as a bone worker.

Frank enlisted in the 8th Gloucestershire Regiment and was injured in July 1916.

In 1920 he married Gertrude R Turl in Wandsworth and they had a daughter Kathleen in 1925. In 1939 Gertrude and daughter Kathleen were living at Yew Tree Cottage in Oakridge Lynch.

Beatrice Alfreda (Freda) Gardiner

1890 - ?

Beatrice Alfreda Gardiner was born in Frith Cottages, Far Oakridge.

Her father was Alfred Gardiner, a plate-layer on the GWR, and mother Sarah. In 1911 Freda was living in Cheltenham as a housemaid.

On 7th September 1916 she joined the Red Cross as a nurse and worked in a hospital in Birmingham until 10th November that year.

In 1930 she emigrated to America returning to the UK in 1936 as a USA citizen when she lived at Fir Tree Cottage, Tetbury.



Frith Cottage

Harold Ernest Gardiner

1896 - 1971



West View Cottage (Since Demolished)

Harold Gardiner was born in Oakridge Lynch.

He was the son of William Gardiner, a mason, and Hester Newcombe. In the 1911 census they were living at St Michael's Cottage, Oakridge Lynch where Harold was described as a turner.

In July 1915 Harold, enlisted in the Royal Field Artillery, and serviced as a gunner until February 1919. He was awarded the War Medal and Victory Medal.

Harold married Daisy Grace Smith in 1923 at Stroud Register Office and they had 3 children, Doreen, Frederick and Gerald in 1939 Harold was working as a wood machinist and living at West View, Oakridge Lynch.

Harry Willoughby Gardiner

1898 - 1978

Harry Gardiner was born in Oakridge.

He was the son of Harry Gardiner, a bricklayer and Emily. Harry senior was a bricklayer. In the 1911 census Harry junior was living in Mill House, Oakridge Lynch and was described as a schoolboy.

He appears in the Royal Air Force records as an airman in October 1915.

In 1919 Harry was registered in Whare (Crossways) Oakridge Lynch as an absent military voter. In 1939 Harry was living with his parents at Mill House, Oakridge Lynch where he was described as a lorry driver. Harry married Kate Salter in Oakridge in 1941.



The Old Mill

Hollis Gardiner

1875 - 1955

Hollis Gardiner was born in Oakridge.

He was the son of Eli Gardiner, a hedger and thatcher, and Charlotte Gardiner. In 1911 Hollis was living in Woodside Cottage, Oakridge Lynch with his parents and was described as a general labourer.



Oakridge Orchestra 1910 - 1920

He enlisted and served as a private in the Oxford and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry and was awarded the British War and Victory medals.

In 1918/19 he was registered in Oakridge Lynch as an absent military voter. Two of his brothers fought in the war – Sidney also survived but Frederick died.

Hollis never married and in 1939 was living at Broadway, Oakridge Lynch where he was described as a general labourer. His name is remembered in the path that runs behind the cottages on Broadway, known as “Back of Ollis’s”

Lewis Thomas Gardiner

1879 - 1956

Lewis Gardiner was born in Oakridge Lynch and baptised on at Oakridge Church.

He was the son of Caleb Gardiner, a stone mason, and Ellen Lewis. In 15 March 1900 Lewis married Florence Jane Wood in France Lynch Congregational Chapel and in 1901 they were living in Oakridge Lynch where Lewis was described as a stone mason. In 1911 they were living at Oakridge Lynch with their first son Lewis.

In 1917 Lewis, then living at Lilac Cottage, joined the Dorset Regiment, service number 44849 then transferred to the Royal engineers and finally the Agricultural Unit and served until September 1919.

His brother Samuel was killed during the war, but his brother Wilfred survived. Lewis and Florence had two more children, Claude and Hilda. In 1939 Lewis was working as a stone mason and living at Lilac Cottage, Oakridge Lynch.

Robert Gardiner

1893 - ?

Robert Gardiner was born in Far Oakridge.

He was the son of John William Gardiner, a stone mason, and Edith Tyler. John died aged 40 in 1898 and in the 1911 census Edith, then a widow, was living in Far Oakridge with Robert then 17 years old working as a farm labourer.

Robert volunteered in 1914/15 and joined the Royal Engineers as a sapper. Nothing further is known about Robert.

Samuel Bertie Gardiner

1883 - 1954

Samuel Gardiner was born in Oakridge and baptised on 5 August 1883 in Oakridge Church.

He was the son of Charles William Gardiner and Georgina Hale. Charles was a carpenter and died in 1902 aged 40. In 1911 Samuel was living in Oakridge Lynch with his mother Georgina and his 2 younger brothers, Samuel was described as a builder's labourer.

Samuel served in the Royal West Kent Regiment and then in the Labour Corp.

In 1918 he was registered in Whare (Crossways), Oakridge Lynch as an absent military voter. In 1926 Samuel married Edith Dowdeswell in Stroud Register Office and they had 3 children Phyllis, Pamela and Eileen. In 1939 Samuel, Edith and their children were living at 2 Young's Cottages, Hyde where Samuel was working as a stoker, stationary engine.



Sam Gardiner in 'The Village Wedding', 1914

Sidney Gardiner

1881 - 1968

Sidney Gardiner was born in Oakridge Lynch.

He was the son of Eli Gardiner and Charlotte Gardiner. Eli Gardiner was a thatcher. In 1901 the family were living in Oakridge Lynch and Sidney was described as a hedger and general labourer. In 1911 they were living in Oakridge Lynch where Sidney was described as a general labourer.

In 1918 he was register in Oakridge Lynch as an absent voter on military service he may have been serving with the Gloucestershire Regiment.

Sidney married Hetty Ellen Reynolds on 12 June 1924 at Oakridge Church. In 1939 Sidney, Hetty and family were living at 11 Suffolk Street, Frinton, Essex and Sidney was described as a general labourer.

Thomas Gardiner

1895 - 1966

Thomas Gardiner was born in Waterlane.

He was the son of Seth Gardiner and Annie Pepworth. Seth was a stonemason. In 1911 Thomas was living in Waterlane with his parents and was described as a general labourer.

In 1918 he was registered in Waterlane as an absent voter on military service.

On 14 January 1922 Thomas married Beatrice Doris Halliday in Oakridge Church. They had 3 children Gerald, Madeline and Raymond. In 1939 Thomas, Beatrice and their children were living in Cherrygarth, Waterlane where Thomas was described as a stonemason.



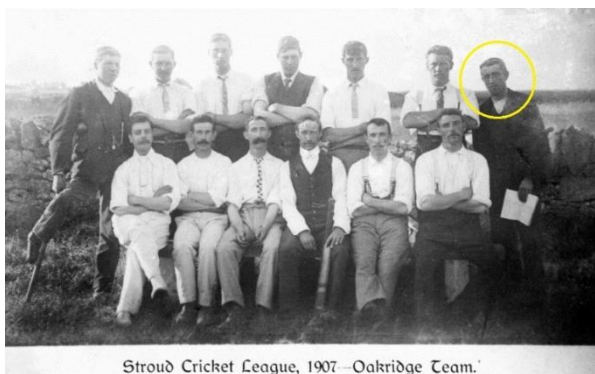
Seth and Annie

Wilfred Gardiner

1872 -1961

Wilfred Gardiner was born on 10 May 1872 in Oakridge.

He was the son of Caleb Gardiner and Ellen Lewis. Caleb was a stonemason. On 6 August 1898 Wilfred married Lydia Emma Gardiner at Oakridge Church. In 1911 Wilfred was living at Vale View Cottage, Oakridge Lynch with his wife Lydia and their 6 children, Wilfred was described as a stonemason.



Stroud Cricket League, 1907—Oakridge Team.

In 1918 he was registered in Whare (Crossways), Oakridge Lynch as an absent military voter.

In 1939 Wilfred and Lydia were living at Vale View Cottage, Oakridge Lynch where Wilfred was described as a stonemason.

May Hill

1894 - 1975

May Hill was born in Bournes Green.

Her father was Frank Roy Hill, a farmer, and mother Emily Hunt. In 1911 the family was living in Oakridge Lynch.

May Hill joined the Red Cross in 1919 as a staff nurse.

In 1922 she married Alfred Charles Thomas Newman in Petersham, Surrey and in 1939 they were living at Surbiton Surrey where Alfred was a bank official. May died at Brighton.

Tom Hill

1897 - 1972

Tom Hill was born in Waterlane.

He was the son of Tom Hill and Emily Jane Newcombe. Tom Hill senior was a publican at the Crown Inn. In 1911 they were living at the Crown Inn, Waterlane where Tom junior was described as a cabinet maker.

Tom volunteered for the Army Service Corp in 1914/5.



The Crown Inn, Waterlane

On his discharge, Tom joined the Gloucestershire Constabulary on the 29 September 1919. Tom married Florence Hudson in 1927 in Bakewell. They had two sons Walter and Gordon. In 1939 Tom, Florence and family were living at 37 Elmbridge Road, Gloucester and Tom was described as a police constable.

Ernest George Hunt

1885 - 1954?

Ernest Hunt was born at Rookwoods, Waterlane and baptised on 13 December 1885 at Oakridge Church.



Rookwoods

He was the son of Henry Hunt and Mary Ann Clift. Henry was a farmer at Rookwoods Farm. His mother Mary Ann died in 1892 at the age of 41 and Henry remarried Alice Elizabeth Leech.

Ernest enlisted in the Royal Field Artillery on 10 November 1902 and served in India between 1904 and 1909. He went to France in 1914 returning home in 1917 when he was admitted to 1st Birmingham War

Hospital suffering from the effects of a gas attack.

He was discharged on 16 December 1920 after 18 years' service after being promoted to the rank of bombardier.

Francis Albert Hunt

1893 - 1980

Francis Albert Hunt was born in Far Oakridge the son of George Hunt and Hannah Marie Kirby.

In 1911 he was living in Far Oakridge with his father who was a widower and was described as a slater and plasterer. Francis was aged 17 and a cabinet maker's apprentice.

In 1918 he was registered as an absent voter on military service.

In 1921 he married Eva Pearce and in 1939 they were living at Sunbeams, Far Oakridge where he worked as a carpenter. His elder brother Thomas Kirby Hunt also served in WW1. Francis possibly served in the Royal Field Artillery No 146219

Thomas Daniel Hunt

1895 - 1971

Thomas Hunt was born in Oakridge Lynch.

He was the son of Thomas Hunt and Elizabeth Deane. Thomas senior was a farmer labourer. His father Thomas died in 1899 at the age of 37. In 1911 Thomas was living in Far Oakridge with his mother Elizabeth and is described as a stick worker.

Thomas enlisted in the 4th Battalion depot on 17 May 1915.

He was discharged on 12 February 1919 and on 11 December 1920 he married Doris Stella Mayo in Oakridge Church and they had six children Thomas, Barbara, Betty, James, Margaret and Daniel. In 1939 Thomas and wife Doris were living in Iles Green and he was described as a tiler and plasterer.

Thomas Kirby Hunt

1882 - 1967

Kirby Hunt was born in Oakridge.

He was the son of George Henry Hunt and Hannah Maria Kirby. George was a slater and plasterer. In 1911 Thomas was living with his parents in Far Oakridge and was described as a slater and plasterer. In 1911 Thomas married Ethel Woolley in Bristol.

He enlisted as a private in the 2/5th Gloucestershire Regiment.

In 1918 he was registered in Oakridge as an absent military voter. In 1916 Ethel died and in 1919 Thomas married Susan Annie Giddings in Bath. They had 3 children Florence, Harold and Douglas. In 1939 Thomas and Susan and their children were living at Laburnum, Far Oakridge where Thomas was described as a tiler and plasterer.



Thought to be Laburnum Cottage

James Hussell

1891 - 1969

James Hussell was born in Forthampton.



Cave Cottage

He was the son of James Charles Hussell and Amy Amelia Newbury. James senior was a roadman. In 1911 James junior was living in Berrow near Tewkesbury and was described as a farm labourer.

James enlisted in the 8th Battalion, South Staffs Regiment in 1916

In 1918 James was registered in Far Oakridge as an absent military voter. On 30 December 1916 James married Elizabeth Jane Gardiner at Rodborough Church and they had a son William. In 1939 James and wife Elizabeth were living at Cave Cottage, Oakridge Lynch where James was described as a general labourer.

Joseph Walter Alfred Ireland

1892 - 1945

Joseph Ireland was born in Bournes Green and baptised on 14 February 1892 in Oakridge Church.

He was the son of John William Ireland and Florence Emma Twissell. John was a mill worker. In 1911 Joseph was living in Bournes Green with his parents and younger sister Mary and is described as a farm labourer. Joseph joined the Gloucestershire Constabulary on 1st August 1912.

Joseph enlisted in the Royal Garrison Artillery on 5th May 1915.

On 18th July 1921 he married Edith Hayward at Tidenham Parish Church and in 1939 Joseph and wife Edith were living in East Dean at the Police Station where Joseph was a sergeant. He died whilst on duty at Blakeney and was buried at Oakridge Church.

George Leonard Leech

1891 - 1970

George Leech was born in Oakridge.

He was the son of George Hubert Leech and Selina Clementine Smith. George Leech senior was a fireman in the Metropolitan Fire Brigade in 1901 when they were living in Hammersmith.

George junior joined the Royal Navy as an ordinary seaman and in 1911 was at sea.

On 9th June 1919 George married Kathleen Mildred Young at the parish Church in France Lynch when he was an able seaman in the Royal Navy on HMS Diamond. His service record is at the National Archives ref ADM188/1097/3495. On the electoral roll in 1918 George was listed as absent at the Trench. They had a daughter Patricia and in 1939 they were living at Peartree Cottage, France Lynch where George was described as an Air Ministry Warden.

Sydney John Leech

1895 - 1940

Sydney Leech was born in London.

He was the son of George Hubert Leech and Selina Clementine Smith. George Leech was a fireman in the Metropolitan Fire Brigade in 1901 living in Hammersmith. His elder brother, George Leonard Leech, was born in Oakridge where his mother was born.

On 12th August 1913 Sydney joined the Royal Navy in Portsmouth following his elder brother George, who had joined the Navy in 1911.

Sydney served in the Navy until 1924. In 1934 he married Elizabeth Lee in Glasgow and had 2 children. He lived in Glasgow until his death.



James Pegler

1888 - 1968



Fair View Farm / House

James Pegler was born in Waterlane and baptised on 10 March 1889 in Oakridge Church.

He was the son of Thomas Pegler and Sarah Jane Lusty. Thomas was a farmer at Nashend Farm in 1901. In 1911 the family had moved to Fair View House, Oakridge Lynch where James was described as working on the farm. In 1913 James married Beatrice Elizabeth Spicer at Stroud Register Office and had a son Sam.

James joined the Royal Field Artillery as a driver in 1916. He was taken ill with a fever in August 1918.

On discharge he moved back to Oakridge Lynch and in 1921 his wife Beatrice died. James moved to Swindon marrying Lillian Francome there and they had a son Norman. In 1939 James and wife Lillian were living in Highworth where James was described as a builders labourer.

Victor Howard Phelps

1893 - 1965

Born in Oakridge his father was Philip Edward Phelps a bricklayer and mother Mary Ann Wilkins.

Victor was baptised on 6 July 1893 in Oakridge Church. In 1911 the family were living in Chalford where Victor was described as a pin mill hand aged 17.

Victor joined the navy in 1913 and served until April 1917.

In 1932 he married Ivy Doreen Edwards in Gloucester Register Office and in 1939 they were living in Swindon where he was employed as a material examiner for the GWR.

Edgar Pumfrey-Fry

1890 - 1971

Edgar Fry was born in Waterlane and baptised at Oakridge Church.

He was the son of John Fry, a carter, and Elizabeth Pumfrey. In the 1891 census Elizabeth is recorded as widowed with six children living in Waterlane and she is described as a farmer. In 1901 they were living in Far Oakridge and in 1911 they were living at Oakridge Farm where Edgar is described as a plasterer.



In 1914 Edgar joined the 3rd Gloucestershire Regiment, service number 21286 as one of Kitchener's Volunteers. In 1917 Edgar married Phyllis Miles in Milton Keynes. In October 1917 we know from army medical records that Edgar, then in the 1st Gloucestershire Regiment, suffered from tonsillitis.

Edgar and Phyllis had two children, Elizabeth Mary and John Pumfrey. In 1939 Edgar was working as a tiler and plasterer and living at The Cot, Far Oakridge.

Harry Smith

1897 - 1921

Harry Smith was born in Oakridge.

He was the son of Albert Edward Smith and Elizabeth (Bessie) Hicks. Albert was a wood sawyer and died in 1906 aged 41. In 1911 Harry was living with his widowed mother in Oakridge Lynch, and was described as a news boy.

In 1918 Harry was registered at Whare (Crossways), Oakridge Lynch as an absent military voter.

Harry is buried in Oakridge Churchyard.

Reginald Tuck

1891 - 1971

Reginald Tuck was born in Chalford.

He was the son of Edwin Tuck and Alice Blowing. Edwin was a milk seller at No 2 Trench Cottages in 1901. In 1911 the family had moved to Waterlane where Edwin was described as farmer and his son Reginald a chair maker.

Reginald enlisted at Stroud on 17 February 1916 in the Royal Army Service Corp and served in the motor transport until his discharge on 18 December 1918.



Oakridge Football Team 1900's

On discharge he moved back to Frith Farm, Tunley and on 3 February 1923 married Margaret Andrews in Oakridge Church. They had 4 children Alec John, David, Margaret Jean and Peter Alec. In 1939 Reginald and wife Margaret were living at Cricketty Hill, Stroud where Reginald was described as a dairyman smallholder.

George Edward Twissell-Ireland

1888 - 1969

George Ireland was born in Bournes Green and baptised on 13 January 1889 in Oakridge Church.

He was the son of John William Ireland and Florence Emma Twissell. John was a general labourer.

In 1911 George was in Portland, Dorset serving as a private in the Royal Marines Light Infantry having enlisted in 1907. George continued to serve in the Royal Marines through WWI until 1939.

In 1920 George married Lucy E.G. Crowson in Kent and they had 5 children. They came to live at Church Cottages, Church Road, France Lynch. George died is buried in Oakridge Churchyard.

Alfred Tyler-Young

1880 - 1964

Alfred (Fred) Young was born in Oakridge and baptised on 20 March 1881 in France Lynch Church.

He was the son of William Young and Sarah Jane Tyler. John was a GWR plate layer. On 11 July 1908 Alfred married Ada Beatrice Curtis at Oakridge Church and had 2 children Violet and Alfred. In 1911 Alfred was living in Oakridge Lynch with his wife and daughter and was described as a GWR packer.



Isles Green Farm House

Alfred enlisted in the Royal Engineers in 1916 and whilst serving with the 268th Railway Company in June 1918 received an injury to his back. He served in France between December 1916 until his discharge in April 1919.

In 1939 Alfred and wife Ada were living at Iles Green Farm where Alfred was described as permanent way maintenance and repair staff.

Thomas Henry Walker

1876 - 1954

Thomas Walker was born in Waterlane and baptised on 4 June 1876 in Oakridge Church.

He was the son of John Walker and Mary Anne Gardiner. John was a labourer.

Thomas joined the 1st Gloucestershire Regiment in 1895 and by 1911 was based in Portsmouth as a private in the Royal Garrison Artillery. He was placed on special reserve at Bristol on 20 October 1914 in the 3rd battalion Gloucestershire Regiment. He went to France with the Expeditionary Force in January 1915 and was discharged on 8th December 1915 with neuritis of the feet from serving in the trenches.

On discharge he moved to Gloucester and in 1919 married Edith Minnie Birt in Gloucester Register Office. They had one child Edith. In 1939 Thomas was living at 14 Hemingsdale Road, Hempsted where he was described as a general labourer.

Alfred Wright

1887 - ?

Alfred Wright was born in Oakridge Lynch.

He was the son of John Wright and Hephzibah Hunt. John was a road labourer employed by the County Council. In 1901 Alfred was living with his parents in Oakridge Lynch, and was described as a wood sawyer. On 10 May 1915 Alfred married Lily Phelps in Oakridge Church.

In 1919 Alfred was registered at Oakridge Lynch as an absent military voter. After the war they had 3 children Kathleen born 1924, Wilfred born 1925 and Edward born 1926.

Frank Wright

1899 - 1972

Frank Wright was born in Oakridge Lynch.

He was the son of Albert Wright and Louisa Bidmead. Albert was a road labourer employed by the Council. In 1911 Frank was living with his parents in Oakridge Lynch, and was described as a school boy.

In 1918 Frank was registered at Oakridge Lynch as an absent military voter.

On 26 December 1922 Frank married Damsell Kate Phelps in France Lynch Church. They had 1 son Frank. In 1939 Frank, his wife and son were living at Crofts Hill, Oakridge Lynch where he was described as a County Council labourer.

Edward Young

1893 - 1973

Edward Young was born in Oakridge Lynch and baptised on 12 March 1893 in Oakridge Church.



The Butchers Arms

He was the son of William Young and Sarah Jane Dutton. In 1911 William was the innkeeper at the Butchers Arms Oakridge Lynch having previously been a railway labourer. Edward was by that time a farm labourer.

In February 1915 Edward joined the Gloucestershire Constabulary and enlisted on the 5 May 1915 in 5th Gloucester's Royal Garrison Artillery.

After the war he re-joined the police and in 1921 Edward married Evelina Green in Chipping Sodbury and they had a daughter Peggy. In 1939 Edward, his wife and daughter were living at the Police Station in Chipping Sodbury where Edward was a police constable.

Walter Young

1891 - 1951

Walter Young was born in Oakridge.

He was the youngest son of John Young and Mary Eliza Glastonbury. John Young worked on the railway and the family were living in Oakridge Lynch in 1901. Walter worked for Oliver Rowles of Bournes Green as a carter.

Walter enlisted on 1st May 1916 at Horfield Barracks, Bristol in the 29th Middlesex Regiment, service number 75770. He later transferred to the Labour Corp service number 241988. Whilst serving he married Ada James, of Beet House Lodge Amersham, on 8th November 1916 in Rickmansworth, Hertfordshire.

He was discharged on 3 September 1919 and after the war Walter worked as a gardener and lived in Amersham. Their first child James was born in 1921 followed by Jean in 1923 and Anthony in 1927.

