

## Frettenham War Memorial Project (part 2)

### The Family History

#### Frederick Henry BLOOM

Born at Paston in 1889 the son of Henry Bloom and Blanch Johnson Bloom, his wife. Frederick was one of four children and the family moved to Frettenham in 1893 where their youngest daughter, Annie Louisa was born. Henry was a groom and gardener at the Rose & Crown public house. In 1911 when Frederick was 22 he was living and working at Markshall in Swainsthorpe as a footman for Geoffrey Fowell Buxton, a banker.

#### Charles Able BUCK

The sixth child of John and Maria Buck he was born in Hainford and baptised there on 6<sup>th</sup> January 1884. On the 1911 census he was a gamekeeper living and working at Blickling. He joined the Norfolk Regiment No 29418 and was later transferred to the 1<sup>st</sup> battalion Essex Regiment No. 41526. There is a photograph of him in uniform on the Picture Norfolk web site.

#### Thomas Cyril BUCK

Younger brother of Charles he was baptised at St Swithin's Frettenham on 13<sup>th</sup> November 1892 the ninth child of John and Maria Buck, née Cooke. John was an agricultural labourer. Thomas had six brothers and four sisters. He enlisted at Norwich on 27<sup>th</sup> December 1907, just after his 16<sup>th</sup> birthday. On the 1911 census he was in barracks at Windsor with the Coldstream Guards age 22. He was promoted to sergeant in September 1912 and went to France with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion in 1914. He was awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal "For conspicuous gallantry and ability at Givenchy on 21<sup>st</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> December 1914, in going forward under heavy fire to select positions for machine guns, and subsequently for rescuing a wounded man who was lying out under fire." He was killed the following year on 9<sup>th</sup> May by a shrapnel bullet. There is also a photograph of him in uniform on the Picture Norfolk web site. There is a memorial to his father in St Swithin's churchyard with this inscription "John beloved husband of Maria Buck who departed this life Jan 16<sup>th</sup> 1918 age 74 also Sergt. Thomas Cyril Buck DCM 7584 killed in action May 9<sup>th</sup> 1915 age 23 also 41526 Charles Able Buck killed in action April 13<sup>th</sup> 1917 age 34 dearly beloved sons of the above"

#### Walter James FORSTER

I believe that the W. Foster, on the memorial, was Driver Walter James Forster 55151 who was killed in action in Italy on 29<sup>th</sup> September 1918 aged 33 of the 121<sup>st</sup> Battery, 27<sup>th</sup> Brigade Royal Field Artillery. The son of Walter James and Jane Amelia Forster and the husband of Jessie J Forster, née Houchell of Top Street, Martlesham, Woodbridge Suffolk. He is commemorated at Lebuquiere Communal Cemetery, grave 11 F 29. Walter was born in Frettenham but baptised at Horstead on 29<sup>th</sup> March 1885, as was his brother John.

#### Robert Charles GARRETT

Born on 7<sup>th</sup> June 1889 and baptised on 17<sup>th</sup> August 1890 at Frettenham, the only child of Charles and Emily Garrett, née Norgate. Charles and Emily were married in 1888 in Norwich. On the 1891 census Charles Garrett, his wife Emily and baby son Robert were living on Fryers Road (now Post Office Road) Frettenham, running the post office and grocery store. Emily died in 1903 and by the 1911 census Robert was assisting in the business. Charles died in 1932.

#### Cecil Frederick MUSKETT

Sometimes known as Frederick Cecil, he was born at Kirby Bedon in 1897 the son of Frederick and Alice Christina Muskett, née Ladbrooke. Cecil had two sisters, Celia Florence and Christina Rachel Hannah. In 1911 Frederick, Alice and their three children were living in Frettenham, he was a market gardener working on his own account at home. Out of all the men named on the war memorial he is the only one whose military record has survived. He was 19 when he enlisted on 12<sup>th</sup> February 1916 at Norwich and 5ft 5½ins tall weighing 7½st. He suffered a gun shot wound to his right leg in April 1917 and was admitted to Beven Military Hospital, being discharged on 2<sup>nd</sup> May he returned to France and was reported missing presumed killed on 9<sup>th</sup> October 1917.

#### Louis Pouchee MONEY

The only son of Louis Money, a carpenter, and Emily, née Newhouse was baptised on 3<sup>rd</sup> January 1898 at Frettenham. He had a younger sister Elsie Maud Money also baptised in Frettenham. His parents were married on 10<sup>th</sup> December 1896 at Hautbois Magna near Coltishall.

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There will be more stories in the next edition, and please contact me if you have any information or would like more details on any of the men.

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