

SEVINGTON

We have been unable to locate a war memorial in Sevington. This is a list of Sevington men that we came across in the course of my research

The Great War 1914 -1919

BARNES J.W

Sapper 189175 James William BARNES. 18th Wagon Erecting Company, Royal Engineers (RE). Died of disease 4th September 1917. Born Sevington, Ashford. Enlisted Ashford. Resided Sevington. Son of James and Fanny Barnes of 108, Cudworth Road, Ashford, Kent. Buried in the Calais Southern Cemetery, France. Grave reference Plot H, Row 4, Grave 1.

Before the outbreak of war James was working at the Ashford Railway Yards. His name appears on the Ashford Railway Rolls of Honour in Ashford Library.

The 1901 census gives –
Cottage, Sevington

James	BARNES	78	Agricultural Labourer	Kingsnorth
Fred		29		Mersham

Cottage, Sevington

James	BARNES	46	Railway	Mersham
Fanny		36		Tonbridge
Alice		9		Sevington
James W		7		Sevington

CLARK F

Private Frank CLARK. Chatham Battalion, Royal Naval Division (RND), Royal Marine Light Infantry (RMLI). Died in Gallipoli, Turkey 7th June 1915 aged 18 years. Son of William and Louisa Clark of Forstal Farm, Aylesford or Boxley, Maidstone, Kent. Formerly residing Sevington, Ashford, Kent. Frank has no known grave. His name appears on the Helles Memorial, Gallipoli, Turkey. Panel reference 2 to 7.

Educated at the old Willesborough School, Ashford. Employed before the outbreak of war by Mr T Chapman of Sevington Court.



NOYES H.H

Private 81675 Herbert Hahhenmann NOYES. 5th Battalion, Canadian Infantry (Saskatchewan Regiment). Died 9th September 1916 aged 30 years. Born 11th March 1886 at Johnstown, Kilkenny, Ireland. Son of the Rev Robert J Noyes (formerly Rector of Sevington, Ashford, Kent) of Lloydminster, Canada. Formerly Linlady, Derry, Ireland. Buried in the Pozieres British Cemetery, The Somme, France. Grave reference IV.M.20.

Herbert was a farmer. He enlisted 18th December 1914 in Canada.



POWELL W.J

Bombardier 23881 William James POWELL. 20th Siege Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery (RGA). Died 25th September 1915 aged 31 years. Born Kingsnorth. Son of Mr Horatio and Isabel Powell of 1, Autumn Cottage, Sevington, Ashford, Kent. Formerly (1901) Bank Cottage, Sevington, Ashford, Kent. Buried in the Hop Store Cemetery, Ypres, Belgium. Grave reference Plot 1, Row B, Grave 9.

The 1901 census gives –
Bank Cottage, Sevington

George	POWELL	50	Farm Servant	Dover
Sarah R		20		Dover
William J		17	Farm Labourer	Ruckinge

Educated at Ruckinge School. Upon leaving school he went to work in the Ashford Railway Yards for the South Eastern and Chatham Railway Company in the Permanent Way Department. In 1912 William then became a Police Constable in the Metropolitan Police (London). William enlisted voluntarily in August 1914 in London. He was killed by an artillery shell whilst serving in the frontline.





SETTERFIELD J

Private T/240127 John SETTERFIELD. 5th Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment). Died 7th January 1916 Iraq aged 21 years. Born Sevington, Ashford, Kent. Resided Sevington. Son of Mr J Setterfield of 3, Sevington Terrace, Sevington, Ashford, Kent. John has no known grave. His name appears on the Basra Memorial, Basra, Iraq. Panel reference 6.

Educated in the Willesborough Council School. Before the outbreak of war he was working alongside his father at Court Lodge. He was a member of the territorial's (5th) before the war broke out and was mobilised when it did.

On the 6th January 1916 a signal came from Kut saying that large numbers of Turkish troops were moving downstream of the River Tigris towards Sheikh Saad. An aircraft spotted the troops entrenching both sides of the river. The Tigris Corps of which the Buffs was part of moved to meet the enemy. The 5th battalion attacked the Turk positions head on and by nightfall it became obvious the attack could not succeed. The next day 7th January the Buffs alongside The Black Watch and The Seaforth Highlanders were again ordered to attack in strength. As the British moved forward under heavy fire the Turks attempted to encircle the Tigris Corps. By nightfall the position remained stalemate. It was later discovered that the Turks had withdrawn upstream. British Army casualties at Sheikh Saad were over 4,000 men.





STICKELLS H.W (brother)

Railway
Dover Marine
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Private G/9125 Harry William STICKELLS. 1st Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment). Died Friday 15th September 1916 aged 23 years. Born Ruckinge in 1899. Enlisted Ashford. Resided Sevington. Son of Harry Robert and Harriet Stickells of 98 Church Road/ 2 May Cottages, Sevington, Ashford. Formerly Waterbrook Cottage, Sevington. Harry has no known grave. His name appears on the Thiepval Memorial, The Somme, France. Panel reference 5D.

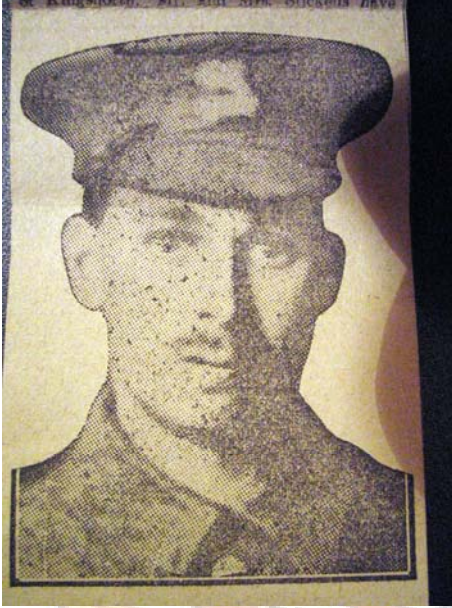
Harry's name appears on the Mersham Wesleyan Chapel War Memorial Plaque located in what is now a private residence in Frith Road, Aldington. Apparently, the location of the former chapel comes under the administrative parish of Mersham.

Prior to the war Harry worked for the South Eastern and Chatham Railway Company in the Ashford Railway Works. His name appears on the Ashford Railway Works Rolls of Honour and the Dover Marine Railway War Memorial.

The Ashford Absentee Voters List for 1918 gives –
Waterbrook Cottage, Sevington, Ashford

Private 2007712 Percy Arthur STICKELLS. 4th Reserve Battalion, Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment).

The day that Harry was killed his battalion the 1st Buffs was in action all day. The battalion was between Morval and Le Sars holding frontline trenches on the Thiepval Ridge. The objective that day was the Quadrilateral a heavily fortified enemy redoubt on the edge of Bouteaux Wood. The Buffs went forward with the Bedford's but the attack was bought to a standstill by extremely heavy machine gun fire. On the 16th September the battalion withdrew to trenches running south east of Guillemont.



STICKELLS Thomas George (brother)

Private G/8915 Thomas George STICKELLS. 1st Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment). Died 15th September 1916 aged 25 years. Born Ruckinge 1891. Son of Harry Robert and Harriet Stickells of 98 Church Road/ 2 May Cottages, Sevington, Ashford. Formerly Waterbrook Cottage, Sevington. Thomas has no known grave. His name appears on the Thiepval Memorial, The Somme, France. Panel reference 5D.

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Before the outbreak of war Thomas was employed by Mr D Swaffer of Kingsnorth near Ashford.

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