



# A new memorial in Roundhay St. John Graveyard

by Sharon Donaldson

In late February 2018 The Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC) erected a new memorial. We know of no ceremony or announcement marking the event.

The memorial contains a spelling mistake and the CWGC has been notified. They will correct it.

I wanted to mark the event by writing about each of the brave men commemorated. A little personal recognition is better than none.



[www.oakwoodchurch.info/roundhaystjohn](http://www.oakwoodchurch.info/roundhaystjohn)

## Henry Stubbs Gunner, 1st Reserve Royal Horse Artillery, Field Artillery

Henry was born during February 1889 at Bridge Street, Morley, Leeds. He was Baptised on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 1889 at St Paul's in Morley along with his sister Amy. Henry's parents were Ellen and Samuel, who is recorded as Licensed Victualler of The Albion Inn. Henry and Eliza (nee Oldroyd) were married at Roundhay St John on 5<sup>th</sup> August 1911. Their residence was 'Bilton Villa' in Ladywood Road. [Bilton was the village where Henry's parents were born.]



1891. Marriage solemnized in St. John Roundhay in the Parish of Roundhay St. John in the County of York

No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the Time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
388	August 5 <sup>th</sup> 1911	Henry Stubbs Eliza Oldroyd	25 29	Bachelor Spinster	Carriage Agent —	Ladywood Road Ladywood Road	Samuel Stubbs William Oldroyd	Carriage Agent Saddler

Married in the Parish Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church by W. H. Stansfield

This Marriage was solemnized between us, Henry Stubbs and Eliza Oldroyd in the Presence of us, Joseph Stubbs and Mabel Stubbs

I think Henry and Eliza had three children: Samuel born in 1912, Joseph b.1913 d.1915, and Lily b.1916 d.1916. Joseph and Lily are buried in the Oldroyd family grave at Upper Wortley Graveyard. Henry died on 16<sup>th</sup> March 1917 in Newcastle Military Hospital and was buried at Roundhay St John - where his father was buried in 1907.

### Harold Marsden Duke of Wellington's Regiment

BAPTISMS solemnized in the Parish of <i>Moor Allerton</i> in the County of <i>York</i> in the Year <i>1872</i>						
When Baptized.	Child's Christian Name.	Parent's Name.		Abode.	Quality, Trade, or Profession.	By whom the Ceremony was performed.
		Christian.	Surname.			
<i>1873 April 2nd</i>	<i>Harold</i>	<i>Eli</i>	<i>Marsden</i>	<i>Valley Terrace Shadwell</i>	<i>Cloth Manufacturer</i>	<i>J. Burrows Rector</i>

Harold, born 1893 at Valley Terrace in Shadwell and Baptised at Moor Allerton St John's Church, had five siblings - four sisters and one brother. His parents were Eli, a cloth finisher and Hannah (nee Freeborn).

Harold's Baptism record

The 1901 Census records Henry living at 24 Roundhay Grove; and in the 1911 Census at 72 Gledhow Wood Avenue, with three of his five siblings. Two of his sisters were teaching assistants. Before joining the army, Henry was a Cashier's Clerk in the dyeing and finishing industry.



Harold's parents Hannah and Eli



Harold's siblings Hilda b. 1887, William b. 1881 and Edith b. 1883



The inscription on family grave C15 in Roundhay St John Graveyard says:  
*"In loving memory of Harold Marsden (2nd Lieutenant). The younger son of Eli & H. Elizabeth Marsden, who died at home 5th June 1918 in his 26th year after serious illness contracted whilst on active duty in France"*

Duke of Wellington Regiment, France, June 1918

## **Harold Cullingworth** *Kings Own Royal Lancaster Regiment*

Harold's father was Albert, a Bank Clerk, and his mother was Delia. Harold was born at Harewood on 10<sup>th</sup> January 1896. The 1901 Census records them living on Wetherby Road and the 1911 Census records them on Gledhow Wood Avenue.

**CULLINGWORTH, HAROLD**, 2nd Lieut., The King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regt.), eldest s. of Albert Cullingworth, of Linden House, 15, Gledhow Wood Avenue, Roundhay, Leeds, Bank Cashier; *b.* Harewood, co. York, 10 Jan. 1896; educ. Harehills County Council School, and Northern Institute, Leeds; volunteered for active service soon after the outbreak of war, and enlisted in the King's Own (Yorkshire Light Infantry) 3 Sept. 1914; was transferred to the 15th West Yorkshire Regt. at Colsterdale, co. York; served in Egypt, and subsequently with the Expeditionary Force in France and Flanders; was wounded at Albert in June, 1916, and invalided home; received a commission, and was gazetted 2nd Lieut. The Royal Lancaster Regt. 23 Sept. 1917, and joined his battalion at Harwich. He was suffering from shell shock, and was subsequently discharged as medically unfit 14 April, 1918, and died at Sheffield, 30 Oct. following, of pneumonia following influenza. Buried in St. John's Churchyard, Roundhay; *unm.*

Entry in De Ruigny's Roll of Honour

According to Kings Own Royal Regiment Museum at Lancaster, Harold relinquished his commission on account of ill health contracted on active service. He was granted Honorary 2nd Lieutenant on 14th April 1918. Harold was not recorded on CWGC website as he had left service before his death. A successful application was recently made by Peter Oldfield to CWGC for Harold's name to be added.

## **Frank Burton James** *15th (Service) Battalion the Leeds Pals*

Born 1892 in Roundhay, Frank was one of nine children. His father was George Outhwaite James, a Woollen Merchant/Manufacturer, and his mother Annie, nee Galloway. Before enlisting, Frank worked in his father business. They lived at 'Holmfield' on Wetherby Road, Roundhay. Frank was 22 when he enlisted on 11<sup>th</sup> September 1914 - height 5 feet 8 inches, weight 10 stone 7 lbs, blue eyes and brown hair. He served in the Mediterranean from 6<sup>th</sup> December 1915 until 7<sup>th</sup> March 1916, then in France from March 8<sup>th</sup> 1916 until 16<sup>th</sup> July 1916.

He was hospitalised at Etaples. His medical report of 5<sup>th</sup> November 1916 said:

*"he was knocked over by a shell and from that time became quiet in manner, ceased to take any interest in surroundings, unsociable, depressed and self-conscious. Outcome: permanent, total at present, suffering from shell-shock.*

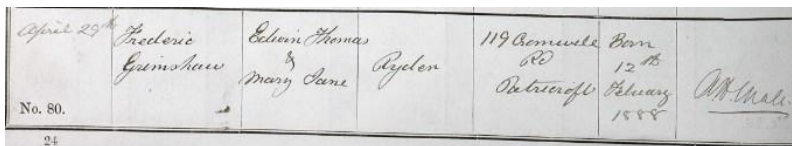
Frank died on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 1919 and was buried at Roundhay St John.



The WW1 base hospital at Etaples

## Frederick Grimshaw Ryder *Royal Army Service Corps*

Frederick was born 12<sup>th</sup> February 1888 at Walkden, Patricroft, Lancashire. His mother was Mary Jane (nee Grimshaw) and his father was Edwin Thomas Ryder, a railway audit clerk.



Frederick's Baptism record: Trinity Wesleyan Methodist, Patricroft, Liverpool Road, Manchester

When he enlisted, Frederick's occupation was Railway Clerk. In the 1911 Census Frederick was recorded as a Clerk in the Traction Department. Eight brothers and sisters are listed but three more had died. Frederick married Elsie (Axton - in Cheshire, 1917?) and they lived at 59 Belle Vue Avenue. Frederick died on 4<sup>th</sup> November 1919. His brother Ernest served and so did his brother Allan who was in the Royal Naval Air Service. Ernest and Allan survived the war.

## Neville Crossland Hemingway *Sergeant in The Royal Army Ordnance Corps*

Neville was born in 1910. He served in WW2 and died at Seacroft Military Hospital. His father Albert Hemingway and mother Alice (nee Downs Lord Driver). Neville's four siblings were baptised together at St Aiden's, Leeds in 1905 when Albert was a Maltster. The family were living at 247 Harehills Lane. In 1910 when Neville was born his father's occupation was Market Gardener and they had moved to 27 Davies Avenue, which was developed in about 1909.



1909



Recent

HEMINGWAY.—April 30, in Seacroft Military Hospital, aged 35 years, Sergeant NEVILLE CROSSLAND HEMINGWAY, beloved son of the late Albert and Alice Hemingway and dearly loved brother of Alice, Albert and Jessie.—Service and interment at St. John's Church, Roundhay, on Friday, 11 a.m., leaving 40, Sandringham Drive, Moortown, at 10.45 a.m. Friends please meet at the church.

Yorkshire Post and Leeds Intelligencer - 1 May 1946