

Draft Notes for Frederick John Perrett in Freshford Great War Heroic Dead.paw

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Note: **Frederick John** was son of John Perrett/Sarah Saunders. One of at least 7 children he married Helen Louisa C Charmbury in 1905 having 3 children a son and daughter surviving by 1911 census. A maltster labourer, he enlisted D o E reg Wilts in Trowbridge and died in 1915 in India (see CWGC website). Slightly worrying me on this one is Helen died in 1945 but was living in the same house they shared in 1911 in Trowbridge so why would he be on a Somerset war memorial? It is however only 5.7 miles away? ²

1885 Birth of **Frederick John Perrett** registered Westbury, Wiltshire. ^{3,4}

1891 Census shows John Perrett head age 28 Agricultural Labourer b. Hinton, Wiltshire living at Bleet 3, Hinton, Wilts, ⁵ with wife Sarah age 27 b. Steeple Ashton, Wilts and children Louisa age 8 Scholar b. Trowbridge, **John** [sic] age 5 Scholar b. Steeple Ashton Wilts, Ellen age 3 b. Steeple Ashton Wilts, and James age 11 months b. Hinton, Wilts. ⁶

1901 Census shows Emily Burbidge head Wid. age 37 Dressmaker own acct. b. Seend Cleave, Wilts living at 12 Hilperton Rd, Trowbridge, Wiltshire with daughter Emily D age 7 b. Trowbridge, Wilts and boarder **Frederick J Perrett** s age 15 Groom Domestic worker b. Steeple Ashton, Wiltshire. ⁷

1905 Marriage at the General Baptist Chapel Conigre, Trowbridge, Wilts on 1st April 1905 of **Frederick John Perrett** age 21 bachelor ⁸ Groom of 24 Thomas Street, Trowbridge father John Perrett, Carter and **Helen Louisa Collins Charmbury** [signed as *H L Collins Charmbury*] age 21 spinster Cloth Worker of 24 Thomas Street, Trowbridge father Edward Collins (deceased) Private RFA ^{9,10} in the presence of Sarah Ann Burton and Edward Hillman by certificate. ¹¹ Registered Melksham, Wiltshire. ¹²

1905 Birth of **Wilfred Leslie Perrett** registered Melksham. ¹³

1809 Birth of **Helen Louisa Perrett** registered Melksham. ¹⁴

1911 Census shows **Frederick John Perrett** age 25 married, Maltster Labourer for Brewer, worker b. Steeple Ashton, Wilts living at 18 Prospect Place, Trowbridge (4 rooms), with wife Helen Louisa age 24, married 6 years, (3 children born alive, 2 still living, 1 who has died) b. Trowbridge, Wilts and children Wilfred Leslie age 5 School and Helen Louisa age 2 both b. Trowbridge, also brother Alfred Perrett age 18 single Plasterers Labourer for Plasterers Tiller ¹⁵, worker b. Trowbridge, Wilts. ¹⁶

1912 Birth of **Walter J Perrett** registered Melksham mother's maiden name: Charmbury. ¹⁷

1914 Birth of **Milroy R Perrett** registered Melksham mother's maiden name: Charmbury. ¹⁸

Charmbury Family & Helen Louisa Collins Charmbury

1881 Census shows George Charmbury age 29 Clothworker (Woollen) Steam Brushes b. Trowbridge living at 1 Cadby's Yard, Trowbridge, Wilts with wife Lydia age 28 Wool Weaver b. North Bradley, Wilts and children Alice E age 10, Helen L age 9, George H age 7, Sarah Ann age 5, and Mary Jane age 2 all b. Trowbridge. ¹⁹

1886 Birth on 18 Nov 1886 at 1 Cadby Road, Trowbridge N.S.D of **Helen Louisa Collins** [father's name blank] mother Alice Eliza Charmbury a Woolen Cloth Worker informant A E Charmbury, mother registered 29 Dec 1886 in Trowbridge, Melksham. ^{20,21} Death of Helen Louisa Charmbury

registered Melksham.²²

Note: Notwithstanding the name quoted on Helen Louisa Collins Charmbury's birth certificate, it is considered that, rather than Alice Eliza, Helen Louisa was actually the mother, and she died giving birth, or soon afterwards. Alice Eliza went on to marry in 1890.

1890 Marriage of Alice Eliza Charmbury registered Melksham.^{23, 24}

1891 Census shows George Charmbury age 39 Woollen Weaver b. Trowbridge living at 3 Islington Place, Trowbridge, Wilts with wife Lydia age 28 Woollen Weaver b. North Bradley, Wilts and children George H age 17 Woolen Cloth Dresser, Sarah A age 15, and Mary J age 12, Thomas age 5, and Rose L age 1, and granddaughter **Louise E** age 5²⁵ all b. Trowbridge, Wilts.²⁶

1945 Death of **Helen L Perrett** age 58 registered Mar 1945 at Trowbridge.²⁷

1945 **Perrett Helen Louisa** of 18 Prospect Place, Trowbridge Wiltshire, widow, died 27 Feb 1945 at the Trowbridge and District Hospital Trowbridge Administration Llandudno 13 April to Wilfred Leslie Perrett Brewers Cooper.²⁸

First World War

1914-1915 **Perrett Frederick J**; Wilts R; Rank: Pte; Reg. No. 1202. Medals: British; Roll C/1/102/A2 Page 131. T.F. War [Territorial Force War Medal²⁹] Wilts R TFM Page 24.³⁰

1914 1st/4th Battalion Territorial Force: 04.08.1914 was stationed at Fore St, Trowbridge as part of the South Western Brigade of the Wessex Division and then moved to Salisbury Plain. 09.10.1914 the battalion embarked for India from Southampton arriving at Bombay where the Division was broken up.³¹

1915 **Frank Perrett** d. 24 Jun 1915 in Delhi.³²

1915 Death of **Frederick John Perrett** b. Steeple Ashton, Wiltshire; Resided: Trowbridge, Wiltshire; Nationality: British; Date of Death: 24/06/1915; Rank: Lance Corporal; Service Number: 1202; Duty Location: India; Battalion: 1st/4th Battalion.³³

1915 **Perrett, F J**. Rank.: Lance Corporal, Service No.: 1202; Date of Death: 24/06/1915 Regiment: Wiltshire Regiment 1st/4th Bn.; Cemetery: Delhi War Cemetery.^{34, 35}

¹ Plaque on Freshford Village war memorial sited on the village Tynning.

² Ancestry.co.uk message from Lynne Morris (morrishlynneNorfolk) on 29 Jun 2014.

³ England & Wales, FreeBMD Birth Index: 1837-1983 for Westbury, Wiltshire for Jul-Aug-Sep 1885 Vol 5a Page 140.

⁴ The Westbury Registration District included the civil parish of Steeple Ashton. Seend was in the Melksham District.

⁵ Bleet is a small hamlet on the edge of Ashton Common, East of Trowbridge, and about 1 mile north of Steeple Ashton.

⁶ 1891 England Census RG12/1607 Westbury, Bradley 83 Folio 83 Page 1 Schedule 98.

⁷ 1901 England Census RG13/1932 Melksham, Trowbridge 4 Folio 39 Page 19 Schedule 144.

⁸ Note: in the certificate his condition is given as “*Groom* [lined through] *Bachelor*” with “27” added above, and a side note “*twenty seven*” initialled by the registrar. It is unclear what this refers to as he was b. in 1885, so age 21 is correct; possibly it refers to his house number given as 15, the same as Helen (though it is not unusual for a couple’s married address to be given in marriage certificates).

⁹ RFA: Royal Field Artillery.

¹⁰ There is a Boer War record of an E Collins, Corporal Royal Field Artillery as a prisoner of war on 25 Dec 1901 at Tweefontein

¹¹ Certified Copy of an Entry of Marriage given at the General Register Office dated 2 Sep 2014

¹² England and Wales, FreeBMD, Marriage Index: 1837-1983 for Melksham, Wiltshire for Apr-May-Jun 1905 Vol 5a Page 231.

¹³ England & Wales, FreeBMD Birth Index: 1837-1983 for Melksham for 1905 Apr-May-Jun Vol 5a Page 122.

¹⁴ England & Wales, FreeBMD Birth Index: 1837-1983 for Melksham for 1909 Jan-Feb-Mar Vol 5a Page 114.

¹⁵ Tiller: probably a spelling variation of tiler Ref: Dictionary of Old Occupations <http://www.familyresearcher.co.uk/glossary/Dictionary-of-Old-Occupations-jobs-beginning-T3.htm>.

¹⁶ 1911 England & Wales Census RG14/11965 Melksham, Trowbridge 5 Schedule 79.

¹⁷ England & Wales, FreeBMD Birth Index: 1837-1983 for Melksham for 1905 Apr-May-Jun Vol 5a Page 194.

¹⁸ England & Wales, FreeBMD Birth Index: 1837-1983 for Melksham for 1905 Apr-May-Jun Vol 5a Page 189.

¹⁹ 1881 England Census RG11/2047 Melksham, Trowbridge 5 Folio 92 Page 7 Schedule 47.

²⁰ Certified Copy of an Entry of Birth given at the General Register Office given on 3 Sep 2014.

²¹ England & Wales, FreeBMD Birth Index: 1837-1983 for Melksham for 1886 Oct-Nov-Dec Vol 5a Page 119.

²² England & Wales, FreeBMD Death Index: 1837-1983 for Melksham for 1886 Oct-Nov-Dec Vol 5a Page 72.

²³ England and Wales, FreeBMD, Marriage Index: 1837-1983 for Melksham for 1890 Apr-May-Jun Vol 5a Page 218.

²⁴ Alice Eliza Charmbury married Edward Hillman Ref: CooperEllis Family Tree owner palerover et al.

²⁵ It is considered likely that this is in fact ***Helen Louisa Collins Charmbury***. It is for consideration that she was reported to the census as “Louisa Helen” - this could sound like “Louise Ellen” in the local dialect.

²⁶ 1891 England Census RG12/1603 Melksham, Trowbridge 7 Folio 132A Page 29 Schedule 211.

²⁷ Ancestry.com. England & Wales, Death Index: 1916-2005 for Trowbridge for Mar 1945 Vol 5a Page 184.

²⁸ England & Wales, National Probate Calendar (Index of Wills and Administrations),1861-1941 Ancestry.com Llandudno.

²⁹ The Territorial Force War Medal was a campaign medal awarded to members of the British Territorial Force and Territorial Force Nursing Services who served overseas in World War I; it is the rarest of the five British Great War medals. The medal was established in April 1920 for award to members of the Territorial Force and Territorial Force Nursing Services who volunteered for service overseas on or before 30 September 1914, and served overseas. Ref: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Territorial_Force_War_Medal.

³⁰ Medal Card held in the National Archives.

³¹ <https://www.forces-war-records.co.uk/1838231>.

³² Alan Dodge, *Freshford - History of a Somerset Village* (2000; reprint, Freshford Manor Bath Somerset: Freshford Publications, 2000)

³³ <https://www.forces-war-records.co.uk/1838231>.

³⁴ Commonwealth War Graves Commission Casualty Details www.cwgc.org

³⁵ Delhi War Cemetery was created in 1951 when graves from many cemeteries in northern India were moved into the site to ensure their permanent maintenance. Among them are graves from cantonment cemeteries in Allahabad, Cawnpore, Dehra Dun and Lucknow. There are now 1,022 Commonwealth casualties of the Second World War buried, or commemorated by special memorial, in this cemetery together with a number of war graves of other nationalities, mostly Dutch. In 1966, 99 First World War burials were moved into the cemetery from Nicholson Cemetery, Kashmir Gate, Delhi, so that their permanent maintenance could be assured. Ref: <http://www.cwgc.org/find-a-cemetery/cemetery/92000/DELHI%20WAR%20CEMETERY>.