

Draft Notes for Robert Edward Turner in Freshford Great War Heroic Dead.paw

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Ronald Turner, 7 May 1918 age 37 Mont-Bernanchon, France. ²

1882 Birth of **Robert Edward Turner** registered Chard. ^{3,4}

1882 **Robert Edward Turner** bap. on 20 Aug 1882 at St Bartholomew Church, Crewkerne, Somerset father Edward Turner mother Maria Turner abode Crewkerne father's occupation Maltster. ^{5,6}

1891 Census shows Edward Turner age 43 Maltster b. Crewkerne, Somerset living at South Street, Bridport, Dorset with wife Marie age 42 b. Barrow, children **Robert E** age 8 Scholar b. Crewkerne, Somerset, Edith G age 7 Scholar, Harry age 5 Scholar and Minnie age 1 all b. Bridport, Dorset, and his mother Elizabeth Turner age 85 living on own means b. Crewkerne, Somerset. ⁷

1901 Census shows **Robert Turner** age 19 Gardener Domestic (worker) b. Crewkerne, Somerset boarding at Burford Bothy, Mickelham, Surrey with 8 others. ⁸

1911 Census shows Maria Turner head age 62 widow (6 children born alive, 2 who have died) Laundress Domestic (own account, at home) living at Hillside Cottage, Barrow Gurney, Somerset (5 rooms) with children **Robert Edward** age 28 single Gardener Domestic (worker) b. Crewkerne, Somerset, Edith Gertrude age 27 single Tailoress (worker) b. Bridport, Dorset, Minnie age 20 single Help (worker, at home) b. Bridport, Dorset and Minnie Hooper age 27 visitor. ⁹

Amy Winifred Child

1911 Census shows *Amy Child* single age 32 Music Teacher b. Barrow Gurney living at Sheen House, Barrow Gurney, Somerset with her parents John age 66 and Melinda age 68. ¹⁰

1914 Marriage solemnized at the Parish Church in Barrow Gurney in the County of Somerset on 8 Feb 1914 between **Robert Edward Turner** age 31 bachelor Gardener of Freshford father Edward Turner (deceased), Maltster and *Amy Winifred Turner* age 33 spinster of Barrow Gurney father John Child, Builder according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church after banns, in the presence of Herbert A Child, Gladys E Child, Herbert Phillips and Edith G Phillips. ^{11, 12} Note: a search of the birth registrations did not identify any children from this marriage.

1915 Birth of *John C E Turner* registered Bradford on Avon mother's maiden name *Child*. ¹³

1924 Marriage of *Amy W Turner* and Edwin J Bull registered Long Ashton, Somerset. ¹⁴

1969 Death of *Amy Winifred Bull* b. 10 Feb 1878 age 91 registered Weston-Super-Mare. ¹⁵

1998 Death of *John Charles E Turner* b. 28 Dec 1914 age 84 registered Bristol. ¹⁶

First World War

1918 **Turner, R E** Lance Corporal S. No. 265442 Date of Death: 7 May 1918 age 37 Regiment: Somerset Light Infantry 1st Bn.; Grave 1.d.5. Mont-Bernanchon British Cemetery, Gonnehem. ¹⁷
Husband of *Amy Winifred Turner* of Farleigh, Flax Bourton, Bristol. ¹⁸

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

² Alan Dodge, *Freshford - History of a Somerset Village* (2000; reprint, Freshford Manor Bath Somerset: Freshford Publications, 2000)

³ Chard is the Registration District for Crewkerne.

⁴ England & Wales, FreeBMD Birth Index: 1837-1983 for Chard, Somerset for Jul-Aug-Sep 1882 Vol 5c Page 428.

⁵ Family Search England Births & Christening, 1578-1975 Batch Number: I03246-1 Film number: 1526554, Reference ID: item 23, p 209.

⁶ FreeREG <http://www.freereg.org.uk/> © 1998-2013 The website, its layout, search engine, and database are copyright by the Trustees of FreeBMD, a charity registered in England and Wales, Number 1096940. File 32428.

⁷ 1891 England Census RG12/1664 Bridport, Bridport 7 Folio 120 Page 11 Schedule 69

⁸ 1901 England Census RG13/623 Dorking, Dorking 17 Folio 116 Page 5 Schedule 25.

⁹ 1911 England & Wales Census RG14/14794 Long Ashton, Long Ashton 8 Schedule 15.

¹⁰ 1911 England & Wales Census RG14/14794 Long Ashton, Long Ashton 8 Schedule 52.

¹¹ Certified Copy of an Entry of Marriage given at the General Register Office dated 12 Aug 2014.

¹² England and Wales, FreeBMD, Marriage Index: 1837-1983 for Long Ashton, Somerset for Jan-Feb-Mar 1914 Vol 5c Page 981.

¹³ Ancestry.com. England & Wales, Birth Index: 1916-2005. Original data: General Register Office. England and Wales Civil Registration Indexes. London, England: General Register Office; for Bradford on Avon for Jan-Feb-Mar 1915 vol 5a Page 194.

¹⁴ England & Wales Marriage Index: 1916-2005 for Long Ashton for Jul-Aug-Sep 1924 Vol 5c Page 1297.

¹⁵ Ancestry.com. England & Wales, Death Index: 1916-2005 for Weston-Super-Mare for Jun 1969 Vol 7c Page 1360.

¹⁶ Ancestry.com. England & Wales, Death Index: 1916-2005 for Bristol for Jun 1998 Register I12C Entry 39.

¹⁷ Location: Pas de Calais. Mont-Bernanchon is a village 8 kilometres north-north-west of Bethune. In April 1918, the German advance on the Lys was checked and stopped a little to the east of the village. The cemetery was begun by the 2nd Lancashire Fusiliers in April 1918 and used by fighting units and the XIII Corps Burial Officer until August 1918. Mont-Bernanchon British Cemetery contains 166 First World War burials and two from the Second World War. The cemetery was designed by W H Cowlshaw.

¹⁸ Commonwealth War Graves Commission Casualty Details www.cwgc.org 247874.