

In Memory of  
Serjeant

## Frank Carter Woods

G/18057, 7th Bn., Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment) who died on 18 November 1916 Age 23

Son of Alfred and Laura Woods, of Occold, Suffolk; husband of Ida Woods, of Needham Rd., Harleston,  
Norfolk.

Remembered with Honour  
Regina Trench Cemetery, Grandcourt



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## Self: Sgt Frank Carter WOODS



Unlike the other names on the Roll of Honour, Frank Carter came from three generations of relatively affluent farmers and millers. So unlike the other names, he was not related to any of them.

He was born 1893 in Denham to parents Alfred WOODS and Laura Ann CARTER and moved to live at The Cedars, Occold by 1901. In 1911, he had moved to White House Farm and was working on the farm for his father. He had siblings Charles William, Kathleen Mary, Beatrice Clara, Bilham Edward, Grace Edith, Alfred Arthur and Thomas Walter.

In mid 1916, just before he was KIA, he married Ida CUTTING and they had a daughter, Frances Ida who Frank was never to see as she was not born until Apr 1917.

By 1916, he had enlisted in the 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent



Regiment), service number G/18057 – his rank of Sergeant probably partly due to his family background. We've no information that he had any connection to Kent so maybe a strange choice? He was killed 18 Nov 1916 in France, aged 23, and is commemorated at Regina Trench Cemetery, Somme, France, grave no II. A. 32.

## Wife: Ida CUTTING

Ida was born 1894 whilst living at Church Farm, Eye where her father, William Copeman CUTTING and mother Alice Sophia PAGE were living. Prior to that, William was living at Castle St, Eye and described himself as a farmer and butcher.

In Jun 1916, she married Frank Carter just before he was KIA and their daughter Frances Ida was born 9 months later in 1917. She married again, but not until 1939, to Frederick Walter LOCKWOOD, a farmer from Thorndon. They had no children. Frederick had been previously married to Alice Agnes GARDINER in Thorndon and had 3 children – Derek, Sybil and Kenneth Aubrey. In 1940, Kenneth Aubrey married Ida's daughter Frances Ida.

## Parents: Alfred WOODS and Laura Ann CARTER

Alfred was born 1865 in Eye, the son of Isaac Tipple WOODS and Mary Ann BILHAM. They lived in Cranley Rd, Eye where he was working on his father's farm up to the

1880's. In 1891, he was a farmer in Denham before moving to The Cedars, Occold by 1901, again describing himself as a farmer. By 1911, he had moved to White House Farm (13 rooms) before moving to Benningham Grange by 1925. He passed away in 1939 but there is no record of his burial in Occold.

Laura Ann CARTER was born 1870 in Cotton to parents David CARTER and Drusilla LARTER. She spent her early years at the Railway Tavern in Cotton where her father was both a farmer and the innkeeper. Just before she married in 1892, she had moved with her parents to Street Farm, Wickham Skeith. She survived her husband by 14 years before passing away in 1953.

### **Paternal grandparents: Isaac Tipple WOODS and Mary Maria BILHAM**

Isaac was born 1824 in Tibenham, Norfolk to parents Robert WOODS and Elizabeth TIPPLE, Norfolk farmers. By 1851, he had moved to Rishangles, where he was the miller and then to Cranley Rd, Eye by 1861 where he was the miller and maltster (brewer). By 1881, he was a farmer of 157 acres in Cranley Hill, Eye and by 1891 had retired as a farmer to live with his son at White House Farm. He died in 1903 leaving effects of £3,384 (£367,000 in today's value). He married in 1860 to:

Mary Maria BILHAM was born 1837 in Banham, Norfolk, the daughter of James BILHAM and Maria TIPPLE. Note the surname – it is quite likely (but unproven) that Maria was the sister of Elizabeth TIPPLE, mother of Isaac. She spent her early years with her parents at New Buckenham, Norfolk where her father was a farmer and local grocer.

Isaac and Maria had children Alfred, Bilham, William, Thomas and James – all boys!

### **Maternal grandparents: David CARTER and Drusilla LARTER**

David was born 1833 in Bacton to parents John Mayhew CARTER and Mary MAYHOW. He spent his early years with his parents originally in Bacton but then in Westhorpe where his father was a farmer of 117 acres. By 1871, he had moved to the Railway Tavern, Cotton where he was both innkeeper and farmer of 190 acres employing 9 men before going to Street Farm in Wickham Skeith. He died in 1897, location unknown but within the district of Hartismere. He married in 1865 to Drusilla and then re-married in 1888 to Mary Ann JACOB following Drusilla's death in 1887.

Drusilla was born 1837 in Syleham to parents James LARTER and Ann (maiden name unknown). She lived with her parents in Church Farm, Fressingfield where her father was the farmer of 148 acres employing 4 labourers. She died in 1887 aged just 50.

David and Drusilla had children William John, Walter Edward, Herbert Thomas, Laura Ann, Ernest, Augustus and John.

## **Descendant: Daughter: Frances Ida WOODS**

Frances Ida was born 1817 in Occold, In 1940, she married Kenneth Aubrey LOCKWOOD, son of Frederick Walter LOCKWOOD and Alice Agnes GARDINER, a farmer from Thorndon.

Fredrick Walter LOCKWOOD was, in fact, Frances Ida's step father-in-law – since he married Frances Ida's mother in 1939. So Kenneth Aubrey was her step-brother!!

They had two girls Nina and Madeline. Of interest is that Alice Agnes was born in Winfarthing, Norfolk – the birthplace of the MULLENGER brothers (George Fredrick and Charles Robert) who are commemorated on the Occold Roll of Honour.

Frances Ida passed away in 1983 in Yaxley just after moving into their retirement home. Kenneth Aubrey re-married in 1986 to Joan WRIGHT but passed away 2009 in Yaxley where he had become a prominent citizen.

### **Descendants (living):**

Grandchildren: Nina and Madeline

Great-grandchildren: Darrell, Helen and Nina

Great-great-grandchildren: Gemma and Sarah