

Amy Mary Carter 1895 - 29 December 1932

Amy Mary Carter was born in January 1895, in Horsted Keynes, her parents David Carter (1850-1929) and Sarah Breach (1867-1954). They were married in the Cuckfield District in 1885. David was from Horsted Keynes and Sarah was born in Offham. It is believed that Sarah is related to the Breach family recorded on this website (see Breach). Amy was one of 8 children.

In 1891 the Carter family were living at Deanland, Horsted Keynes. David's occupation was a farmer on his own account, meaning he was self employed and presumably owned or rented some land. In 1901 the family lived at Nursery Farm, Chelwood Gate.

Later, in 1911 he stated his occupation as a general labourer.

In 1911 Amy, then 16 years old, was employed as a domestic servant, living in, with John and Laura Martin. John was also a farmer, and they lived at Netherhall Farm, Nutley.

Amy remained single and died on 29th December 1932, aged 37, leaving £123.8s.7d in her Will. She was buried at Danehill cemetery on 2nd January 1933.



Amy Carter is buried at Danehill cemetery



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1885. Marriage solemnized at the Parish Church in the Parish of *Hasted Keynes* in the County of *Sussex* No. 234

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.
234	April 25 th	David Carter	34	Bachelor	Labourer	Hasted Keynes	Samuel Carter	Labourer
		Sarah Beach	16	Spinster			Edward Beach	Labourer

Married in the *Parish Church* according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the *Established Church* after by me, *Samuel Rodwell*
Edward Beach Minister

This Marriage was registered at the Registrar General's Office in the City of London in the year 1885.

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No. 1060

Amy Mary Carter Shocks
 Bank

Jan'y 27 1933

37 H. Carter
 Gardener

Top: David and Sarah's wedding certificate. Bottom: Amy Carter's burial record.



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Fritz Carter

19 May 1897 - 2 July 1916

Fritz Carter was born on 19th May 1897. He was the Son of David and Sarah Carter of Nursery Farm, Chelwood Gate. He attended Danehill school, "off for winter" from infant school 9th August 1901 (too cold for a four year old). In the School Group photograph of 1907 and the Admission Register 1905. At the age of 13 years old, in 1911, he worked on a fruit farm as a labourer, still living at home with his parents, in Chelwood Gate.

Later Fritz enlisted in the army, in Horsham, to fight in The Great War. He enlisted as a Lance Sergeant in the Royal Sussex Regiment, 13th battalion, service number S/D 3551. After training camp in Witley, Surrey he was sent to France, as part of The British Expeditionary Force. The 13th battalion was involved with the battle of The Somme, so it is likely that Fritz was fighting there, and sadly he was killed on 2 July 1916, aged 19. At the time of his death he had been promoted to Lance Corporal. A death plaque was issued to his next of kin, his mother, Sarah Carter. He is buried at Merville Communal Cemetery, VA 7.



Fritz Carter

The East Grinstead Observer 12th August 1916 reported under Chelwood Gate "Lance Corporal F. Carter of The Royal Sussex Regiment, a native of this hamlet died as a result of wounds received in France" (in fact he was a Lance Sergeant).

From the Book of Remembrance: "His sergeant wrote of him "he was well liked by every member of the Company, being a smart and very promising young N.C.O."

From the album kept by his mother:

"Trained at Bexhill, Maidstone, Aldershot, Whitley Camp Surrey.

Foreign Service; France 4th March 1916.

2nd July 1916 Died of wounds received on June 30th."

Fritz served in the same unit as Jesse Stevenson (*comment from Mark Carter, a grand nephew of Fritz*)

"The two joined up at the same time, were in the same unit and left home together after their last leave - arm in arm off down the road." Jesse was killed on the same day that Fritz was wounded.

Fritz was also a friend of Albert (Breeches) Bennett, whose son, Francis, recalling his father's memories, tells of their meeting in France shortly before Fritz was fatally wounded.



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Regiment
 No. *13* Name *Royal Sussex*

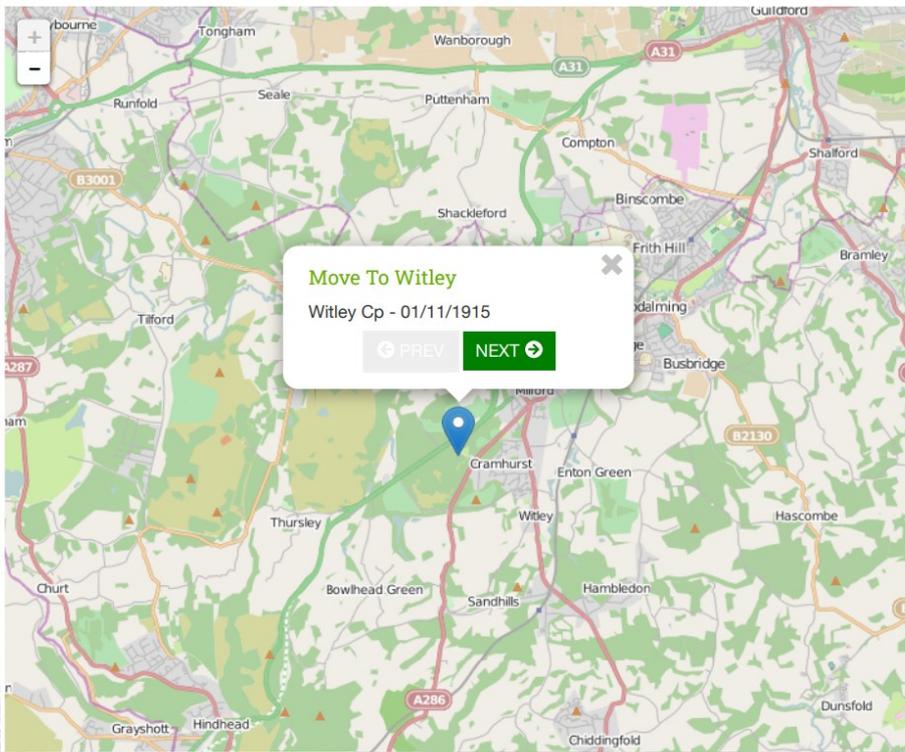
First Name:	Fritz
Initials:	F
Surname:	Carter
DOB:	Circa 1897
Age:	19
Nationality:	British
Date of Death:	02/07/1916
Information:	Parent: Sarah Carter, of Nursery Farm, Chelwood Gate, East Grinstead.
Rank:	Lance Corporal
Service Number:	SD/3551
Service:	British Army
Regiment:	Royal Sussex Regiment
Battalion:	13th Battalion (Why is this important?)

Map:

WW1 Actions and Troop Movements (ORBATS) for royal sussex regiment, 13th Battalion

If Fritz Carter stayed with this unit, this map shows where he would have fought.
 If you know of an event that doesn't appear, you can add it by clicking on the map.

Top: Fritz at school in 1907. Below: Fritz Carter's army record



▼ 1915

Move To Witley - 01/11/1915

Location: (former) site of Witley Camp. In early November 1915, **39th Division** moved from Aldershot to Witley Camp to complete its training. Rifles were issued in January 1916 following which the infantry began musketry courses and during February the artillery carried out gunnery practice on Salisbury Plain.

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▶ 1917

▶ 1918

Campaign Medals:

British War Medal



With the information in Fritz Carter's record, it is likely that they were entitled to the British War Medal for service in World War One. This British Empire campaign medal was issued for services between 5th August 1914 and 11th November 1918.

The medal was automatically awarded in the event of death on active service before the completion of this period.
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Memorial Death Plaque Of WWI



The next of kin for Fritz Carter would have been sent this death plaque after the war to commemorate all of the war dead. Over 1 million were issued in total.

Victory Medal



With the information in Fritz Carter's record, it is likely that they were entitled to the Victory medal, also called the Inter Allied Victory Medal. This medal was awarded to all who received the 1914 Star or 1914-15 Star and, with certain exceptions, to those who received the British War Medal. It was never awarded alone. These three medals were sometimes irreverently referred to as Pip, Squeak and Wilfred.

Eligibility for this award consisted of having been mobilised, fighting, having served in any of the theatres of operations, or at sea, between midnight 4th/5th August, 1914, and midnight, 11th/12th November, 1918. Women who served in any of the various military organisations in a theatre of operations were also eligible.

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Top: Where Fritz would have fought Bottom: The medals Fritz Carter would have been presented with



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Top: Fritz Carter in training, centre row on the left. Bottom: Pages from "Roll of Honour Album" kept by Sarah. The first entry her son, Fritz

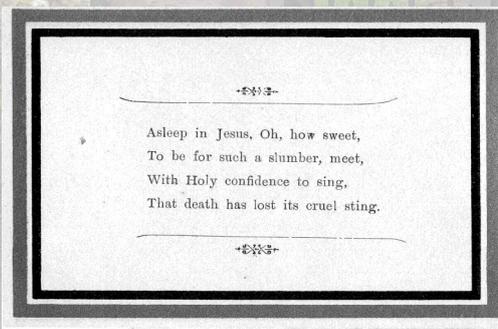
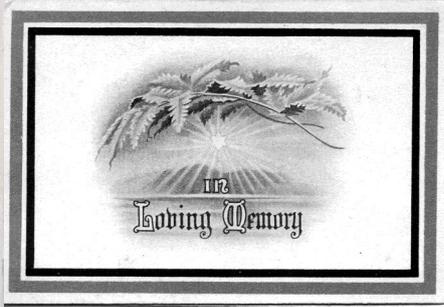


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Regimental.

Name *Fritz Carter*
Home Address *Nursery Farms, Helwood Gate,*
Regiment *13th Bn, Royal Sussex,*
Number *3551*
Rank *Lieut. Sgt.*
Promotions

Training Camp *Bexhill, Maidstone*
Alverstoke & Whitley Camp
Surrey
Foreign Service *4th March 1916. France*
Died of Wounds
2nd July 1916. received June 30th

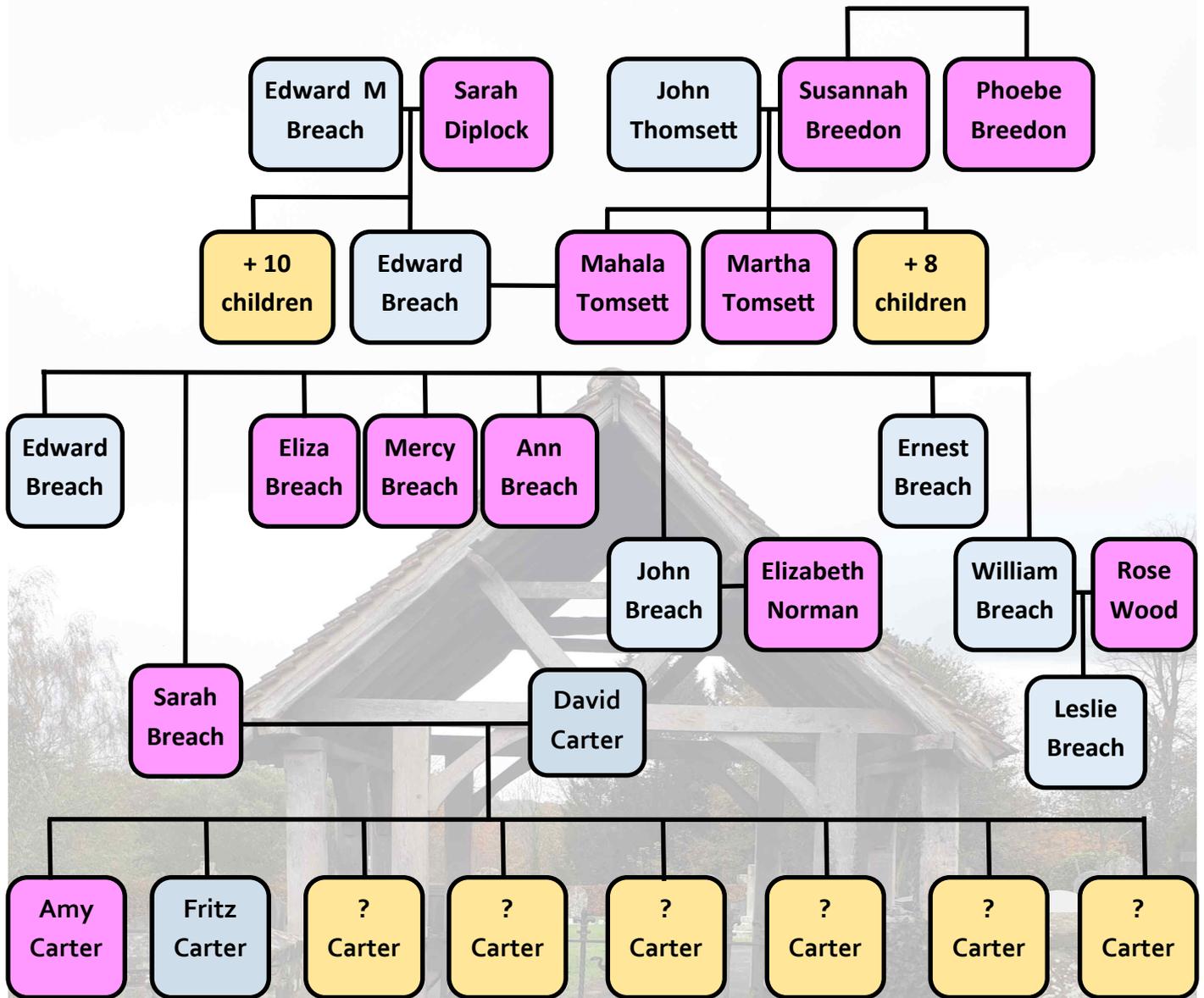


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Below: A Memorial Card



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David and Sarah Carter

If you have any more information about this family that you believe would be of interest please contact the Danehill Parish Historical Society dphs@outlook.com. We'd love to hear from you



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