

Joseph Thomas Young

29 September 1891 - 15 April 1915

Joseph was born 29th September 1891 in Paddock Wood, Kent. His parents were Henry Humphrey and Maria Jane Young of Fairview, Danehill. The family also lived at Holly Hall Farm, Doctors Lane, Chelwood Gate.

He enlisted at HMS Pembroke in Chatham on 1st March 1912. Service number SS11807 he was a stoker 1st class in the Royal Navy. He is described as being 5 ft 7in tall with a 36in chest, brown hair and blue eyes with a fresh complexion. He served on HM Iphigenia, St. George, St. Vincent, and Leander and returned to Chatham in 1915 where he was admitted to hospital. He died from a cerebral tumor on 15th April 1915. He was buried at Danehill cemetery on 21st April 1915 in row F grave number 5

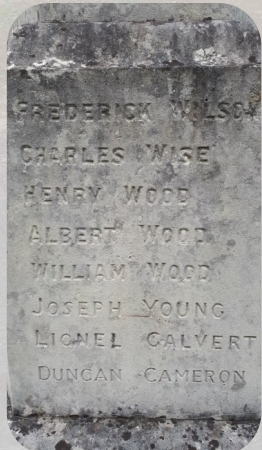
The Book of Remembrance: " - He had served in HMS Iphigenia and had taken part in the Jutland battle and other battles in the North Sea. He was the son of Mr & Mrs Young of Fairview, Danehill. One of his ship mates wrote "He was such a good ship mate and well liked by us all and we miss his very much. Joe done his Duty as long as he was able. The family later lived at Holly Hall Farm, Chelwood Gate. He was a brother to Mary who married Richard Stevenson



Date of Birth		Place of Birth		Occupation and Whether formerly R.M. or R.N.		Name in full		Service No.	
29 September 1891		Paddock Wood, Kent.		1. Stoker 2. None		Joseph Thomas Young		SS 111807	
pts. served in.	List and No.	Rating.	Sub-Ratings and Badges.	Ceased.	Period of Service.	Character & Ability.	If Discharged: whither, and for what cause.	Date and Period of S.S. Engagement.	
Pembroke II	1105 666	Sto II			1. 1st March 1912 to 29 June 1912	3rd Class Stoker		1 March 1912. 5+7 years.	
Iphigenia	152 156	Sto I			29 June 1912 to 13 July 1912	4th Class Stoker			
Pembroke II	1505 6058	Sto I			31 May 1913 to 30 May 1913	4th Class Stoker			
St George	1283 215				1st April 1914 to 1st April 1914	4th Class Stoker			
St Vincent	102 3				1st April 1914 to 2nd April 1914	4th Class Stoker			
Leander (H.M.S.)	1125 3				3rd April 1914 to 2nd April 1914	4th Class Stoker			
Attendant	1242 12				3rd April 1914 to 6th April 1914	4th Class Stoker			
Pembroke II	1505 1184				7th April 1914 to 15th April 1915	4th Class Stoker	Adm. D.D. below		
CLOTHING AND BEDDING:		NP. 1738 / 118		D.D. 15th April 1915		in R.N. Hospital, Chatham		from Cerebral Tumour	
						REMARKS:		Traced War Gratuity by No. 50	
								PAID WAR GRATUITY.	



Above right: Joseph Young, Above left: Service Record of Joseph Thomas Young. Showing the ships he served on, also his admission to the R.N. Hospital from the shore station HMS Pembroke and his death, Right: Joseph Young is buried at Danehill cemetery and is commemorated on the village war memorial



Henry Humphrey Young

1894 - 28 September 1930

Henry was always known as Humphrey. He died on 28th September 1930 at the age of 81. He was buried at Danehill cemetery on 2nd October 1930. There is no gravestone

Frederick Henry Young

1895 - 25 June 1952

Frederick married Mary Wickens. They had four children; Ewart, Doris (known as Eileen), Alfred and Cicely. Frederick died, at the age of 57, on 25th June 1952. He was buried in an unmarked grave in Danehill cemetery on 28th June 1952.

Mary is also buried in Danehill Cemetery in an unmarked grave.

Frederick and Mary are buried in row D, grave numbers 6 & 7.

Cicely Young

1927 - 8 September 1952

Cicely died, at the age of 25, on 8th September 1952. She was buried in an unmarked grave at Danehill Cemetery on 12th September 1952. She is buried in row 'H' or thereabouts, difficult to distinguish with so much ground disturbance in that area. Next boundary, grave surround very damaged.

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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Mary Young

Mary Young married Richard Stevenson.

The Stevenson's

Alice and Richard Stevenson were Mary Young's in-laws (the parent of Richard Stevenson). They had a tragic life. In 1916, the year of the Battle of the Somme, was a tragic one for Richard and Alice at "Sweet Briar" the little cottage behind the "Coach and Horses". In the space of 21 weeks three of their boys were lost:

James died of wounds on the 17th of April, before the main battle.

Jesse was killed in action on the eve of the battle on the 30th June, the two brothers served together in the 13th Battalion, The Royal Sussex Regiment, also serving with them was Fritz Carter (10), who was fatally wounded on the same day.

Edgar was killed in action on the 9th of September in the Battle of High Wood, one of the hardest fought battles of the Somme campaign. It was a cruel twist of fate that Richard and Alice should lose their youngest son, **Stanley**, at Cambrai, in 1918 - fifteen days before the end of the fighting. But for the sinking of the "Leinster" he may have survived. (see *Charles Billings* (7))

There were several daughters and one surviving son, the fourth, Richard Benjamin Stevenson, who on 1st October 1914 married Mary Young, a sister of Joseph Thomas Young, one of the witnesses was Ernest Edgar Stevenson. Richard, volunteered for the army, but because of an earlier leg injury, was not accepted. Some time after the war their mother, Alice, with her daughter, Ethel, travelled to France, a local collection was made to pay for what must have been a heart breaking visit to the graves of her sons.



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Mary Young

Mary Young married Richard Stevenson. They had four boys:

Edgar Stevenson

3 June 1897 - 9 September 1916

Edgar was born on 3rd June 1897.

He was a Lance Corporal, 2nd Battalion The Royal Sussex Regiment, SD3829.

He was killed in action 9th September 1916, aged 19, at High Wood. His name is on the Thiepval Memorial.

Edgar, the forth son, attended Danehill school, Ernest Edgar, his Christian names, the late "Aunt Nell" Newnham sat next to him at school, remembering him as "full of fun". Always known as Edgar, or Egger, to his family. He worked for Miss Franklin at Brookside, Horsted Lane, this may explain why he enlisted with the two Baker brothers, Alfred and Ernest, who lived just down the road at Brook Cottage. they enlisted at Haywards Heath.



Swimming: The two boys standing in the water are thought to be the Baker brothers; Alfred and Ernest (2), their younger brother, Frederick, is the boy sitting on the right. Edgar Stevenson is seated on the diving board. Standing on the left of the board is Edmund (Tim) Etherton, cousin to Edmund Thomas Etherton the other lad is Ernest Baxter, a brother to Charles Baxter.

School photo (1907): Edgar Stevenson is circled



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James Stevenson

27 March 1891 - 17 April 1916

James Stevenson was born in Nutley on 27th March 1891. He was the eldest son of Mary and Richard Stevenson. He attended Danehill school. He worked as a farm labourer for Mr Wickens, taking cattle to market. James enlisted at Eastbourne.

He was a Private in the 13th Battalion The Royal Sussex Regiment, SD3226.

He died of his wounds on 17th April 1916, aged 25, The Somme. He was Buried in Béthune Town Cemetery, 111 G85.



James Stevenson

Jesse Stevenson

23 May 1895 - 30 June 1916

Jesse Stevenson was born on 23rd May 1895. Jesse was the third son of Mary and Richard, known to his family as "Jacka", attended Danehill school, admitted to the infant school but had to leave in November as he was "too young to come in winter". It is believed that he also worked for Miss Franklin.

He was a Private in the 13th Battalion The Royal Sussex Regiment, SD3691.

Jesse joined the army on the same day as his friend, Fritz Carter, they came home on their last leave together, Jesse was killed on the same day that Fritz was fatally wounded.

He was killed in action on 30th June 1916, aged 21, at The Somme. Buried in Caberet Rouge British Cemetery XV N36.



Jesse Stevenson



Richard and Alice Stevenson at "Sweet Briar" with their surviving son, Richard.



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Harold 'Stanley' Stevenson

11 June 1899 - 12 October 1918

Harold, known as Stanley, Stevenson was born on 11th June 1899. He was the youngest son of Mary and Richard Stevenson. He attended Danehill school. After leaving school he also worked for Miss Franklin. Stanley, did not follow his brothers into the county Regiment but was drafted to The Royal Fusiliers .

He was a Private in the 7724417th Battalion The Royal Fusiliers (City of London) Regiment.

He died of wounds on 21st October 1918, aged 19, at Cambrai. He is buried Desaux Farm Cemetery

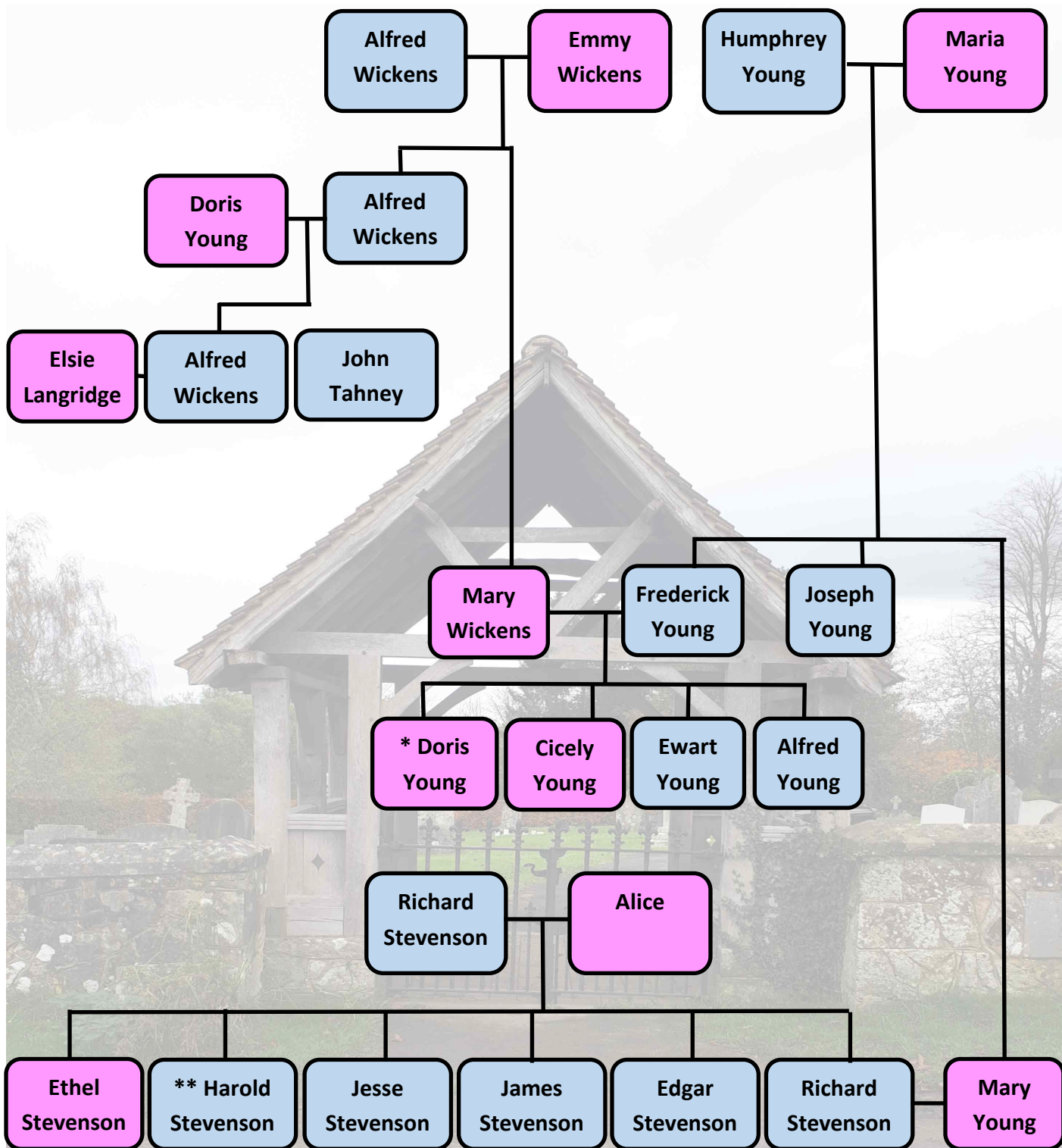


Stanley Stevenson



Edgar, James, Jesse and Stanley Stevenson are all remembered on the war memorial in Danehill





* Known as Eileen

** Known as Stanley

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