



Woodford Remembers



Gaston Victor Leveritt

1 December 1897 – 19 September 1917

Family

George Leveritt, a resident of Twywell married Mary Louisa Smith of Sudborough at the Parish Church on 1 October 1873. George was born in Cley, Norfolk but was employed as an engineer in Northamptonshire at the time of his marriage. Their daughter Elsie Elizabeth (one of eight children) was born in Woodford in early 1878 and was baptised on 30 July of that year in St Marys Church Woodford. Gaston Leveritt was born to Elsie in 1898, whilst Elsie resided with her parents in Newtown. Gaston was baptised on 12 June 1898 and started school on 20 May 1901. On 9th May 1903, Dora was born to Elsie, once again the father is not listed. By 1911 Gaston (Gussie) was still living with his grandparents and younger sister Dora (b1904), but his mother Elsie was in Thrapston Workhouse. Elsie eventually married William Mason in 1916.

On leaving school Gussie worked as an agricultural labourer, and trained as a steam ploughman. On 19 May 1916 he appealed against being called up on the grounds of his occupation and was allowed a delay in joining up until 1 October 1916 to allow time for his foreman to train a substitute worker.

Army Service

Gussie joined the Northamptonshire Regiment, regimental number 27276, suggesting he signed up at the end of October 1916 in line with the aforementioned appeal outcome. He later transferring to 9th battalion, Suffolk regiment, number 50276 giving his next of kin as George, his grandfather.

Gussie was awarded the War and Victory Medals following the end of the conflict.

Burial / grave

St Patrick's Cemetery Loos Grave II.D.04

Dependants

None

Commemoration

Woodford War Memorial Village Green

Woodford St Mary's Church Memorial

