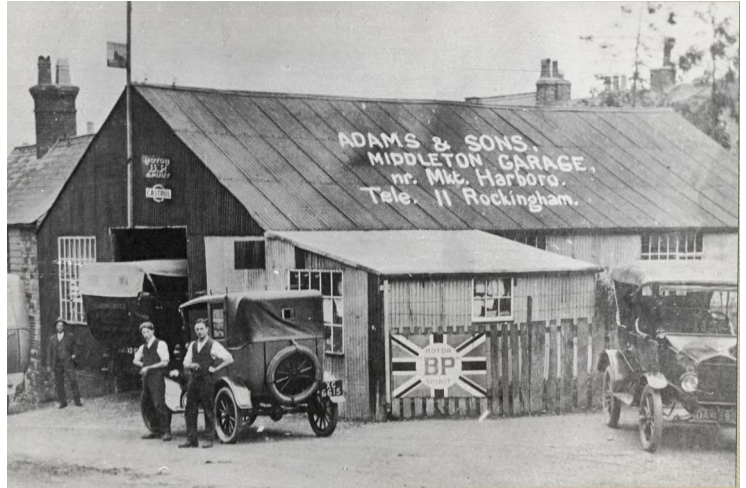

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Reginald and William Adams

The Adams boys and their father Alfred ran the 'Adams and Sons' garage and coach business on Middleton Hill.

Reginald joined the Royal Flying Corps in February 1916 and later transferred to the Royal Air Force, where he was to put his skills to good use serving as an air mechanic.



The younger son **William** was granted a temporary exemption from service when he was called up in May 1916 due to his value to the garage business (as his brother was already serving). However, he was mobilised for war service in 1917. While serving as a mechanic in the Army Service Corps in East Africa, he contracted malaria and spent several months in hospital before being transported home.



William went on to marry **Mabel Adams** who lived in the Middleton to the grand old age of 99 years. She passed away in 2005.

Francis Dudley Chamberlain



The Chamberlains were an affluent Cottingham family and business owners. Francis's father Ernest ran the bakery on Church Street, which stood on the corner of Chamberlain's Yard.

Francis worked as a surveyor and enlisted for the East Anglian Royal Engineers in 1915. Unfortunately, he suffered with bad health and was diagnosed with having stones in both kidneys, which had to be removed.

He was discharged from the Army in 1917 being no longer physically fit for war service. His service record shows that his skills as a surveyor were praised by his officers.

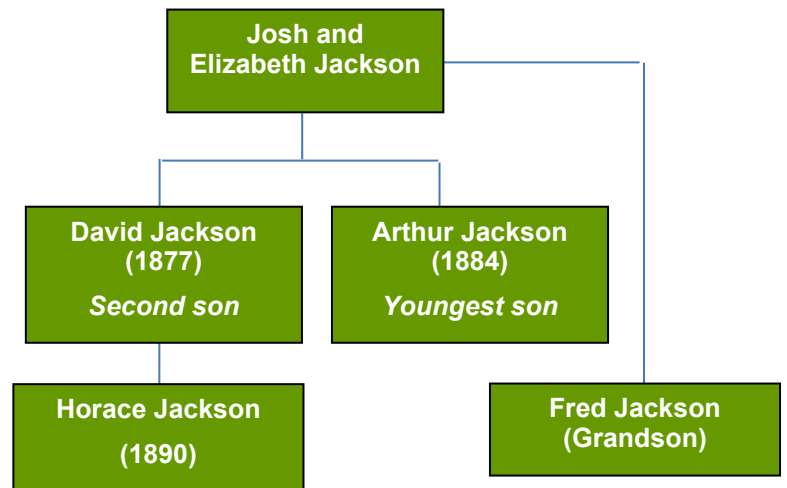
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The Jacksons, Middleton

Arthur Jackson joined the Army as a boy soldier around 1900 and served in France, Gallipoli and Egypt with the Royal Field Artillery.



He married Barbara Shearer in 1909 and the couple settled in the Orkneys. Their first daughter, born in 1917, was christened Suvla after the bay in Gallipoli where her father fought.



David served in WW1 and his first born son, **Horace**, fought on the Somme and at Ypres.

During his service in France, Horace contracted Trench Foot and had to return home, but was sent back to France once his feet had healed. After the War, he returned to Cottingham and bought the old school in Camsdale Walk, where his family still live. His youngest son Leslie became Scout Master for the village.



Born in London, **Fred** was brought up in Middleton by his grandparents who he called 'Mother and Dad'. Fred served in Mesopotamia (Iraq) and Palestine with the Royal Field Artillery as a gun carriage driver.



Top left: Arthur Jackson and wife Barbara in 1909

Far left: David, Arthur and Alfred Thomas Jackson

Left: Horace Jackson in 1965

Above: Fred Jackson

Welcome home

Jack Jarvis

Cyril Licquorish's uncle, Jack Jarvis, lived with his wife Edith and three children (Gladys, Reg and David) in a house at the top of Chamberlains Yard, off Church Street, which is now part of Mrs Lawson's home.

Like many men returning from the army after the War, he had great difficulty in finding work in the 1920s. Although there were 8 or 9 folk with smallholdings in the village, they only employed one person apart from at harvest time.

Jack's family were means tested so that anything of value had to be sold or the estimated value would be deducted from their Parish Relief payment.

Despite being willing to do any job, there was nothing available until the building of the Eyebrook Reservoir, when Jack got a permanent job with a wage.

Cyril recalls how Uncle Jack came to visit his sister (Cyril's mother) every Sunday morning.

"We had a Harmonica and he would love nothing better than playing hymns and Mum would join in singing as she carried on her work," he said.

"I was quite young at the time, but I remember after he got regular work Uncle Jack would give me a copper or two on a Sunday, even a sixpenny piece sometimes.

"Years later, during the Second World War, I was privileged to be paired with Uncle Jack to do fire watching duties at the top floor of the local factory on Rockingham Road.

"Uncle Jack was a real gentleman and despite all his difficulties he never changed".



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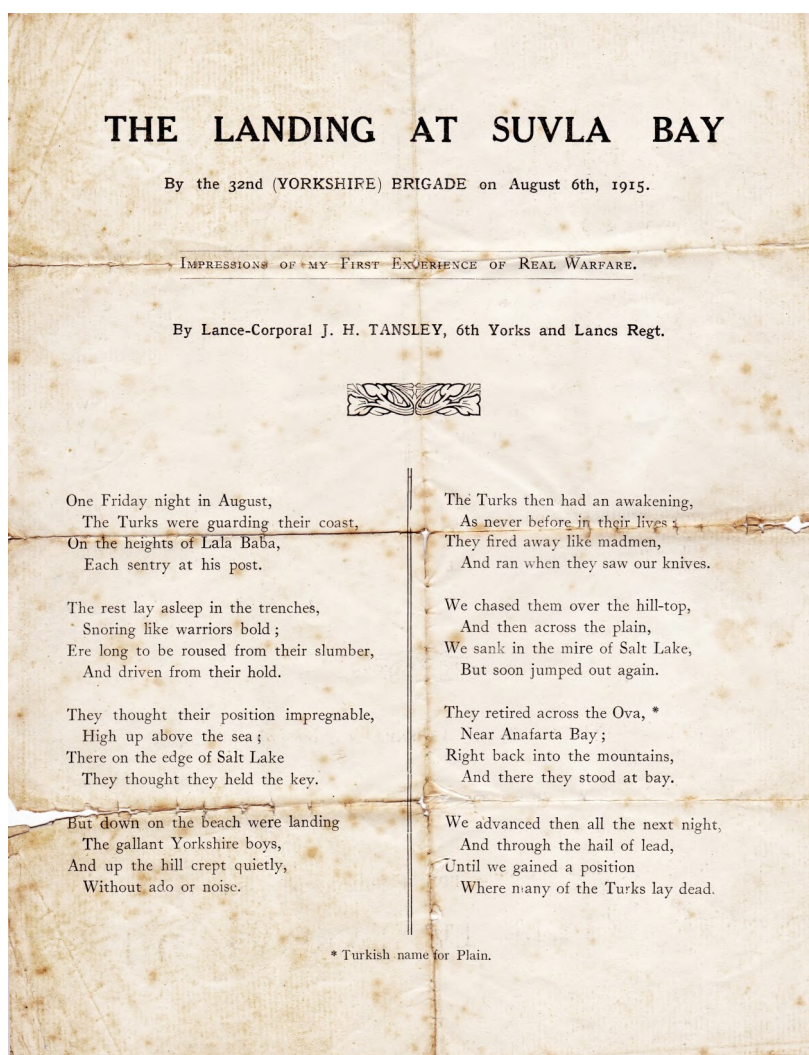
Lance Corporal James Henry Tansley

Born in Cottingham in 1894, James Tansley served with the Yorkshire and Lancashire Regiment.

The picture below was taken at Christmas 1917 when James was recovering from a wound sustained at Paschendaele in Belgium.

James' poem below refers to the landing of British troops in Suvla Bay, Gallipoli on 6 August 1915.

The landing was intended to support a breakout from the Anzac sector but, despite facing light opposition, it was mismanaged from the outset. After a week of indecision and inactivity, the British commander at Suvla, Lieutenant-General Sir Frederick Stopford was dismissed. His performance in command was one of the most incompetent feats of generalship of the First World War. (*Source: Wikipedia*)



The information on James has been kindly provided to us by his great niece, Glen Tansley of Church Street, Cottingham. You can see some original documents in the display cabinets.

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Wal and Bill Panter, Cottingham

Wal (right) was born in 1898 and served as a wireless operator on the HMS Glencross. Wal later married Ruby Jackson, daughter of Alfred Thomas Jackson and Caroline Claypole, who were the licensees of the Royal George Pub. The couple later moved to Sutton Bassett where they named their house 'Glencross' after the ship.

Bill was born in 1894 in Cottingham. After the War, he worked for the family bakery on Corby Road, delivering bread. He was never the same after his War experiences, suffering from bouts of mental anguish. He is spoken of with affection by his family and those who knew him.



Ted Harrison

Ted (below right) fought in France with the Leicestershires.

He married a local girl, Lillian Emma Tansley, in 1912 and they raised a family of 11 in Cottingham.

One of their sons, born in 1916, was christened Verdun Cologne Harrison (known locally as Jimmy) and reflects that Ted was engaged in the Battle of Verdun.



Fred and Henry Lines

Fred (below) came to Cottingham aged 7 when his father Owen became gardener at The Rectory. He served in a number of regiments from August 1914, mostly in France and also on the Italian front. He was discharged in 1919, married shortly afterwards and raised 2 daughters.



Fred's older brother Henry enlisted in the Army in 1904 and served in India and France.

He married local girl Mabel Hannah Tansley in 1913 and was demobilised in February 1919.

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ADAMS	William Eric	Private	JARVIS	John Henry	Private
ALDWINCKLE	Bartle Essex	Guardsman	NOBLE	John Henry	Gunner
ALMOND	Herbert	Sergeant	OLIVER	Albert	Gunner
BINLEY	George William		RUDKIN	Philip Henry	Private
BRADSHAW	John Thomas	Private	SCOTT	John Thomas	Private
CHAMBERLAIN	Francis [Frank] Dudley	Sapper	STANYON	George Robert	Private
CLAYPOLE	Stephen Tansley	Private	STOKES	William Wilson	Sergeant
CLAYPOLE	George Ernest		TANSLEY	Lovell [William]	Private
CLAYPOLE	Dennis Rowland	Private	TANSLEY	James Henry	Lance Corporal
CRANE	John		TANSLEY	David	Sergeant
CRANE	William	Private	TANSLEY	Alfred	Private
CURSLEY	Tom	Driver	TANSLEY	Samuel George	Private
EVANS	Sidney Hatfield	Private	TILLEY	John (James)	
GOODMAN	Levi Thomas	Able Seaman	WEST	William	Lance Corporal
HAYNES	John Herbert	Private	WEST	David	Private
HIGGOTT	William Alfred Agard	Private	WEST	Leonard	Private
HOBBS	Joseph Durban	Private	WEST	John Thomas	Sergeant
INGRAM	Edward	Private	WHITE	George Lewis	Private

Source: Roll of honour, Corby Borough Council, www.corby.gov.uk

Stephen Tansley Claypole

Stephen was born in Cottingham in 1889.

He enlisted into the Armed Forces in May 1913 and served with the Leicestershire and Northamptonshire Regiments in France (1914) and Egypt (1916-1920).

He was the younger brother of William Claypole, who is commemorated on the village War Memorial.



As he was abroad on active service at the end of 1914, he was presented with a Princess Mary Christmas Gift Box, which remains in the possession of the family to this day.



The family also have Stephen's medals, one of which has recently come back into the family having been spotted for sale on Ebay by Stephen's first cousin (twice removed), Alan Craxford.

Sources: Janice Binley; Alan Craxford, www.craxford-family.co.uk

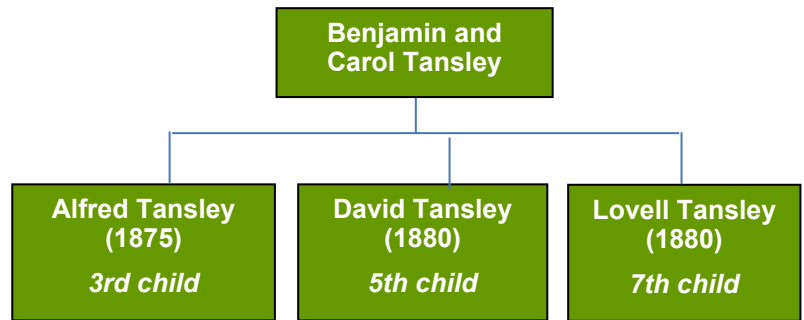
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Tansley family, Cottingham

David originally enlisted into the 3rd Battalion of the Leicesters and, promoted to the rank of Corporal, served in India. When WW1 broke out he went to France and was wounded in action on 2 November 1914 and returned home, before travelling with the Expeditionary Force to France in November 1916.

He was awarded the War Badge on 26 July 1917. This Badge was issued to service personnel who had been honourably discharged due to wounds or sickness during WW1.

In 1915 David married his first cousin, Laura-Emily Binley. The couple lived on the Rockingham Road side of Blind Lane.



Lovell joined the Leicestershire Regiment in 1904 and travelled on the Troopship Colchester on 29 September 1904 to India. Before the start of the War, in early 1914, he was killed whilst working in Rutland.

Alfred enlisted for service in 1915 with the Northamptonshire Regiment. He married his second cousin, Alice Tansley and had 2 daughters. His Great Granddaughter still lives in Cottingham.



David Tansley



Alfred Tansley



Lovell and David Tansley (left) and (above), War Badge, as awarded to David Tansley