

The # designates members who are deceased. Names written as 'Florence Finch(Mc.Gregor) were members for a number of years before they assumed their married names and for years afterward.

# Mrs.Denzil Finch	# Mrs.Skene Smith
# Mrs.D.O.White	# Mrs.Paul Leathers
# Mrs.J.C.Dance	# Mrs.Jamew Jamison
# Mrs.John Brodie	# Mrs.Frank Snellgrove
# Mrs.Ancel Bray	# Mrs.William Fay
# Mrs.Culver Finch	# Mrs.E.Darlington
# Miss Leota Cloes	# Mrs.H.G.Mc.Gregor
# Mrs.James Moore(Sr)	# Mrs.David Caughell
# Miss Mary King	# Mary Parks
# Mrs.Lewis Mc.Kenny	# Mrs.Jacob Cline
# Mrs.T.Martindale	# Mrs.C.L.King
# Mrs.A.S.Hoover	# Mrs.Ed.Holmes
# Mrs.Wesley Brooks	# Mrs.W.H.Legg
# Mrs.William Charlton	# Mrs.Frank Weaver
# Eliza Middleton(Johnson)	# Mrs.R.Koyle
# Florence Finch(Mc.Gregor)	Mrs.J.E.Grandy
# Mrs.John Bray	# Miss Mc.Taggart
# Mrs.Chas Legg	# Mrs.Sam Garton
# Mrs.William Wagner	# Mrs.James Geht
# Mrs.Arthur Moore	# Mrs.James Drake
# Mrs.Chas Brooks	# Miss Essie Hoover.

- #Mrs. A. Ashford
- # Mrs. J. Blumstein
- # Mrs. Earl Windsor
- # Mrs. Rev. Aldrich
- # Mrs. S. L. Parks
- * Ida Holmes (Moore)
- * Mabel Bray (Smith)
- # Mrs. W. H. Teeple
- # Mrs. H. E. Simpson
- # Mrs. S. Herbert
- # Mrs. Jasper Winters
- # Mrs. Overbaugh
- # Mrs. Eugene Sweet
- # Mrs. James Bancroft
- # Mrs. Geoffrey Mc. Taggart
- # Myrtle Charlton
- # Annie Gent
- # Mrs. Roy Charlton
- # Mrs. W. H. Brown
- # Mrs. A. Derrough
- # Mrs. Austin Charlton
- # Mrs. Mahlon Bray
- # Mrs. Walter Kunz
- # Mabel White
- # Mrs. D. Taylor
- Lizzie Haines (Orris)
- # Mrs. J. D. Thompson
- # Mrs. Ansel Charlton
- # Mrs. Andrew Mc. Greger
- # Mrs. Jehn Littlefair
- # Mrs. Carlton Dance
- # Mrs. Claude Hoover
- # Mrs. O. K. Silcox
- # Mrs. Claude Farquhar
- # Mrs. Bruce Brown
- # Mrs. J. R. Charlton
- # Miss Maud Bray
- # Mrs. Chas. Bridgeman (Aylmer)
- # Mrs. Lloyd Laidlaw
- # Miss Flora Taylor
- # Miss Cassie Smith
- # Mrs. Ed Legg
- # Mrs. Sarah Mc. Greger
- # Mrs. A. Betterley
- Mrs. D. Crandall (St. Thomas)
- Mrs. J. Kirk (St. Thomas)
- # Mrs. D. F. Moore
- # Mrs. Frank Walker
- # Miss Lyall Walker
- Miss Kathrine Mc. Intyre
- # Mrs. Mary Currie
- # Mrs. Melvin Claus
- # Mrs. G. Carter
- # Mrs. Carman Hoover
- # Mrs. Roy Mc. Clintock
- # Mrs. Harry Cloes

Mrs. Eardley Finch
 # Mrs. L. M. Brown
 Mrs. Fred Brown
 Mrs. Herb Brown
 # Mrs. E. Martin
 # Mrs. Cliff Ostrander
 # Mrs. Andrew Carter (Aylmer)
 Mrs. L. Adams
 # Mrs. A. Mc. Dougal
 # Mrs. John Evert (Sr)
 # Mrs. A. G. Campbell
 # Mrs. Roy Learn
 # Mrs. R. J. Ferguson
 # Mrs. Cecil Legg
 # Mrs. D. Mc. Taggart
 # Mrs. L. Grawburg
 # Mrs. Neil Ferguson
 # Mrs. Orman Derrough
 Mrs. Lorne Grandy
 # Mrs. John Caren
 # Mrs. C. Butterworth (London)
 # Mrs. James Durdle
 # Mrs. Ed Durdle
 # Mrs. Bert Lee
 # Mrs. Wm. Gates
 Mrs. Ed Markell
 Mrs. Hiram Peer *Mrs. Bruce Rohrer*

Mrs. Jack Mc. Taggart
 # Mrs. Bruce Rohrer
 # Mrs. John Sweet (sr)
 Miss Francis Mc. Gregor
 # Miss Edith Lewther
 # Mrs. John Evert (Jr)
 # Mrs. H. Martindale
 Mrs. P. Weldhen
 Miss Grace Charlton
 # Mrs. R. Cline
 Mrs. Geo. Matthews
 Mrs. Clayton Franklin
 # Mrs. Jess Mc. Caulley
 # Mrs. Lulu Mc. Caulley
 Mrs. M. Ashford
 Miss Kathleen Moore
 # Mrs. J. Adamson
 # Mrs. Frank Littleproud
 # Mrs. E. Vail
 Miss Ella Cline
 # Mrs. Geo. Cline
ms.
 # Miss Florence Mc. Gregor
 # Mrs. Thurman Legg
 # Mrs. Geo. Simpson
 # Miss Myrtle Paddon
 # Eva Legg (Abell)
 Mrs. Archie Ferguson

Mrs. Donald Mc. Gregor
 # Mrs. Neil Curtis
 # Mrs. Alfred Glein
 # Mrs. Salethael Curtis
 Mrs. John Chute
 Mrs. Frank Powers
 # Mrs. Geo. Brower
 Mrs. Donald A. Ferguson
 Miss Ethel Mc. Intyre
 # Miss Nellie Finch (Belmont)
 Mrs. Walter Moore
 Mrs. Sam Legg
 # Mrs. Norman Derrough
 Mrs. Cyril Williams
 # Mrs. Albert Archébold
 Mrs. Jas. Patterson
 Mrs. Clarence Rogers
 # Mrs. Jas Legg
 Mrs. Thos. Walters
 # Mrs. Roy Baker
 # Mrs. Clarence Crane
 Alta Holmes (Dobbie)
 # Mrs. Roy Legg
 Miss Marion Charlton
 # Mrs. Chas. Cline
 Mrs. Elmer Mossey
 Mrs. W Smith
 Mrs. R. Hayden
 # Mrs. C. Glein
 # Miss Marjorie Ackert
 # Mrs. Clarence Mills
 # Mrs. Roy Britton *no not yet*
 # Mrs. H. Greenwood
 # Miss Rosie Chandler
 # Mrs. J. Leslie (Sr)
 # Mrs. Arthur Bailey
 Jane Taylor (Moore)
 Miss Opal Holmes
 Mrs. Colin Mc. Intyre
 # Mrs. L. M. Pettit
 Miss Neta Pearce, *Mrs. Porter*
 Mrs. Geo. Jenkins
 Mrs. Wesley Phillips
 # Pearl Legg (Blancher)
 # Gertrude Evert (Holmes)
 # Mrs. John VanPatter
 # Mrs. Margaret Wiltsie
 Hazel Garton (Wilson)
 Mrs. Clare Appleford
 Mrs. Fred Ward
 Mrs. Gordon Mc. Neil
 # Mrs. H. D. Taylor
 # Mrs. J. C. Jenkins
 # *Mrs.* Miss Ruby Taylor

Mrs. Chas Smith
 # Mrs. Chas Johnson
 # Mrs. Lorne Rice
 Mrs. Houghton
 # Mrs. Geo. Loughheed
 # Mrs. Russell Armes
 # Naome Oatmen (Bailey)
 Mrs. Clarence Garton
 Mrs. C. Wodham
 Mrs. J. Sparks
 # Mrs. F. Stover
 Mrs. G. Burtch *remarried*
 # Mrs. J. M. Howse
 Mrs. Gordon Legg
 # Mrs. J. Condon
 # Eleanor Pettit (Kunz)
 # Mrs. Andrew Davis
 # Mrs. Orlando Charlton
 Miss Hazel Simpson
 Mrs. H. Frost
 # Miss Vera Ashton
 Miss Eileen Loughheed
 Mrs. H. Raynor
 Mrs. Fred Hide
 Mrs. Gordon Pettit
 Evelyn Legg (Scanlon)
 Miss Hazel Sparks

Marie Legg (Evert)
 Edith Hoover (Stover)
 Marjerie Stover (Orris)
 Mrs. M. Fansley
 Mrs. H. Maxwell
 Miss Helen Widner
 Mrs. Harvey Smith
 Miss Dorothy Widner
 Miss Ruby Scott
 Mrs. Bert Foster
 # Mrs. Scott
 # Miss Dorothy Davies
 Mrs. Henry Legg
 Mrs. Melbourne Ashton *(Twice)*
 # Mrs. Earl Britton
 # Mrs. Roy Taylor
 # Mrs. Alvin Willsey
 # Mrs. Joe Cline
 Miss Agnes Abell
 # Mrs. Roach
 Mrs. Wilfred Herbert
 # Mrs. G. Kilmer
 # Mrs. John Donald
 Beatrice Jenkins (Matthews)
 Mrs. Ivan Warren
 Miss Hazel Learn *(Bailey now)*
 Miss Marjorie Legg.

Mrs. Wilfred Faulds

Mrs. Laura Sweetman

Mrs. J. Leslie (Jr)

Mrs. L. G. Ashford

Mrs. Chas Pettit

Mrs. Wm. Free (Sr)

Mrs. Hugh Duncan

Mrs. Gordon Glenister

Mrs. Harold Jenkins

Mrs. Fred Sharp

Mrs. Harry Carter

Mrs. Russell Britton

Mrs. Donald Pettit

Mrs. Earl Mc. Kensie

Mrs. John Ericson

Mrs. R. E. Bridgeman

Mrs. Douglas Ford

Mrs. Percy Green

Mrs. Burton Green

Mrs. Grey Fuller

Mrs. Arthur Ferris

Miss Lydia Jones

Mrs. Francis Cline

Mrs. Leonard Willsey

Mrs. Don Shackleton

Mrs. Jack Irish

Mrs. Harold Davies

Mrs. Clair Lodge - *now, Dale*

Mrs. Geo. Greenwood

Mrs. Wm. Durston *remarried*

Mrs. Keith Drake

Mrs. Weekes

Mrs. Clayton Franklin

Mrs. Dick Smith

Mrs. Kenneth Mc. Neil

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No time to lose; no blow to spare;
No selfish personal goals to gain;
No thought of pleasure, here or there,
No whimpering over little pain;
But resolute of heart we take
The uphill road for freedom's sake.

No narrow measurement of space,
No petty counting days and hours;
No thought of fame or power or place
Until the victory is ours.
With all we cherish now, at stake,
We stand or fall for freedom's sake.

No bickering over trifling ends,
No scrambling for advantage small;
But now, since all on us depends,
We're all for one and one for all;
A line unshakeable, we make
To win or die for freedom's sake.
(Edgar Guest)



Men who served in World War # I.

Will Barnes, who worked for J.C. Dance when war was declared in August 1914. Will enlisted in the summer of 1915 and went all through the war, without any serious wounds. At the very close of the war, while he was waiting in England to get back to Canada, he took Influenza and died of it.

Alex Betterley, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. George Betterley, received his early education at the Crossley-Hunter school. He enlisted in 1916 with the 142nd Infantry Battalion and proceeded to England and France. He later transferred to the Royal Air Force and received training in England.

Also in World War # II, he enlisted in the R.C.A.F. and served on instructional duties in Canada.

John Gordon Brodie, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Brodie, formerly of Mapleton, joined up and served in the American ^{army} during World War I. He graduated from the University of Michigan Dental School and practiced at Niles, Michigan, where he died in November, 1948.

Ernest J. Jones a native of Slough, Berkshire, England, joined the Imperial army in 1903 at the age of 14 years. He went to South Africa, in the army of occupation after the Boer War. Later he came to Canada in 1909. While in the employ of Culver Finch and son, Mapleton, in 1914, duty called again and he returned to the Imperial army for four years and eight months of World War #I, serving in France, Belgium, India and South Africa. On his discharge, Sgt Jones returned to Canada and his family at Mapleton, later moving to Aylmer, where he died in 1949 at the age of 60 years.

William T. Luton M.D. son of the late MR. and Mrs. W. F. Luton, formerly of Mapleton, received his early education at the Mapleton school and later at the Aylmer High School, graduating in Medicine from the University of Western Ontario. He went overseas with a Vancouver unit. His rank was Captain and C.A.M.C.. Unfortunately he was stricken with pneumonia and died in a Bristol hospital.

Lorin George Rogers, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Albert Rogers, 9th concession of South Dorchester, enlisted as a private in the army, June 11th, 1918. He trained at London Ontario for six weeks, going overseas the latter part of July. He served in England for a little over a year and was discharged in August, 1919.

Herbert Ernest Thomson, youngest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John D. Thomson, Mapleton, joined the R.F.C. in 1916, while a Medical student at Western University, London Ontario. He went to England for training. He was commissioned as Lieutenant in the Air Force and became a member of the famous 'Bishop Squadron'. He was taken prisoner in June, 1918 and released on the signing of the armistice. Lieut. Thomson stayed in the R.A.F. after the war. He was severely injured in a plane crash in Belgium. After spending considerable time in hospital, he was able to return home in March, 1920.

Mehlon Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Williams attended the Mapleton school. He served as a chef, during World War I.

Clark Paupst, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Paupst, Aylmer was in the employ of Ansel Charlton and enlisted in the army.

Charles Startup, an Englishman, working for John Sweet, enlisted in the army. The first day he went into the trenches, he peeped over the top and was picked off by a sniper.

Ezra Carter, son of John and Mary (Cox) Carter, was the youngest of their eight children. He was born and grew up on the farm just east of the Kingsmill school.

Roland Farrah was the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Farrah. Their home was in the village of Kingsmill. His father was station agent

Arthur Parks was the only son of Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Parks. He was born and grew up in the home across from the Kingsmill school.

Garman Hoover was the youngest of three sons of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hoover, a grandson of Jesse Hoover a pioneer of the Kingsmill community and of Heil Wood of the Crossley-Hunter and Kingsmill Communities on his mother's side.

Gordon and Lloyd Potts were sons of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Potts. They were both born and grew up in the village at Kingsmill, north of the Railroad

Cifford Mossey came as a small boy with his parents to live just north of Kingsmill. He attended the Kingsmill school and Aylmer High School.

Will Rutter was an English boy who was in the employ of Joe Grandy, when he enlisted.

John Milton Robertson of the late Mr. and Mrs. John R. Roberts enlisted in 1918. He trained in London but the war ended before he went overseas. He died of a heart attack in 1951.

Leslie Doan was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Myron Doan, They worked the D.D. Finch farm for a few years and Leslie was in the employ of Mr. D.O. White when he enlisted.



Will Barnes - Kingsmill
Killed in World War # I,





O valiant hearts, who to your glory came,
 Through dust of conflict and through battle flame;
 All you had hoped for, all you had, you gave
 To serve mankind - Yourself you scorned to save.

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Men of This District
 Who Served In World War I.

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# Barnes, William	Messey, Clifford
Betterley, Alex	Parks, Arthur
Lenne, Orris	Potts, Gordon
Brodie, Gordon	Potts, Lloyd
Carter, Ezra	Paupst, Clark
# Doan, Leslie	Rogers, Lorin
Farrah, Roland	Rutter, William
Hoover, Carman	# Startup, Charlie
Howe, Ed.	Thomson, Herbert
Jones, Ernest	Williams, Mahlon.
# Luton, William T. (M.D.)	Roberts, Milton.
Miller, Wilfred	

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Names marked with # are of men, who made the supreme
 sacrifice.

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All you had hoped for, all you had, you gave
Through dust of conflict and through battle times
O Volant hearts, and to your glory came

Man of this District

Who served in World War I

If They Could Speak

To our soldier sons now sleeping in many a far off
grave,
We bow today in tribute - to the lives they gladly
gave.
Their prayers today would be ours, if they could speak
again;
That peace might reign forever in the hearts and minds
of men.

(The Hon. Morrison Mann MacBride)



Alex Betterley
R.R. #1, Belmont, Ont.

Enlisted in World War I, also
World War 2.

(Biography contained in write ups)



Men who served in World War # II,
Kingsmill District,
Compiled by Mrs. Bert Foster.



Ansel Martindale One of the first boys to volunteer for overseas service in World War II, was Corporal Ansel Martindale. Ansel was born and grew up on the Martindale homestead, east of the Kingsmill school. He left his young wife and two small children with his father, Harvey Martindale and on his return from overseas, bought a home and the cheese factory at Lyons. He made the cheese factory into a garage and service station.

Douglas Durdle was the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Durdle. He served in the navy. After the war was over, he returned to Kingsmill, bringing his bride from British Columbia with him. They live with Douglas' grandmother in Kingsmill.

Tpr Glen Durdle, an older brother of Douglas Durdle, served in the army. He, like Douglas, was born and lived all his life in Kingsmill, attending the Kingsmill school. He was reported 'killed in action', on February 27th, 1945.

Stwd John Potts, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Potts, was another boy from the village of Kingsmill. He attended Kingsmill school and later the Aylmer High School. He served in the navy and after the war was over, returned to Kingsmill, with a bride from New Brunswick.

Pte Leon Williams lived south and west of Kingsmill. He served in the army. He was reported 'Killed in action' on August 11th, 1944, while fighting in France. Much sympathy was felt for his widowed mother.

Pte Ray Ball lived with his mother on a farm, south and west of Kingsmill. He served in the army. On his return, he bought a home, south of St. Thomas and went in the trucking business.

Russell Britton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Britton, was a Kingsmill boy. He attended the Kingsmill school. He served in the army. He and his wife and son lived on his father's farm, east of the Kingsmill school. Upon his return, he took up garage business in Aylmer.

Archie Hughson lived with his parents, south of Kingsmill, near Orwell. He served in the army and on his return married Miss Ruby Simpson, of Orwell.

Ross Neville, son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo Neville lived with his parents, south and east of Kingsmill. He served in the air force and was stationed on the east coast, almost the entire time. After the war, he returned with his wife and took over his father's farm.

Charlie Cleaver and Barry Cleaver were children of English born parents living south of Kingsmill. Charlie graduated from the Aylmer High School. He enlisted in the Air Force. Upon his return to civilian life, he worked at his trade in Windsor for a time, but later, he and his wife came back to



William C. Johnston.

help his father, Harold Cleaver, who was alone on the farm.

P.O. Barry Cleaver, the younger brother, enlisted in the Air Force. He also graduated from Aylmer High School. He, like his brother was very good in sports. While flying his fifteenth trip over Germany, his plane was shot down on August 14th, 1944. He was buried by Holland people in Holland.

Sgt Francis Cline, only son of Mr. and Mrs Charles Cline enlisted in the Army. He attended the Kingsmill school and graduated from the Aylmer High School. He is a great grandson of the pioneer Jacob Cline. Upon his return he and his wife (Grace Brewer) bought the Lewis Cline farm at Lyons. He was the last of the Kingsmill boys to return from overseas.

Earl Littlepreud son of Frank Littlepreud was born and grew up at Mapleton. He attended the Mapleton school and later the Aylmer High School. He enlisted in the navy and upon returning home, married Miss Dorothy Powers and took up farming on his father's farm.

William Johnston, before serving in the army, was living in Kingsmill with his wife Teresa Ashton, a lifelong resident of Kingsmill. On his return to his wife and baby, he became farm manager for the Canadian Cannery Ltd.

Sigmund Archie Sinclair enlisted from Mapleton. He was working for Mr. Archie Thompson, when he enlisted in the army. On his return he lived in London and worked for the Postal Service.