



## The Austin Family

This narrative relates to the Austin Family, in particular Percy, Harry & Alfred Austin.

### The Family

John Thomas Austin was born in Burton Latimer in 1861. In 1886, he married Alice Silsby from Bozeat.

They have a son Percy (b. Burton Latimer 1884) and daughter Mary (b. Burton Latimer 1888).

The family are living in Corby when Eliza (b.1891), (Harry (b.1892), Thomas Silsby (b.1896), Alfred (b.1898) and James (b.1899) are born.

In 1901, they were living in Main Street, Corby. John was working as an “ironstone labourer”.

The children resident were Percy, Harriet, Eliza, Harry, George, Thomas Silsby, Alfred & James.

George (b.1894) died in 1902. Another son, Joseph was born in 1902 and it is recorded that Alice & Lucy Austin were born in 1904.

Percy Austin joined the army in 1907. His occupation was listed as “labourer”. There is reference in Percy Austin’s Service Record, to a daughter, Ellen Stretton of Cottingham being born in 1906.

Prior to 1911, daughter Harriet had taken the position of cook at the Old Radford Vicarage, Nottingham.

By 1911, the family are living in Thorngate Street, Kettering. John Thomas Austin is still employed as an “ironstone labourer”. Daughter, Mary Austin is recorded as having returned home.

Harry Austin is working as an “ironstone labourer”, whilst Alfred Austin’s entry in the 1911 Census is “rough stuff hand”. Their sister Eliza is working in a clothing factory, whilst brother Thomas is a “shoe finisher”.



There is reference to Harry Austin residing in Sheep Street, Kettering in 1915.

### Military Service

#### **Percy Austin**

Percy Austin joined the Northamptonshire Regiment in 1907. He served in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion (8638) before transferring to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion. He was promoted to Corporal.

Corporal Percy Austin was killed whilst serving in France/Flanders on 14<sup>th</sup> March 1915.

He is remembered on the Le Touret Memorial and the Corby War Memorial.

#### **Harry Austin**

Harry Austin enlisted in Kettering, serving as a Private in the Northamptonshire Regiment 1/4<sup>th</sup> Battalion (3826).

Private Harry Austin was killed in action in Gallipoli on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 1915.

He is buried at the 7<sup>th</sup> Field Ambulance Cemetery in Turkey.

He is remembered on the Kettering War Memorial.

#### **Alfred G Austin**

Served as a Private in The Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment) 10<sup>th</sup> Battalion (39397). He served in France/Flanders.

Private Alfred Austin was killed on 4<sup>th</sup> August 1917.

He is remembered on the Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial.



***Lest We Forget***

**Percy Austin**

Of the Northamptonshire Regiment

d. 14<sup>th</sup> March 1915

**Harry Austin**

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**Alfred Austin**

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Another son, Thomas Silsby Austin (b. Corby 1896) was firstly in the Royal Fusiliers in 1916 then the 18<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Machine Gun Corps (52998). Thomas served overseas in Mesopotamia. At time of mobilisation he was living in Burton Latimer, occupation "finisher boot trade".