

St Peter's in the Forest, Churchyard Trail

No one in the first two pages of the burial register has a monument in the graveyard. This was not unusual for the time, but monuments gained popularity during Victorian times.

Cornwallis John WARNER 16th May 1915 [I7]

He is not buried here, in fact he has no known grave. Like his three siblings, he was baptised at St Peter's in 1889. He was the second son of Sir Thomas Courteney Theydon Warner, 1st Bt, CB MP, and Lady Leucha Diana Warner. He joined the 3rd Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry which his father was formerly Lt Colonel and Hon Colonel of. He went to France on 26 December 1914 where he was attached to 2nd Battalion of his Regiment and was killed in action at Richebourg L'Avoué. His commanding officer wrote "I cannot say how I miss your son. He did such excellent work last spring that if he had been spared at Richebourg as far as I am concerned he would have commanded a company here ever since. There are a thousand and one jobs I would have given him to do. He was such a very useful and reliable officer in so many ways." Though his body was not found he is commemorated on the CWGC memorial at Le Touret, panel 26, and memorials similar to the one here at St Mary's Thorpe Morieux, Suffolk; and St Mary's Brettenham

Leonora Emily McCALL (Feb 1932) [960] wife of late William McCall, a "South American" merchant, summoned the former vicar of St Peter's (Isaac Renshaw, 1920-30) to her bedside from Birmingham. The bishop of St Edmondsbury and Ipswich took her funeral!

Edward William PASCOE 19th Jun 1940 [1045]

Edward was a school teacher before the war. His father had worked for the Post Office, but retired. He lived with his wife Joan, parents, and school teacher aunt (Walthamstow UDC) close to the church at 31 Upper Walthamstow Road. He served with 111 Squadron RAF which was based at RAF Croydon at the time, and was killed while flying a Mark I Hawker Hurricane during the Battle of France. His parents and aunt are commemorated on the grave.

Tullie CORNTHWAITE 12th Dec 1878 [1050]

He was the first vicar of this parish, through to 1851. He was from Hornsey, and unmarried. He was well liked and after retiring stayed in the parish for over 20 years until his death. In 1864 he provided residents of Woodhouse Home (female asylum) with a treat of roast beef & plumb pudding, christmas tree, cake, oranges, apples & nuts followed by games, a magic lantern show, and talks on America & the galvanic battery.

He spoke half a dozen languages and was a keen botanist, having specimen flowers marked "1861, from the Livingstone expedition" to south Africa. He surrounded himself with books and collections of books, shells, butterflies, minerals, and coins at his house "The Forest", and was as keen to receive knowledge as to share it. There is a picture of him in the National Portrait Gallery.

Corporal Howard Shadwell WHITTINGHAM [623]

Son of Walter Basden Whittingham, J.P., and Flora Elizabeth Darley of Walthamstow. They lived at 8 The Drive. His father was a printer & publisher in the City, an Essex County Councillor E.C.C. and on the Walthamstow Local Board. Howard was educated at Merchant Taylor's school and became an Architect. Though his parents had moved to Frinton and his father had died, Howard remained in Walthamstow living with an uncle & aunt at 17 Orford Road. Although his parents were non-conformists, and married at the Wood Street Chapel, his brother had gone into the church of England, becoming bishop of St Edmondsbury and Ipswich in 1923, of whom mention in #960. Howard in the Yeomanry charge at Gallipoli in August 1915, and was wounded in his arm. On his way home he was taken seriously ill. He underwent a series of operations over the following 11 months but without satisfactory result, and he died in Hampstead Military Hospital. His mother is buried with him.

John STYLES [877]

John Styles was for forty years coachman to Joseph Gurney Barclay (1816-1898) Esqre. of Knotts Green. Barclay was a banker and amateur astronomer, building an observatory in the grounds of the house at Knotts Green. His daughter married into the Buxton family of Leyton & Upshire.

Grace Zenobia COLLINS 6th Nov 1918, Women's Royal Air Force. [642]

Grace was the eldest of six children of John Edward and Ada Hannah Collins, of The Square, Mill Lane, Woodford Green. Her father ran a cycle making and repair shop in Islington. She was born in Leytonstone and the family had moved around a bit, settling at the maternal family home. In May 1918 she joined the Women's Royal Air Force, formed only a month earlier, and was posted to North Weald. She contracted pneumonia, most likely brought on by influenza, and died less than a week before armistice aged just 19, making her one of the one hundred WRAF members who lost their lives before it was disbanded in April 1920.

Kate Eleanor JOLLY, Mon 1st Aug 1892 aged 25 [602] Kate died whilst singing.

The family lived on Rockmead by Victoria Park, Bethnal Green and seem to have been comfortably off, as Kate's father called himself a retired grocer by the time he was 40. What was she singing?

Jabez LYNE O.B.E. 10th Aug 1945 [510]

Jabez was an estate agent and surveyor. He was a councillor for Hoe St and High Street West wards at different times, and a member of the south west Essex Guardians Committee of Essex County Council. He was awarded an OBE for political and public services in Walthamstow in 1936.

Elizabeth Amy GREEN, 19th Sep 1904 previously Edwards nee Gritton [283]

Responding to newspaper accounts of soldiers' suffering in the Crimean War (1854-56), Florence Nightingale answered a government appeal for nurses and left with 38 volunteer nurses, including 15 catholic nuns. The hospital at Scutari was dirty and vermin ridden, but initially the doctors were not interested in the nurses help. After the Battle of Inkerman in November 1854, the staff were soon fully stretched and accepted the nurses' aid. Elizabeth was probably one of the 229 "Nurses in the East" who followed to British Military Hospital from January 1855. Her father was an Army man and she may have been better suited to the environment than many. Her first husband may have been in the army too and sent to Crimea. On her return in 1856 she married Sgt Maj Mark Green. They eventually retired to the Fillebrook Road area of Leytonstone.

GUY Of the 12 members of the Guy family buried here, seven were children

[118] Children of Rev Frederick Barlow Guy, the 4th headmaster of Forest School for over 20 years, and tutor of William Morris after he was involved in a rebellion at Marlborough. The school was founded in 1834, the year Morris was born. One of the children had the name Cornwallis, so they likely knew the Warners well. He seems to have been good at getting with people and encouraging boys.

[120 & 121] Children of Rev Thos Edwd Barlow Guy & Mary his wife. Headmaster of Forest School, & eldest son of F B Guy who had 20 children. Mary is the only adult commemorated here.

[119] Daughter of Rev Ralph Courtenay Guy, 7th son of F B Guy. Succeeded father as headmaster for 8 years & on staff for 18. He was full of "unselfish kindnesses", and "brought much bright sunshine into many lives".

Thomas Henry and Albert Christopher TURNER. 3rd Aug 1888 [46]

Harry and Bertie were brothers who were one of three drownings that made papers in the first week of August 1888. The Turner family lived at 308 Amhurst Road, Hackney. The boys were playing with friends on the banks of the River Lea at Spring Hill, Upper Clapton, when Bertie fell in. Harry tried to help but also fell in. Both were carried away by the current and drowned. Their bodies were recovered over next two days.