

EASTON Family of Newburgh and Husthwaite



This Cross marked the grave of Sapper William Easton of Husthwaite in Les Baroques Military Cemetery at Sangettes, France. It was subsequently replaced by a proper memorial stone and this temporary marker returned to Husthwaite.

William Easton was born in late 1890 to William and Elizabeth, then living at High Leys, Newburgh. He was one of four sons and two daughters living at the time of the 1901 Census. William senior was a Farming Master employing two men and he and his wife could also afford two female servants! The family subsequently moved to Husthwaite living as a tenant in 'Coulmony' (now 'Broom House'). William senior was a Carter, working on his own account from home.

William junior joined the Midland Railway Company, working as a Booking Clerk for 10 years, prior to joining the Forces. In the Railway Operating Division of the Royal Engineers, he served at Rouen and Ypres. He was killed, aged 27, on 11th May, 1918. [The age 22 on the cross was evidently a repainting error.]

Two of William's younger brothers also served with the forces. Richard Smith Easton, born 1892, served in the Royal Army Medical Corps. Richard survived and in April 1925, married Miss Peggy Hursthouse. They lived at High Leys Farm. George Cuthbert Easton, born 1894, served in the Coldstream Guards and was killed on 11th December, 1916. There is no service record for the fourth brother, Bernard, born Husthwaite in early 1896.

Sister Grace Millicent died a spinster, in service, in February 1937, aged 47. Mary Isabel, then living at 'Laburnum Cottage' – now part of 'The Hobbits' - married James Hood in February 1913.

William Easton senior, born Oulston about 1851, died in May 1926, aged 75. His wife, Elizabeth, born Crayke about 1855, died August 1923, aged 69. They were survived by daughters Mary (Hood), Grace, R? and F? and sons Richard and Bernard. [Two other daughters (Miss R Easton and Miss F Easton) were reported as having been at their mother's funeral, but no documentary evidence of their births has yet been found.]

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Registration Index Details

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<i>BIRTHS</i>				
EASTON, George Cuthbert	1894/Mar	Easingwold	9d	411
EASTON, William	1890/Dec	Easingwold	9d	407
EASTON, Mary Isabel	1885/Mar	Easingwold	9d	412
EASTON, Richard Smith	1892/Jun	Easingwold	9d	441
EASTON, Bernard	1896/Mar	Easingwold	9d	401
EASTON, Grace Millicent	1889/Sep	Easingwold	9d	417
EASTON, R				
EASTON, F				
<i>MARRIAGES</i>				
EASTON, Thomas ELLIS, Elizabeth	1882/Sep	Easingwold	9d/573	

Census Details

The family is shown in the Census Returns for 1891 (High Leys, Newburgh) and 1901 (Town Street, Husthwaite). Although house names were not given, we know from other evidence that the Town Street House was called 'Cholmony' (now 'Broom House').

On Census day 1891, Mary Isabel was staying with her aunt Mary (nee Ellis) and George Knowles at their home in Crayke. Their son Geoffery (2), daughter Marjorie (5mths) and nephew Walter (16) were also present.

