

Private Arthur Hindle Carter (aka Whiteley) (1899 - 1918)

Arthur Hindle Carter is remembered at the bottom of the memorial inscription on a Hindle headstone in St. Matthew's churchyard, Lightcliffe.



But the name A.H. Whiteley is on the Elland War Memorial and on a bronze plaque in St. Mary's Church, Elland.



Time to explain the two different surnames.

As Arthur was remembered on his maternal grandparents' headstone this is where his story will start. Joseph Hindle married Betsy Rushworth on 5th October 1868 in Halifax parish church. As the marriage record below says Joshua was a miner - probably a stone miner - , the son of David Hindle who had also been a miner before working in a worsted mill warehouse operating a hoist. His mother was Rebecca née Craven who married David Hindle in 1834 in Bradford where they would spend the rest of their lives.

1868. Marriage solemnized at		in the Parish of <i>Halifax</i>			in the County of <i>Yorks</i>			
No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
64	<i>October 5 1868</i>	<i>Joshua Hindle</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>Bachelor</i>	<i>Miner</i>	<i>Hippoholme</i>	<i>David Hindle</i>	<i>Miner</i>
		<i>Betsy Rushworth</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>Spinster</i>		<i>Hippoholme</i>	<i>Thomas Rushworth</i>	<i>Labourer</i>
Married in the <i>Parish Church</i>		according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church, by			or after <i>Deceased</i>		by me,	
This Marriage was solemnized between us,		<i>Joshua Hindle</i>			in the Presence of us,		<i>John Thomas</i> <i>James Coates</i>	

The death of the girls' father was announced in the *Brighouse and Rastrick Gazette* for Saturday 7th June 1879.

HINDLE.—June 1, aged 41 years, Joshua Hindle, stone miner, Hipperholme.

Joshua Hindle was buried in Lightcliffe churchyard on 4th June 1879 in plot D39 owned by his wife Betsy Hindle.

1013 D 39 June 1 June 4 Joshua Hindle 41 Betsy Hindle

Mother and daughters were on their own on 3rd April 1881 in Hipperholme.

1881 census

Betty Hindle Head 43 Widow Worsted Spinner
 Hannah Hindle Dau 12 Scholar
 Emma Hindle Dau 9 ditto
 Rebekah Hindle Dau 7 ditto
 Marther Hindle Dau 5 ditto
 Address Horton Terrace, Hipperholme cum Brighouse

Seventeen-year-old Hannah Hindle died on 4th August 1886 and was buried with her father in plot D39 of St. Matthew's churchyard three days later.

1034 D 39 August 4/86 August 7/86 Hannah Hindle 17 yrs Betsy Hindle

Her mother, widow Betsy Hindle, then married a widower Edwin Farrar on 25th June 1890 according to the parish record. The *Brighouse Echo* for 27th June 1890 has a slightly different date. Both documents use the first name Betsy.

1890. Marriage solemnized at the Parish Church in the Parish of Halifax in the County of York							
No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname. Rank or Profession of Father.
✓ 86	June 25 1890	Edwin Farrar	42	Wid.	Woolsorter	Hipperholme	Samuel Farrar 2 ^d Officer
		Betsy Hindle	48	Wid.	-	Hipperholme	Thomas Rusworth Labourer

Married in the Parish Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church, by _____ after _____ by me.

This Marriage was solemnized between us, { Edwin Farrar } in the Presence of us, { Joseph Sagar } W. Romaine Harvey
 { Betsy Hindle } { Francis & Wakefield }

FARRAR—HINDLE.—June 21, at Halifax Parish Church, Mr. Edwin Farrar, woolsorter, to Mrs. Betsy Hindle, both of Hipperholme.

A year later the 'Wool sorter' had become a 'Licensed Victualler'.

1891 census

Edwin Farrar Head 42 Licensed Victualler
 Betsy Farrar Wife 48
 Rebecca Hindle Stepdau 17
 Martha Hindle Stepdau 15
 Samuel Farrar Son 15
 Edith Farrar Dau 12 Scholar
 Emily Farrar Dau 10 ditto
 Hannah Farrar Dau 8 ditto
 Lily Farrar Dau 7 ditto

Address Black Swan Inn, Briggate, Hipperholme cum Brighouse

Emma Hindle was not with her mother and sisters and has not been found on the 1891 census. From this census and others, it looks as if Samuel Farrar was paralysed and had been since birth.

And then Betsy was widowed again.

FARRAR Edwin of the "Black Swan" hotel Brighouse Yorkshire licensed victualler died 11 April 1894 Probate Wakefield 23 April to Betsy Farrar widow and Joseph Booth music teacher. Effects £95 10s.

Her youngest daughter, Martha Hindle, married John William Carter from Oldham on 28th February 1897 in Halifax.

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1897. Marriage solemnized at the Parish Church in the Parish of <u>Halifax</u> in the County of <u>York</u>								
Column	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
49	Twenty eighth February 1897	John William Carter Martha Hindle	21 20	Bachelor Spinster	Drafter	Parish of Saint Mark's Oldham Black Swan Brighouse	William Carter Joshua Hindle (deceased)	Coal Merchant Coal miner
Married in the <u>Parish Church</u> according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the <u>Established Church</u> by <u>Arthur Charles Jenkins</u> or after Banns by me, <u>Robert A. Henderson.</u> This Marriage was solemnized between us, <u>John William Carter</u> in the Presence of us, <u>Emmanuel Jenkins</u> <u>Martha Hindle</u>								

P.C. Brighouse

Their son Raymond Hindle Carter was born Q3 1897 in the Halifax district, but he died aged just seven months on 13th March 1898 in Prescott, Lancashire. He was brought to Lightcliffe for burial with his maternal grandfather on 17th March 1898. His maternal grandmother Betsy Hindle – by then Betsy Farrar – still owned the plot, D39.

353 D.	39	Mich 13 th 1898	Mich 17 th 1898	Raymond Hindle Carter	7 months Betsy Hindle
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Martha and John William Carter had another son, Arthur Hindle Carter, born Q2 1899 in the Rochdale district. A subsequent army record gives his place of birth as Todmorden.

No further records have been found for John William Carter.

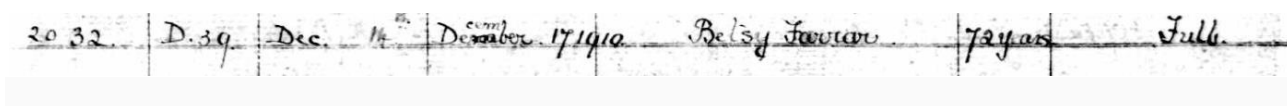
On 31st March 1901 Martha – said to be married - and little Arthur were visiting her widowed mother and step siblings in Brighouse.

1901 census

Betsy Farrar	Head	63	Publican
Emily Farrar	Dau	19	
Annie Farrar	Dau	18	
Lily Farrar	Dau	17	Worker in Silk Mill
Martha Carter	Dau	25	Visitor
Arthur Carter	Grandson	1	ditto
Sam Farrar	Son	26	Paralysed from Childhood
Ira Marian Freeborough	Servant	31	
Leslie Reginal Freeborough		10	Visitor

Address 43 Briggate, Brighouse

Then in 1908 Martha Carter née Hindle married widower Robert Whiteley so presumably she was a widow by then. Her mother Betsy Farrar formerly Hindle née Rushworth died on 14th December 1910 aged 72 years. She was buried with her first husband, Joshua, her oldest daughter, Hannah, and a baby grandson, Raymond Hindle Carter, in Lightcliffe plot, D39, which for years she had owned, and which was then declared 'Full'.



FARRAR Betsy of the Black Swan Inn Brighouse Yorkshire widow died 14 December 1910 Probate Wakefield 13 February [1911] to Emma Scholey (wife of Henry Scholey) Rebecca Chapman (wife of John William Chapman) and Martha Whiteley (wife of Robert Whiteley). Effects £1000 19s 4d

Arthur Hindle Carter has not been found on the 1911 census, neither has a Arthur Hindle Whiteley. He was not with his mother and stepfather in Elland. The eleven-year-old may have been at school somewhere.

1911 census

Robert Whiteley	Head	57	Cotton Spinning Employer
Martha Whiteley	Wife	35	
Eveline Whiteley	Dau	30	At home
Hetty Akroyd	Visitor	33	Weaver woollen

Adress 8 Smithfield Terrace, Elland

And then the Great War started.

In 1917 when Arthur Hindle Whiteley enlisted with the Duke of Wellington's Regiment, he was an apprentice draughtsman living with his mother and stepfather at Highfield House, Newcombe Street, Elland. His 'next of kin' was his 'father' Robert Whiteley of the same address.

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Form B, 2511.

RECORD OF SERVICE PAPER

For men deemed to be enlisted in H.M. Regular Forces for General Service with the Colours or in the Reserve for the period of the War, or Ex-Soldiers recalled for Service with the Colours, under the provisions of the Military Service Acts, 1916.

No. 59344 Christian Names Arthur Morda Surname Whitley
Corps 4TR Training Reserve

Questions to be put to the Recruit on Joining.

1. What is your Name? ...	1. Christian Names <u>Arthur Morda</u>
2. What is your full Address? ...	Surname <u>Whitley</u>
3. Are you a British Subject? ...	<u>Highfold House, Moorabie St.,</u>
4. What is your Age? ...	<u>Collard, Halifax</u>
5. What is your Trade or Calling? ...	<u>18</u> Years <u>219</u> days
6. Are you Married? ...	<u>apprentice Draughtsman</u>
7. Have you ever served in any branch of His Majesty's Forces, naval or military? If so, which?	<u>No</u>
8. Have you any preference for any particular branch of the service, if so, which?	<u>No</u>
9. Are you desirous of serving in the Royal Navy, if so, state your qualifications?	<u>No</u>

I, Arthur Morda Whitley do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true.

Christian Name Arthur Morda Surname Whitley SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT
Date 19 Nov 1917
Place Halifax Pte J. A. ... Signature of Witness

EXEMPTION FROM COMBATANT SERVICE ON CONSCIENTIOUS GROUNDS.

If the recruit has been exempted by a Tribunal on conscientious grounds from serving as a combatant it should be so stated here. No

MEDICAL CLASSIFICATION AS TO FITNESS FOR SERVICE ON JOINING.

Classification* A

* To be filled in by the Recruiting Officer after Classification by the Medical Board.

† Certificate of Approving Officer.

I approve the acceptance of the above-named man, and appoint him to the 4TR Training Reserve

Date NOV 19 1917 19
Place HALIFAX

The LIEUTENANT-COLONEL, GENERAL, or other Officer.
...
The Recruiting Officer.

† The signature of the Approving Officer is to be affixed in the presence of the Recruit.
‡ Here insert the "Corps" to which the Recruit has been appointed.

* If so, the Recruit is to be asked the particulars of his former service, and to produce, if possible, his Certificate of Discharge and Certificate of Character which should be returned to him, accompanied by the following: (a) Home ... on the (Day) ...

The next army record tells you what happened to him.

General Service		Deemed to have been Enlisted		20-5-1917
		Called up for Service		19-11-1917
4 th Y.R.		Mobilized		19-11-1917
Ant. Hindle	Regt	Transferred		
	Lt. Col.	Authy CRCE 84/40/a - d/172:14	Pte	4-12-1917
B. of Y.		Posted	Pte	6-6-1918
	2	"	"	6-6-1918
		Reported Missing	"	31-8-1918
	2	Presumed to have died on or since Authy WO Letter 2/14/18 26.2/1	Private	31-8-1918

The final entries in the above record note that he was reported missing on 31st August 1918 and presumed to have died on or after that date. No newspaper report of him being missing has been found nor one for when it was presumed that he had died. There is no obituary to fill in the gaps in his short life and the military action that he was involved in at the time is also unknown.

WHITELEY (true family name CARTER), Pte. Arthur Hindle, 39344. 2nd Bn. Duke of Wellington's Regt. 31st Aug., 1918. Age 19. Son of Mrs. Martha Whiteley, of Highfield House, Newcombe St., Elland, Yorks.

And obviously as he was missing there was no body to inter with a CWGC headstone. But he does have a CWGC casualty record, in fact he has two because of the two surnames. They explain that he is remembered on the VIS-EN-ARTOIS MEMORIAL Panel 6, France.

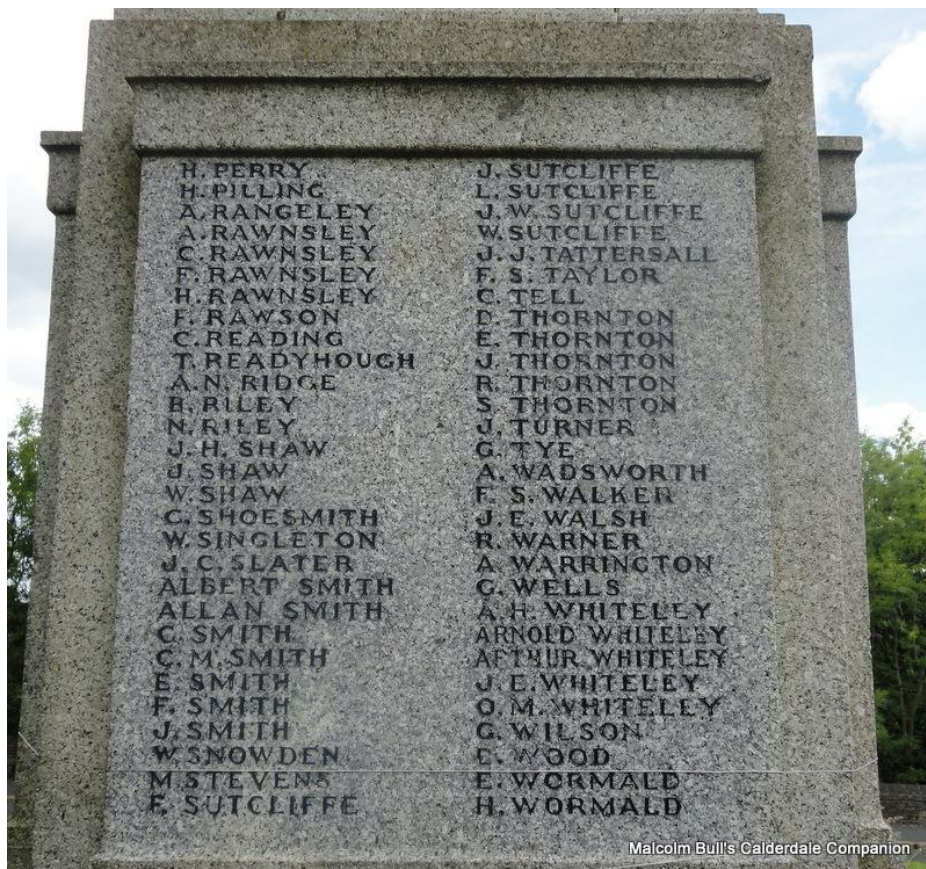
[Private Arthur Hindle Carter | War Casualty Details 2000758 | CWGC](#)

[Private Arthur Hindle Whiteley | War Casualty Details 1750201 | CWGC](#)

As already explained, Arthur Hindle Whiteley, was remembered on the Elland War memorial and on a brass plaque in St. Mary's Church, Elland, according to Malcolm Bull's Calderdale Companion.



Malcolm Bull's Calderdale Companion



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Grandson Arthur Hindle Carter was remembered on his maternal grandparents' headstone in Lightcliffe churchyard where his maternal grandparents, an aunt and his baby brother were buried.



1921 census

Robert Whiteley	Head	67	Cotton Spinner & Doubler Retired	Own Account
Martha Whiteley	Wife	45	Home Duties -	
Blanche E Whiteley	Dau	40	Yorkshire, England	Home Duties -

Address Highfield House, Newcombe Street, Elland, Yorkshire (West Riding)

WHITELEY Robert of Highfield House Newcombe-street Elland Yorkshire died 3 September 1925 Probate London 2 October to Martha Whiteley widow and Blanche Eveline Whiteley spinster. Effects £13870 17s 10d

WHITELEY Martha of 45 Halifax Road Brighouse Yorkshire widow died 1 Mary 1958 at 20 Halifax Road Brighouse Probate London 6 June to Florence Emily Farrar widow. Effects £10034 9s 2d

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