

**16637 PRIVATE ALBERT SHAKESPEARE
3rd BATT'N (RESERVE) LEICESTERSHIRE REGIMENT
1895 - 22nd AUGUST 1917**



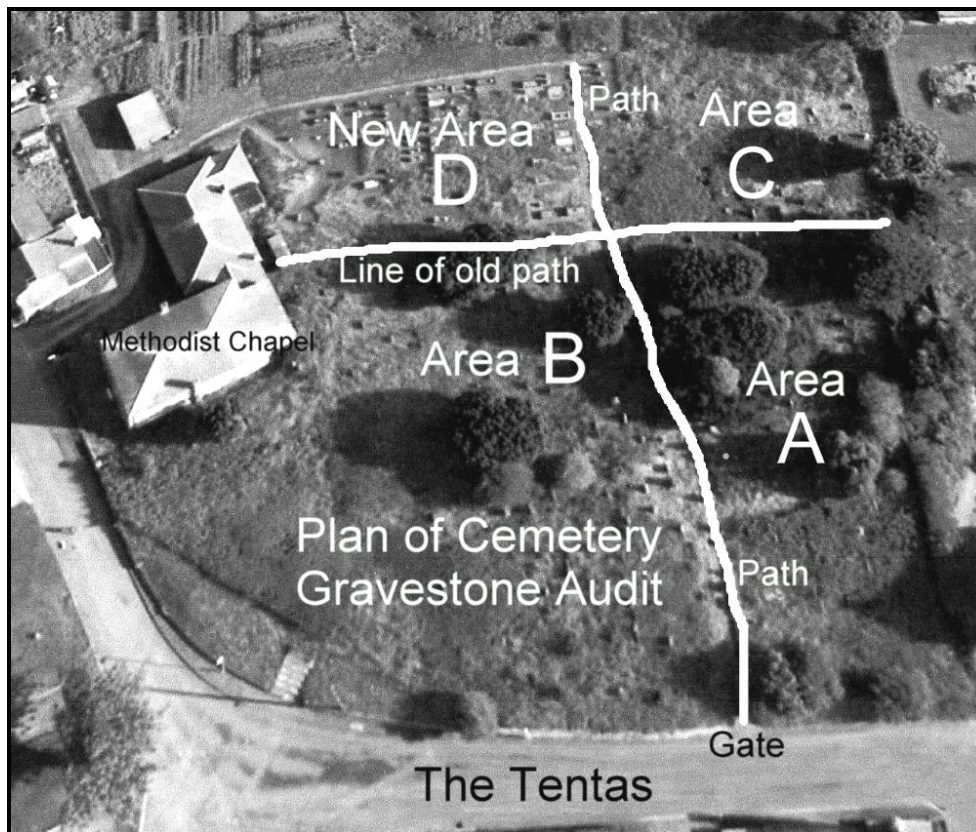
**Griffydham Wesleyan Methodist Chapel and the old part of the graveyard
viewed from "The Tents"**

BY SAMUEL T STEWART - OCTOBER 2022



**Commonwealth War Grave Commission grave made from Portland Stone
in Griffydam Wesleyan Methodist Graveyard
It includes the Leicestershire regimental symbol**

GRAVE LOCATED IN AREA - A



There are 300,000 War graves and memorials in the UK from the two World Wars and there are 172,000 War graves from the first and second World Wars at 13,000 locations throughout the UK. These include the graves for many of those who died in Military hospitals who would then be buried in local cemeteries. Others may well be for men and women who died in training accidents or air raids. Others were killed in action in the air or at sea in coastal waters, with their bodies washed ashore.

Individual gravestones account for the great majority of War burials in the UK, and can be found in every conceivable type of burial ground, including many local church yards. Many are marked with commission headstones, but over 30,000 are marked by private memorials chosen by relatives at the time.

Eligibility for a CWGC War grave generally requires a casualty to have died overseas while employed with the armed forces; or from wounds inflicted whilst serving overseas.

3rd BATTALION (RESERVE) LEICESTERSHIRE REGIMENT

There is little information recorded about this regiment, presumably because it never travelled overseas and engaged in military combat.

3rd Battalion (Reserve) Leicestershire regiment were a Special Reserve battalion (sometimes referred to as Militia) which served only in the UK. On the 4th August 1914, it was stationed at Leicester, and then relocated to Portsmouth. In May 1915, it relocated to Hull and remained there for the duration of the War. In some cases the soldiers were geographically stationed elsewhere in the UK performing war work at a munitions factory for example, at such locations as Nottingham, Barrow-in-Furness, Birmingham etc.

16637 Private Albert Shakespeare's War grave registration documentation states that he died from wounds, so presumably this happened during a training exercise, or whilst working in a munitions factory, but that is only conjecture.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission has 96 recorded WW1 deaths for the 3rd (Reserve) Battalion, Leicestershire Regiment. These would have all taken place in the UK

**16637 PRIVATE ALBERT SHAKESPEARE
CWGC CERTIFICATE**

In Memory Of

Private

ALBERT SHAKESPEARE

Service Number: 16637

3rd Bn., Leicestershire Regiment who died on 22 August 1917 Age 22

Son of Joseph Shakespeare, of Peggs Green, Coleorton, Leicester.

Remembered with Honour

GRIFFYDAM WESLEYAN METHODIST CHAPELYARD



**COMMEMORATED IN PERPETUITY BY THE COMMONWEALTH
WAR GRAVES COMMISSION**

16637 PRIVATE ALBERT SHAKESPEARE BIBLIOGRAPHY

Albert was recorded as the son of Joseph Shakespeare of Pegg's Green by the CWGC. After Albert enlisted (probably in 1914 aged 19) he was posted to the 3rd (reserve) Battalion, Leicestershire Regiment. His War grave registration records (see end of publication) states that he died from wounds, so presumably this happened during a training exercise, or whilst working in a munitions factory, but that is only conjecture.

1871 CENSUS - COLEORTON

Joseph Shakespear (aged 22), a colliery labourer, born in Lount (in 1891 / 1901 is given as Coleorton) is married to Sarah (20) born in Coleorton. They have a son Samuel (2) and a son Joseph (11m) both born in Coleorton. They were living in Moor Town.

1891 CENSUS - PEGG'S GREEN

The family are now living in Pegg's Green next to the Griffydam Wesleyan Day School. The children are Samuel (22), Phoebe (13), Elizabeth / Lizzie (8), Annie (6), Alice (4), Walter (2) and William (9m).

1901 CENSUS INFORMATION - PEGG'S GREEN

Household	Address	Name	Relationship	Sex	Age	Occupation	Notes	Staff / Column	
63 Pegg's Green	1	Arthur Bradley	Master	S	10			Leicester Thringstone	
		Joseph Shakespeare	Head	M	52	Coal Miner - Miner	Worker	do Coleorton	
		Sarah	do	Wife	M	50			do do
		Samuel	do	Son	S	32	Coal Miner - Miner	Worker	do do
		Lizzie	do	Daughter	S	18			do Pegg's Green
		Walter	do	Son	S	12			do do
		William	do	do	S	10			do do
		George	do	do	S	8			do do
64 Old School, do	1	Albert	do	S	6			do do	
		Gertrude	do	Daughter	S	4			do do
		Fred Bailey	Head	M	24	Iron Worker - Striker	Worker	do Coleorton	
		Mary A.	do	Wife	27			do do	

Joseph Shakespeare	Head	M	52	
Sarah	do	Wife	M	50
Samuel	do	Son	S	32
Lizzie	do	Daughter	S	18
Walter	do	Son	S	12
William	do	do	S	10
George	do	do	S	8
Albert	do	do	S	6
Gertrude	do	Daughter	S	4

The Shakespeare family are still living next to the Griffydam Wesleyan Day School in 1901 and have three further children George (b.1893), Albert (b.1895) and Gertrude (b. 1897). They had a son Joseph born in Coleorton in 1870, but he had most likely left home or had died. Joseph and Sarah therefore appear to have had a total of 8 children.

GRAVE RECORD DOCUMENTS

GRAVES REGISTRATION REPORT FORM. B.S./17488

2010 W1 300021 W321 10.000 10/27 146 F & S

Name of Cemetery Griffydiam Wesleyan ^{METHODIST} CHAPELWOOD ^{Peppers Area} Command. Report Number Peterboro 1909

Parish Griffydiam Leicestershire ^{Leicestershire} Certified Correct and Complete. Schedule Number 1

County Leicestershire Signature [Signature] Category of Graves D

Unit	Regtl. No.	Name	Rank and Initials	Date of Death	Number or letter of			Type of Memorial	Type of Grave	Remarks
					Plot	Row	Grave			
<u>3rd Leices</u>	<u>16637</u>	<u>SHAKESPEARE</u>	<u>Pte A.</u>	<u>22/8/17</u>				<u>N.M. C</u>	<u>Mounded & turfed</u> <u>War Graves (S.D. & W. Book)</u> <u>B.S./2652/1678</u>	

Certified that a plan is not necessary
[Signature]
area [unclear]

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No. of Contract dated

Name and Address of Firm.

COMPREHENSIVE REPORT (A) OF HEADSTONE INSCRIPTIONS
to this report is attached
COMPREHENSIVE REPORT (B) HEADSTONE TEXTS
(those headstones to be inscribed with texts are underlined)
and
TWO STANDARD LAYOUTS (the layouts to be used are quoted on the badge design).

Name of Cemetery. METHODIST
GRIFFYDAM WESLEYAN, CHYD.
LEICESTERSHIRE.
To be stencilled on foot of headstones below ground level abbreviated thus:—

6075 13002A/2024 10.000 10/28 146 F A

Badge Design No. and Layout No.	1st Line.	2nd Line.	3rd Line.	4th Line.	Age.	Centre of Stone.	To be stencilled on foot of Headstones below ground level.	
	Number and Rank.	Initials, NAME and Honours.	Regiment.	Date of Death.			Relig. Emb.	Plot P. Row R. Grave G.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)
<u>1035/1A</u>	<u>16637 PRIVATE</u>	<u>A. SHAKESPEARE</u>	<u>LEICESTERSHIRE REGIMENT</u>	<u>22ND AUGUST 1917</u>	<u>NONE</u>	<u>CROSS</u>		<u>1 R111</u>

In any instance where the entry "NONE" appears in Col. 6, the Age will be omitted from the Headstone and the Date of Death centred laterally.

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Schedule "B" Page 1

Name and Address of Firm.

Name of Cemetery

COMPREHENSIVE REPORT (B) HEADSTONE PERSONAL INSCRIPTIONS
to be read in conjunction with

GRIFFYDAM WESLEYAN CHYD.
LEICESTERSHIRE.

COMPREHENSIVE REPORT (A) HEADSTONE MILITARY INSCRIPTIONS
together with

TWO STANDARD LAYOUTS (the layouts to be used are quoted on the badge design).

6894 9702/2610 8,000 592 146 P.A.
6079 13276/2625 10,000 1038

Badge design No. and Layout.	Headstone No.	Line 1	TEXT Line 2	Line 3	Line 4	No. of Letters in Text
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
	1		(Mr. J. Shakespeare, Peggs Green, Cheston, Leicester.)			
			Name and Address of Next of Kin is shown in brackets, and will not appear on the Headstone.			

THE REGISTERS OF THE GRAVES.

ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH RURAL DISTRICT.

X BARDON HILL (ST. PETER) CHURCH-YARD, BARDON, is on the road from Coalville to Leicester.

SHAW, Pte. J. H., 2813. 5th Bn. Leicestershire Regt. Died of wounds 28th April, 1916. Age 20. Son of Henry and Fanny Elizabeth Shaw, of 3, St. John's Terrace, Whitwick, Leicester. *near West end of Church.*

SLATTER, Pte. George Thomas, 48740. "D" Coy. 3rd Bn. Leicestershire Regt. 2nd July, 1918. Age 24. Son of Tom Slatter, of 168, Ashburton Rd., Hugglescote, Leicester. *near West end of Church.*

lc COLE ORTON (OR COLEORTON) (ST. JOHN'S) CEMETERY is attached to the Chapel of Ease of St. John, not far from St. Mary's Church.

X HOLT, Pte. Archibald, G/68402. Royal Fusiliers, posted to 2nd/4th Bn. London Regt. (R. Fus.). Died of wounds 22nd Sept., 1918. Age 23. Son of Walter and Sarah Holt, of Coleorton, Leicester. Joined the Coldstream Guards on 5th Aug., 1914. *Right of entrance.*

uay DONISTHORPE CEMETERY, OAKTHORPE AND DONISTHORPE, was begun in 1875, and belongs to the Donisthorpe Burial Board (now appointed by the Parish Council, and the Ashby Wolds Urban District Council).

CHAWNER, Pte. G., 16817. 7th Bn. Leicestershire Regt. 31st July, 1916. 1909.

LOCK, Pte. Arnold Penford, 240971. "B" Coy. 2nd/5th Bn. Leicestershire Regt. 22nd Jan., 1918. Age 23. Son of Kate Lock and the late Arthur Lock, of Renford, Stanley Drive, Humberstone, Leicester. 622.

REDFERN, Rfn. Wilfred, C/6514. 18th Bn. King's Royal Rifle Corps. Died of wounds 24th Sept., 1916. Age 19. Son of George and Mary Ann Redfern, of "Hill Top," New St., Oakthorpe. 558.

WILLDAY, Pte. George Arthur, 6050. Depot, Leicestershire Regt. 26th Feb., 1917. Age 27. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Willday, of Moira; husband of Mrs. Elsie Faith Willday, of Donisthorpe Lane, Moira, Burton-on-Trent. 2662.

X to Coalville Urban District April 1936

GRIFFYDAM WESLEYAN METHODIST CHAPELYARD, WORTHINGTON.

SHAKESPEARE, Pte. Albert, 16637. 3rd Bn. Leicestershire Regt. Died of wounds 22nd Aug., 1917. Age 22. Son of Joseph Shakespeare, of Peggs Green, Coleorton, Leicester. *Along middle of East part.*

MEASHAM CEMETERY, formed in 1880, now belongs to the Parish Council.

BLAKE, Serjt. William Gildea, 14459. Royal Engineers. 2nd Nov., 1918. Age 34. Son of Thomas Gildea Blake and Anne Frances Blake, of The Priory, Measham. 152.

JERRAMS, Spr. *Thomas Henry*, 114998. *18th Fort. Coy.* Royal Engineers. 5th April, 1915. Age 31. Son of Thomas Jerrams, of Sweptstone Rd., Measham. 156.

PACKINGTON (HOLY ROOD) CHURCHYARD.

GRANGER, Pte. H. H., 11918. Machine Gun Corps (Inf.). 20th April, 1916. Age 27. Son of Mrs. Matilda Granger, of Packington. *In front of Church.*

RAVENSTONE (ST. MICHAEL) CHURCH-YARD, RAVENSTONE-WITH-SNIBSTON.

WATSON, Pte. John, 117075. Machine Gun Corps (Inf.). Died of wounds 30th Nov., 1918. Age 32. Son of William Watson; husband of Edith Emma Watson, of Trentham Cottage, Church Lane, Ravenstone. *East of Church.*

SNARESTONE (OR SNARESTON) (ST. BARTHOLOMEW) CHURCHYARD.

PARE, Pte. Frederick Thomas, 4064. 1st/5th Bn. Leicestershire Regt. 28th Sept., 1915. Age 26. Son of William Pare. *In new (North-West) part.*

X THRINGSTONE (OR THRINGSTON) (ST. ANDREW) CHURCHYARD.

BAILEY, Pte. James, 4819. Royal Defence Corps. 15th Nov., 1917. Age 52. Husband of Mrs. Bailey, of St. John St., Thringstone. *North-West of Church.*

ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH URBAN DISTRICT. ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH CEMETERY, at the West end of the town, now covers nearly 12 acres. It belongs to the Ashby-de-la-Zouch Burial Board. It contains three British War Graves, and those of two German soldiers. *Urban District Council.*

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