

THE BROTHERS OF LION LODGE



WILLIAM CHAPPELL

The eldest of the Chappell brothers, William served in the Royal Army Medical Corps at the rank of Private.



THOMAS TRAYTON CHAPPELL

Having emigrated to the US in 1913, Thomas enlisted in the Canadian Army and served in the Toronto Artillery Brigade at the rank of Gunner, in both France and Belgium.



HENRY CHAPPELL MILLS

Henry emigrated to the USA and enlisted into the US Army on 6th July 1917 and remained with Company K of the 53rd Infantry Regiment until he was discharged at the rank of sergeant.

JOHN "JACK" CHARLES CHAPPELL

Jack Chappell was in the British Navy from 1914 to 1920 where he served as a lead stoker about the HMS Blake, a destroyer depot ship. Jack received the Star, Victory and British War medals.



FREDERICK CHAPPELL

Before enlisting in the British Army in February 1917, Frederick was in the Territorial Forces, 5th Battalion S Stafford Regiment, and also served with the Labour Corps (161). He was awarded both the British War Medal and Victory Medal.

ERNEST SYDNEY CHAPPELL

Ernest enlisted in the Northamptonshire Regiment of the British Army in 1914 at the age of 20. His occupation was listed as footman. Ernest fought in France from May 1915 and received the Star, Victory and British War medals.



JAMES GEORGE CHAPPELL

James served in both the Royal Horse Artillery and the Labour Corps of the West York Regiment. He was awarded the Victory, Star and British Medals and served in France from 18th December 1914.

WALTER VICTOR DOUGLAS CHAPPELL

Walter enlisted in the British Army at the age of 18 in June 1916 and earned the British War and Victory Medals. Walter is listed as being killed in action on 21st March 1918. His body was never recovered.



At the outbreak of the First World War in 1914, the Chappell family, also known as Mills in some census records, lived at Lion Lodge, Addington Village. The parents were William who was a farm labourer aged 54 and Martha aged 45 (see picture). The couple had fifteen children, ten boys and 5 girls.

By the outbreak of the First World War, two of the Chappell children had emigrated to the USA.

Henry arrived in the US on the ship Adriatic on 11th January 1911 and Thomas disembarked in New York on 17th January 1913 on the ship Philadelphia.

By November 1918 and the end of the war, eight Chappell brothers had seen action in Europe serving in the armed forces of the allied powers.

One never came home.

For more information on the Chappell Family, see the **display** booklet in the Tait Gallery.