

HERBERT CHARLES BASHAM OR BASHAN- BORN 1868- DIED 9th March 1918

Herbert also known as Charles was born in 1868 in Whissonsett. He was baptised at St. Mary's-All Saints Church, Colkirk on 21st November 1868. Charles was the third eldest of 6 children born to Robert and Hannah Basham. Robert was born in East Lexham in 1835 and Hannah was born in 1831 in Bracon Ash, Norfolk.

In 1881 the family were living in Gately and Herbert's father Robert was working on a local farm. In 1891 Robert was the farm Bailiff at Church Farm, Caston, South West Norfolk. Charles was working on the same farm as a 'Farm Servant'.

In the 1911 census Charles was working on a farm in Colkirk as a 'Team Master'.

Charles married Elizabeth who came from Brancaster. They had three children Dorothy b 1898, Edith born 1901 and Elsie who was born in Salle in 1909.

Charles enlisted on 12th October 1917 in Kings Lynn. He joined the First Royal Fusiliers Company as a private in the infantry section. On enlistment his army pay was 8 shillings a day.

Charles Herbert transferred to The 10th Battalion Royal Fusiliers. He was awarded The British War Medal and The Victory Medal. He died at Ypres serving as a Private and his army number is 57809.

He was killed at age 50 on 9th March 1918 and is buried at [HOOGE CRATER CEMETERY](#) in Belgium.

A war gratuity of £9.9.7d was paid to Charles's widow.