

**James Victor Dawson born in 1883 in Kempston Bedfordshire died 5th November 1918. Buried at St. Bartholomew's Church Brisley.**

James Victor Dawson was born in 1883 in Kempston Bedfordshire, the son of Charlotte Dawson, nee Prior who was born in Brisley, ( her mother's maiden name was Howling) and Thomas Dawson who came from North Elmham. In the 1891 census the family had left Bedfordshire and were living back in Norfolk. Thomas, James's father, was described as a horse trainer.

James had four younger siblings: Florence, Edith, Thomas and Christmas.

James married Elizabeth Martha Bone in 1908 in Blickling Norfolk. They had three children, Violet born 1908, Olive born 1910 and Hubert born 1916.

James and Elizabeth were living in East Rudham prior to James enlisting.

James enlisted in Oldham and served in The 3rd Bedfordshire Regiment. His service number was 50407. It also appears that James initially served in the Labour Corps and The Manchester Regiment. It is not clear why James enlisted in Oldham. At the end of the war James's wife was living in Oldham so possibly her family may have been living there.

He died in Felixstowe hospital as a result of his injuries on 5 November 1918 at the time of his death James was aged 35. James is buried in St Bartholomew's Churchyard in the South-West section.

James left his war gratuity of £3.4.8d to his widow.



Elizabeth with son Hubert

3. No. 644.	Mary Dorcas Wampler	Brisley	Jan 5 <sup>th</sup> 1918	75	Victoria Cross Recd.
No. 645.	Henry Richard Woady	Brisley	April 24 <sup>th</sup> 1918	70	Victoria Cross.
82 No. 646.	Henry Edward Williamson	Brisley	Nov 9 <sup>th</sup> 1918	33	Victoria Cross
83 No. 647.	Daisy Moore.	Brisley	Nov 9 <sup>th</sup> 1918	25	Victoria Cross
No. 648.	James Dawson	Died in Hospital at Feltonstone Resided at Glendon.	Nov 11 <sup>th</sup> 1918	35	Victoria Cross Military Award