

THE BROAD FAMILY OF BARTON STACEY, HAMPSHIRE c.1890-1920s

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SAMUEL BROAD was born 9 February 1872 in Cottonworth, Wherwell, Hampshire and baptised at Wherwell on 16 June that year, son of Samuel and Jane (Chandler) Broad. The family moved from Wherwell to the hamlet of Little Ann, near Andover, between the time of Samuel's birth and the census of 1881.

By 1891 Samuel Broad was lodging at Lime Tree Cottage in Barton Stacey village. This was situated on The Street in the area north of the Church. The head of the household was widower Charles Gaiger (1833-1898), a farm carter from an old Barton Stacey family. His daughter Mary Elizabeth Gaiger (born 25 December 1864) had kept house since the death of her mother Susannah (Ray) Gaiger in 1881. She married Samuel Broad in the summer of 1891. They moved, perhaps as their family grew, to one of the New Cottages opposite the vicarage - we think the middle of the three. They lived there until at least 1920, when Samuel, Mary Elizabeth and their son Charles appear in the electoral roll at that address.

By 1939 they had moved to 4 Canada Cottages, Micheldever Station. Mary Broad died in 1948 aged 83, her husband in 1953 in the Portsmouth area, aged 81.

Children of Samuel and Mary Elizabeth (Gaiger) Broad,

- i. Frederick, born 1891. He became the village policeman. He enlisted on 13 December 1915 at Aldershot and was promoted to Lance Corporal in March 1917 (service number 25234). He suffered from bronchopneumonia and spent time in Brook War Hospital at Woolwich before returning to 1st battalion, Royal Irish Fusiliers in France in September 1917. He was killed on 21 March 1918 at Station Redoubt¹ -

¹ Detailed information courtesy of Nick Metcalfe:

BROAD Corporal Frederick 25234 Born in 1891 at Barton Stacey, Hampshire. A police officer. Enlisted on 13 December 1915 and joined 12th Reserve Regiment of Cavalry at Aldershot (24528, Private). Unpaid Lance Corporal 10 May 1916. Paid Lance Corporal 25 September 1916. Transferred for service with infantry with Princess Victoria's (Royal Irish Fusiliers), he embarked for France on 10 December 1916 and joined 16 Infantry Base Depot on 12 December 1916, when he relinquished his rank and reverted to Private (renumbered 25234). Posted to the 7th/8th (Service) Battalion, he joined 'A' Company on 6 January 1917. Lance Corporal 31 March 1917. To hospital 17 January 1917 sick (trench feet) and treated at 113th Field Ambulance; he returned to duty on 30 January 1917. To hospital 9 April 1917 sick (broncho-pneumonia). Treated at 53rd Casualty Clearing Station and 2nd (Canadian) Stationary Hospital. Evacuated to hospital in England (held strength at the Depot) 24 April 1917. Treated at Brook War Hospital, Shooter's Hill, Woolwich until 27 July 1917. To 4th (Extra Reserve) Battalion 7 August 1917. Embarked for France 7 September 1917 and joined 16 Infantry Base Depot on 9 September 1917. Rejoined 'A' Company, 7th/8th (Service) Battalion on 18 September 1917. Acting Corporal 25 November 1917. Posted to the 1st Battalion 10 February 1918. Killed in action at Station Redoubt on 21 March 1918. Pozieres Memorial. Panel 76 and 77.

the first day of the Second Battle of the Somme, sometimes called the Second Battle of St. Quentin. His battalion ended the war at Mouscron, North East of Tourcoing, Belgium. His name is recorded on the Pozieres Memorial.

- ii. Bertha Annie, born 1893. She married Henry Oliver Ames from Gosport, who had come in his teens to Barton Stacey to become a gardener. He was born 30 April 1892 in Gosport, son of Sidney and Elizabeth (Richards) Ames. They married in Surrey in 1915 and lived in Mitcham.
- iii. **CHARLES**, born 3 May 1896. He was a farm carter like his father. He enlisted on 27 August 1914 at Winchester and was assigned to 7th Service Battalion of the Rifle Brigade (the Service Battalions provided combat service support to the frontline troops) In January 1915 he transferred to the Army Cyclist Corps at Grayshott. Apart from two ten-day periods of leave, he was in France from May 1915 until demobilised in 1919, having been promoted to Lance Corporal in the field in January 1917 (service number 3940). The primary roles of the cyclists were reconnaissance and communications (message taking). They were armed as infantry and could provide mobile firepower if required. Those units that went overseas continued in these roles but also (once the mobile phase of war had settled down into entrenched warfare) spent much time in trench-holding duties and on manual work.

Charles appears on the electoral roll for Barton Stacey in 1920. In that year he married Lilian M. Wheeler (born 13 September 1899) and by the time of the 1939 Register he was a farm carter in East Stratton, Hampshire. They had, as presently known, four children. Charles Broad died in 1982.

- iv. Hilda May, born 27 May 1899. She married William C. Petty and lived in Winchester. She died in 1979.
- v. **DAVID EDWARD**, born 6 June 1902. He died in 1978.
- vi. Harold Percy, born 1905. He was unmarried in 1939, living with his parents in Micheldever Station. He was a lengthsman. On roads, lengthsman were responsible for a few miles between adjacent villages and sometimes their duties encompassed the village itself. Employed by local parish councils, their job was, among other things, to keep grass and weeds down in the verge, keep drainage ditches clear, and sometimes repair fences.

It is possible he was the Harold P. Broad who married in 1941 and had a daughter. He died in 1948 aged 42.