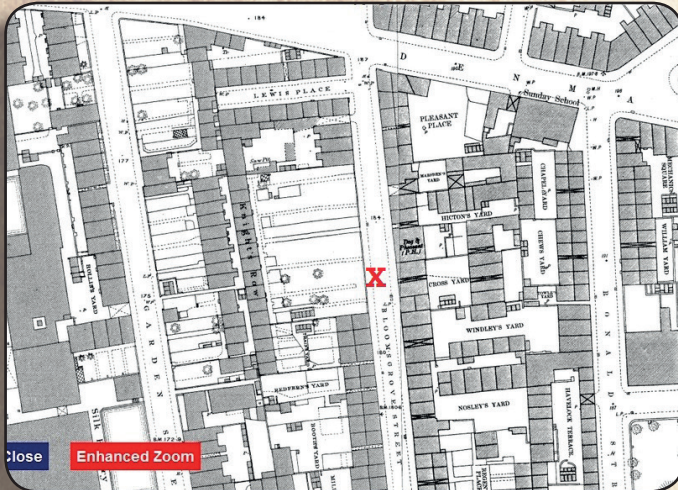


# Charles Simkins

Charles Simkins, the eldest of the four Simkins brothers, was born in Sneinton in 1882.

In the 1901 census he was listed as a 'farmer's son' living at Adbolton.

Early in 1907 he married Lillian Beale and by 1911 he was working as a brewer and living with his widowed father-in-law John Beale, an innkeeper, his wife and sons Charles aged 3 years and George aged 2 at the Dog and Pheasant in Radford.



60 Blooms Grove Street, New Radford site of the Dog and Pheasant Public House.  
The road, now gone, ran from Denman Street to Ilkeston Road



The 185th was a siege battery equipped with heavy howitzers sending large calibre high explosive shells in high trajectory plunging fire.  
A British soldier standing with a 9.2 inch howitzer Mk 1 which supported the Australians on the Somme.

Charles Simkins enlisted as a gunner with the 185th Battalion Royal Garrison Artillery

Following the unexpected and tragic death of Charles Simkins senior, a retired farmer, at Adbolton House in December 1924, there is evidence to prove that Charles Simkins junior was living at 'The Farm' in Adbolton in 1927 and in 1930. It was a milking farm.

Charles Simkins of The Farm, Adbolton died on 20th August 1951 at the General Hospital, Nottingham and was survived by his widow Lillian.