

Charles William Hourd

The only child of Charles Edwin and Elizabeth Hourd nee Sheppard, Charles William Hourd was born in Sneinton in 1892 and baptized there on 23rd May 1892.

In the 1911 census Charles Edwin Hourd was a farmer at the Fox and Crown Farm, Holme Lane and Charles William, a farmer's son, working on his father's farm.

On the 9th December 1915 Charles William Hourd enlisted with the Army Service Corps No. 1 M.T. R88 Depot. Formed in 1914, this ASC Horsed Transport 8 Reserve Park Company filled a variety of admin and back up roles and was at the disposal of the GHQ of the British Expeditionary Force in France.

Charles was discharged no longer fit for service on 25th September 1917.

Direct relatives of Charles Hourd also served in the First World War including his uncle Laurence Hourd and his son Frank Edward, who both served with the Sherwood Foresters, and Laurence's other son John William who served with the Royal Artillery and died of wounds in Gallipoli in 1915. Cousins Albert Hourd and Albert Vernon Hourd both served with the Sherwood Foresters and William Hourd was a driver with the Royal Field Artillery.

In 1921 Charles William Hourd married 32 year-old Gertrude Mary Stevenson, a butcher's daughter from Radcliffe on Trent.

Charles William Hourd, farmer, died on 2nd April 1922 at Hall Farm, Gamston.



Gamston early 1900's. Hall Farm on the right of picture