

## Harold Whitt Pell

Harold Whitt Pell was born in Flawborough in Nottinghamshire in 1897 to father William Henry Pell, who was born in Whatton in 1858, and mother Sarah Elizabeth Pell, nee Whitt, who was born in Stepney, London in 1857.

The family farmed at Holme House, on the corner of Stragglethorpe Lane, as tenant farmers to Lord Manvers and Manor Farm, Flawborough as tenant farmers to the Duke of Newcastle. Totalling around 700 acres they were considered big farmers in those days.

In 1911, thirteen year old Harold was at school and living on the family farm at Holme House with his parents and elder brothers Joseph William aged 18 years, who was a civil engineer, Eric Henry aged 16, who was working on the family farm, and sister Mary Elizabeth Hilary aged 7 years.

Harold Whitt Pell was the youngest and considered to be the hero of the family. According to his sister in law who knew him well, he was tall, very good looking, had a good sense of humour, was a good dancer and a wow with the girls.



Winnie Pell (widow of the late William John Elnor Pell) says that he lied about his age to enlist and because he was tall joined the 1st Battalion Life Guards. He was killed in action in France aged 18 years old on 28th August 1916 and has no known grave. His brother Eric was given two days leave to find his body, but was unsuccessful.

Trooper Harold Whitt Pell is remembered on the Thiepval Memorial.

