

## Joseph William Pell

Joseph William Pell was born on the family farm in Flawborough on 15th March 1893.

In 1911 aged 18 years old he was working as a civil engineer for Notts County Council and living at Holme House with his parents William Henry and Sarah Elizabeth Pell, younger brothers Eric Henry aged 16 years, Harold Whitt aged 13 years and sister Mary Elizabeth Hilary aged 7 years.



His sister, always known as Hilary, married the brother of P.G. Wodehouse and is buried with her parents in St. Edmund's churchyard.

In the 1915 electoral register Joseph is named on the Lodgers List as living in a furnished bedroom on the 1st floor at Holme House. His landlord was his father Mr W. H. Pell.

Joseph William Pell enlisted with the 12th Battalion Sherwood Foresters in 1915 and was appointed a lieutenant in 1917.

Joseph was unable to farm after the war and in 1920 was working for Notts County Council as an engineering assistant. Also in that year he married Philippa Constance Howitt. They had a daughter Fay Pauline and a son Pete Seward born 1924.

In December 1922 Eric became an associate member of the Institution of Civil Engineers and went on to become Borough Surveyor for Maidstone in Kent.

Joseph and his brother William were both present at the opening of the 'new' Gunthorpe Bridge by Edward, Prince of Wales in 1927.

He died on 22nd December 1951 aged 58 years in Flawborough and is buried in the Church Yard.