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The people of South Gloucestershire served in the armed forces, became nurses and worked in factories. They made aircraft, motorbikes and boots for the servicemen; even the horses were sent to the front line of The Great War. This project tells the stories of the contribution that South Gloucestershire made to the First World War.

## THE HILL AND THE FLUX FAMILY

### KS 2/3/4

The students will look at how the war affected a large family, typical of many local families, considering the choices and the consequences, which scattered this family all over the world in the aftermath of the war.

A broad curriculum based learning resource, reflecting our rich cultural heritage and encouraging the discussion of challenging issues.

### **National Curriculum: History/English/RE/Citizenship**

There were eleven children between the two families who were cousins. This is the family history of each person. Amy was a VAD nurse, her cousin Mabel, a Land Girl. Four of the cousins died, but not all in the circumstances you might imagine. One left his autograph on a church wall in France before he was lost in battle during the spring offensive of 1918 and several emigrated to a 'better life'. Find out where they lived, who survived and what happened after the war.

## Teacher's information

### **This Learning Resource Contains:**

- The family history of twelve of the Hill and Flux family members
- Activity: Questionnaire and Further Teaching Ideas
- Other Free First World War Project Learning Resources information
- Feedback Form
- This resource can also be used with both the Amy Hill Autograph Book resources and The Great War – Life in the Trenches, learning resources

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## Amy Hill

**Born:** 1898. 35 Sunnyside. Hambrook. (Died in Australia 1984)

**Lived:** 25 North Street. Downend. Gloucestershire

**School:** Whiteshill School. Hambrook

**Parents:** Albert Hill (Teacher of Music and brother of Emily Flux)  
Caroline Hill

**Brothers:** Arthur. C. 1889 - 1916

Herbert. (Bert) S. 1892 - 1923

Frederick. W. 1896 - 1980

Harold. R. 1897 - 1916

**Sister:** Winifred M. 1891 - 1969

**Occupation 1914-1919:** VAD Nurse. (Voluntary Aid Detachment)

**Place of work:** Cleve Hill Hospital. Frenchay 1915-1918

Amy Hill kept an autograph book in which she asked the patients she was looking after, to write something for her. Many signed their names and wrote poems. Some even drew sketches and cartoons to pass the time.



6 Clarence Road, Downend. 1902. Here is Amy as a child with her family: she is the one in the white pinafore, holding her doll and standing by her mother, Caroline Hill. Herbert is standing between his mother and Fredrick. Winnie is sitting with the cat on her lap and Harold is sitting with his arms folded.

Here is Amy maybe ten years later; about the time she was a VAD nurse at the Cleve Hill Hospital. Amy is on the right in the darker dress; Winifred is on the left and their mother Caroline Hill is in the front: one of her brothers' stands behind, possibly Arthur. This is a rare, for the time, informal family photograph.

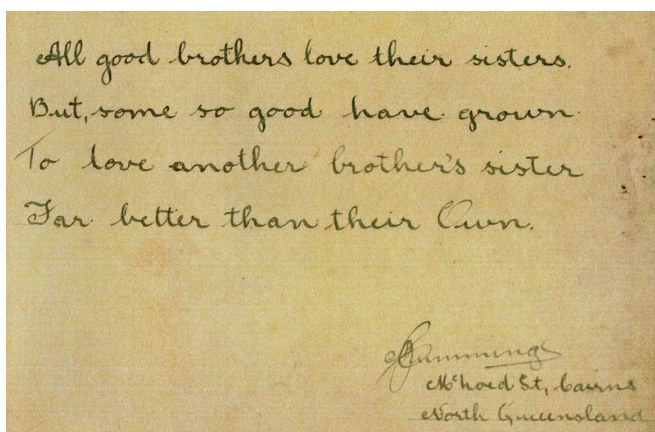


Amy lost two of her four brothers in 'The Great War'. Within weeks of each other, her eldest brother Arthur and her nearest brother Harold died. She named her first son Harold.

Herbert emigrated to Canada, where he had a family.

Fredrick was Amy's only brother left at home after The Great War, but he emigrated to Canada, probably to be with Herbert. He later had a family and settled there.

Here is Amy outside 25 North Street, Downend, the family home in 1919. The photograph was taken just before her marriage to Jock Cummings. Jock had been a patient at the Cleve Hill Hospital where she worked, he had written in her autograph book.



Amy Hill married Albert John Cummings, known as Jock, in 1919 at her local church, Christ Church in Downend.

Jock had to return to Australia with the army and was 'demobbed' in Australia: Jock came back for Amy. She would only marry him if he stayed in England, which he did for a while and they had their son Harold. But work was hard to come by for Jock so he returned once more to Australia. Amy stayed behind to have their second child Constance, with the support of her mother at 25 North Street. Amy left for Australia with their two small children in 1924.

Jock was in the Australian Imperial Forces 25th Battalion which was raised in Enoggera (Brisbane, Queensland). It was composed mainly of men from Queensland and a small contingent from the Northern Territory and they left in early July en route for Egypt where they trained before going to the trenches of Gallipoli in September 1915. Gallipoli had, by this time, quietened down as the last major Allied offensive had taken place the month before they arrived. The 25th Battalion left the peninsular on the 18th December 1915 and after further training in Egypt they proceeded to France. They were the first AIF Battalion to land in France and became part of the 2nd Division. The 25th's battle honours include, Pozieres, Somme, Ypres, Menin Road, Polygon Wood, Passchendaele, Amiens, Bullencourt and others. Its last battle was on 3rd October 1918 when they made a successful breakthrough of the German lines around Bearevoir. The Battalion was disbanded 9 days later and the official end to WW1 happened about 4 weeks later.



Amy Hill of Downend, and Jock Cummings of Australia; married in Christchurch, Downend, 31<sup>st</sup> December 1919.

Amy lived in Australia for the rest of her life, after the war with her husband and children.

The Hill family kept in touch by writing letters and sending photographs. Amy always kept a very large oval framed photo of "Mother in England" (Caroline Hill).



In 1978 Amy went to Canada see her brother Fred, she was 80 years old and Fred was then 82, they had not seen each other for 58 years.

## Arthur Charles Hill

**Born:** 1888 35 Sunnyside. Hambrook. **Died 1918**  
**Lived:** 25 North Street. Downend. Gloucestershire.  
**School:** Whiteshill School. Hambrook.  
**Parents:** Albert Hill (Teacher of Music and brother of Emily Flux)  
Caroline Hill  
**Brothers:** Herbert. (Bert) L. 1892 -1912  
Frederick. W. 1895- 1980  
Harold R. 1897 -1916  
**Sisters:** Winifred M. 1890 - 1969  
Amy. 1898 - 1984

**Occupation 1914-1918:** Private in Worcestershire Regiment. 9th Battalion.

**Died:** 28.9.1918 of malaria whilst on active service in The Great War. Arthur is buried in what is now Iraq. His fiancé, Maude, never married and was later godmother to Winifred Hill's daughter.

### Whiteshill School. Hambrook. Circa 1901



Arthur Hill is the first boy in the back row on the left hand side, next to Tom Flux. In the second row, third girl along from the left is Winifred Hill, Arthur's sister. In the front row sixth boy along is Arthur's little brother Fredrick Hill sitting next but one to Charlie Flux.

Arthur is thought to have been an apprentice for a newspaper from the age of 13 years.

## Winfred. M. Hill

**Born:** 1890. 35 Sunnyside. Hambrook. **Died** 1969  
**Lived:** 25 North Street. Downend. Gloucestershire.  
**School:** Whiteshill School. Hambrook.  
**Parents:** Albert Hill (Teacher of Music and brother of Emily Flux)  
Caroline Hill  
**Brothers:** Arthur. C. 1888 - 1916  
Herbert. (Bert) L. 1892 - 1923  
Frederick. W. 1895 - 1980  
Harold. Randolph 1897 - 1916  
**Sister:** Amy 1898 - 1984

**Married:** Mr Tyler.

Daughter: Muriel.

Lived with her mother Caroline Anne Hill at the family's house at 25 North Road, Downend.  
The Family was still living at 25 North Street, Downend in 1965.



Winifred as a young girl, c. 1910.



Winifred in the 1960's.



This is 25 North Street, Downend  
the family house, Winnie lived here  
with her mother and then her  
husband and family until the  
1960's.

## Frederick W. Hill.

**Born:** 1895 35 Sunnyside. Hambrook. Died 1980 in Canada  
**Lived:** 25 North Street. Downend. Gloucestershire.  
**School:** Whiteshill School. Hambrook.  
**Parents:** Albert Hill (Teacher of Music and brother of Emily Flux)  
Caroline Hill  
**Brothers:** Arthur C. 1888 - 1916  
Herbert. (Bert) L. 1892 - 1923  
Harold R. 1897 - 1916  
**Sisters:** Winifred M. 1890 - 1969  
Amy. 1898 - 1984

**Occupation:** Soldier.

Joined up the same day as his cousin Francis Charles Flux. They were close in age and great friends. Fredrick emigrated to Canada in 1920, he did not return. He married twice, but had no children.



6 Clarence Road, Downend. 1902.

Fred is standing between his big brother Herbert and his sister Winnie who has the cat on her lap. Fred's little sister Amy is standing by Caroline Hill their mother, holding her doll. Harold is sitting with his arms folded. Big brother Arthur is already away at work.



Whiteshill School. Hambrook.

Fred Hill is the sixth boy from the left in the front row. His brother Harold Hill is third boy along in the same row. The fourth boy next but one to him is their cousin Francis Charles Flux. Winnie Hill his big sister is the third girl from the left in the second row. Arthur Hill is the first boy on the left in the back row, Herbert is standing next to the Headmaster in the back row.



This is Fred and his sister Amy in Canada in 1978. Amy had travelled from Australia, when they were 80 and 82 years old. They had not seen each other for 58 years.

## Harold Randolph Hill

**Born:** 1897. 35 Sunnyside. Hambrook. **(Died 1916)**

**Lived:** 25 North Street. Downend. Gloucestershire.

**School:** Whiteshill School. Hambrook.

**Parents:** Albert Hill (Teacher of Music and brother of Emily Flux)  
Caroline Hill

**Brothers:** Arthur C. 1888 - 1916

Herbert. (Bert) L. 1892 -1923

Fredrick W 1895 - 1980

**Sisters:** Winifred M. 1890 - 1969

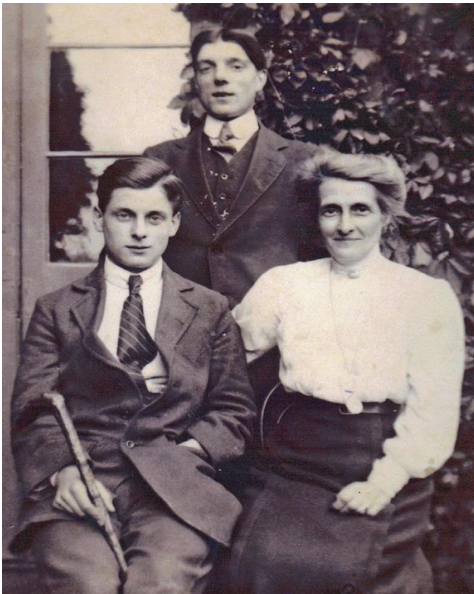
Amy. 1898 - 1984

**Occupation:** Soldier: Sapper.

Harold was killed aged just 20, in August 1916 by a torpedo in the trenches.

He was one of the five young men to die at the front who had been members of the 1<sup>st</sup> Downend Boy Scout Group. The Scout Group later paid for a small war memorial to their friends, which still stands in Downend.

Harold had sent home a postcard just before his death describing the night time bombardment, likening it to a huge fireworks display, the sky vivid with light.



Caroline Hill sits proudly with her two of her sons, just before they go off to war. Harold is seated, whilst his brother Fredrick, stands behind.

6 Clarence Road, Downend. 1902

Harold is sitting with his arms folded, next to his mother, Caroline Hill.

Fred is standing between his big brother Herbert and sister Winifred has the cat on her lap.

Harold's little sister Amy is standing holding her doll.

Arthur is already out at work.





## Herbert (Bert) Leonard Hill

**Born:** 1892 35 Sunnyside. Hambrook. **Died** 1923 in Canada.  
**Lived:** 25 North Street, Downend. Gloucestershire.  
**School:** Whiteshill School, Hambrook.  
**Parents:** Albert Hill (Teacher of Music and brother of Emily Flux)  
Caroline Hill  
**Brothers:** Arthur C. 1888 – 1916  
Fredrick W. 1895 - 1980  
Harold R. 1897 - 1916  
**Sisters:** Winifred M. 1890 - 1969  
Amy. 1898 - 1984

Emigrated to Canada 1912.

Herbert was always called Bert. He emigrated to Canada as many did when the Canadian government advertised for workers, he probably had financial help towards his ticket.



6 Clarence Road, Downend. 1902

Herbert stands next to his mother Caroline Hill.  
Amy is holding her doll.  
Fredrick is standing next to Herbert and Winnie is sitting with the cat on her lap.  
Harold is sitting with his arms folded in the front.



Whiteshill School. Hambrook

Herbert is standing next to the Headmaster in the back row.  
Fred Hill is the sixth boy from the left in the front row.  
His brother Harold Hill is third boy along in the same row; the fourth boy next to him is their cousin Francis Charles Flux.  
Winnie Hill his big sister is the third girl from the left in the second row.  
Arthur Hill is the first boy on the left in the back row, next to Tom Flux.

## Albert Thomas (Tom) Flux

**Born:** 1889 White Horse Inn. Hambrook. **Died** 1915

**Lived:** Walton Farm. Hambrook

**School:** Whiteshill School. Hambrook.

**Parents:** Alfred William Flux  
Emily Flux (sister to Albert Hill)

**Brothers:** Alfred Ernest 1893 - 1918  
Francis Charles. 1895 - 1981

**Sisters:** Kate. (Kit) 1891 – 1980  
Mabel Emily 1897 – 1966

**Occupation:** Farmer. Platoon Sergeant, Volunteer Defence Corps.

Always known as Tom, he was an active figure in the local community. He was a sidesman in his local church and a Platoon Sergeant of the local Volunteer Defence Corps. Tom stayed at home to run the farm whilst his two brothers and his cousins went off to war. Tom died at the age of twenty-six from peritonitis and was laid to rest in Frenchay Churchyard.

Here is the entry for burials on August 10th. 1915 from the Parish magazine.

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**Albert Thomas Flux**, aged 26, died 6th August 1915.

*'In the past month our parish been overshadowed by the loss of one whose family has offered most nobly in the cause of God and King and Country. Of the four young men, three sons and a nephew, who shared with Mr. Flux the work of his farm, Tom, the eldest, though keen on soldiering, stayed at home that the three others might join the Army, his youngest sister undertaking the delivery of the milk. On July 24th, having apparently strained himself in the hayfield, he was obliged to go into Bristol General Hospital for a slight operation. This he successfully underwent on July 30th, and all seemed to promise well, but owing to his inability to receive nourishment it was found necessary on August 4th, the day after his twenty-sixth birthday, to perform at once a most critical operation. This, however, failed to save his life. He "departed to be with Christ, which is far better," at dawn on the Feast of the Transfiguration, August 6th. He was conscious to the last, and, through the kindly consideration of the Hospital authorities, was tended night and day for the last forty-eight hours by his near and dear ones. His only brother in England was granted special leave of absence from his regiment, and arrived in time to see him before he died. The next day his family were further distressed by hearing that his brother at the front had, after a fierce engagement, been sent to a Base Hospital, but this has since proved to have been through sickness, and he is now convalescent. On the morning of August 10, all that was mortal of Albert Thomas Flux was borne for the last time to the Church, of which he was but last year a sidesman, by relays of comrades in our Volunteer Defence Corps, which he served as a platoon sergeant, and, amidst the sincere but hopeful sorrow of the parish generally, laid to rest in Frenchay Churchyard. During the service the chancel was quite carpeted with beautiful floral tokens of affection and regard, and deep was the Sympathy felt with his family and fiancée.'*



Here is Tom standing with his mother Emily Flux who has his baby brother Francis Charles (Charlie) on her knee.

His sister Kate (Kit) Flux is standing the other side behind his little brother Alfred Ernest Flux.

Mabel Flux is not yet born.  
1896



Whiteshill School, Hambrook.

Tom stands in the back row second from the left in the back row, next to Arthur Hill.

Kit Flux is second on the left in the third row just in front of him.

Charlie Flux is in the front row 4<sup>th</sup> from the left, next to Harold Hill.



The White Horse Inn, Hambrook. 1870 The home of Mary Ann and Frederick Hill. The Grandparents of both the Hills and the Flux families.

## Alfred (Alf) Ernest Flux

**Born:** 1893 White Horse Inn, Hambrook. **Died** 1918

**Lived:** Walton Farm, Hambrook

**School:** Whiteshill School, Hambrook.

**Parents:** Alfred William Flux  
Emily Flux (sister to Albert Hill)

**Brothers:** Albert Thomas. 1889 - 1915  
Francis Charles. 1895 - 1981

**Sisters:** Kate. (Kit) 1891 - 1980  
Mabel Emily. 1897 - 1966

**Occupation:** Bombardier

**Alfred** had served in 1916 in the Laventine area, later moving south to the Somme in mid-November 1916. February 1917 saw a move to Harbonnieres, south of the River Somme until May 1917. By June 1917 the battery was near Arras and then moved up to the Ypres sector where they were employed as stretcher-bearers in the Canal Bank sector on the first day of the Third Battle of Ypres (Passchendaele). They stayed in the Salient until September when they moved back down to the Arras front. They then moved down to the Somme area and in January 1918 were ensconced in the Holnon Wood sector west of St Quentin. It was whilst holding these positions against the German Spring Offensive on 21 March 1918 that Alfred Flux was killed.



### From our Lads at the Front – Extract from Frenchay Parish Magazine

*"My dear Mother, I received your letter yesterday. I sent you one the beginning of last week, so I suppose they must have crossed.*

*We have been up in the firing line for a week, and have just come back again to our little orchard. Tomorrow we take up another position in a different part of the line.*

*We were attached to another battery for instructions while we were up the line, they were all London chaps, and we got on with them very well. I would rather be in action than down at the wagon line.*

*We had our gun-pits in a gentleman's garden, with plenty of cherries, currants, and gooseberries to eat. The house must have been a lovely building at one time, but now it is smashed to bits.*

*I could tell you a lot more, but it won't do.*

*We rode up the line in buses and came back in them. I fired about 40 rounds when we were in action.*

*We all think out here that it won't last much longer (hope not). I don't want any leave till it is all over.*

*I am glad to hear you have got a man to help a bit.*

*Well, I must close now, as I am going on picket. This is the last night in the orchard. It's raining just nice at present. Your loving son, Alf." A.F. 12th June, 1916*



**Whiteshill School  
Hambrook. 1900.**

Alfred is the first  
boy on the left in  
the back row.



Alfred Flux's signature in the  
caves under Bouzincourt  
Church. France.

The war diary says they were  
billeted in caves under  
Bouzincourt Church on 28  
November and the graffiti is  
dated 30 November.

## Francis Charles (Charlie) Flux

**Born:** 1895 White Horse Inn. Hambrook. **Died** 1981

**Lived:** Walton Farm. Hambrook

**School:** Whiteshill School. Hambrook.

**Parents:** Alfred William Flux  
Emily Flux (sister to Albert Hill)

**Brothers:** Albert Thomas. 1889 - 1915  
Alfred Ernest. 1893 - 1918

**Sisters:** Kate. (Kit) 1891 - 1980  
Mabel Emily. 1897 - 1966

**Occupation:** 1914-1918 Soldier. Artillery

**Francis Charles** (Always known as **Charlie** until his death at the ripe old age of 86 years) joined up on the same day as his cousin Fredrick Hill; he served with the 47 Brigade, Royal Field Artillery and then various Trench Mortar Batteries of the 19<sup>th</sup> Division. Other than suffering from dysentery in 1915 he appears to have been unwounded and was demobbed in February 1919.

Charlie returned to Walton Farm where he stayed to marry and raise a family.



Here is Charlie Flux sitting on his mother, Emily Flux's knee. Big brother Tom Flux is standing next to him.

Alfred Flux his older brother is sitting on the other side in front of their sister Kit Flux. 1896

Below: Walton Farm 1960, before it was demolished to build the ring road. Charlie and his sister Kit in later life.



Whiteshill School, Hambrook. 1900.

Charley is in the front row, fourth boy along. Fred Hill is the sixth boy along in the same row.

Charlie's big sister Kit Flux is in the third row, second girl along, with their big brother Tom Flux is in the back row second from the left next to Arthur Hill.

## Kate (Kit) Flux

**Born:** 1891 White Horse Inn. Hambrook. **Died** 1980

**Lived:** Walton Farm. Hambrook.

**School:** Whiteshill School. Hambrook.  
Colston Girl's Secondary School. Bristol.

**Parents:** Alfred William Flux  
Emily Flux (sister to Albert Hill)

**Brothers:** Albert Thomas. 1889 - 1915  
Alfred Ernest. 1893 - 1918  
Francis Charles. 1895 - 1981

**Sister:** Mabel Emily. 1897 - 1966

**Occupation:** Land Girl in the Great War



Walton Farm, 1916.  
Kit and Mabel delivering milk.

Walton Farm 1960  
Charlie and Kit.



Whiteshill School 1900

Kit Flux stands second child in, in the third row. Her big brother Tom Flux is behind her in the back row; second boy from the left, the first boy in the row is her cousin Arthur Hill. Charley Flux is in the front row fourth boy from the left in the middle, next to Harold Hill.



## Mabel Emily Flux

**Born:** 1897 White Horse Inn. Hambrook. (Died 1966)

**Lived:** Walton Farm. Hambrook.

**School:** Frenchay Village School. Hambrook.  
Colston Girl's Secondary School. Bristol.

**Parents:** Alfred William Flux  
Emily Flux (sister to Albert Hill)

**Brothers:** Albert Thomas. 1889 - 1915  
Alfred Ernest. 1893 - 1918  
Francis Charles. 1895 - 1981

**Sister:** Kate (Kit). 1891 - 1980

**Occupation:** Land Girl in the Great War

**Mabel** went to Frenchay village school. Unusually, Mabel and her sister Kit went on to Colston Girl's School, an independent, secondary school, as 'Free Place Holders'.



In 1914 **Mabel** went to a cheese-making course at the Country Dairy School, Bristol. **Mabel** worked in the Women's Land Army in 1914 -18. She delivered milk from her father's dairy by horse and cart with her sister Kit.

At the end of the First World War **Mabel** met an Australian soldier who was working on a farm whilst waiting for a passage home.

**Norman Hedditch** and **Mabel** kept up their friendship even when he returned to Australia and in 1921 **Mabel** followed **Norman** and they were married in Melbourne, Australia.



Mabel went on to become involved in local government in Portland where they had settled. 'The Melbourne Herald described her as one *'who knows and loves the land, the people who live on it, the things that grow in it'*. A *'bigish' women, with a bright, happy face and wavy light brown hair'*, she was blessed with abundant energy and very good health'.

Mabel served on the Portland Town Council in 1949-64 and was Mayor in 1956-60. In 1954 she was made a justice of the peace and in 1960 she was appointed O.B.E.





## Caroline Ann Hill

**Born:** 1862. Radstock. Somerset. **Died** 1947  
**Lived** 35 Sunnyside. Hambrook.  
**Lived:** 25 North Street. Downend. Gloucestershire.  
**Husband:** Albert Hill  
**Occupation:** School Teacher

Caroline married Albert Hill who was a teacher of music. They separated in the early 1900's; the 1911 census shows Caroline living on her own with her children.

**Mother of:** Arthur. C. 1889 - 1918  
Winifred M. 1891 - 1969  
Herbert. (Bert) S. 1892 - 1923  
Frederick. W. 1896 - 1980  
Harold. R. 1897 - 1916  
Amy 1898 - 1984

Caroline Hill was a teacher and the mother of six children which she raised by herself. Of her six children Caroline lost her eldest and her youngest sons, Arthur and Harold. Three of her other children emigrated, the two boys Herbert and Fredrick to Canada and later Amy to Australia.

Caroline lived most of her life with her daughter Winifred and her husband and family at her house, 25 North Street, Downend, until she died in 1947 aged 75.



Left: Here at the back garden of 35 Sunnyside, Hambrook in 1902 is Caroline with five of her six children.

Middle: Taken probably just before the war in the garden of 25 North Street, Fred stands behind his mother Caroline Hill and her youngest son Harold.

Right: Winifred, Caroline's daughter in about 1960: The image of her mother.

Below: Caroline Hill with her schoolboys in her teaching days.



## The Hill and The Flux Family Questionnaire:

1. Who married an Australian soldier she had been nursing?
2. Who lived at 25 North Street, Downend the longest?
3. Which girls attended Colston Girl's School?
4. Who died on the 21<sup>st</sup> March 1918 in the German Spring Offensive?
5. Who joined up the same day as his cousin, Charlie?
6. Where did the grandparents of both of the families live?
7. Which school did the older children go to?
8. Who delivered mik on the family cart?
9. How did Tom Flux die?
10. Where is the grave of Tom Flux?
11. Who wrote his name on the wall of a cave under a church in France?
12. Who travelled to see her brother Fred in 1978? How long was it since they had last seen each other?
13. Who became Mayor of Portland and gained an O.B.E.?
14. Who died of malaria and where is he buried?
15. Who did a cheese making course?
16. How many sons did Emily Flux and Caroline Hill loose between 1915 and 1918?
17. Who Emigrated to Canada?
18. Who emigrated to Australia?
19. Who was a scout and is named on the Downend war memorial?
20. What happened to Walton Farm, Hambrook.

## Hill and the Flux Family Questionnaire.

### Answers:

1. Amy Hill.
2. Winifred Hill.
3. Kit and Mabel Flux.
4. Alfred Flux.
5. Frederick Hill.
6. The White Horse Inn, Hambrook.
7. Whiteshill School, Hambrook.
8. Kit and Mabel Flux.
9. In a Bristol hospital of peritonitus.
10. Frenchay Church.
11. Alfred Flux.
12. Amy Hill.
13. Mabel (Flux) Hedditch.
14. Arthur Hill, Iraq.
15. Mabel Flux.
16. Two sons each died.
17. Herbert and Fredrick Hill.
18. Amy Hill and Mabel Flux.
19. Harold Hill.
20. Demolished to make way for the ring road.

## The Hill and The Flux Family

### **Further Teaching Ideas:**

#### **Write a story around:**

The event of the death of Tom Flux and his funeral.

#### **Or**

The meeting of Jock Cummings and Amy Hill.

#### **Discuss and research:**

Tom chose to join his local Volunteer Defence Corps instead of enlisting in the army. What was the difference and why do you think he may have done this?

Amy Hill was a member of the VAD nursing staff at the Cleve Hill Hospital in Frenchay. What does VAD stand for and did she get paid for her work? Why would she do this?

Discuss the different choices of the girls and the boys at the start of the war. Who could join up and who could not?

Use this website to find the Frenchay parish magazine entries of 1914 to 1916 to get a sense of the society and the attitudes of the time:  
[www.frenchaymuseum.co.uk](http://www.frenchaymuseum.co.uk)

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The Great War - Life in the Trenches - The Alf Flux Kit Bag (Plus a Loans Box)\*

School Children in the Great War – Messages and Mufflers

The Girls who made Grenades – The Warmley Grenadiers

Empire Foods - The War at Sea - (Loans Box)\*

The Amy Hill Autograph Book - Cleve Hill Hospital

The Amy Hill Autograph Book - Wounded on the Somme

The Hill and the Flux Family

Home Life during the First World War

The Armistice Day Investigation Quiz

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# South Gloucestershire in the First World War Project Learning Resources Feedback Form

To mark the centenary of the First World War 1914-1918 these learning resources have been created to assist teachers in show the impact of the First World War in this area and also how communities were changed.

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