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History of the name has been rewritten

Posted by: lang at 19:45, December 18 2017.

A lot more information has been gathered to expand what is known about the origin of the surnames 'GOTT' and 'GOTTS'.

It clear that in early times the names were very similar, though holders of the names were not necessarily connected.

This description now covers nine pages in the 'About the Name' section, and the page on the surname GOTT has also been rewritten.

[About the Name](#)

[GOTT surname](#)

Two new early GOTTE records in Sudbury, Suffolk

Posted by: lang at 15:16, November 5 2017.

In the British Library Harleian Collection I have found two new GOTTE records which are very early.

Both are for John Gotte as a witness to Calendars in Sudbury, Suffolk. These basically manorial record slips for the transfer or assignment of rights over land. Neither involve John in the transaction, only as a witness to it. Presumably he had some standing in the community or a role in the court which transacted these, though we do not have a record of this.

The first is for 1335 and the second for 1356, so likely to be the same person. See third line from bottom:



1356 Entry: See second line from bottom at Left:



First Gotts records in Scotland - Henry Johnson in tree #052

Posted by: lang at 19:08, October 21 2017.

Looking at Scotlandspeople.gov.uk we can now see free information about births, deaths and marriages, as well as divorces and census.

In 1939 there was a similar National Register taken but that is not currently available. Instead, you can use the 1935 Valuation Rolls for free, where at least you can see the head of the family as the owner or tenant.

The earliest record is Henry Johnson 871 Gotts in 1915 in HOUSE NO 33 GAIRBRAID AVENUE, GLASGOW, where he stayed through 1930. In 1935 he is at HOUSE 7 GARRIOCH QUADRANT, GLASGOW, the latest record available.

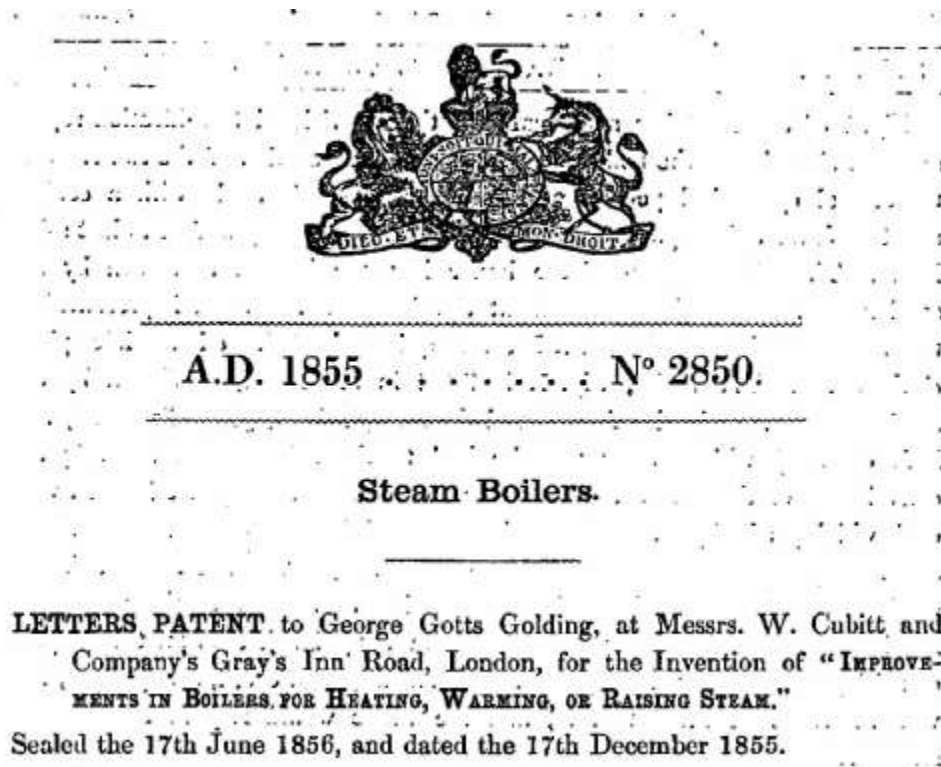
We don't know where he was in 1911, as he we haven't found him in the census in England or Scotland, possibly incorrectly indexed. All we know is that sometime between 1901 and 1915 he moved to Scotland from Hampstead, where he was a footman. This could be around 1910 when he married Rose Spencer at Vale of Leven, in Bonhill Reg District, Scotland. It is possible that living at 33 Gairbraid Avenue, he may have been employed at what was a Soldiers' Home, maybe even as a footman.

He was in the Royal Air Force, called up 30 Aug 1918, so he has no medal record as he presumably didn't serve overseas.

George Gotts Golding has a patent granted tree #124

Posted by: lang at 08:59, October 5 2017.

George Gotts Golding has a patent for a screw-fed boiler which needs less manual attendance. This is while he was working for W Cubitt and Co in Gray's Inn Road, London, in 1855.



With this level of information you might initially think that he is part of the Bacton tree #034, because William Marshall 356 Gotts formed a company with Charles Cubitt called Cubitt & Gotts Builders. So my initial reaction was to look for a Gotts-Golding marriage in the family, but I was surprised by the results of the search.

It turns out the George's mother is Lettice Gotts, who married James Golding in Norwich, in 1806.

Lettice is the daughter of George Gotts and Sarah Barnes, born in 1781.

George and Sarah married in 1780 in Norwich.

For more information about the family and George's patent see the tree on this page:

[George & Sarah Gotts #124 Norwich](#)

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George Robert/Richard 2542 son of John Thurston & Sarah Goss #108

Posted by: lang at 16:26, July 26 2017.

John Thurston & Sarah Goss had four children: George, Frederick, Jessie and Martha.

In 1908 George was sent to Canada under the Self Help Emigration Society program. His sisters Jessie and Martha followed in 1909. Previously, it was thought to be the British Home Children programme.

There is some discrepancy on George's second name:

I cannot find his civil birth.

There is a baptism of George Richard to the right parents in Hampstead in 1895, indexed as GOTTO

His Service record shows him just as George. (checked again!)

His marriage shows him as George Richard.

So he appears to be George Richard, and I am not sure where the George Robert comes from!

Alfred Gotts: in Crete in 1941: is he in your family?

Posted by: lang at 14:47, July 5 2017.

I know that an Alfred Gotts was in Crete during the German invasion in 1941, and took part in a BBC2 programme sometime around 2000. I am trying to find out who exactly he was.

I noticed an article in the Kingston (near Cambridge) Parish magazine in 2012 which mentioned him, though I believe he died around 2002. I suspect he married Doreen Seabrook in 1948.

If you know of Alfred, can you please contact me so I can find out some more about him and his family please?

<mailto:ian.gotts@gotts.org.uk>

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International Bomber Command Centre has a Gotts entry #040

Posted by: lang at 06:33, May 19 2017.

My aunt always told the story of when she was in the ATS during WW2 at Tolthorpe in Yorkshire, that she got called into the Station Commander's office one morning and was told that her brother had not returned from a bombing raid over the North Sea. This surprised her, as her brother was in the army.

A long time afterwards our Australian branch passed on the information that Rex Alfred Gotts had died in these circumstances.

International Bomber Command Centre now has a database of losses, and Rex Alfred's record is the only Gotts record:

GOTTS RA
Rank: Sgt
Service Number: 400981
Full name: GOTTS, Rex Alfred
Decorations:
Date of death: 23/09/42
Age: 22
Squadron: 50
Aircraft serial number: R5909

So now have the date of his death and the aircraft he was flying.

[International Bomber Command website](#)

See also [Snapshots 4](#)

What's New on the Gotts Surname website: 26 April 2017

Posted by: lang at 17:15, April 26 2017.

This is what is new on the Gotts Surname website:

Main Website

John George 3201 in tree #109: his final battle near Arras in WW1

[John George 3201](#)

Abraham 1568 Gotts #038 grave in Murmansk



Abraham was one of the last soldiers to die because of WW1, in 1919 guarding against the Russians.

Click here to read his story:

[Abraham 1564 Gotts_ww1](#)

Two trees linked #040 (E Ruston & North of England) and #053 (Gt Yarmouth & Hull)

Comparing these trees it appears that they link together.

Click here for the new family pages: [New tree for #040 and 053](#)

News Blog

Gotts video at Trimingham and White House Farm

Newsblog 18 Feb 2017

Connections to Hull and East Yorks Regiment

Newsblog 23 Feb 2017

John George 3201 in tree #109: his final battle near Arras in WW1

See News blog 5 March 2017

Abraham 1568 Gotts #038 grave in Murmansk

5 March 2017. See above for website link

Two trees linked #040 (E Ruston & North of England) and #053 (Gt Yarmouth & Hull)

14 April 2017

100 extra babies linked to trees

18 April 2017

More babies in trees #079, #091, #092, #097, #107, #108, #109, #119

Posted by: lang at 07:51, April 18 2017.

Following on from my GRO work here are more babies who died in these trees:

	Born	Died	Location	Mother
Tree 079				
Harry Nicholas 4139	1902 Sep	1903	Billericay	Farley
Tree 091				
Ernest John 4075	1908 Sep	1908	Lewisham	French
Charles 4155	1861 Sep	1861	Greenwich	Seely
Tree 092				
William 4162	1851 Sep	1854	Brentford	Shepherd
Tree 097				
Lois 4072	1854 Mar	1858	Swaffham	Padgett
John 4159	1858 Mar	1858	Swaffham	Padgett
Sarah 4160	1858	1858	Swaffham	Padgett

	Mar			
Tree 107				
Mary Sarah 4149	1861 Sep	1868	St Pancras	Smith
Ellen Louisa 4150	1863 Dec	1866	St Pancras	Smith
Tree 108				
Grace Louisa 4074	1908 Dec	1909	Poplar	Elmes
Charlotte 4151	1865 Sep	1868	Saint Luke Middlesex	Saunders
William John 4101	1887 Jun	1888	Camberwell	Taylor
Anna Maria 4161	1856 Mar	1856	Shoreditch	Thurston
William George 4104	1884 Jun	1885	St Saviour, London	Ticehurst
William Frederick 4082	1894 Jun	1895	Hackney	Bicknell
Tree 109				
Kathleen 4076	1906 Sep	1906	Stepney	Chappell
John 4164	1848 Jun	1848	Romford dist	Coe
Ann 4165	1848 Jun	1848	Romford dist	Coe
Tree 119				
Leonard 4080	1904 Mar	1904	Portsmouth	Dowdall
Leonard John 4084	1901 Mar	1901	Hampstead	Dowdell
Mary Freda 4036	1911 Jun	1915	Portsmouth	Dowdell

More babies in tree #098 Thetford

Posted by: lang at 07:42, April 18 2017.

Following on from my GRO work here are more babies who died in this tree:

	Born	Died	Location	Mother
Frank Cornell 4086	1900 Mar	1900	Northampton	Cornell
George 4169	1838 Sep	1843	Thetford	Firman
Sarah 4167	1840 Jun	1841	Thetford	Firman
James 4166	1842 Jun	1843	Thetford	Firman
John Frederick 4046	1908 Jun	1908	Hull	Good
Dorothy 4062	1909 Dec	1910	Hull	Good
Frederick James 4098	1882 Dec	1590	Kings Lynn	Owen
Mary Ann 4119	1877 Mar	1877	Thetford	Pidd
George 4138	1902 Jun	1903	Thetford	Reynolds
William 4113	1870 Mar	1870	Thetford	Roythorn
James 4137	1869 Mar	1867	Thetford	Roythorne
George 4114	1878 Mar	1878	Thetford	Roythorne
Frances 4112	1879 Sep	1880	Thetford	Roythorne

More babies in tree #083 London

Posted by: lang at 07:39, April 18 2017.

Following on from my GRO work here are more babies who died in this tree:

	Born	Died	Location	Mother
Ellen 4079	1904 Jun	1904	Mile End	Nunn
Mary Ann Margaret 4078	1901 Dec	1905	Mile End	Springett
Mark Samuel 4083	1904 Mar	1904	Mile End	Springett
James Samuel 4077	1905 Sep	1906	Mile End	Springett
Eliza 4087	1900 Mar	1900	Stepney	Springott
William Charles 4158	1858 Jun	1859	Newington	Wright

More babies in tree #071 Cawston, and London

Posted by: lang at 07:36, April 18 2017.

Following on my GRO work here are more babies who died early in this tree:

	Born	Died	Location	Mother
Dorothy 4068	1909 Sep	1910	Holburn	Argent
Eliza 4163	1853 Dec	1854	Watford	Cain
Edith Elizabeth 4126	1873 Sep	1880	Shoreditch	Jones
Edith Elizabeth 4123	1874 Jun	1877	Shoreditch	Jones
Violetta Emily 4124	1875 Sep	1875	Shoreditch	Jones
Rebecca Alice 4125	1875 Sep	1876	Shoreditch	Jones
Arthur Thomas 4127	1880 Sep	1880	Shoreditch	Jones
Mary Ann 4132	1868 Dec	1870	Hackney	Mumford
Albert Joseph 4091	1892 Sep	1895	Bethnal Green	Parry
Clara 4092	1894 Sep	1895	Bethnal Green	Parry
Alfred Edward 4131	1870 Mar	1870	Shoreditch	Shearman

More babies in tree #053 Hull

Posted by: lang at 07:32, April 18 2017.

Following on my GRO work here are more babies who died early. Frederick 1581 and Rebecca Haddon had 11 children, of whom 5 died very early. We believe this tree is part of tree #040 now.

	Born	Died	Location	Mother
Susannah 4070	1852 Dec	1852	(Kingston Upon) Hull	Ellis
William 4067	1906 Jun	1909	Hull	Good
Edith Winifred 4039	1901 Sep	1902	Hull	Haddon
Gertrude 4042	1903 Mar	1903	Hull	Haddon
George Thomas 4041	1906 Dec	1908	Hull	Haddon
Frederick 4040	1909 Mar	1910	Hull	Haddon
James Henry 4038	1910 Sep	1911	Hull	Haddon

Roy 4037	1914 Jun	1914	Hull	Haddon
Rose Emma 4045	1880 Sep	1880	Hull	Suddaby
Edith 4044	1899 Jun	1899	Hull	Suddaby

More babies in tree #038 N Walsham

Posted by: lang at 07:29, April 18 2017.

Following on my GRO work here are more babies who died early in this tree.

	Born	Died	Location	Mother
Henry 4089	1898 Jun	1898	Erpingham	Farrow
Rachel 4108	1881 Dec	1881	Middlesbrough	Field
Edith 4107	1882 Dec	1883	Middlesbrough	Field
Vera Naomi 4081	1903 Jun	1904	Erpingham	Jackson
Florence Emily 4115	1880 Mar	1880	Middlesbrough	Stoalday
Emily 4103	1885 Mar	1887	Middlesbrough	Stolday

More babies in trees #024 Norwich and #034 Bacton

Posted by: lang at 07:25, April 18 2017.

Following on my GRO work these are more babies who died early in these trees:

Tree #024

	Born	Died	Location	Mother
Mabel Lily 4097	1891 Nov	1892	Norwich	Black
Arthur George 4094	1893 Sep	1894	Norwich	Black
Edmund Victor 4093	1895 Jun	1895	Norwich	Black

Tree #034

	Born	Died	Location	Mother
Victor Blake 4129	1870 Mar	1871	Norwich	Blake
Gertrude Esther 4130	1872 Sep	1874	Norwich	Blake
John William 4128	1874 Jun	1874	St Faiths	Maddis
John 4116	1877 Jun	1878	Smallburgh	Summers

More new babies in Tree #022 Erpingham South Repps

Posted by: lang at 07:21, April 18 2017.

Following on my GRO work these are extra babies who died early:

	Born	Died	Location	Mother
Christiana 4102	1886 Sep	1887	Auckland	Bond
Fred Thomas 4095	1893 Sep	1894	Erpingham	Brooks
John William 4117	1877 Mar	1878	Auckland	Hamilton
John Thomas 4096	1887 Mar	1892	Auckland	Hamilton
Margaret 4099	1889 Mar	1890	Auckland	Hamilton
Ellen Jane 4134	1869 Dec	1870	Erpingham	Hardingham
Thomas 4109	1882 Mar	1882	Durham	Hogg
Albert Thomas 4090	1896 Dec	1896	Aylsham	Money

More new babies added to tree #009 Gresham

Posted by: lang at 07:18, April 18 2017.

Following on my GRO work:

	Born	Died	Location	Mother
Robert 4136	1854 Sep	1854	Easington	Dawson
Joseph 4135	1867 Dec	1869	Easington	Dawson
Thomas Nathaniel 4088	1899 Jun	1899	Henstead	Mears

New GRO Indexes give up their secrets about babies

Posted by: lang at 07:11, April 18 2017.

The General Record Office at Southport has developed new indexes for Civil Births from 1837 to 1915 showing the mother's maiden name, and civil death indexes from 1837 to 1957 showing the age at death. This is new information not shown in the previous indexes available eg at Ancestry, and allow us to trace many children who didn't make the census because they died early. I have been through these, sorted out errors that GRO have made of the GRO's recording of ages in months instead of years, and found over 100 babies who died within their first five years.

I have found several cases where there are 5-8 deaths of babies to the same mother which hadn't been known about until now.

One tragic example is Boaz Gotts, who only had three children identified before now. His first wife died in the same quarter as giving birth to her first baby, and the baby died in the following quarter. This was only the start: his second wife had 11 children, only two making it to adulthood, one more to seven years, and the remaining eight died within the first year. So imagine the tragedy of 16 years of marriage and his wives' pregnancies, and burying one wife and 10 children. We all know the statistics about child mortality, but when you see the impact on one family it makes it all the more real.

These are all the babies added to tree #040. Boaz's wife was Mary Ann Miller

	Born	Died	Location	Mother
Hannah Eliza 4157	1855 Jun	1860	Tunstead	Hubbard
William 4156	1859 Sep	1859	Tunstead	Hubbard
Emma Jane 4105	1876 Mar	1876	Smallburgh	Hubbard

Alfred William 4152	1865 Sep	1865	Sunderland	Jackman
Amelia 4120	1876 Mar	1876	Gateshead	Jackman
John George 4111	1868 Sep	1868	Hartlepool	Martindale
Lena 4110	1881 Dec	1882	Hartlepool	Martindale
Samuel 4144	1852 Mar	1859	Tunstead	Miller
William 4145	1855 Jun	1855	Tunstead	Miller
William 4146	1856 Sep	1856	Tunstead	Miller
William 4147	1859 Dec	1859	Tunstead	Miller
Martha 4148	1861 Jun	1861	Tunstead	Miller
Mary Ann 4142	1864 Sep	1864	Tunstead	Miller
Mary Ann 4143	1865 Dec	1866	Tunstead	Miller
Mary Ann 4141	1867 Dec	1868	Tunstead	Miller
James Joseph 4100	1889 Jun	1899	Yarmouth	Mitchell
Arthur John 4106	1883 Mar	1884	Smallburgh	Neale
Alfred Boaz 4153	1862 Mar	1862	Erpingham	Woodhouse

Tree 053 (Hull) looks like it is part of tree #040

Posted by: lang at 13:39, April 14 2017.

In the tree 040 there are several baptisms of children born to George Gotts & Hannah in East Ruston, but many do not appear anywhere else. In tree #053, we have George Gotts listed as from Gt Yarmouth, but he never appears in the records we have for that tree except for the marriage of a daughter in that tree. Looking at it in detail, the information looks like two halves of a sheet of paper torn down the middle. The document here shows my comparison of the information in the two trees, which shows:

- There are no duplicates for any of the children
- Only one marriage of a George Gotts to a Hannah (Sexton)
- Both say in the census they are married but not living in the same house
- and when Hannah dies George is shown as a widow in the next census. Have a look yourself.

[Tree #040 v #053](#)

John George 3201 in tree #109: his final battle near Arras in WW1

Posted by: lang at 05:12, March 5 2017.

We had previously identified John George 3201 as the John Gotts on the Arras Memorial. Now I have added details of his final battle at Croisilles, just South-east of Arras in April 1917.

[John George 3201 #109](#)

Abraham 1564 #038 in WW1 at Murmansk

Posted by: lang at 05:07, March 5 2017.

Abraham was born in 1899 in North Ormesby, and was sent to Murmansk in 1917 to guard war material to prevent it falling into the hands of the Bolsheviks. He was the last Brit to die in Murmansk. See details here:

[Abraham 1564 Gotts](#)

Connections to Hull and East Yorks Regiment

Posted by: lang at 23:35, February 23 2017.

For anyone with connections to Hull or soldiers in the East Yorks Regiment then take a look at this website that Carole Precious has found:

[old-hull-people](#)

If you go to War and then the Dinsdale Project there is a list of soldiers in the East Yorks Regiment.

This includes:

Arthur Gotts (probably) 1619 #053

Service Number 10859

Lance Corporal Walter 1584 Gotts #053

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Service Number 30994

(Carole's uncle)

Private John Gotts

Service Number 21892

I don't know this person, and can't find a medal card.

Company Quarter Master Sergeant John William 220 Gotts # 040

This John William has two entries. In practice, he was in the Norfolk Regiment from 1904 until 1907 when he was called up into the East Yorks Regiment. He is the great uncle of Ian Gotts in Kings Lynn, and this entry has a lot more detail to his career.

See this link to his WW1 career: [John William Gotts](#)

There is one person from Hull missing from this, probably because he was in the ASC not the East Yorks Regiment:

Private Frederick 1614 Gotts #053

Service numbers 5/45007 and ASC corps T/363846

He died on 17/04/1917 of Acute lobar pneumonia during training.

Thanks to Carole for this.

Gotts video at Trimingham and White House farm

Posted by: lang at 11:39, February 18 2017.

Nigel Gotts reminded me that in the East Anglian Film Archive is a video entitled White House Farm and mentioned the Gotts family, also 'Redroofs'.

[EAFA Gotts film](#)

White House Farm appears to be at Mundesley, and the suggestion is that they are from tree #022, possibly part of the family of George 478 Gotts and Emily Pardon. George 480 their son died when living there in 1959.

In 1911 George 478 was a farmer at Trimingham, though George 480 was in Leytonstone, in London as a Railway constable.

There are scenes of Granny at the barn door:



Two boys on the farm in front of a haycart



A Crab boat skipper



George 478 used to be a fisherman and then a fish merchant, so is it all in the family?

And also three people in the sea



Does anyone recognise any of the family?

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Gotts Surname website What's New 27 Jan 2017

Posted by: lang at 09:03, January 27 2017.

This is what is new on the Gotts Surname website:

Main Website

About the Gotts website:

Two new pages Two pages added for readers new to the website to explain in more detail what is here, with links to some of the stories

http://www.gotts.org.uk/about_the_gotts_website_page268.html

040-15: names of family added to group photo

The family group photo of Samuel 752 in Australia now shows the names of everyone thanks to Tracey Bettio.

<http://www.gotts.org.uk/page260.html>

WW1 Roll of Honour

Added note re cost of WW1 headstones Britain was the only country who tried to charge for the inscription at the bottom of each headstone. Details here:

<http://www.gotts.org.uk/gotts.tower.london.rollofhonour.html>

WW1 George 1096

Details of the battlefield and action when he died added. Details of the battlefield and action when George 1096 died have been added. Also his name on the Memorial at Orchard Dump cemetery.

http://www.gotts.org.uk/george_1096_gotts_ww1.html

WW1 p5

Joseph W identified as Joseph William 1664 in tree #083 In the list of soldiers in WW1 Joseph W was unidentified, but now shown to be Joseph William 1664 in tree #083 and moved to p WW1-3.

http://www.gotts.org.uk/gotts_soldiers-ww1-3.html

Charles Herbert 1153 #040

Images of the memorial wall at Le Touret with his name. Charles Herbert 1153 #040: Images of the memorial wall at Le Touret have been added with his name.

<http://www.gotts.org.uk/charles-herbert-gotts-ww1.page249.html>

John William 1396 #040

New section added describing him John William 1396 #040 in the Royal Naval Division: a new entry describing where he died, images of his gravestone at Orchard Dump and

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the RND memorial at Gavrelle

http://www.gotts.org.uk/john_william_1396_page280.html

Marshall Frederick 1316 #034:

More detail added to when and where he died Marshall Frederick 1316 #034: lots more detail about the battle at the Quadrilateral. Possibly killed by British tank

<http://www.gotts.org.uk/marshal-frederick-gotts.page248.html>

Ring of Remembrance is a new memorial

The Ring of Remembrance is a new memorial to all soldiers who died in Nord pas de Calais region, built at Ablain St Nazaire. Unusual because all soldiers are listed alphabetically, with no regard to country or

rank http://www.gotts.org.uk/ring_of_remembrance_page282.html

News items

More information on Archie John at Holt Hall

More information from Nick Gotts

John William 1396 Gotts #040 WW1

See above

Marshal Frederick 1316 in WW1

See above

New to the website?

Have a look here Extra pages explaining the website:

see above

More WW1 soldiers pages updated

A list of updates to the WW1 section of items listed above

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More WW1 soldiers pages updated

Posted by: lang at 10:42, January 26 2017.

Following my trip to photograph the gravestones of Gotts soldiers who died in WW1, I have updated some of their pages giving details about what happened where I have been able to find it.

George 1096 #040: details of his career, and the battle where he died.

[George 1096 in tree #040](#)

Charles Herbert 1153 #040: Images of the memorial wall at Le Touret with his name.

[Charles Herbert 1153 in tree #040](#)

John William 1396 #040 in the Royal Naval Division: a new entry describing where he died, images of his gravestone at Orchard Dump and the RND memorial at Gavrelle

[John William 1396 in tree #040](#)

Marshall Frederick 1316 #034: lots more detail about the battle at the Quadrilateral. Was he killed by a British tank?

[Marshall Frederick 1316 in tree #034](#)

The Ring of Remembrance: a new memorial to all soldiers who died in Nord pas de Calais region, at Ablain St Nazaire.

[Ring of Remembrance](#)

New to the website? Have a look here

Posted by: lang at 22:13, January 24 2017.

For those new to the website I've added a couple of pages to describe what is there in more detail, including links to some of the stories about people.

[About the Gotts surname website](#)

Marshal Frederick 1316 in WW1 - Details of what happened #034

Posted by: lang at 14:58, January 24 2017.

Marshal Frederick was in the 9th Battalion Norfolk Regiment, and in Sept 1916 he died in the Battle of the Somme.

There is some doubt whether he was killed by our own forces or during fighting the enemy. Read about it here.

[Marshall Frederick Gotts](#)

He is buried in Guillemont cemetery

