

William Cornelius Nobes



August/September 1915

William was from Bishopstone and married his wife, Ellen, at St. Mary's Church, Bishopstone, in 1904. They had four daughters: Dorothy (born 1905), Rosie Ivy (1908), Violet (1911), and Daisy (1915). Before the war William worked as a Carter.

This photograph was dearly treasured by my grandmother, Daisy (pictured on her mother's knee) who was only two years old when her father died from his wounds during the war in Salonika, Greece. Sadly, Ellen died in December 1917, just a few months after William's death. Family stories recall that she died from a broken heart.

Following Ellen's death, the young sisters were cared for by their wider family and in time, all of them married, had children, and lived to a good age.



The sisters together for a family celebration.



William – middle row, second from left.

This photograph is thought to have been taken at a hospital the troops helped to build in Salonika, Greece.



Kneeler in Asbury Church made by William's youngest daughter, Daisy Turner, née Nobes.



In 2023, I travelled with my husband and mum, Valerie (Daisy's daughter) to visit William's grave in Salonika. We took with us the family photograph and a stone from Bishopstone churchyard, it was beautifully decorated by William's great-great-granddaughter, Sam. The stone featured a dove, a daisy, and the words *Bishopstone* and *Ashbury*, bringing a small piece of the home and family he left behind to his resting place.

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