

THE HOME FRONT IN SURREY IN THE FIRST WORLD WAR A GUIDE TO SOURCES AT SURREY HISTORY CENTRE

Part 13. Remembering the Fallen

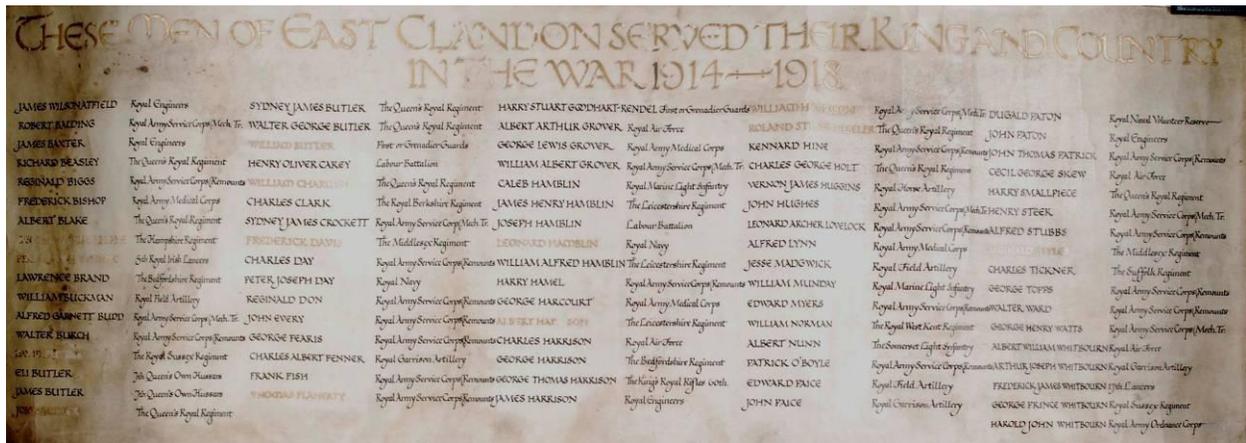
Church records are also a rich source for the erection of rolls of honour and permanent war memorials in the years following the war. Relevant material will be found among Anglican parish records in vestry and special committee minutes, parish magazines, and correspondence with the diocesan authorities over obtaining a faculty. The following examples are merely supposed to be representative: for Ash parish, we hold war memorial committee minutes, accounts and correspondence (SHC ref P31/2/5-6); for a parchment roll of honour for East Clandon with the dead recorded in gold lettering, see SHC ref 1773/1; for Ham war memorial committee minutes and papers see SHC ref 2337/6/10, with a roll of honour held as 2337/13/7; for a minute book for Ripley war memorial committee with a drawing of the proposed memorial, see SHC ref RIP/11/1; for a list of contributors to the memorial in All Saints, Woodham, see SHC ref 1964/2/1; the minutes of the Annual Teachers' Meeting of Guildford Congregational Church includes the names of 47 soldiers for the proposed Sunday School war memorial, Sep 1921 (SHC ref 8214/4/1).



The unveiling of Woking War Memorial

We also hold photographs of the unveiling ceremonies for some memorials, such as Cranleigh, 5 Dec 1920 (SHC ref 7819/2/1-4); Merton, contained within a scrapbook (SHC ref 3185/9/8); Woking (6791/1/10/1-2).

Further faculty papers relating to the installation of war memorials in Anglican churches are held by London Metropolitan Archives among the records of the Diocese of Southwark (LMA ref DS/F/-) and the Archdeaconry of Surrey in the Diocese of Winchester (LMA ref DW/OP/-).



East Clandon Roll of Honour (SHC ref 1773/1)

War memorials were also erected by civil authorities, such as Parish Councils and Urban and Rural District Councils, and records of these bodies are an additional source for rolls of honour and the debates surrounding the setting up of memorials.

The records of Frensham Parish Council include minutes of the committee established to create a memorial recreation ground and plots for ex-servicemen at Churt (**SHC ref 3093/4/1**).

Haslemere Urban District Council's records include a file on the peace celebrations in 1919 and the erection of a war memorial (**SHC ref Ac1363/1/104/1-2**).

Horley Parish Council records include war memorial committee minutes, accounts and papers including submitted designs (**SHC ref 6296/1/1/45-47**). Walton on Thames Urban District Council established a public subscription for the publication in 1922 of 'A Roll of the Men of the Urban District of Walton on Thames who served in his Majesty's Uniform in the Great War, 1914-1918' (**SHC ref 2843/14/1a-b**); Surrey County Council's roll of honour is held as **SHC ref CC89/2**.

The National Archives holds files relating to the establishment by the War Office of a burial ground at Horsell for Muslim soldiers who had died of wounds (**TNA refs WO 32/18578-9, MAF 25/53**). It also holds files relating to the burial of British and Dominion soldiers in Brookwood Cemetery, Woking (**TNA refs WO 32/18165, 18171-18174**).



*The Muslim burial ground
at Horsell
(SHC ref PC160/ALB1/84)*