

James Morse
1894-1916
12302 Lance Corporal
8th Battalion, Gloucestershire Regiment

He was the 22 year old son of Henry Morse and his wife Elizabeth Baker, who were married at Drybrook in 1883. The couple, with three of their children, migrated to America around 1890. Two more sons, James (1894), and Henry (1896) were born there.

The family returned to the UK and settled at Cottage Farm, Alvington in 1899 where Henry worked as a collier. Local records show that his two youngest American born sons, James and Henry, were baptised in November that year.

From 1902 until 1914 Henry (Boxer) Morse was the landlord of the Traveller's Rest on Aylburton Common. Local papers show he received at least two summonses for serving drinks outside of licensing hours.

In September 1914 20 year old James enlisted in the Gloucestershire Regiment. He was killed in action on July 3rd 1916 and is commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial.

In Memory of
Lance Corporal

James Morse

12302, 8th Bn., Gloucestershire Regiment who died on 03 July 1916 Age 22

Son of Henry and Elizabeth Morse, of Aylburton Common, Lydney, Glos. Enlisted, Sept., 1914.

Remembered with Honour
Thiepval Memorial



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