

Honours and Military Records

Honours

Edith Bruce	OBE (CULVER née MORTLOCK)[see S.London ex Clare,Sfk]
Charles Geoffrey	OBE 1979 [see Hempstead, Essex]
Roger	OBE 1990s (Brigadier NZ Army)[Other, NZ]
Douglas Gerald	MBE 1987 (HK Police)[Chevington(10)]
Edward Robert	MBE 1994
Jessie Annie	Matron, Brooksby Hospital Leics., RRC2ndClass 1.1.19
Henry Joseph	BEM(Civil) 1945 (Admiralty Civilian Shore Wireless Service)
Frederick James	(Sgt 5HantsTA) Territorial Forces Efficiency Medal 1908; ISM 1934[LG,13.11.34] foreman instrument repairer Ord Svy [Lawshall(2),Suffolk]
Leonard Robert	ISM 1969
Harold Bryce	Australia Medal 1982[Clare, S.London]
Ernest Mortlock BARTON	OBE 1920, sup.civil engr, Admiralty

Pre-First World War

(Some others noted in appropriate charts)

Crimean War:

William	cpl E bty 3 bn RA kia the Alma 20.9.1854[<i>Times</i> 10.10.1892]
William	pte Sea Marine Bde 'Trafalgar' ex HMS <i>Royal Albert</i>
Thomas Frederick	13 th Light Dragoons/13 th Hussars 1854-76; Charge of the Light Brigade [Attleborough/Hingham(5) Nfk]

Other service: [TNA,WO97 etc.] (for details see ref in []) and also see various charts

John	63 rd regt (W Sfk Regt) 1814-15 ?based in Barbados
John	56 th regt (Essex Regt) in Bombay Jan 1815 [TNA, WO12/6629]
William	b.1809-1.1834 Dum Dum Calcutta gunner RA [India Office Library record card]
Benjamin	ca.1851 [Clare(9)]
Simon	pte 43rd Foot, Indian Mutiny medal 1857 [Swavesey]
George	gunner E bty RHA, Indian Mutiny medal 1857 ?1832-23.8.61Meean Meer, <u>Bengal</u> (Mian Mir near Lahore)
Samuel	gdsmn Coldstream 1858-86 [Blacksmiths, Hawstead(5)]
-Abraham	pte 75 th Foot depot 1861
-James	pte 54 th Foot (W Nfks) 1861 ?MF(4)
-John	pte 12 th Foot (Sfks) 1861; CM19.7.1862Cork [TNA,WO86/12]
William James	sgt 8 Bty 2 nd Bde RA +16.8.1865Hong Kong [Other, unassigned]
Peter	57 th Foot (Mx Rgt) [Brettenham(2)]
Richard MORTLAKE	gnr RA 1867
George Benjamin	bdr RA 1867-78 [Blacksmiths, Freckenham(6)]
John	pte 16 th Foot 1868-89 [Peldon(2)]
James	CSM RE 1870-90 [Blacksmiths, Lawshall(3)]
-John	pte 2 nd Royal Fusiliers (1 st Foot) in Shajehanpur, India 1871[TNA,WO12/2004]
Thomas	RA 1871; CM Shorncliffe 11.5.1876 [TNA,WO86/25]
-Thomas	pensioner recruiter London 1871
George	pte WRiding Regt (15 th Foot) 1873-94 [-St Osyth Esx]
Robert	gnr RA 1877-79 [Peldon(5)]
Henry	gdsmn Grenadiers 1877-99 [Clare(12)]
Mortlock Military	

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 Henry pte 57th Foot (Mx) 1879
 cpl 2/24th Foot **kia** 27.1.1879 Isandhlwana (Zulu War)
 (at this time the 24th recruited in Warwickshire)

Charles gnr RA 1880-88 [Cavendish(5)]
 Sidney George RMA then RA 1880-1910 [Bury St Edmunds(5)] (& WW1)
 Frederick pte RWK 9.7.1881-9.9.1886 (discharged at Gibraltar)
 Arthur tpr 4th Hussars 1884-96 [Brettenham]
 Joseph pte RWK 1884-96 [Clare(9)]
 Frederick tpr 4th Hussars 1890-92; CM Colchester 15.1.1892 [TNA,WO86/41]
 [Chevington(13)]

Frederick Charles RMLI 1894 [Other, Yorkshire(2)]
 Percy Finch gnr RA 1895-97 [Bankers] (& WW1)
 Joseph conductor, Supply & Transport Corps Indian Army 17.8.1906;
 MiD LG 4.4.1919 for services in Aden 16.8.17-31.1.18 [Suffolk, Lakenheath(4)]
 commissioned 8.5.1926, Lt Indian Army Commissary; retired 1928

Boer war: (see also Hempstead(4, & 10), Essex; Shimpling(4), Suffolk; blacksmiths (Lawshall(2));
 China Mortlocks (Pidley(2)))

Arthur ?b.14.7.1883Camberwell enlisted RMA 9.3.1901[TNA,ADM159/35]
 Henry Capt KSLI 1900 (Herefs WW1)[Bankers, desc. Charles M(3)]
 William (?Walter) tpr Scottish Horse (SA medal clasps Transvaal, S Africa 1901, S Africa 1902)
 [TNA,WO126]
 Walter tpr Scottish Horse (not on SA medal roll) 10.07.1901-19.01.1902 [TNA,WO10,126,127]
 Walter tpr Steinaeckers Horse 20.2.1902-7.7.03 [TNA,WO127]
 W driver ASC
 - MORTLOCK pte ASC dangerously ill (enteric fever) at Pietermaritzburg [Times, 12.1.1901]

Henry John RNVR

Unidentified MORTLOCKS Court Martialled [TNA,WO86/ refs]:

Joseph RA, Warley, 15.7.1867 [TNA,WO86/16]
 George RA, Chatham 27.6.1868 [TNA,WO86/17] in Gibraltar 1871 [TNA,WO10/2703]
 John RA, Woolwich 7.11.1882 [TNA,WO86/31]

Royal Navy

other RN service noted in appropriate charts

H	Ord.Seaman, Africa General Service medal 1900-1910 ex HMS <i>Hyacinth</i> , medal awarded while serving in HMS <i>Hecla</i>
William	Ord.Seaman, China medal ex HMS <i>Arethusa</i>
W J	AB Naval Gunnery Medal 1911, 3pdr QF HMS <i>Pioneer</i> 'DCS expired in Australia'
H	NGS 'Persia' HMS <i>Hyacinth</i> , medal presented HMS <i>Pembroke</i> 31.12.1915

Entries to Rating Service 1853-1923 [from PRO,ADM 188; NB some ages were overstated by 1 year]

Thomas	enlisted 1865; <i>died of yellow fever as an AB aboard HMS DORIS 1.6.73</i> [Clare,Suffolk]
William Frederick	boy entrant 7.1873; <i>killed falling from mast of HMS RESISTANCE 30.3.1876</i>
Albert	boy 1884; invalidated as AB 1907 [Hundon,Sfk]
Henry Albert	boy 6.03-signalman 2.06 <i>invalided (flat feet)</i> ; Skipper RNR 1920s[Mundford, Norfolk]
Harry	boy 11.06-AB8.29[Denham,Suffolk]
Henry William	Enlisted.1891; in HMS AUDACIOUS when mined 27.10.1914; HMS QUEEN ELIZABETH 1914-20 (includes Battle of Jutland etc) <i>invalided</i> (Chief ERA) 4.1.22[Rotherhithe, S.London]
Sidney Martin	band boy 1899 -bandsman 1904[Camberwell,S.London]
Ernest	band boy, transferred RM 9.01[Camberwell]
William James	boy[?] 10.1901-AB1911 (L/Sea 1908-9); diver [Camberwell]
Harold Edward	'dom'(?officers' servant) 6.01-4.06[Clare]
Ernest George	L/airman RNAS 2.1916 , served armoured cars in Russia 1918-19 then RAF [Blacksmiths, Hawstead]
Herman Stanford	PO mechanician RNAS armoured car unit 11.15-3.19; <i>PoW Romania 12.16-1918</i> [Bradfield,Sfk]
William Walter	boy 9.20-AB; as PO awarded LS&GCM 23.11.1943 [Mundford(7), Norfolk(Leeds)]
Henry Joseph	boy 1915-L/Tel. LS&GCM 22.5.32[Glemsford, Sfk -> Bucks]
Samuel Edward	HO stoker 6.17-8.19[Clare(Woolwich)]
Charles Thomas	'Hostilities Only' wireman HMS QUEEN ELIZABETH 1915-22[Hundon Sfk]
Sidney Percy	stoker 1907- CPO stoker 1935 [Poplar]
Harry Vincent	1921-28; LS&GCM Royal Fleet Reserve[Mundford]
Alexander	Chief ERA 1903-1915 & Ty Commissioned Engineer 1940-1[Lawshall(blacksmiths)]
Richard Walter Thomas	PO RNAS[Clare(S.London)]
Charles Percival	[Hempstead, Essex].

Other World War 1 service (most not recorded on parent chart):

Harry	AB
Henry A	Stoker RNR; then 2 nd Hand; & 'see Officers' roll'
J T	RNR 'pension papers'
James H	Ldg Stoker RNR
John Henry	A/Ldg/Seaman RNVR [19.2.1888 Woolwich][TNA,ADM337/37/35]
John T	Chief Stoker RNR
John T	Fireman MMR (?Merchant service?)
Leonard Aubrey	Ord Tel RNVR[Maldon Esx]
Percy	AB RNVR
Maurice George	Schoolmaster candidate RN [Navy List 1937][Suffolk, Clare(South London(3))]

Other Long Service & Good Conduct medals (LS&GCMs for 15 years man's time):

Frank	Royal Fleet Reserve
George William Henry	awarded 24.7.41, for Reserve service as Stoker to 1938 Skipper RNR of Boarding Vessel ACHROITE, North Atlantic Contraband Control Service based Gibraltar 1941 [Sfk, Mildenhall(7)]
Dennis Shimelds	PO Stoker +7.6.93Eltham
Joseph George	Chief Air Artificer 7.12.1955 [Rotherhithe (Portsmouth)]

First World War

Military Records

In what follows it will be seen that, while not generally given to a military career, in 1914 the Mortlocks answered the call of their country as much as anyone, mostly in the army. Well over 150 joined up and too many paid the highest price of all for their service. Mortlocks served in France, the Balkans, Egypt, Aden, Kurdistan and India and doubtless elsewhere. A tiny few were decorated; a few were commissioned: but most came and went in the lowest rank of all, did their bit, hung their boots up and went back to obscurity.

The very highest price was paid by Mary Ann Mortlock, of South Bank, Middlesborough, who lost three sons in ten months, her husband - his forebears probably from Mundford, Norfolk - also dying during this period. Other Mundford Mortlocks contributed three more members to the roll of fatalities. A pitiful coda for Suffolk is the repeated entries in the London Gazette for the unclaimed sixteen shillings and elevenpence which seems to be all Herbert left to the world.

Although this is a small selection, mention might be made of the relatively higher ages of the casualties in the later stages of the war, reflecting the way ever-older men - therefore more likely to be married with children - were being called to the colours.

* = Awarded 1914-15 Star. Almost all the other soldiers were awarded the War Medal and the Victory Medal - the latter was awarded posthumously to those who had been killed. The Theatre of War seems mostly only to have been noted when the 1914-15 Star was to be awarded. Some who served, but who were discharged early for medical or other reasons, are listed in WO364 but are not listed as having received any medals. Names in square brackets [] enlisted, but do not appear to have been awarded medals.

Fatal Casualties, WW1

Albert	Pte 8 Northumberland Fusiliers <i>kia</i> 27.9.18[Denham(6),Suffolk]
Albert George	Pte Queen's 'died France' <i>death assumed</i> 7.10.16[Hempstead(5),Essex]
Arthur	1st Eng. Mercantile Marine +25.8.16 <i>Steam Trawler Equinox</i> ;53 [Grimsby]
Cephas	Pte W Yorks <i>kia</i> 9.10.17 [Chevington Sfk]
Charles Frederick	Pte Welch Regt <i>kia</i> 1917 [Poplar, 'Mordlock']
Ernest	Rifleman Rifle Bde +21.3.18; 3[?Ongar, Essex]
Frederick	Pte Queen's (R W Sy Regt) <i>kia</i> 23.4.17Arras [Yorks (S Bank, Middlesborough) & see Mundford(5), Nfk]
Frederick Wallace	Pte 18 Lond (att.13London Irish Rifles) <i>kia</i> 6.8.17Ypres [? Hawstead] <i>effects(unclaimed)</i> £8.0.0
George	Pte MM *St Augustine's Church, Birdbrook
George	Sapper Australian Engineers +14.7.17 <i>Victoria, Australia</i> ; 21
George David	Pte XX the Lancs Fusiliers +24.4.18 [Norfolk, Mundford(8)]
George	Pte 7/Sfk regt <i>k.i.a</i> 1.10.15*Loos[Cambridge (Swavesey)]
George William	Gunner RFA +28.6.21 <i>Mesopotamia</i> ; 20 [Littleport Cambs]
Harry Adam S	Pte 14Lond (London Scottish) <i>kia France</i> 29.8.18; 18 [Blacksmiths, Freckenham(4); 1st cousin of Cpl Henry Walter]
Henry James	Cpl Northumberland Fusiliers +6.7.16; 24 [Yorks (S Bank, Middlesborough) & see Mundford, Nfk]
Henry Walter	Cpl DLI <i>kia France</i> 14.5.17;[Blacksmiths, Freckenham(4)]
Herbert	Gunner RFA/RGA +25.9.17 Ypres; 38 [Shimpling] <i>effects</i> £0.16/11
Herbert Arthur	L/Cpl 4Lond(R Fus) <i>died of wounds France</i> 11.9.16; 28; <i>served Egypt</i> [Shimpling(12), Suffolk]
James William	Pte Northumberland Fus <i>France * d. of wounds</i> 26.10.15; 20 [Eston, Yks]
John	Pte Army Service Corps att. ANZAC Corps +26.9.18 <i>Doingt</i> ; 33 [Lakenheath,Sfk]
John James	Pte Royal Defence Corps +21.2.19 <i>Sutton Sy <il.Hosp</i> ; 36 [Poplar, London] bur.Brookwood mil.cemetery
Lancelot	Pte Northumberland Fusiliers ' <i>presumed dead</i> ' 22.3.18[Swavesey]
Percy	Able Seaman RNVR, Hood Bn RN Division +21.8.18; 25 [of Hunslet, Leeds; see Suffolk, Shimpling]
Percy George	2/Lt 26 R Fusiliers <i>missing in action</i> 26.9.1917 [Camberwell - son of Augusta Hester Helena of E Ham (1855-4Q1928 W Ham)] Named on Tyne Cot memorial
Percy William	Pte 2/Northamptonshire Regt[Essex, Peldon] <i>k.i.a</i> 14.3.1915 <i>Neuve Chapelle</i> *; 16
Peter Henry	Pte Sfks +2.10.16; 33 [Suffolk, Hundon]
Robert Versoe	Pte Royal Fusiliers +4.11.18 <i>Neath, Mon</i> ; 36[of Harrow Weald] [see Newmarket, Sfk] *HW Sy Shrine & HW Memorial Hall
Thomas James	Pte Northumberland Fusiliers +3.7.16*; 20 [Yorks (S Bank, Middlesborough) & see Norfolk, Mundford]
Victor Claude	L/Cpl Norfolk Regt +6.4.1918 <i>Nfk</i> [see Suffolk, Bardfield (ex-Glemsford)]
Walter Henry	Cpl Durham Light Infantry ' <i>dead</i> ' 14.5.1917 [blacksmiths, Freckenham]
William Edwin	Pte XX the Lancs Fusiliers +22.7.18; 19 [of Gt Horwood Lancs; see Suffolk, Sudbury & Worcs(2)]

George Mortlock GOODE Lt 43 Sqn RFC ex Beds.R +24.5.1917Arras [Bury St Edmunds]
 Ronald John Mortlock LIAS Lieut. 9R Sx *kia Hooge* 23.2.16 [Cambridge bankers]
 Albert Edward Mortlock FRENCH Pte 16KRRC +15.6.16 Ploegstreet; 26 [Kensington, London]

where not explicitly stated otherwise, the soldier perished on the Western Front.

In addition, 36 Mortlocks were awarded a Silver War Badge to wear on their plain clothes after they had been medically discharged during the War. This was so they would not be white-feathered.

Gallantry Awards WWI

Military Cross

Lt Kenneth Charles 1st Australian Infantry [China Mortlocks, William the Surveyor(5)]

Distinguished Conduct Medal:

Sgt (later Lt) W R Middlesex Rgt [LG,1.6.17]
 Sgt Harold 55 Australian Infantry [Sudbury,Cavendish(2)]

Military Medal:

L/Cpl G W 2/7 R Warwicks [LG 4.10.18]
 Pte George ?*see fatal casualties*
 Pte George William 11 Field Ambulance RAMC
 Pte Hubert (?Herbert)1/1 Cambs (Territorial Force) [Sfk, Sudbury(Bradfield(4))]

Meritorious Service Medal (1919)

CSM Charles William 4 Cheshires [LG,21.2.19] [Stalybridge ex Mundford(10), Norfolk]

Belgian Croix de Guerre (1918)

Squadron SSM Charles 3 Hussars '(Woodford, Essex)'

Mentioned in Despatches

Arthur George 2/Lt ACC, 2/Lt (Hon.Lt) RFC/RAF (Technical Officers List)
 MiD *Italy* 15.9.18-31.12.18 9[LG,3.6.1919;TNA,AIR76/360]
 [Suffolk, Chevington(8)]
 Joseph Conductor, Supply & Transport Corps, Indian Army;
 MiD [LG,4.4.1919] for services with Aden Field Force 16.8.17-31.1.18
 Indian Army Commissary as Lt J M' 8.5.1926 [LG 2.7.26][Suffolk, Mildenhall(4)]
 William HenryLance Corporal 55th Battalion Australian Infantry

Commissioned Service, World War 1

Arthur George	See above (MiD)
Charles Bernard	Chaplain <i>France</i> [see Sfk misc] !
Henry	Capt 1 Herefs ex KSLI [great great grandson of John M the banker]
Henry	Capt Australian Infantry (also WW II) [grandson of Thomas John the convict]
Harry Clive	Capt 1.5.18 25th Cyclist Bn Lond Regt (joined up August 1914)
Joseph	Conductor, Supply & Transport Corps, Indian Army <i>Aden Field Force</i> * ?MiD Assistant Commissary, Indian Army, rank of Lt [LG, 23.7.20, 24.7.1925, 2.7.26]
Kenneth Charles MC	Lt 24.11.1917 1st NSW Infantry Australia; also served WW2 [b.1.7.1892 Sydney]
Lionel Leasowe	2/Lt 3R.Lancs/R Warwicks <i>served France, lost a leg</i> [Argentina]
Noel Henry Ambrose	Lt 31.1.1920 13th & 18th London Regt <i>France</i> [Sfk (Mildenhall), Barton Mills]
Percy George	Lt 1917 then Capt, Herts Dragoons <i>served Egypt</i> [Lambeth(4)](Army Cadet Force WW2)
Richard Parker	Major 24th London Regt [see Cambridge, Wm Chapel Clerk]!
William Charles	Lt(A/Capt) Machine Gun Corps ex Rifle Bde, <i>GSM clasp 'Kurdistan'</i> [Suffolk, Chevington(8 & 12)]
William Kennedy	Lt 13th London Regt <i>France</i> ; wounded at Arras [Suffolk, Barton Mills] !
W R	Lt London Regt [LG, 12.7.18]

Eric-John Mortlock GRIFFITHS

Lt & A/Capt, Cheshire Regt (his three brothers also served)[Bankers]
 Leonard Swaine Mortlock MARSH Capt 1st (Sheffield) Yorkshire (WRiding) RE (Volunteers)
 2nd WR Coy, WR Div Field Engineers [LG, 25.1.1907, 3.11.08] b.1857 Retford Notts
 Douglas Mortlock PAINE 2/Lt 3Beds ex Cambridge OTC [LG, 19.8.1913] (& see WW2)
 b.1890 Caxton, Cambs; - > NZ
 Vivian Mortlock STUDD Lt 5Rifle Bde [LG, 13.11.1914, 13.4.15] Chev. Order of the Crown (Italy)
 b.6.2.1891, educ Charterhouse & Trinity, Cambridge; s.of Alnod Ernest STUDD
 Mortlock James TARRY Ty 2/Lt Royal Field Artillery [LG, 9.4.1915]

! - awarded silver war badge

Army & RAF Other Ranks' Campaign Medals, 1914-19

This list comprises all those Army and RAF ORs, not mentioned above, who are indexed in PRO as receiving some or all of the 1914-15 Star, the War Medal or the Victory Medal (irreverently known as 'Pip, Squeak and Wilfred' after three animal cartoon characters of the day; the War Medal and the Victory Medal on their own were similarly known as 'Mutt and Jeff'). The record is probably incomplete as doubtless many medals were never claimed; some had had a basinful of the Army and didn't want their gongs; some may have had nobody to put in a claim for them. Also, cards can go missing; *millions* of War Medals alone will have been issued. This is demonstrated by a few medal records that have been recovered from family sources but where no card was visible on the PRO microfiches (marked ‡). Where noted on the index card, the location of service abroad is given in italics. The rank for all is Private, or the equivalent lowest rank in the appropriate Corps - Gunner, Driver, Sapper, Trooper etc - unless otherwise noted. Regimental abbreviations are normal public usage. Parish or county of origin of the soldier's branch of the Mortlocks, if attributable, is shown in square brackets []. Records of Mortlocks not picked up from the medal rolls are shown as {}. !=awarded silver war badge.

Albert Elijah	RWK militia then Yks regt 1897-1905 then WW1 [Hempstead(7)]
Albert J	RFus
Albert Victor	E Surrey/R Fus [London ex Hawstead Sfk] ~!
Alfred	Dvr RHA Indian GSM & clasp 'NW Frontier 1919'
Alfred	Durham Light Infantry [b. 2.1892Woolwich (Clare(11))]
Alfred James	BRCS[Hundon, Wm the Chapel Clerk(2)]
Alfred Morris	RE [Peldon,Esx]
Alfred W	A/WO1/mechanical staff sergeant RASC
{Alfred William	RWK [Hundon, William the Chapel Clerk(5)]}
Arthur George	RGA/RHA [blacksmiths, Freckenham(8)]
Arthur Thomas	RGA gassed
Arthur Thomas	5Sfk <i>Gallipoli(wounded), Balkans and Egypt (wounded in Gaza)</i> * [Hawstead Sfk]
Arthur William	WO1 RASC [Lawshall Sfk]
Bertram	RAMC [?Cambridge, family of Wm the chapel clerk?]
Charles	Sgt RE
Charles	7Middlesex [Clare(8),Suffolk]
Charles	14 & 19 London Regt
Charles	Sfk <i>France</i> *
Charles Edward	RGA [?Poplar, gnr 1901]
Charles F	S Staffs[?Eston, Northumberland ex Long Melford, Suffolk]
Charles Fdk	MORDLOCK pte Welch rgt 1917
Charles Henry	Lincs (enlisted 18.8.14)[Grimsby]!
Charles James	2Lon (enlisted 10.3.16 disch 14.11.16)[Woolwich ex Clare(11),Suffolk] ~!
David George	Mx [Hackney, London ex Clare, Suffolk] ~
Edgar	RFA[Higham ex Chevington, Suffolk or ?Woolwich ex Clare(11), Suffolk]!
Edward	RFA/HAC <i>wounded, disch</i> [unassigned]!
Edward J W	Border regt/RWK [Colchester,Essex]
Edwin J[?ames]	MGC [Farnham Royal,Bucks ex Brettenham,Suffolk; or Swavesey,Cambs]
Ernest	L/Sgt King Edward's Horse (Canada) * <i>age 54 on enlistment</i> [Chapel clerk]!
Ernest Everitt	2Nfks (enlisted 9.2.10 disch 27.4.19) ! ' <i>Asiatic Theatre</i> ' * [Norfolk, Mundford (8)]
Ernest W[?alter]	ASC[?Bury St Edmunds ex Barrow ex Chevington, Suffolk]
F J	sgt Hants Regt
Francis C S	MGC [Chevington(20), Suffolk]
Frank	Cpl Sfk *
Frank	1 Lincs Fus [Grimsby]
Frank	16Mx <i>wounded disch 24.2.17</i> [see Swavesey, Cambs] ~!
Frank E[?rnest]	8 & 5 Lond [?Clare]!
Frank Harold	Sgt RFA [St Osyth,Essex]!
Frank Henry	Sgt RFA France * [Hundon,Suffolk]
Frank S	Cpl Yorks LI *
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Frank W RE *France* *
 Frederick Cpl Tank Corps
 Frederick RAMC [Chevington,Sfk]
 Frederick Arthur 2/6WYorks *disch(medical)* 10.1.19 [Hawstead,Sfk]
 Frederick Austin Cpl 1DG [Reymerston ex Mundford, Norfolk] ~
 Frederick Charles Essex *disch sick* 20.5.16 [Chelmsford(2),Essex] ~!
 Frederick G Sfk
 Frederick H 2 E Sy *France* *
 Frederick H RE *France* *
 Frederick J Yorks LI/Beds [Clapton, Hackney, London ex Clare,Suffolk] ~
 Frederick Richard Sgt 4DG * clasp and roses [Poplar,London] ~!
 George ASC *France* * [Mundford,Nfk]
 George R.Sx; CM Ripon 17.11.1919 [TNA,WO86/89]
 George RE ex RAMC
 George Clarence RFA[Higham ex Chevington, Suffolk]!
 George Fredk Rifle Bde[Peldon,Esx]
 George H ELancs[?Eston, Northumberland ex Long Melford, Suffolk]
 {George Lucian 14Lon [Ongar93),Esx]}
 George Victor KRRRC/11Beds [Canning Town]
 G W RAMC *France* * *curious illegible annotation on card*
 George W RWarwicks
 George W Shrops.LI *France* *
 George William RFA/RE [Hadleigh,Esx]!
 H depot Rifle Bde! Served 5.9.18-10.2.19
 Harold sgt major RGA [Swavesey,Cambs]
 Harry [Poplar, 'Mordlock']
 Harry Alfred ASC *disch sick* 1916 [Cambridge, family of William the Chapel Clerk] ~!
 Harry E[?rnest] Sfk *Balkans* * [?Hawstead(Nowton)]
 Harry G RAMC
 Hector James Royal Fus [Hundon(8), Suffolk] ~
 Henry Edward Sgt RAMC
 Henry J Pioneer RE
 Herbert Manchester Regt
 Herbert Sfk /Cambs *France* * [?Cavendish,Sfk]
 [Herbert Rifle Bde [Peldon(7),Essex]]
 Herbert A London Rgt
 Herbert Henry Queen's; Indian GSM (*NW Ftr/Afghanistan*)
 Herbert James L/Sgt 21Lond *France* * [Clapham (ex Mundford(4), Norfolk)]!
 Herbert R[?owland] Sfk *Balkans* * [?Hawstead(Nowton)]
 Herbert Thomas 18Yorks [Gazeley ex Chevington, Suffolk]
 Herbert Walter RFA 1.11.15-*disch sick* 26.1.19 ! [china, William the Surveyor(3)]
 Herbert William ASC *France* * [Maldon,Esx; volunteered 1.8.1914 aged 41]
 Horace Beds & Herts[Reymerston ex Attleburgh, Norfolk]!
 Hubert Louis A/Sgt Sfks [Lawshall, Suffolk]
 {H?arry V?inentE Sy(depot)conscripted 27.12.16,17y 10mo, 5'9,150lb, chest 36/39", 'scholar'[?Nfk,Mndford(7)]}
 J B Sfk
 J F tpr/? Staff Sgt RHG *
 James RGA *France* *
 James Esx *wounded* [Moulton Sfk]!
 James C RWK, RE[Penge ex Hempstead,Essex]
 [James William 2/3Field Coy RE [Hargrave(3),Sfk]]
 John Sfk/RAF
 John Esx(ex Nfks) [BStE] !
 John Alfred [Poplar, 'Mordlock']
 John Bertram l/sgt RWK [Clare Sfk]
 John Foreman cpl RHG (later Gds MG Regt)/shoeing smith 1914-26 * † [China Mortlocks/Hertford]
 John J[?ames] 18Lond & RDG *India*
 John Thomas ASC 1914*, RFA 24.7.16- *disch sick* 5.4.19![Norfolk, Mundford(9)]
 Joseph Sfk Regt; *Malta, Egypt & Balkans*

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Lesley Robert Beds & Herts [Maldon, Essex] ~

Oliver Edward Northumberland R [Shimpling Sfk]

Percival[Finch] RGA *France* *[Bankers]

Percy G WO2/SSM Herts Yeomanry

Percy H Cpl RE

Philip reserve 24th served 16.9.18-31.1.19 disch sick !

Philip A Queen's

{Philip Charles 16.9.18-disch. physically unfit 31.1.19 }![Essex, Harlow(2)] ~

{Reginald Percy RAMC, disch.}[Hackney, London ex Clare,Suffolk] ~

Russell Frederick Lanes Fus *[Chevington, Suffolk]

Samuel Malta & Egypt* [Shimpling,Sfk(2)]

Samuel J Sfk *Balkans* ??? may be Samuel J above

Seth DLI [Colchester, Essex] ~!

Sidney Arthur 2 Rifle Bde [Paddington, London ex Chevington(10)]!

Spencer W Sgt RFA, Tank Corps [Glemsford]

Stanley Alfred 3Lond *Egypt* put through for a commission but was not successful[Chelsea, London]

Stanley William MGC, Labour Corps [Gt Yarmouth, Norfolk]

Sydney George Sgt Worcs, Labour Corps, Royal Highlanders [Portsmouth, ex Bury St Edmunds Sfk]

Thomas Mx

Thomas W RFA

Thomas W Beds Regt

W RScots Fus

Wallace RSx *France* *

Walter ASC *France* *

Walter ASC motor driver [Woodditton, Cambs (blacksmiths)]!

Walter Nfks

Walter E RAMC/RFus

Walter George ASC [Maidenhead ex Brettenham,Sfk]

{Walter John ASC(disch) [China Mortlocks, William the Surveyor(4)]}

Willey A/Sgt 9Lancs [Paddington, London ex Ongar, Essex] ~!

William CQMS RE (1914 clasp & roses) 10.7.12-9.9.19 disch wounds !

William Wheeler S/Sgt ASC *France* [Hempstead,Esx]

William ASC ex Glosters [Cheltenham,Glos ex Mile End,Londo(ex Hundon(9),Sfk]

William motor driver ASC [Woodditton,Cambs(blacksmiths)]

William Sfk *France* *

William RAMC

William RFA

William RFA

William G RAMC

William George A/Cpl RASC served 9.11.15-18.3.19 [St Osyth,Essex]!

William H Cpl ASC *Egypt* *

William John Bdr RFA/RGA *India, Mesopotamia* [b. Nunhead S London] ~!

William P RScots Fus

William Thomas RHG/Guards MG Regt *France* * served 12.7.1908-19.7.20 [Hertford] ~

† information from family - medals record card not located ~ see PRO,WO364

plus:

Arthur Mortlock Graham EVANS RWF [Wm the chapel clerk's family]
Harold Mortlock MONCK Northumberland Regt
Mortlock H C TOMKINS Worcs Regt
Reginald Mortlock WALLS Cambs Regt

Women's service:

Eva Alice Women's Legion(cookery section) [Clare(12)][TNA,WO398/160](later WAAC)
Dorothy Annie WRAF [TNA,AIR80/172] later PO telephonist

Australian Forces (Australian infantry except where shown)(not listed above)

(see <http://www.aif.adfa.edu.au:8080/index.html>)

Angus	1st [^] (wounded)	}
Henry	1/cpl 55th; twice wounded in action; also WW2	} [Essex, Ridgewell/NSW]
William Henry	1/cpl 55th; MiD; also served WW2	}
Harold DCM	55 th ; [Sudbury, Cavendish(3)]	}
Edward	53rd	}
Herbert Jack	53rd; also served WW2	} [China Mortlocks,
Harrie Percivale	1st; also served WW2	} William the Surveyor(5)]
Kenneth Charles	1st (see Commissioned Service, above) also WW2	}
Walter Edmund	spr.AMD Sig.[China Mortlocks, Hertford]	}
Charles Albert	4th (?B or D)AC [China Mortlocks, Pidley]	}
George Raymond	2nd Pioneers [Clare/Denham,Chevington(13)]	}

^ desc. Thomas John of Ridgewell, Essex

NB 'Monaro Pioneers' contains more details of Australian individuals' service in both wars

Canadian Forces

Bertie	[Shimpling(2)]
Joe	[Shimpling(2)]
Charles Godfrey	[Banking family]
Earl	[Cavendish(4)]
Frederick William	[Denham(9)]
Sam	nok 'Mrs S HUDSON'

US Army (1917/18 enlistments included)

Edgar Earl	enlisted Wilmington, Delaware [china Mortlocks, William the Surveyor(2)]
Edgar William	[China Mortlocks]
Kenneth	on roll of service for Nebraska

Awarded the Mercantile Marine Medal for WW1:

Arthur Edward	[Grimsby][Mildenhall, Mundford,Norfolk(9)]	
Henry	[Grimsby/Hull][Mildenhall, Mundford,Norfolk(10)]	
Reginald Allan	[Bradfield,Sfk]	} emigrated to Australia, their horizons perhaps
Walter Edmund	[Hertford branch of China Mortlocks]	} broadened by their travels

RAF muster roll 1918 (with date of original enlistment):

EG	18.8.1914
FD	12.7.17
GF	11.4.16
HW	18.9.17
J	9.1.18
VV	22.7.16 [?Swavesey(9), & see below]
W	31.1.18

WW1-WW2 (Army & RAF)

George W RFA, died Hinaidi, Iraq 28.6.1921 age 20 bur.Baghdad [Denham(6)]
 A C 2/Lt KSLI (serving in India 1922, see group photograph in Shropshire Archives)
 Charles Joseph Austin Sandhurst 1922; 'unatt for Indian Army', 2Lt RFA, resigns commission 25.3.22;
 '82Welsh Bde' resigns commission 14.4.23 [Sfk, Sudbury & Worcs]
 John Charles died Wiesbaden, Germany 10.5.1927 age 23 [Clare(12)]
 James Oswald Pilot Officer RAF 26.7.28-23.7.29('ill health') [LG,24.6.1928,24.7.29] [Lakenheath(4)]
 Robert(?Edward) Gnr RA 9.4.1925-8.4.30 MT duties
 [b.18.1.1905Kensington?, father J of Notting Hill.
 ?=1Q1934Kensington, Lizzie S NORRIE, lorry driver 1939,
 James 4.1.1908 metal polisher in household, ?REM+1.4.1975Jersey]

Second World War

Fatal Casualties

Charles Frederick	deck hand, fishing fleet, SS <i>Dinorah</i> +28.4.45 at sea; 38 [Mildenhall(7)]
Frank	L/Cpl R Australian Engineers +13.4.42 <i>Australia</i> ; 19
Kenneth George	Flt Sgt RAFVR, 619 Sqn RAF +2.10.43 <i>Home/N Europe</i> ; 20 [Cranham(2), Essex]
Kenneth George	Pte 2/Suffolk Rgt +19.7.44 <i>Imphal, Burma</i> ; 24 [China, Swavesey(4)]
Margaret Jean	NZ WAAC, +7.10.45 <i>Rennes, France</i> ; 24 (plane crash) [Hawera NZ]
Vivien Vincent	Flt Sgt RAFVR, 7 Sqn RAF +25.3.44 <i>Home/N Europe</i> [China Mortlocks, Swavesey(9)]
William John	Able Seaman, Royal Navy, HMS <i>Limbourne</i> +23.10.43 at sea; 19 [Hempstead(9), Essex] <i>Limbourne</i> was torpedoed by the German E-boat T22, during a surface action off the north coast of Brittany against a German convoy.
Maurice John	Signalman R Sigs +26.2.42 <i>SE Asia</i> ; 24 [Clare]
Alexander Sidney	Pte 1Cambs, Sfks +12.9.44 at sea, <i>SE Asia</i> ; 34 [March,Cambs]
Victor Sidney	Pte 2Cambs, Sfks +21.9.44 at sea, <i>SE Asia</i> ; 24 [Wickhambrook]

The last two are recorded as 'died at sea'. They were being transported as slave labour to Japan after the completion of the Burma railway. Alexander Sidney was aboard *Kachidoki Maru*, or another ship in convoy with her en route from Singapore to Formosa (Taiwan), when the US submarine *Pampanito* (later preserved in San Francisco as a visitor attraction) attacked off Hainan. 400 out of 900 PoWs were lost. Victor Sidney was in *Hofuka Maru* when it was sunk by planes from a US aircraft carrier 80 miles north of Corregidor. 1047 out of 1289 PoWs were lost. The Japanese refused to mark PoW ships.

Roger Mortlock RANSON	PO RAFVR +5.6.42 <i>Bergen op Zoom</i> [China Mortlocks]
Colin Frank Mortlock CHAPMAN	W/Cdr OBE +2.9.1944 aged 25 [blacksmiths (Freckenham(5))]

Civilian Fatal Casualties

Carole Rosemary, 3.43-6.11.44 Luton, killed by V2 [blacksmiths, Hawstead(8)]
 John, 16.4.41, Stepney (firewatcher in W.Harrow) [Essex, Peldon(7)]
 Robert William & Fanny Rebecca, 24.9.40, both aged 70, Victoria Row Cottages, Upminster, Essex
 [Essex, Downham]

Honours and Awards

Frank William	Captain(temp. Major) RA; MC (Italy) 1944, MiD (Italy) 1943 & 1944 LS&GCM [LG,19.12.1944,13.5.47 & 30.9.47; TNA,WO373/9] [Bankers, desc.Charles(3)]
Albert Edward	WO2(QMS) later A/WO1(RSM) RAMC; Lt(QM) 6.6.1945 MiD Middle East 1941, Italy 1944 [Suffolk(Shimpling(5)/Cavendish(2))]
Kenneth Leasowe	Capt(T/Major) att. Colonial Forces ex Herts Regt1944 ; MiD Burma [LG,17.9.1946][Argentina]
J W	Cpl RAC 1946 MiD Burma [LG,19.9.1946]

Commissioned Service

Royal Navy:

Alexander	Ty Commissioned Engineer 1940-1 [blacksmiths, Lawshall]
George William Henry	see RN list above
Harry North	Lt Kenya RNVR 1.12.42 [China Mortlocks in NZ]

Royal Marines:

(These seem to be the only Mortlocks ever to serve as Royal Marines Officers)

Dennis Charles	Ty Lt RM 1939-45 [Sudbury, Sfk (Glemsford(5))]
Richard David	Ty Lt RNVR 1941-4 (HMS <i>Dumbarton Castle</i> 20.10.44), Ty Lt RM 1945 [ClareSfk/S.London(5)]

Army [Army Lists 1940-5 & London Gazette](& see awards, above):

Desmond Peter	Emgcy 2/Lt Queens & Lt Punjabi L.Inf. [LG,28.6.46] [blacksmiths,Freckenham(7)]
Donald Alexander	2/Lt REME etc [LG,1.11.1946 etc] [China, Swavesey?]
Douglas Gerald	Captain RASC [LG,28.8.1941,19.12.47] [Chevington(20)]
Leslie William	Captain KRRC 1942 [Hackney, London] [Cadet Forces Medal(Army) Hon.Capt.LW, London 20.3.1951]
Percy George	Lt Army Cadet Force(C.of London)[LG,27.7.1943,21.1.47] [London, Lambeth(4)]

Hugh John Mortlock ROBINSON	Lt RAMC [LG,10.11.39]
Douglas Mortlock PAINE	2/Lt Rnfk [LG,30.8.1940]
Robert Hayes Mortlock TREEN	2/Lt [LG,24.6.41] [Hawstead(2), Suffolk]

Royal Air Force:

Joseph Mortlock SCRUBY	A/P.O. ex F/Sgt [LG,28 1.1944] [China/S.Australia(3)]
Harold Bryce	FO 1942-5 RAAF[Clare Suffolk/S.London]

Australian Mortlocks in WW2

See <http://www.ww2roll.gov.au/NameSearch.aspx> Oct 2017

Prisoners of War 1939-45

Germany:

Douglas Gerald	Captain RASC; Bde RASC Officer, 1st Parachute Bde; captured Arnhem 9.1944 (see above)[Suffolk, Chevington(10)]
S?tanley G?eorge	AB RN C/JX 179337 PoW Italy Cardoncelli (Stalia) Benevento, then Stalag 344 Lamsdorf Poland 1945
Percy George	Trooper RAC [Norfolk, Mundford(9)]
S?idney A?rthur	6914905 Rifleman PoW Cyrenaica 7.4.1941, PoW Sulmona 1943, Wistritz bei Teplitz CZ 1945 [?China Mortlocks, Hertford(6)]
R?obert	Gnr RA 163487 PoW 3.10.43 Aegean, HAA15.8.45, disch(age)1956
Ronald Frank	Gnr RA [Suffolk, Clare(11)]
John Arthur	captured at Tobruk 22.6.1942 {S.African army, , Stalag IVB
Harold William	captured Gazala 15.6.1942 {[Essex, Hempstead(10)]

Japan:

Frank O., civilian, was taken prisoner in the Philippines, and sent to Los Banos Civilian Camp near Laguna, Luzon, where 678 other Americans were held. Frank's capture was first reported to the International ICRC 30.1.1943, and last reported July 30.7.1945. 'His imprisonment for at least 912 days (2 years and ~7 months) was one of the longest durations of Japanese captivity recorded' (?). His eventual estate was listed as unclaimed. [Suffolk, Clare(13)]

M W Sigmn 3 Ind Corps R Sigs, missing Netherlands EI 1.2.1943 [TNA, WO417/59]

Other Ranks

I have been unable to compile any general list of Mortlocks who served in a non-commissioned capacity in the Second World War. However there is a mention in the Regimental History of the Suffolk regiment of a Private Mortlock of their 1st Bn's Sniper Section, who were lent out in pairs to the different companies for D-Day. Mortlock 'used skill and knowledge to good effect' and was shortly thereafter lent to 4 Commando and then to 6th Airborne Brigade. Of the section it is written that 'casualties in killed inflicted on the enemy far exceeded their own losses' - three of the Corporal-plus-seven in the original section.

Robert Sydney De Sant at sea MV *Port Dundedin* WW2 [Suffolk, Chevington(10)]

George William b.1884 was also at sea. He had been in the army in WW1 [TNA, BT395/1]
[Suffolk, Shimpling(18)]

Frederick Sydney regular, tpr 12 Lancers, fought at Dunkirk & Monte Cassino [London(Poplar(2))]
George Eric Tpr Bays (Queen's Dragoon Guards) N.Africa 1942
[China Mortlocks, Swavesey(5)]

H?u/erbert W?m pte 1943; civilian 1945 [?blacksmiths, Hawstead(9)]
Kenneth Sword Beach veteran [China(Swavesey(5))]

Arthur Dennis Charles operator/air gunner [Hundon, Chapel Clerk family]
Kenneth George tail gunner Bomber Command [Essex, Cranham]

Other

Captain Derek Grantley MORTLOCK US Army in SOE file, Cert of Commendation
[TNA,HS9/1066, WO373/184]
[Bankers, Jamaican descendant of Frederick Cheetham MORTLOCK]

Post-war Service

Robert Boyd Commodore, Royal Navy [Clare Suffolk/S.London]
(the highest ranking Mortlock in modern times)
Terry Gordon CMEM RN 1958-83 [blacksmiths, Hawstead(9)]
Peter C Mne, GSM Borneo ~1962-5 [China Mortlocks, Swavesey(5)]
Peter A/LREM RN 1973-9, HMSs Raleigh, Collingwood, Tartar, Osprey, Jupiter
Peter L/cpl 1974-2001 Assault Sqn, Commando Comacchio Group [unit name from 1983]
[UK nuclear weapons protection from 1980 and maritime counter-terrorism to 1987]

D 2Lt REME 1946 [AL 1947]
J A Sgt RE, 2 Sanitary Corps RAMC, GSM Clasp Palestine 1947
John Ray WO1 RE MBE 1.1.1948 [TNA,WO373/157][Sudbury, Bradfield(2)]
A D Lt REME Supplementary Reserve 1950 [AL 1952]
Anthony Trevor National Service 2Lt RE 2.11.1950, Lt RE (TA) 1952[Suffolk, Chevington(8)]
Michael John Nat.Service 1952, TA 1954-6 [blacksmiths, Freckenham(7)]
Douglas Gerald Major RASC 1956, Lt Col RAOC 1962, HK Police, MBE (above)[Chevington(10)]
J WO1 REME (Armourer) 1958
E A WO1, Bandmaster 3 Bn Parachute Regiment 1972
Keith L/cpl RSigs, served Afghanistan 2009

Brigadier Roger Mortlock served as Chief of Ops, NZ Defence Force in the late 1990s.

Gordon Eric RAF WW2, commissioned 1951 FO 1955 FltLt 1956 Ret.1975
[blacksmiths, Hawstead(9)]
Donald Fredk Group Captain RAF1984 Commissioned 1963 b.21.4.36 [London, Poplar(2)]
Anthony Walter Pilot Officer Training Branch RAF [LG,31.10.1947][Suffolk, Sudbury & Worcs(3)]

William Victor Mortlock CLARKE Proby Emergency A/P.O.(Tech Br) RAF ex F/Sgt [LG,24.5.1946]

Some Published Works by Mortlocks

(but see the British Library catalogue which is available online)

Bill Mortlock 'Lawyer, Heal Thyself' (autobiography) Gollancz 1959,
and other books on law
(this is a pseudonym, of Frederick Evelyn MOSTYN (1919-) .. but why the choice of surname?)
Rev. Charles Bernard Mortlock 'Famous London Churches' London 1934
do. other works on architecture
do. 'Oxford Movement Sermons' ed. & other works on the Oxford Movement, Evangelism etc
Colin Mortlock 'The Adventure Alternative' 1997
D P Mortlock (born Wixoe, sometime County Librarian for Norfolk)
'Popular Guide to Suffolk Churches' 3 vols ppbk Acorn 1988-92
Rev. Edmund Davy Mortlock (of the banking family), various religious works
Elizabeth Mortlock 'Indonesia' SCMP 1984
Geoffrey Mortlock & another 'The Flowing Bowl' anthology (editor) Hutchinson post-1945
H C Mortlock & another 'Erosion in Nebraska' (scientific paper) 1941
James Archibald Mortlock, Key to 'Course in Precis Writing' by FG Robeson
James J Mortlock 'Man, his Creation .. etc' 1859
John Frederick Mortlock 'Experiences of a Convict' repub. Sydney UP 1965
This is a fascinating book and copies can still be found via the internet
do. 'Memoir of Sir R Walpole' 1880
John Newton Mortlock 'Visitors' Guide & Pictorial Map of Chichester' n.d. 30p
Dr Joseph Ronald Mortlock 'AC Switchgear', 'Power Systems Analysis' [Lakenheath(4)]
Kenneth Mortlock 'Guide to Living in Spain' 1978
Robert P Mortlock 'Microorganisms as Model Systems for Studying Evolution' 1984
Michael John Mortlock 'Landing at Suvla Bay', McFarland 2007 [Blacksmiths,Freckenham(7)]
Michael John Mortlock 'The Egyptian Expeditionary Force in WW1', McFarland 2011 [do]
These last two reflect the experiences of Samuel Jacob Parker Mortlock

Some Mortlock Government Employees (from the London Gazette etc)

Dorothy Rhoda Ruth	telephonist, London 1919
Charles Henry	postman, Grimsby 1921
Constance Theresa	telephonist 1929
Alfred Frank	postman, Sutton Surrey 1932
Betty Margaret	writing assistant, PO1934;clerical Civ.Ser.1935
Dorothy Annie	telephonist 1936
Cyril Edward	skilled workman, PO 1938
Mary Phyllis	clerical asst Civil Service 1938
Percy George	driving examiner 1940
H W	civilian asst surveyor of materials RAF 1945 (?HW snr?) ?[4Q18Hartismere, blacksmiths(Hawsted(9)) /8.3.06Maldon, Essex(Chelmsford CM(2))
Charles Percival	civilian, Naval Ordnance Division [Navy List,1947] [Essex, Hempstead(6)]
Frederick Herbert Mortlock GLASSON	postman, reading 1934
Arthur Thomas Mortlock MORRIS	sorter, Seaman's Registry Office 1902
George Mortlock RUDD	Inland Revenue 1938

Some Unidentified Mortlock Railway Employees (others noted in the appropriate chart)

William b.1853	van man St Pancras 28.8.1876 & carr brasser 17.1.1884 Midland
J W	Hassop (Bakewell) 13.4.-16.6.1892 Midland
S	Commissionaire (from Corps of Commissionaires) 9.1869 Victoria LB&SCR
William b.1856	lab 31.12.1877 LB&SCR
T E	temp cleaner 20.5.1931 New Cross LB&SCR
E 'of Camden'	clerk George yard 1.1.1878 L&NWR
William lab	'no vacancy' 1881 L&SWR
Arthur lab	charge hand etc 26.9.1900->28.5.1915 L&NWR

Mortlocks listed on <http://www.unclaimedmoneydatabase.org/> :

A G C D, Anthony, Claire B, Cynthia A, D, Dorothy C, E D, Elizabeth,
Elizabeth E, Heather, James M, Jeffrey, Joy, Lawrence, Martha, Natalie H,
Norman P, Ralph, Steven P

... could be your day!

Mortlock Christian Names

I noticed anecdotally that in 1881 William was far and away the most popular historic choice for a male Mortlock name. An analysis of the various censuses produces a very rough cut, as shown in the following table. A name scores if it is used in conjunction with another, so that 'William James' is in twice. The other main source of difficulty is the large number of Mortlocks known to be missing from each census. However, let's suppose that the name distribution for the missing is roughly the same as for those caught by the census taker. Here are some numbers:

	<u>1841</u>	<u>1851</u>	<u>1861</u>	<u>1871</u>	<u>1881</u>	<u>1891</u>	<u>1901</u>
William	30	31	59	58	65	52	46
John	29	30	34	45	44	55	53
George	13	21	31	33	38	37	53
Charles	9	19	22	25	27	31	33
Henry/Harry	12	13	21	27	38	43	43
James	26	31	49	36	31	37	39
Thomas	18	24	22	22	23	20	18
Frederick	3	3	11	20	28	41	40
Samuel	6	3	12	21	13	17	12

Total Mortlock.	459	560	707	823	930	1083	1148
(in England and Wales, men, women and children)							

Over time, clearly William eases and gives way to Henry/Harry, and Frederick.

Analysing girls' names is obviously a bit of a waste of time as almost none of the wives are born 'Mortlock'. One thing that is noticeable in both cases is how conservative the selection is, particularly before the Mortlocks migrate outside East Anglia, and before late Victorian pretensions begin to creep in (with not a few 'Albert's'). Among boys it is particularly noticeable how perfectly ordinary names like Michael, Peter and Richard only occur in particular runs, and some names like David, Matthew, Nicholas and Timothy are hardly used at all. Apart from a few Banking Mortlocks, Edmund is hardly used at all in spite of him being a specifically East Anglian hero and saint, and Oliver is also very rare. Lewis, in Denham and Weeley, is a peculiarity all on its own. I forgot to count the Roberts and Josephs - sorry! but the numbers of both, latterly, are quite small.

Finale

So what became of 1881's thousand Mortlocks? A hundred and twenty years later I made a straw poll of the telephone books that cover their heartland. There were no Mortlocks recorded for Pampisford, Meldreth, Clare, Denham, Mildenhall, Lakenheath, Mundford, Hilgay, Hempstead or Peldon, nor in many other villages which had been Mortlock home territory for centuries. However, even leaving out of account ex-directories (and this straw poll was conducted before mobile phones swept the board, let alone internet telephony), the original 150 heads of families have held up pretty well in East Anglia in general; several of the original Mortlock villages such as Glemsford are still represented; and, besides, Mortlocks have gone forth to be listed all over the country and in many of the English-speaking countries abroad. The actual numbers noted from the phone books that cover the original Mortlock-land are as follows; I have noted those of their original villages, or locations to which Mortlocks had migrated by the end of the nineteenth century, that still have Mortlocks living in them or nearby:

Cambridge area	15 (Cambridge, Soham, Great Shelford & Sawston(2))
Peterborough & Huntingdon	22 (Holywell, Needingworth & March(4))
NE Suffolk	3 (two in Southwold and one in Halesworth)
W Suffolk	27 (Haverhill, Cavendish, Glemsford(2), Wickhambrook, Nowton, Hawstead(2), Great Welnetham, Bury(2), Exning, Gazeley, Worlington & Eriswell)
Ipswich	5
Norfolk	26 (six in Norwich, others in Thrandeston & Gislingham)
Colchester	5 (Toppesfield(2), St Osyth & Brightlingsea(2))
Chelmsford	9 (Maldon, Brentwood & Billericay(2))
Southend	8 (one in Pitsea!)
Outer London/SW Essex	11
Bishop's Stortford	4 (B.Stortford, Harlow, Thaxted)
Outer London./S Herts/N Mx	6
do./W Mx	6 (Brentford, Pinner & Uxbridge(2))
Inner London	15
Outer London/NE Surrey	14
do./NW Kent	<u>14</u> including a Mr Mortlocke
Total	<u>190</u>

Perhaps it is to these people that I should really dedicate this work.