

# OMBERSLEY WW1 REMEMBERED RESEARCH COLLECTION FORM

Items marked with \* represent the basic level of information we aim to find for each 'Blue Plaque'

<b>Hilltop House</b>	Built in 1826/7 as the parish workhouse but seldom used as such, this building was bought by Lord Sandys in 1839 with the vague intention of using it as the village school. Nothing came of it and it was let as a house. At the start of the war, the tenants were a retired Captain and civil engineer, Christopher Maling and his wife. They may have remained there for part of the war. In 1919, William Page, former head of Ombersley School, moved into the house with his son.
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<b>RESEARCHER NAME(S)</b>	John Silvester			
<b>*House name or number</b>	<b>In 2017</b>	<b>Hill Top House</b>	<b>In 1914</b>	Hill top House
<b>*Road, street, lane etc...</b>	Hill Top Lane (formerly Hog Lane)			
<b>*Where in the parish?</b>	The lane is between the Venture Inn and the Kings Arms			
<b>*What purpose did it serve during WW1?</b>	Rented accommodation owned by Michael Edwyn Marcus Sandys, 5 <sup>th</sup> Baron of the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Creation in 1914			
<b>* Photograph of house today</b>	Yes			
<b>Photograph of house approx 100 years ago</b>	<b>There seems to be no old photos of Hill Top House. This is Sytchampton School circa 1920. Both buildings were constructed by the same man, John Whitney, during 1826. There may be images in local papers, in Arthur's postcard collection in the Hive.</b>			

**\*RESIDENTS OF HOUSE ACCORDING TO 1911 CENSUS**

Name	Head of Household or Relationship to Head	Age	Marital status	Occupation	Employer, worker or working on own account?	Working at Home?	Birthplace	Nationality if not British	Infirmity
Captain Christopher Maling, NZC (? New Zealand Cavalry)	Head	68	M	Retired Civil engineer			Cumberland	-	-
Helen Irene Maling	Wife	45	M				Cumberland	-	-
<b>No of rooms in the dwelling (including kitchen, but not counting scullery, landing, lobby, closet, bathroom, warehouse, office or shop:</b>								<b>6 rooms</b>	

**ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE OF PROPERTY/ RESIDENCE:**

<b>KELLY'S COMMERCIAL DIRECTORY</b>		<i>Hard copy in the project resources folder Digital information available via Ancestry.co.uk (££ paywall) or Ancestry.com (free to access in local library) Commercial directories available in hard copy or microfilm at The Hive</i>			
		<b>1912</b>	<b>1916</b>	<b>1921</b>	<b>1924</b>
<b>NAME</b>	Captain Christopher Maling	√	None Named		

<b>ELECTORAL REGISTERS</b>		<i>(available on microfilm in The Hive)</i> <i>Ombersley is in the Western (or Bewdley) Electoral Division from 1885 until 1918.</i> <i>From 1918-1948, Ombersley is in the Evesham Electoral Division.</i>				
<b>Name</b>		<b>1910</b>	<b>1914</b>	<b>1918</b>	<b>1922</b>	<b>1926</b>
<b>William George Page</b>				√	√	
<b>Harry Challoner Page (son)</b>				√	√	

<b>PHONE BOOKS</b>		<i>Phone directories available in the Hive on the open shelving, level 1</i>				
<b>Year of entry in directory</b>						
<b>Name</b>						

<b>ANY OTHER evidence about the property</b>		<i>Were the residents owners, lessees or tenants of the property? Was the property ever put up for sale?</i> <i>Other sources might include: Your own property deeds; newspaper articles and advertisements; sale particulars; local knowledge/oral history; poor rate books etc</i>				
<b>Source</b>	<b>Information</b>					

## WHAT DID THE FAMILY DO IN WW1?

**\*MAJOR LIFE EVENTS** *(look in parish registers which are available on microfilm in The Hive; and online at Ancestry.co.uk)*

<b>Births / baptisms</b>			<b>NAME</b>	
<b>Marriages</b>		<b>Yes/no</b>	<b>NAME</b>	
<b>Deaths</b>		<b>Yes/no</b>	<b>NAME</b>	

**\*SERVE WITH FORCES** *(Jeanette can help with this)*

<b>Did a family member join up?</b>	<b>Yes/no</b>	<b>NAME</b>		
<b>Did a family member die in the fighting?</b>	<b>Yes/no</b>	<b>NAME</b>		
<b>Is he named on the village memorials?</b>	<b>Church altar screen</b>	<b>Yes/no</b>	<b>Village memorial</b>	<b>Yes/no</b>
	<b>School Roll of Honour</b>	<b>Yes/no</b>	<b>Memorial Hall Roll of Honour</b>	<b>Yes/no</b>
	<b>Buried in village?</b>	<b>Yes/no</b>	<b>Buried in CWGC cemetery overseas?</b>	<b>Yes/no</b>

## VOLUNTEER FOR WAR SERVICE AT HOME

<b>NAME</b>		<b>Age during WW1</b>	
<b>Activity during wartime</b> <i>(give sources for this information)</i>			

**CONTINUED TO TRADE IN USUAL OCCUPATION? YES**

<b>NAME</b>		<b>Age in 1914</b>	
<b>Activity during wartime</b> <i>(give sources for this information)</i>			
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<b>Activity during wartime</b>			

<b>OTHER INFORMATION</b>	<i>Other sources might include the following:</i>	
	<i>family photographs; local knowledge/oral history etc</i>	In the village?
	<i>newspaper articles and advertisements; parish records; Worcs Photographic Record</i>	On microfilm in the Hive
	<i>parish magazines; sale particulars; school log books; minutes of Droitwich District War Agricultural Exec Sub-Committee (1915-1917)</i>	Original documents available in the Hive
<b>Source</b>	<b>Information</b>	
	<b>In 1918 Hill Top House was briefly the home of Mr and Mrs William Page, when he retired as Headmaster of Ombersley School. He became Headmaster in 1881. (Photo 1913)</b>	