

## **HORACE GILBERT WANKLYN DEBENHAM, Captain, 208 Squadron, RAF**

Gilbert (his son tells us he was always called this) was born on 9<sup>th</sup> September 1897 in Theydon Bois near Epping in Essex; he was the middle child of three, with an older sister Marion and a younger brother Frank. His father Horace Bentley Debenham was a surveyor, his mother Rosa (nee Wanklyn) was born in Buenos Aires.

Gilbert attended Horris Hill, a prep school in Newbury, Berkshire; it appears that several generations of Debenhams studied there. He was at Winchester College from 1911 to the Summer of 1916. On the 3<sup>rd</sup> June he went straight into 46 Squadron Royal Flying Corps as a 2nd Lieutenant; he was an observer, armed with a camera. The Squadron had been formed on 19 April 1916 from a nucleus trained in No. 2 Reserve Squadron, and moved to France in October 1916 equipped with Nieuport 2-seaters. The Squadron undertook artillery co-operation, and surveillance operations until May 1917.

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*Sopwith Camel*





*Enlargement of above photo*

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Gilbert features in the novel by brother officer Victor Yeates, who in 1934 published *Winged Victory*, a semi-autobiographical work widely regarded at the time as one of the most realistic and moving accounts of aerial combat. Gilbert is mentioned as 'Debenham' throughout the book. He left the RAF on 28<sup>th</sup> August 1919, but remained on the RAF Reserve List of Officers, as a Flight Lieutenant, throughout the 1920s and 1930s.

Between 1920 and 1923 or 4 the Debenham family, parents and children, were based at Buckland House. Gilbert's claim to be on the Memorial Board seems pretty tenuous (the family appear to have had no connection with Buckland St Mary during the period of war) but there he is – they were there when it was being planned and set up, they lived in Buckland St Mary's big house and presided over village events, and may well have contributed towards the cost of the Memorial.

After leaving the RAF, Gilbert was offered a place at Magdelene College, Oxford, but declined – joining the iron-making industry instead at Westbury Iron Company in Wiltshire. In 1922 he joined John Lysaght & Co of Scunthorpe, and in 1926 moved to Bolckow Vaughan & Co, later taken over by Dorman Long & Co. At the time Dorman Long were renowned bridge-builders, completing amongst many others the Tyne Bridge (in Newcastle) in 1928 and the Sydney Harbour Bridge in 1932. He married in 1933.

He moved jobs again in 1938 to join Pease & Partners, also in Middlesbrough, as a General Works Manager at a blast furnace plant; and the 1939 Register shows the family living at The Old Hall, Kirkleatham, Redcar.

During the Second World War he was in the Home Guard and an instructor in the Royal Airforce Volunteer Reserve Training Branch.

A final move in 1942 took Horace to Skinningrove Iron Company in Guisborough – first as General Manager, then as Managing Director, and finally (in 1962) Chairman. He retired in 1967.



*Gilbert (centre, at the time Chairman and Managing Director) with Thomas Hill in the early 1960s inspecting nine new locomotives – built in Shrewsbury and newly arrived at Skinningrove – bought for work in the complex*  
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His son Frank has written a charming family memoir of his father; he concludes it thus: '...his honesty, sometimes uncompromising, enabled him to lead a life which was not tainted by half-truths and convenient interpretations; his work ethic...was legendary..; his common sense, conservatism and his dislike of excess were all characteristics of a good and truthful man who gave and received loyalty and friendship in great abundance'.

He died aged 80 in 1977, and his wife in 1979. They were living then at Pinchinthorpe Hall, Guisborough, Yorkshire, and are buried in St Oswald's Churchyard.



*St Oswald's, Newton-Under-Roseberry*



*Headstone in St Oswald's churchyard*

## ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS

The original research for this biography was done by Mike Canham. Here is his fuller version of the above.

### **HORACE GILBERT WANKLYN DEBENHAM**

Horace was born on 9<sup>th</sup> September 1897 in Theydon Bois (near Epping) in Essex.

His father Horace Bentley Debenham (born 1868 in Cheshunt, Hertfordshire, died 28<sup>th</sup> December 1956) was a surveyor, although also shown in some records as an auctioneer and an estate agent: his mother Rosa (or Rose) Evelyn Debenham (nee Wanklyn, born 24 May 1867 in Buenos Aires in Argentina, died 19<sup>th</sup> December 1952 in Glanvilles Wootton in Dorset). Horace (senior) and Rosa had married on 16<sup>th</sup> January 1895 in Cheshunt in Hertfordshire.

Horace's older sister Marion Belita (1896 - 1985) had preceded him: younger brother Frank Edward (born 15<sup>th</sup> April 1906 in Theydon Bois, died 23 May 1973 in Bishops Stortford, Herts) was to follow. Throughout this period the family were living at Thrifts Hall in Theydon Bois.

In his primary school years Horace attended Horris Hill, a preparatory school, in Newbury, Berkshire. The school has not been willing to release any information, but it appears that several generations of Debenhams studied there. The School - established by A H Evans, a Master from Winchester College - had opened in September 1888 with just 16 boys.

Horace joined Winchester College in 1911 - boarding at Sunnyside, Compton Road, Winchester. - and studied there until the Summer of 1916. His father had attended the College from 1882 to 1887, and his sons and a grandson (see below) were later to do so. Horace was in I House, Turner's. He is not mentioned in the school magazine and was not, therefore, active in school sports or societies. He did represent Turner House at cricket in 1916, was a prefect in his final term (April to July 1916), and was a corporal in the OTC.

On 3<sup>rd</sup> June 1916 Harold reported for duty with 46 Squadron Royal Flying Corps as a 2nd Lieutenant: he was an observer. The Squadron had been formed on 19 April 1916 from a nucleus trained in No. 2 Reserve Squadron, and moved to France in October 1916 equipped with Nieuport 2-seaters. The Squadron undertook artillery co-operation, and surveillance operations until May 1917.

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(Source: website 46 Squadron - [www.smr46.co.uk/46sqn/](http://www.smr46.co.uk/46sqn/))



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*Enlargement of above photo*

*The IWM has a photo of Debenham standing with Sopwith Camel C1659 'W', of 'C' Flight - catalogue number HU93303, part of Cleaver R A (Mrs)*

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#### DETAIL OF 'KILLS'

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Aircraft</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Location</u>
16 Feb 1918	08.30	46	Sopwith Camel (B9195)	C (OOC)*1	51V B2
22 Mar 1918	13.30	46	Sopwith Camel (C1659)	Albatros DV (OOC)	Doignies
22 Mar 1918	14.15	46	Sopwith Camel (C1659)	C (OOC)	Doignies
23 Mar 1918	09.50	46	Sopwith Camel (C1659)	Albatros DV (DES)	Lagnicourt
02 Apr 1918	12.45	46	Sopwith Camel (C1659)	Albatros C (DES)*2	Courcelles
18 May 1918	12.00	208	Sopwith Camel (C1659)	Pfaiz D111 (OOC)	Merville

*\*1 = Shared with Captain George Thompson (B9137)*

*\*2 = Shared with Captain Sydney Smith, Lt Alexander Viasto, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt Donald MacLaren, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt Roy McConnell*

Fellow Airman Lt Victor Maslin Yeates borrowed Horace's aircraft on the 9<sup>th</sup> May 1918 as he (Horace) had the day off, force landing it in a field. It was collected by Horace the next day (no doubt not allowing Yeates to fly it again!!) This incident happened two days before Yeates crashed another Camel while buzzing Canadians at a sports day. Lt. C.H Sawyer then borrowed Horace's

aircraft on 16<sup>th</sup> May and crashed it on landing. The aircraft was struck from 46 Squadron strength, returned to the depot and subsequently re-built being labelled F5938. In 1934 Victor Yeates published '*Winged Victory*', a semi-autobiographical work widely regarded at the time as one of the most realistic and moving accounts of aerial combat. Horace is mentioned as 'Debenham' throughout the book.

Horace left the RAF on 28<sup>th</sup> August 1919, but remained on the RAF Reserve List of Officers, as a Flight Lieutenant, throughout the 1920s and 1930s.

And now we come to the mystery of why Horace is included on the 'Returnees Board' in St Mary's Church. In "*Buckland Past & Present*" by Jill Colledge and J A Hind (published locally by Malthouse Duplicating in 1974) we read that 'After the Langhorns (who bought the property from the church in 1905) came the Reverend A.P. Pott and family, followed by the Debenhams, both of whom took a great interest in the life of the Parish'.

No Register of Electors was produced in most of the war years: the 1918 Register shows the Potts family still in occupation, the 1919 Register shows Buckland House unoccupied, the 1920 Register (valid from 15<sup>th</sup> May 1920) shows the Debenham family living there. The family were to remain on the Register until April 1924. In the 1923 edition of Kellys Directory the family (Horace and his parents) are shown as lining in Buckland House, but do not appear in 1919 or 1927 editions.

So the family appear to have moved in to Buckland House in late 1919 or early 1920, and remained there until sometime between October 1923 and April 1924.

Whilst we do not know a great deal about the family's time in the Parish we do know that on 21<sup>st</sup> May 1920 Mr & Mrs Debenham and their daughter visited Buckland St Mary School for Empire Day, with Miss Debenham hoisting the Union Flag (*Buckland Past & Present*). Just over a year later Mrs Debenham hosted a Conservative Party social at Buckland House (Taunton Courier, Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> August 1921).

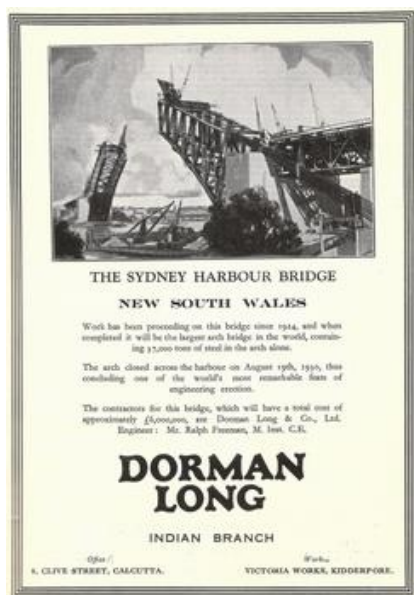
So Horace's claim to be on the Memorial Board seems pretty tenuous (as the family appear to have had no connection with Buckland St Mary during the whole of the period of war)- but there he is!

On Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May 1923 the Western Gazette carried an advert 'House Wanted' from 'Debenham, Buckland St Mary'. It is assumed that in time this led to the family purchasing The Manor House in Wootton Glanville, near Sherborne in Dorset. By this time Horace would have been living in the North East of England (see below). His parents remained in Dorset until they died.



(Source: orcdorset.org – Glanvilles Wootton Memorial Stones Photographs)

After leaving the Royal Air Force, Horace was offered a place at Magdalen College Oxford, but declined - joining the iron-making industry instead at Westbury Iron Company in Wiltshire. In 1922 Horace joined John Lysaght & Co of Scunthorpe, and in 1926 moved to Dorman Long & Co Ltd in Middlesbrough. At the time Dorman Long were renowned bridge-builders, completing amongst many others the Tyne Bridge (in Newcastle) in 1928 and the Sydney Harbour Bridge in 1932.



### *Building the Sydney Harbour Bridge*

(Source: [dormanlongtechnology.com/en/Dorman Long historical information.htm](http://dormanlongtechnology.com/en/Dorman%20Long%20historical%20information.htm))

On 21<sup>st</sup> June 1933 Horace married Frances Priscilla Fox (born 29<sup>th</sup> January 1913 at Plympton St Mary) in Plympton, Devon - the third daughter of Mr and Mrs E H Bruce-Fox of Coplehayes, Yealhampton, Devon.

Horace and Frances had two sons; Frank Gilbert Fox Debenham born on 12<sup>th</sup> January 1938, and Peter Horace Debenham born on 15<sup>th</sup> April 1944. Both attended Winchester College: Frank from 1951 to 1956, Peter from 1957 to 1962.

He moved jobs again in 1938 to join Pease & Partners, also in Middlesbrough, as a General Works Manager at a blast furnace plant; and the 1939 Register shows the family living at The Old Hall, Kirkleatham, Redcar, North Riding of Yorkshire.

During the Second World War he was recalled to the colours - as a Pilot Officer (Service No: 87818), serving in the Royal Airforce Volunteer Reserve Training Branch.

A final move in 1942 took Horace to Skinningrove Iron Company in Guisborough - first as General Manager, then as Managing Director, and finally (in 1962) Chairman. He retired in 1967.



*Horace (left, at the time Chairman and Managing Director) with Thomas Hill in the early 1960s inspecting nine new locomotives - built in Shrewsbury and newly arrived at Skinningrove - bought for work in the complex  
Source: alisonsmail32.wixsite.com (Skinningrove history)*

Horace's chief interests were fishing, shooting, deer-stalking, bee-keeping, and gardening; he was a member of the Cleveland Hunt Club for many years, and later a frequent follower of hounds by car; a Church Warden at St

Oswald's Newton-Under-Roseberry in the 1950s and 1960s and on the PCC until his death; a Fellow of the Institute of Metallurgy, and a widely recognised expert on blast furnace practice. He loved cricket and was a devoted partisan of Winchester College cricket.

Aged 80, Horace died of a heart attack in York Hospital on 1<sup>st</sup> November 1977 and Frances a year and a half later in July 1979. At the time of their deaths they were living at Pinchinthorpe Hall, Guisborough, Yorkshire They are buried in St Oswald's Churchyard.



St Oswald's Church, Newton-Under-Roseberry



Headstone in St Oswald's churchyard

The family's connection with Winchester College stretched to a fourth generation when Frank's son, and Horace's grandson, Nicholas Reginald Peter Debenham (born on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 1965) joined in 1979. In 1991 son Frank was living at Birch Farm, Great Edstone, Kirbysidemoor in North Yorkshire YO6 6PB, and was a Director of Bird Precision Bellows Ltd.



Source?

Another member of the Wanklyn family, Lt Commander Malcolm David Wanklyn, of submarine Upholder, nickname Wanks, was awarded:-

2 Sep 1941 **DSO**

16 Dec 1941 **VC**

25 Aug 1942 **Bar to DSO** (posthumous)

25 Aug 1942 **2nd Bar to DSO** (posthumous)

**Sources – Notes by compiler M.Canham**

Franks, N. Sopwith Camel Aces of WWI. Oxford: Osprey. 2003.

46 Squadron record book

46 Squadron Combat reports

theaerodrome.com

Victor Yeates' Logbook

**'Information from Above the Trenches' by Shores, Franks and Guest.**

**Winchester College (Archivist – Suzanne Foster)**

46squadron.org

Other points – not followed up

The Guardian of 9<sup>th</sup> August 1966 quotes HGWD about gas (newspapers.com)

Hochstrasser (HM Inspector of Taxes) v Mayes(1)/Jennings(2) v Kisler ..... HGWD mentioned (can't open)

The Times archive mentions HGWD on a Nov 22<sup>nd</sup> (doesn't say which year on front page – could well be 1977 and an obit, as he died on 1<sup>st</sup> November that year)

British Rainfall Supplement 1961 – 1965 published Met Office Digital Library (metoffice.gov.uk) - mentions HGWD . Its huge, haven't opened it.

Book 'Open Cockpit' by Arthur Gould Lee (WW1 pilot who went on to become an Air Vice Marshall in the RAF mentions HGWD who "provided photos"

Researched and written by Mike Canham

Administrative County		The undermentioned Houses are situate within the boundaries of the										Page 28	
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St. Marys		St. Marys		of		a Epping		a Epping		a Epping		St. Marys	
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167	Railway House	1	Richard Griffiths	Head	M 47	Owner	Own account at Home		Montgomery, Bedford				
			Mary	Wife	M 36				London, Bedford				
			Richard S. Do	Son	M 7				Essex, St. Marys				
			Madge M. Do	Daughter	F 9				Do				
			Frederick E. Do	Son	M 9				Do				
			Ernest Bowman	Son	S 11	Nurse, Girl (Baptist)			London, Dorset				
168	Post Office Station Hse.	1	John Cotton	Head	M 68	Farmer, Herts	Employer at Home		Essex, Epping				
			Elizabeth Do	Wife	M 64				Do				
			Frederick Do	Son	S 21	Post Office Clerk	Worker at Home		Do				
			Sidney Do	Son	S 25	Farmer	Do		Do				
			Frederick Do	Son	S 20	Bookbinder	Do		Do				
			Edith Do	Daughter	S 19				Do				
			Mary Do	Daughter	S 15				Do				
			William Do	Son	M 23				Do				
			Reginald Allen	Son	S 3				Do				
169	Railway Station	1	William Rishford	Head	M 46	Shopkeeper			Widmore, Bedford				
			Maryann Do	Wife	M 46				London, Bedford				
70	Station Hill	1	James Turk Kirby	Head	M 68	Wagoner	Worker		Essex, St. Marys				
			Elizabeth Do	Wife	M 38				Essex, St. Marys				
			William F. Do	Son	M 6				Do				
			Mary M. Do	Daughter	S 3				Do				
			Henry M. Do	Son	M 7				Do				
71	Do	1	James Rishford	Head	M 53	Owner, Farm	Worker		Do				
			Sarah Do	Wife	M 53				Do				
			William Do	Son	S 27	Owner, Farm	Worker		Do				
			Charles Do	Son	S 21				Do				
72	Thrifts Hall	1	James R. Robinson	Head	M 33	Superintendent	Employer		Herts, Chesham				
			Vera E. Do	Wife	M 33				Essex, St. Marys				
			Marian B. Do	Daughter	M 11				Essex, St. Marys				
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			Anna J. Robinson	Son	3				Essex, St. Marys				
			Elizabeth Robinson	Son	3				London, Bedford				
			Sarah Ann Robinson	Son	17	Nurse (Catholic)			Herts, Chesham				
			Kate Jones	Son	24	Farmer (Do)			Essex, St. Marys				
			Harriet Simpson	Son	24	Cook (Do)			Suffolk, Blythburgh				
			John Robinson	Son	19	Housemaid (Do)			Herts, Chesham				
73	Thrifts Hall	1	George Aglen	Head	31	Farmer (Do)			Suffolk, Blythburgh				
			Ellen Do	Wife	30				Suffolk, Blythburgh				
			William Do	Son	7				Essex, St. Marys				
74	Thrifts Cottage	1	William Do	Head	71	Builder, Farm	Worker		Suffolk, Blythburgh				
			Elizabeth Do	Wife	72				Herts, Chesham				
			John Do	Son	14				Essex, St. Marys				
75	Parsonage Farm	1	John Mitchell	Head	53	Farmer, Local Market	Employer		Derby, Sudbury				
			Elizabeth Do	Wife	52				London, Whitechapel				
			Mary Do	Daughter	22	Shopkeeper, Clerk	Worker		Suffolk, Chelmsford				
			William Do	Son	17	Shopkeeper	Do		Do				
			Frederick Do	Son	15				Essex, St. Marys				
			Grace Do	Daughter	14				Do				
			Blanche Do	Daughter	12				Do				
			James Hilbert	Son	18	Genl. Serv. Hospital			Do				
76	Lyndhurst	1	Alexander H. H.	Head	49	Farmer, Local Market	Worker		Herts, Chesham				
			Elizabeth Do	Wife	57				Essex, St. Marys				
77	Thrifts Hall	1	William Do	Head	45	Stock Breeder, Stock Exch.			Essex, St. Marys				
			Ada M. Do	Wife	38				Essex, St. Marys				
			Charles H. Do	Son	21	Stock Exch.			Essex, St. Marys				
			Ernest Do	Son	10				Do				
			Barbara Do	Daughter	9				Do				
			Harriet Do	Daughter	6				Do				
			Martha A. Chapman	Son	23	Cook (Catholic)			Herts, Chesham				
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**CENSUS OF ENGLAND AND WALES, 1911.**

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(To be filled up by the Enumerator)

Before writing on this Schedule please read the Examples and the Instructions given on the other side of the paper, as well as the headings of the Columns. The entries should be written in Ink.

The contents of the Schedule will be treated as confidential. Strict care will be taken that no information is disclosed with regard to individual persons. The returns are not to be used for proof of age, as in connection with Old Age Pensions, or for any other purpose than the preparation of Statistical Tables.

NAME AND SURNAME	RELATIONSHIP to Head of Family	AGE last Birthday	PARTICULARS as to MARRIAGE		PROFESSION or OCCUPATION of Person aged ten years and upwards	BIRTHPLACE of every person	NATIONALITY of every person born in a Foreign Country	INFIRMITY
			Male	Female				
1. <i>Harriet Bentley Delaham Head</i>	Head	43	Married	15	<i>Surveyor</i>	<i>Chesham, Herts</i>	<i>Eng</i>	
2. <i>Ada Bentley Delaham Wife</i>	Wife	43	Married	15		<i>Barnes, Midd</i>	<i>Eng</i>	
3. <i>Ada Bentley Delaham Daughter</i>	Daughter	14	Single	8		<i>Chesham, Herts</i>	<i>Eng</i>	
4. <i>Ada Bentley Delaham Son</i>	Son	4	Single	4		<i>Chesham, Herts</i>	<i>Eng</i>	
5. <i>Harriet Simpson Servant</i>	Servant	41	Married	15	<i>Domestic Servant</i>	<i>Chesham, Herts</i>	<i>Eng</i>	
6. <i>Ada Bentley Delaham Daughter</i>	Daughter	14	Single	8		<i>Chesham, Herts</i>	<i>Eng</i>	
7. <i>Ada Bentley Delaham Son</i>	Son	4	Single	4		<i>Chesham, Herts</i>	<i>Eng</i>	
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13. <i>Ada Bentley Delaham Son</i>	Son	4	Single	4		<i>Chesham, Herts</i>	<i>Eng</i>	
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Write below the Number of Rooms in this Dwelling (Kitchens, Pantries, or Apartments). Count the kitchen as a room but do not count cellars, basements, lodges, closets, bathrooms, nor warehouses, offices, shops.

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(To be filled up by, or on behalf of, the Head of Family or other person in possession, or in charge, of this dwelling.)

I declare that this Schedule is correctly filled up to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature *W. B. Bentley Delaham*

Postal Address *Chesham, Herts*

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NAME AND SURNAME	RELATIONSHIP to Head of Family	AGE last Birthday	PARTICULARS as to MARRIAGE		PROFESSION or OCCUPATION of Person aged ten years and upwards	BIRTHPLACE of every person	NATIONALITY of every person born in a Foreign Country	INFIRMITY
			Male	Female				
21. <i>Ada Bentley Delaham Head</i>	Head	43	Married	15	<i>Surveyor</i>	<i>Chesham, Herts</i>	<i>Eng</i>	
22. <i>Ada Bentley Delaham Wife</i>	Wife	43	Married	15		<i>Barnes, Midd</i>	<i>Eng</i>	
23. <i>Ada Bentley Delaham Daughter</i>	Daughter	14	Single	8		<i>Chesham, Herts</i>	<i>Eng</i>	
24. <i>Ada Bentley Delaham Son</i>	Son	4	Single	4		<i>Chesham, Herts</i>	<i>Eng</i>	
25. <i>Harriet Simpson Servant</i>	Servant	41	Married	15	<i>Domestic Servant</i>	<i>Chesham, Herts</i>	<i>Eng</i>	
26. <i>Ada Bentley Delaham Daughter</i>	Daughter	14	Single	8		<i>Chesham, Herts</i>	<i>Eng</i>	
27. <i>Ada Bentley Delaham Son</i>	Son	4	Single	4		<i>Chesham, Herts</i>	<i>Eng</i>	
28. <i>Harriet Simpson Servant</i>	Servant	41	Married	15	<i>Domestic Servant</i>	<i>Chesham, Herts</i>	<i>Eng</i>	
29. <i>Ada Bentley Delaham Daughter</i>	Daughter	14	Single	8		<i>Chesham, Herts</i>	<i>Eng</i>	
30. <i>Ada Bentley Delaham Son</i>	Son	4	Single	4		<i>Chesham, Herts</i>	<i>Eng</i>	
31. <i>Harriet Simpson Servant</i>	Servant	41	Married	15	<i>Domestic Servant</i>	<i>Chesham, Herts</i>	<i>Eng</i>	
32. <i>Ada Bentley Delaham Daughter</i>	Daughter	14	Single	8		<i>Chesham, Herts</i>	<i>Eng</i>	
33. <i>Ada Bentley Delaham Son</i>	Son	4	Single	4		<i>Chesham, Herts</i>	<i>Eng</i>	
34. <i>Harriet Simpson Servant</i>	Servant	41	Married	15	<i>Domestic Servant</i>	<i>Chesham, Herts</i>	<i>Eng</i>	
35. <i>Ada Bentley Delaham Daughter</i>	Daughter	14	Single	8		<i>Chesham, Herts</i>	<i>Eng</i>	
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37. <i>Harriet Simpson Servant</i>	Servant	41	Married	15	<i>Domestic Servant</i>	<i>Chesham, Herts</i>	<i>Eng</i>	
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50. <i>Ada Bentley Delaham Daughter</i>	Daughter	14	Single	8		<i>Chesham, Herts</i>	<i>Eng</i>	

(To be filled up by the Enumerator.)

Write below the Number of Rooms in this Dwelling (Kitchens, Pantries, or Apartments). Count the kitchen as a room but do not count cellars, basements, lodges, closets, bathrooms, nor warehouses, offices, shops.

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(To be filled up by, or on behalf of, the Head of Family or other person in possession, or in charge, of this dwelling.)

I declare that this Schedule is correctly filled up to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature *W. B. Bentley Delaham*

Postal Address *Chesham, Herts*

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ADDRESS.	SCHEDULE.		SURNAME AND OTHER NAMES.	O. V. S. P. or I.	M. or F.	BIRTH.		S. M. W. or D.	PERSONAL OCCUPATION.	See INSTRUCTIONS.
	No.	Sub. No.				Day.	Year.			
8 The Cottage, Micklatham	176	6	Sinton William		M	1 Jan	24	S	Fruit Hawker own account.	2
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9 ditto	177	1	Daggett Ernest		M	23 Oct	67	M	Old age Pensioner.	
		2	Wynman Herbert		M	10 Jan	78	M	Woodman (Estate) Heavy Worker.	
		3	Wynman Elizabeth		F	28 Mar	83	M	Unpaid Domestic Duties	
		4	Wynman Stanley		M	15 Mar	13	S	Blag Woodworks Labourer Heavy Worker.	
		5	Wynman Olga		F	3 Dec	14	S	Incapacitated	
This record is officially closed.										
10 ditto	178	1	Storrow Helena		F	27 Jan	66	W	Unpaid Domestic Duties	
Heath Farm Kirkham	179	1	Bainbridge Robert		M	12 July	74	M	Railway Goods Agent Retired.	R.F.P. Warden.
		2	Bainbridge Mary S		F	16 Aug	80	M	Unpaid Domestic Duties	
		3	GRAHAM		F	20 Mar	11	S	Railway Clerk.	
Heath Hall Kirkham	180	1	Debenham Horace G		M	1 Sept	77	M	General Works Manager Blast Furnace Plant	R.F.F. Reserve Capt. The Class C. High Lieut
		2	Debenham Frances P.		F	29 Jan	13	M	Unpaid Domestic Duties	
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6 13-67 J.A.M. M. 544		5	Lynton Muriel		F	12 June	07	S	Childcare Nurse	
		6	Lynton Maurice		M	10 Dec	18	S	both.	
		7	Lynton Renee		F	30 May	20	S	House Parlourmaid	See page check
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One Village Kirkham	181	1	Hunt Rev. John B.		M	17 Aug	90	M	Clerk in Holy Orders.	
		2	Hunt Alice B.		F	16 Jan	80	M	Unpaid Domestic Duties	
		3	Good Myra		F	28 Dec	16	S	both General	
		4	Thorpe Florence		F	9 Jan	17	S	House Parlourmaid	
Meggett's Farm Redcar	182	1	Barker John G.		M	31 Oct	08	S	Farmer (Retired) at College	
		2	Barker Elizabeth		F	11 Dec	49	W	Heavy Worker. Private means.	
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		4	Barker George L		M	17 July	11	S	Houseman Heavy Work	
		5	Welch Wilfred		M	26 Oct	11	S	Motor Lorry Driver at home engaged as Civilian Driver by Army	
Forrush Farm Redcar	183	1	Bulman James		M	14 Oct	99	M	General Farmer.	
		2	Bulman Alice A.		F	28 Aug	03	M	Unpaid Domestic Duties	
This record is officially closed.										
46 Kirkham Lane.	184	1	Smith John		M	5 May	99	M	Work for large firm Shedwork	
		2	Smith Catherine		F	11 Oct	86	M	Unpaid Domestic Duties	
		3	Smith James E.		M	10 Feb	14	S	Projectant Electrical Student at College.	
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46 ditto	185	1	Howe Franklin H.		M	25 July	92	M	Art Editor Journalist.	
		2	Howe Margaret V.		F	25 July	08	M	Shop Keeper Wool & Fancy Goods	
		3	Howe Gerald E.		M	13 Oct	25	S	at School.	
48 ditto	186	1	Lewis Charles A.		M	5 Jan	92	M	Hotel Manager	
		2	Lewis Vera E.		F	22 Jan	97	M	Unpaid Domestic Duties	
50 ditto	187	1	Walton Arthur		M	15 May	84	M	Training Master Qualified in Branchcraft Housework etc.	
		2	Walton David		F	18 July	88	M	Unpaid Domestic Duties	
		3	Walton Frank W.		M	16 June	16	S	Training Master. Qualified in Home Cooking etc.	

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