

Hello Heritage...

From Limby Hall to Hough Hill and beyond

The coal mining family Hall from Limby Hall, lived in Swannington for more that a century while coal mining in the village was at its peak.



Jim Hall, his wife Gertrude and grandchildren at 60 Hough Hill in 1961.

Coal miner John Hall 1825-1904 lived in the same house in Limby Hall for 50 years until his death. His son James 1861-1943 also died there.

In 1934 James had a reunion in the house with five brothers. The six of them had a combined age of 446 years, not bad for five miners and a railwayman.

John had 13 children and 46 grandchildren, so one of the reasons for Swannington's increased population! His family intermarried with many other local families.

James 1861-1943 had seven children (see 1904 photo bottom left) one of whom was James 1894-1977. Young James, known as Jim, "went down the pit" at the age of 13, volunteered for WWI and was an "Old Contemptible". He was injured and spent time recovering in Sheffield where he was delighted to be prescribed a bottle of Guinness each day and the crate was kept under his bed. Jim was Methodist but not teetotal!

Jim's granddaughter has a ring with the word "Ypres" on that he made from a shell case.



Jim Hall wearing his hospital blues under his greatcoat.



Hall family 1904 - Carey 1892, Frank 1890, George Harry 1903), Mary Ann 1862 (mother), Clarice 1896 (front), Arthur Ernest 1902 (behind), James 1861 (father), Sarah Ann 1885, James 1894



1934 - Reunion of six Hall brothers whose combined ages total 446 years:

Back - James 73, Frank 71, Joseph 64
Front - George 82, Herbert 79, John 77



While in the army Jim Hall sent embroidered cards to his family. Messages were very brief such as "To Clarice from your Everloving brother Jim".



Jim Hall centre with two other injured soldiers (in hospital blues) hence the walking sticks.

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