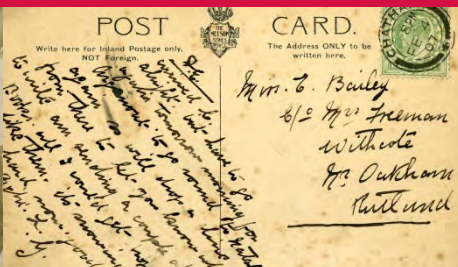




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THE PROJECT

- Heritage Lottery Funded project £926,700
- Five year project
- Encourages the people of Doncaster to uncover and share their stories
- Events, exhibitions and a new website



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DIGITAL ACTIVITIES

Digitisation of museum
and archival materials

App with walking trails

Online game

Podcasts

Interactives



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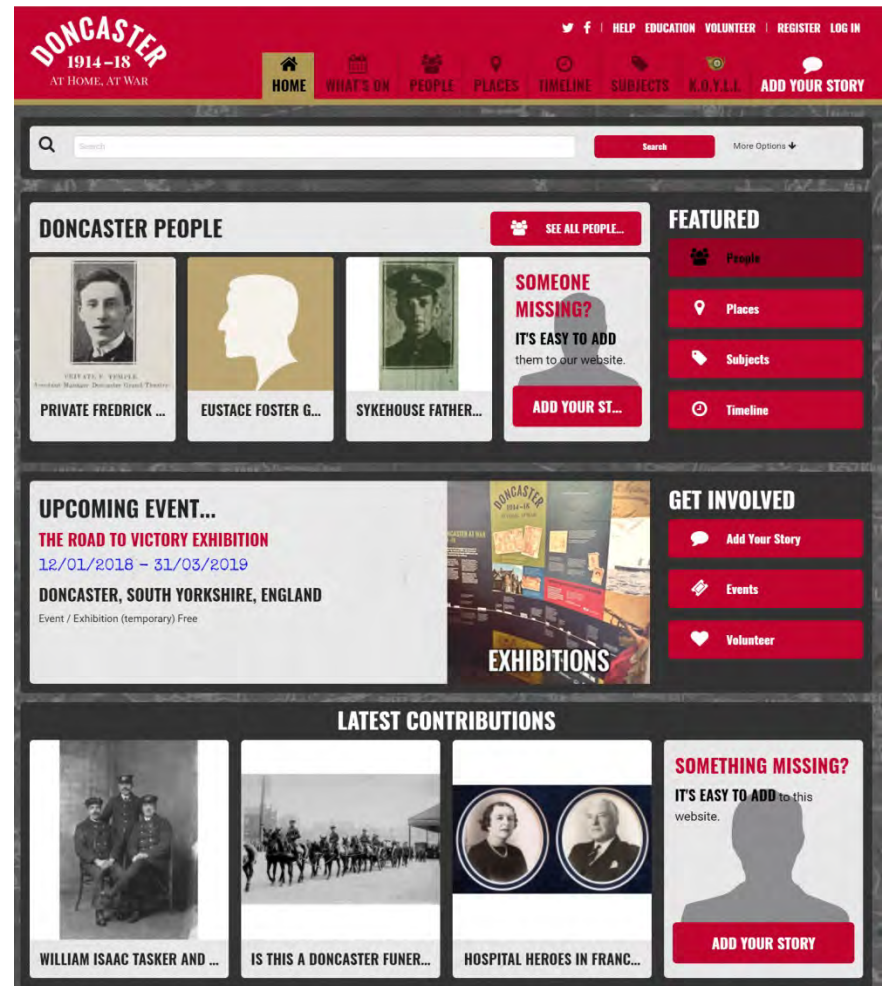
WEBSITE

‘Digital Resource’

aka

Website containing:

- Collections online
- What's on
- Names database
- Exhibitions
- Interactive map
- Project resources
- Crowd-sourced stories



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COLLECTIONS ONLINE

Digitisation using a scanner and camera

Objects need quality content to make them engaging

Uploads from Modes and Calm via CollectionsBase

	COMMEMORATION CARD This certificate was produced to commemorate the 21st birthday of Robert Cecil Battie-Wrightson on 24 August 1909.
	FAIRY LIGHTS These blue nightlights were used outside at Sprotbrough Hall to decorate the grounds during the evening. They were strung from wires or cords, and a tea light was placed inside.
	CHRISTENING MUG This mug was presented to Barbara Isabella Georgiana Battie-Wrightson on her Christening day. Born on 6 November 1890, Barbara was the youngest child of William Henry and Lady Isabella Battie-Wrightson.
	PHOTOGRAPH Photograph of a group of male and female servants outside a building thought to be at Hooton Pagnell Hall.
	HAT Blue Battie-Wrightson livery hat.
	KEYS two keys on a key ring from Melton Hall game safe with two bone labels (one broken) with the inscription 'Game safe Melton Hall Mrs Montagu keys 11 November 1898'

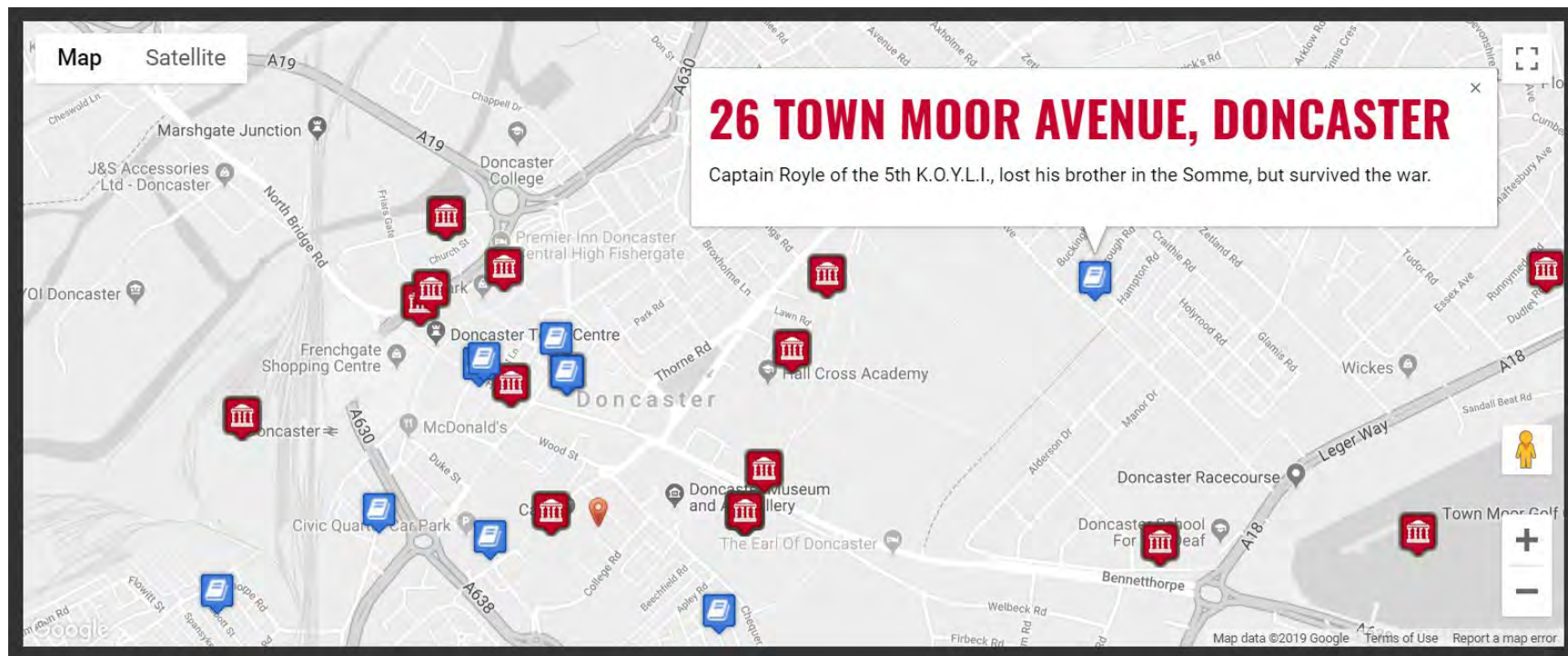
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INTERACTIVE MAP



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Sign up and share a story
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events

By appointment at one of
our sites



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VIEWING A STORY

- Layout can be customised – modified Wordpress editor
- Connected people and places
- Variety of submissions
- Comments on stories

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HOSPITAL HEROES IN FRANCE – MARY AND JOHN EVANS

Posted on December 7, 2018 at 11:33 am
Written by [Vicky Siviter](#)

Story submitted by [Judith Barton](#).

My grandparents Mary Evans (nee Shearman) and John Davey Evans both served in France in WW1.

My grandmother was born, raised and lived in Doncaster all her life. She was a member of the Shearman family who were valuers and auctioneers. She married my grandfather in 1920 and had one son John Brian Davey Evans.

In 1915 my grandmother volunteered her services as a nursing orderly with the Scottish Womens Hospital. The British authorities would not accept her as she was under 25 years of age. A newspaper clipping stated that she had volunteered as a nursing orderly in Doncaster hospital prior to joining the SWH.

She was sent to France to the Abbaye de Royaumont, near Asnières sur Oise, where a hospital was set up by women doctors. They provided medical care to French soldiers injured at the Front. Conditions were very tough but the soldiers received excellent care. I remember my grandmother mentioning the extreme cold in winter and keeping the milk churns in the pulpit!

The hospital was staffed and run entirely by women, with two exceptions: a chef who stayed on at the hospital after being nursed there; and a mechanic who serviced the ambulances that the women drove to collect their patients.

My grandmother served from May to August 1915. It is believed, although no longer possible to confirm, that she was invalided out as she later received a war injuries pension and my father remembered her spending considerable time in bed with respiratory difficulties.

She received a medal from the French government and the Victory Medal from the British government.

My grandfather served in the Royal Army Medical Corps in France as a doctor. Unfortunately the family has no information as to exactly where he was stationed or for how many years.

When he was demobbed he came to Doncaster (he was born in Wales) and formed a medical partnership with a colleague. This was dissolved when the NHS started. He set up practice in what is now known as the St Vincent's Medical Practice. He was joined by my father after he finished his National Service in 1949.

The family do not know how my grandparents met, or why my grandfather came to Doncaster, but they married in 1920.

Neither of them ever really talked about their war service as was common at the time.

My grandmother could not settle to a life of leisure and gave her time to the Women's Voluntary Service, later known as the WRVS and now the RVS. I believe she was responsible also for setting up the Hospital Comforts League. She received an MBE for her voluntary work and was recognised as Citizen of the Year 1971 by The Doncaster Free Press. She was also affectionately known as 'Lord Nelson' due to the black eye patch she wore, having had an eye removed due to an eye condition.

CONNECTED PEOPLE

JOHN DAVEY EVANS

Service: Army
Regiment: Army Medical Corps

MARY EVANS

Service: Civilian: Nurse (trained)
Regiment: Scottish Women's Hospital

CONNECTED PLACES

THORNE ROAD, DONCASTER

Title: Mary and John Evans
Description: Submitted by Judith Barton

Title: A ward at Abbaye de Royaumont
Description: Submitted by Judith Barton

Title: Presentation case of Mary and John's medals
Description: Submitted by Judith Barton

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ONLINE SUBMISSIONS

- Click any of the large Add Your Story buttons displayed across the site
- Sign up instantly
- Simple step-by-step form - web page is yours to edit
- Insert images
- Tag a name from our database, or add a point to the map

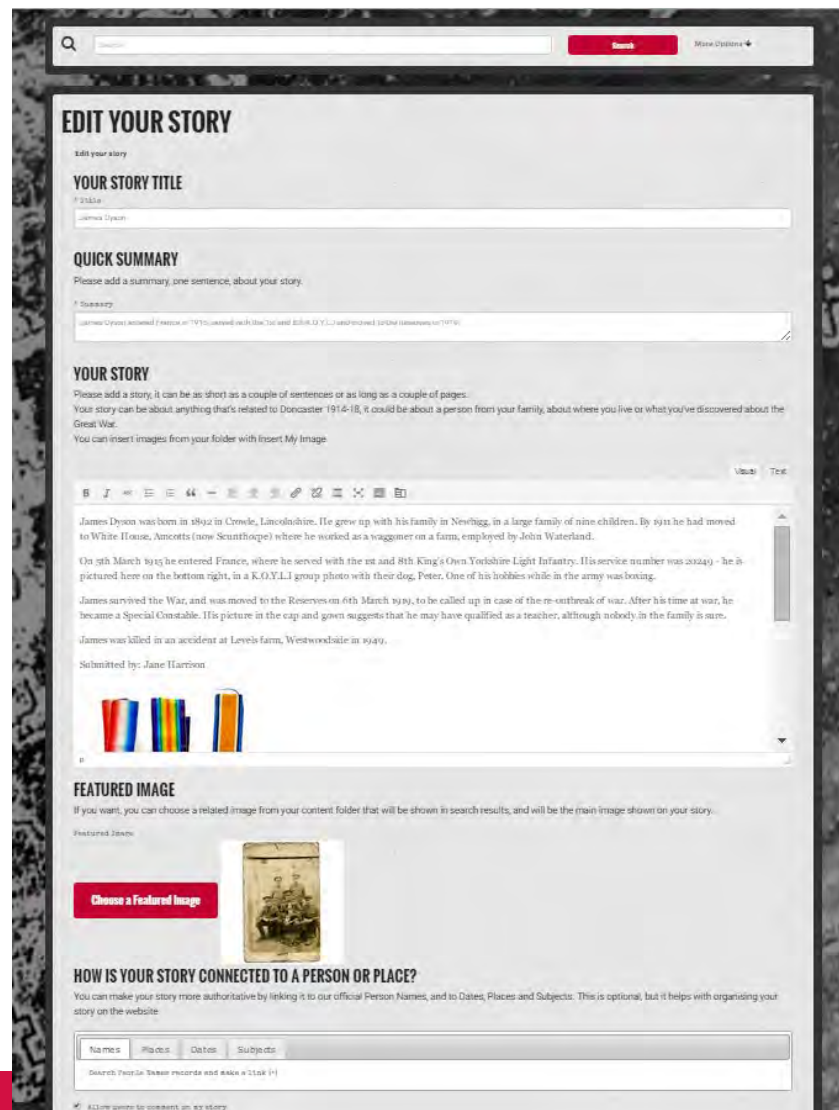
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EDIT YOUR STORY

YOUR STORY TITLE

QUICK SUMMARY

YOUR STORY

FEATURED IMAGE

HOW IS YOUR STORY CONNECTED TO A PERSON OR PLACE?

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OFFLINE SUBMISSIONS

- Event submissions
- Appointments at the Museum
- Home visits
- Volunteers following up research and writing



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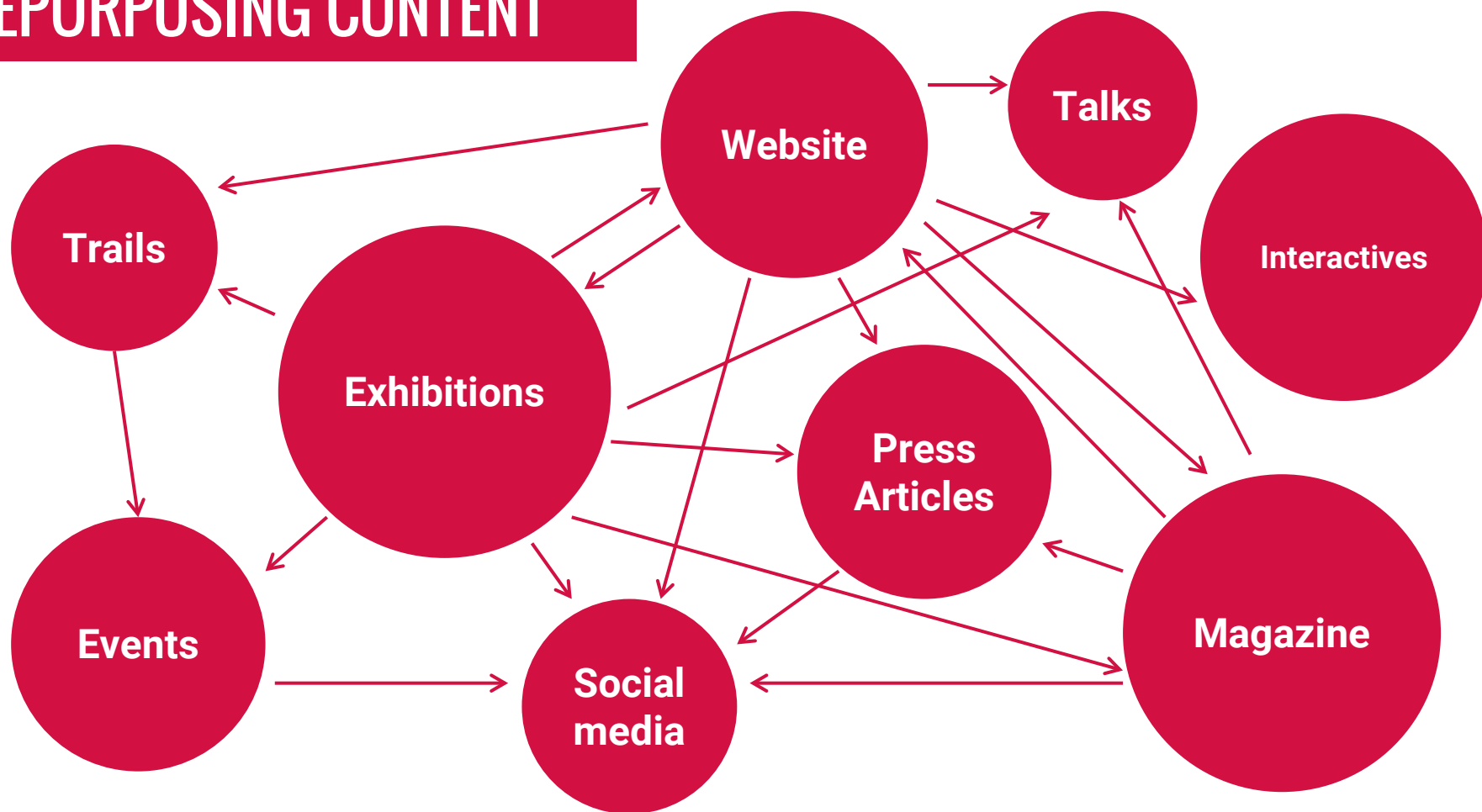
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REPURPOSING CONTENT



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EXAMPLE: APP & WALKING TRAILS





- App built on Wordpress
- Content from local history groups
- Links to website
- Accessibility / health and well-being



Town Centre Trail

Distance: 0.5 miles / 0.8km
Approximate time: 25 minutes
Mode of transport: Walking

List of points of interest in this trail

	Harold Arnold & Sons Building Contractors
	Dennis Roberts and Son, 21-27 St Sepulchre Gate
	Drill Hall, Frenchgate
	The Picture House - 7 High Street

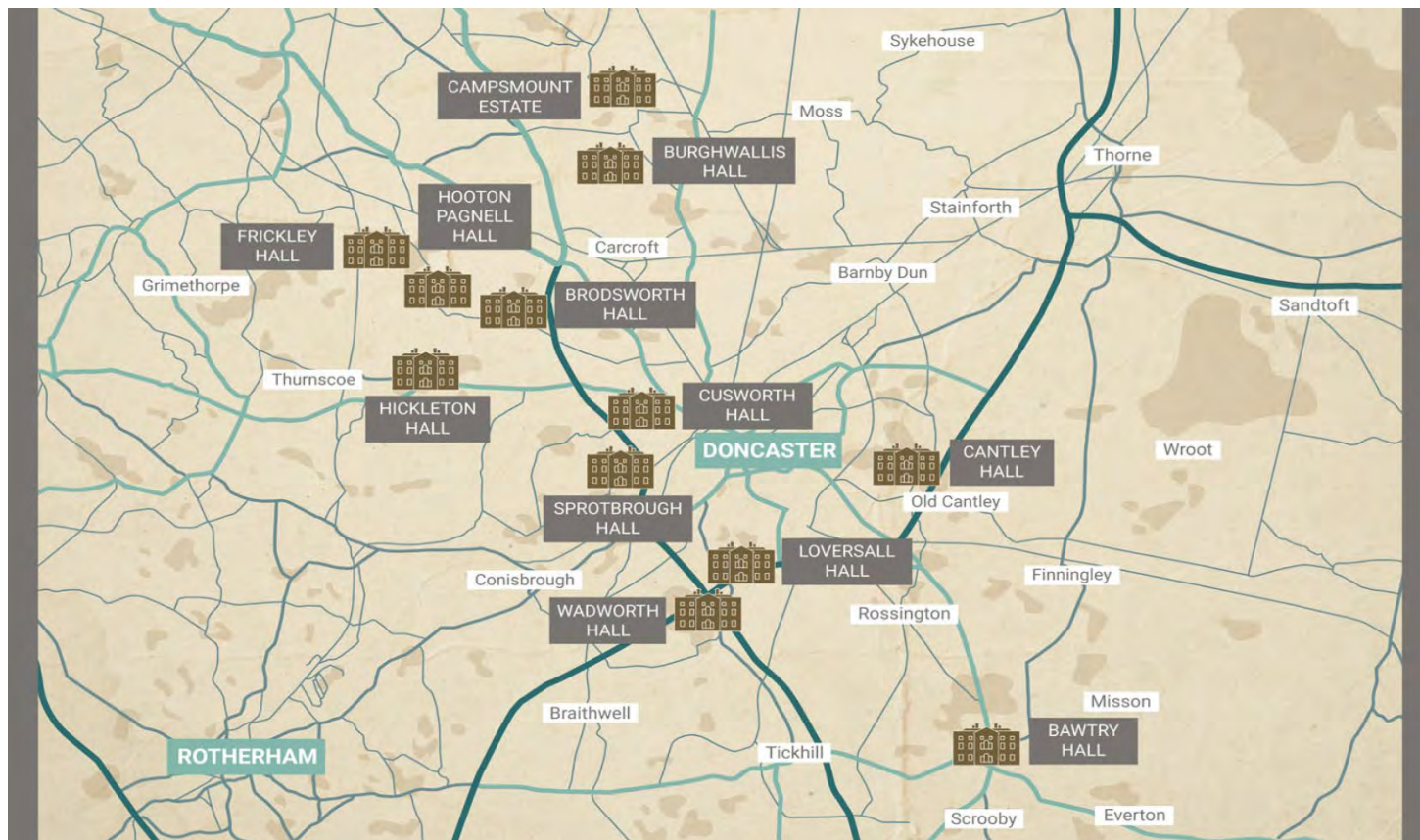
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EXAMPLE: IN-GALLERY INTERACTIVES



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REACTION



Hanna Bailey June 30, 2016

This is my Grandad Kenrick. Thanks so much for researching this – I'm so proud of him. He died when I was seven so I didn't get to know him as well as I'd have liked. He was a proper gentleman and I'll be remembering him tomorrow as we commemorate the Somme.

Bronwyn Shaw thank you so much for uploading this. this is hours of hard work my dad has done researching our family and even created the photo you see here. we have now also found another photo of Harry Shaw along with a full photo of the regiment he was in. we have photos of both Harry and fred would there be a way to upload these to their profile pages to put a face to the name?

Love · Reply · Message · 8 mth · Edited



Jane Barbara Roscoe nee Richardson of Doncaster now Norfolk December 30, 2016

Hi Janet. I think we are related through my Dad Walter Reginald Richardson b 28.10. 1919. His father Walter Richardson wife Ada Parr lived at 29 Apley Road. As did my Aunt Gladys and my cousin Susan Margaret. My Dad used to speak of 'Uncle Tom' his relation on Walter's side. I think Walter and William were brothers, born at Cantley. Please do get in touch we can compare notes!! I'd love to hear from you. Happy New Year Jane

Emma Glasbey @emmaglasbey · 31 Oct 2018

Replying to @DoncasterWW1 @MailOnline

My family is thrilled to see such a clear photo. He looks just like my Grandad, even his posture! Lovely to see my aunt Marian as a child too & heartbreaking to know she lost her dad soon after. I will definitely have to come to the exhibition.

Christine Didcott Find these stories so interesting...thank you

Like · Reply · Message · 11 mth



Anne May March 30, 2017

A clear picture emerges of Walter and his family... I'm left wondering how Florrie got on in life and have the feeling she never quite recovered her loss but was able to remember Walter as a wonderful and loving husband and father. War tore so many families apart and left so many saddened and heartbroken. That's the true lasting tragedy of war to my mind and Walters story is a poignant illustration of that.

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LESSONS LEARNT

Online submissions are great
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People need encouragement

Users were delighted to see
their story online

Volunteers are invaluable



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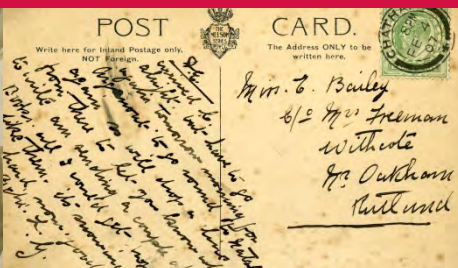
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