

**Arnos Vale Cemetery,  
Bristol, England  
War Graves**



*Lest We Forget*

**World War 1**



**267924 PRIVATE**

**H. C. CORNHILL**

**8TH BATTALION**

**ROYAL WARWICKSHIRE REGIMENT**

**22ND APRIL, 1918 Age 42**

## Herbert Charles CORNHILL

Herbert Charles Cornhill was born in 1880 at Broxbourne, Hertfordshire to parents James & Harriett Cornhill (nee Cutts). His birth was registered in the district of Ware, Hertfordshire in the December quarter, 1880.

The 1881 England Census recorded Herbert C. Cornhill as a 6 month old, living with his family at Spital Brook, Hoddesdon, Broxbourne, Hertfordshire, next to The George Inn. His parents were listed as James Cornhill (General Labourer, aged 34, born Hoddesdon, Hertfordshire) & Harriet Cornhill (aged 30, born Stanstead, Hertfordshire). Herbert was the youngest of five children listed on this Census – Sarah Cornhill (Scholar, aged 9, born Hoddesdon, Hertfordshire), Harriet Cornhill (Scholar, aged 7, born Hoddesdon, Hertfordshire), James A. Cornhill (Scholar, aged 5, born Hoddesdon, Hertfordshire), Henry W. Cornhill (Aged 2, born Spital Brook, Hertfordshire) then Herbert.

The 1891 England Census recorded Herbert C. Cornhill as a 10 year old Scholar, living with his family at Spital Brook, Hoddesdon, Hertfordshire, next to The George Inn. His parents were listed as James Cornhill (Labourer Bricklayer, aged 41) & Harriet Cornhill (aged 40). Herbert was one of six children listed on this Census - Henry W. Cornhill (Telegraph Messenger, aged 12), then Herbert, Leonard G. Cornhill (Scholar, aged 8, born Broxbourne, Herts), Mary Ellen Cornhill (Scholar, aged 5, born Broxbourne, Herts), Arthur J. Cornhill (aged 3, born Broxbourne, Herts) & Alice D. Cornhill (aged 8 months, born Broxbourne, Herts).

The 1901 England Census recorded Herbert Cornhill as a 20 year old Groom, living with his family at Spital Brook, next to the George Inn. His parents were listed as James Cornhill (Builder's Labourer, aged 53) & Harriett Cornhill (age d51). Herbert was the eldest of five children listed on this Census – Herbert then Leonard Cornhill (Gardener, aged 18), Arthur Cornhill (Scholar, aged 13), Daisy Cornhill (Scholar, aged 10) & Willie Cornhill (Scholar, aged 8, born Broxbourne, Herts).

Herbert Charles Cornhill married Jessie Lillian Shakespeare in 1904. Their marriage was registered in the December quarter, 1904 in the district of Ware, Hertfordshire, England.

The 1911 England Census recorded Herbert Cornhill as a 31 year old, married Groom Gardener, living at High Road, Broxbourne, Herts with his wife Jessie Cornhill. They had been married for 6 years & had no children.

Jessie Cornhill, wife of Herbert Charles Cornhill, died 14th August, 1916 at Warwick, Warwickshire, England.

Herbert Charles Cornhill married Margaret A. Craigie in the district of Warwick, Warwickshire in 1916. Their marriage was registered in the December quarter, 1916. Margaret Craigie had a daughter – Margaret Ann Craigie (born 15th August, 1915).

Herbert Charles Cornhill, Labourer, aged 36 years, enlisted at Coventry, Warwickshire with the Royal Warwickshire Regiment on 6th December, 1915. His next of kin was listed as Mrs Jessie Cornhill, 12 Wallace Street, Warwick. He was issued with a service number of 6716.

Private Herbert Charles Cornhill was posted to 7th Royal Warwickshire Regiment on 6th January, 1917. He embarked from Southampton, England on 25th April, 1917. He was posted from 2/7th Royal Warwickshire Regiment at Rouen, France to 10th Royal Warwickshire Regiment on 13th May, 1917. Private Cornhill joined 10th Royal Warwickshire Regiment on 14th May, 1917 in the Field.

Private Herbert Charles Cornhill was wounded in action on 8th June, 1917. He was admitted to 58th Field Ambulance on 9th June, 1917 with Shrapnel wounds to left arm then transferred the same day to 3rd Canadian Casualty Clearing Station with GSW (gunshot wound/s) to left forearm. Private Cornhill was admitted to 2nd Canadian General Hospital at Le Treport, France on 10th June, 1917. He was transferred to England on 26th June, 1917 on Hospital Ship *Essequibo*.

Private Herbert Charles Cornhill proceeded overseas to Base Depot in France on 14th December, 1917.

Private Herbert Charles Cornhill was transferred to 2/8th Battalion, Royal Warwickshire Regiment on 23rd December, 1917 & was re-issued a service number of 267924. He joined his Unit on 29th December, 1917.

Private Herbert Charles Cornhill was wounded in action on 30th March, 1918. He was transferred from 6th General Hospital to England on 6th April, 1918 on Hospital Ship *Carisbrook Castle* with GSW (gunshot wound/s) to left arm.

Private Herbert Charles Cornhill was admitted to The Beaufort War Hospital, Bristol, England on 11th April, 1918 with G.S.W. (gunshot wound/s) to left arm & I.C.T. right arm.

Private Herbert Charles Cornhill died on 22nd April, 1918 at Beaufort War Hospital, Bristol, England from Acute Septicaemia.

A death for Herbert Cornhill, aged 38, was registered in the June quarter, 1918 in the district of Bristol, Gloucestershire, England.

Private Herbert Charles Cornhill was buried in Arnos Vale Cemetery, Bristol, Gloucestershire, England. His name is remembered on the CWGC Screen Wall & he has a flat Memorial Stone. Cemetery/Memorial reference Screen Wall 6. 718.

Margaret Cornhill, widow of the late Private Herbert Charles Cornhill was awarded a Pension for herself & one child effective from 28th October, 1918.

Private Herbert Charles Cornhill was entitled to British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Private Cornhill's widow – Mrs M. A. Cornhill, 43 Little Fields, Stoke Heath, Coventry, as the closest next-of-kin.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private Herbert Charles Cornhill – service number 267924, aged 42, of 8th Battalion, Royal Warwickshire Regiment. He was the husband of Margaret Ann Cornhill, of 55 Alma Road, St. Kilda, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia.

H. Cornhill & his brothers A. Cornhill & W. Cornhill are remembered on the Broxbourne Church of England Primary School Memorial, located on west wall of School Hall, Mill Lane, Broxbourne, Hertfordshire.



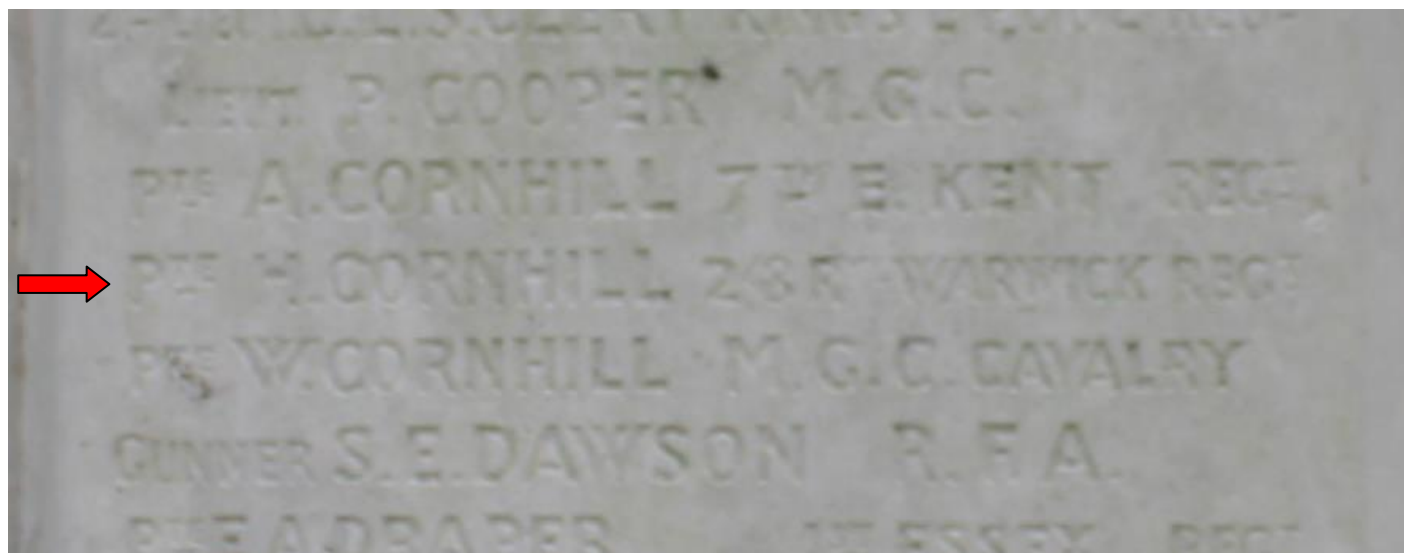
**Broxbourne Church of England Primary School Memorial** (Photo courtesy of Kevin Cameron)



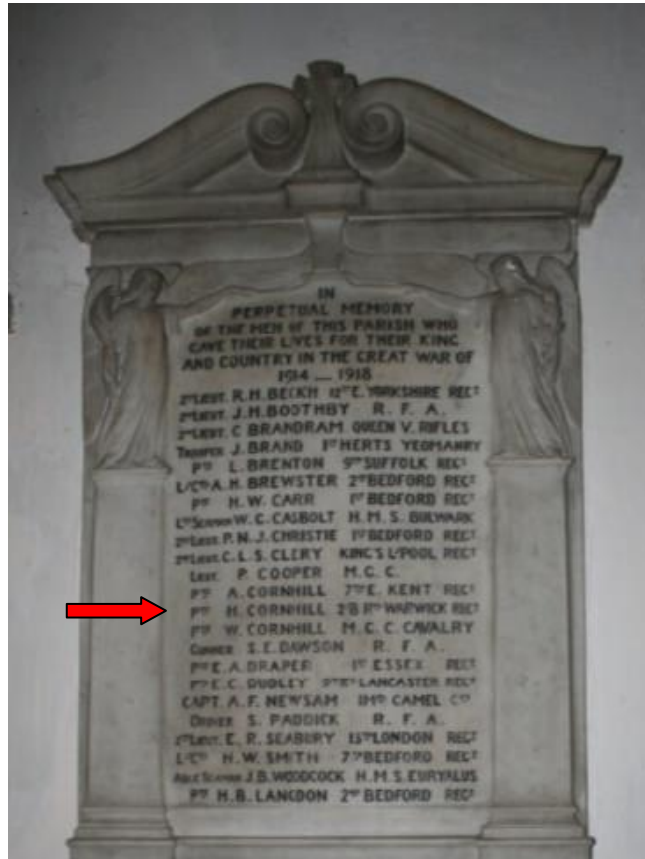
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**Broxbourne War Memorial** (Photos from War Memorials Online – David Larkin)

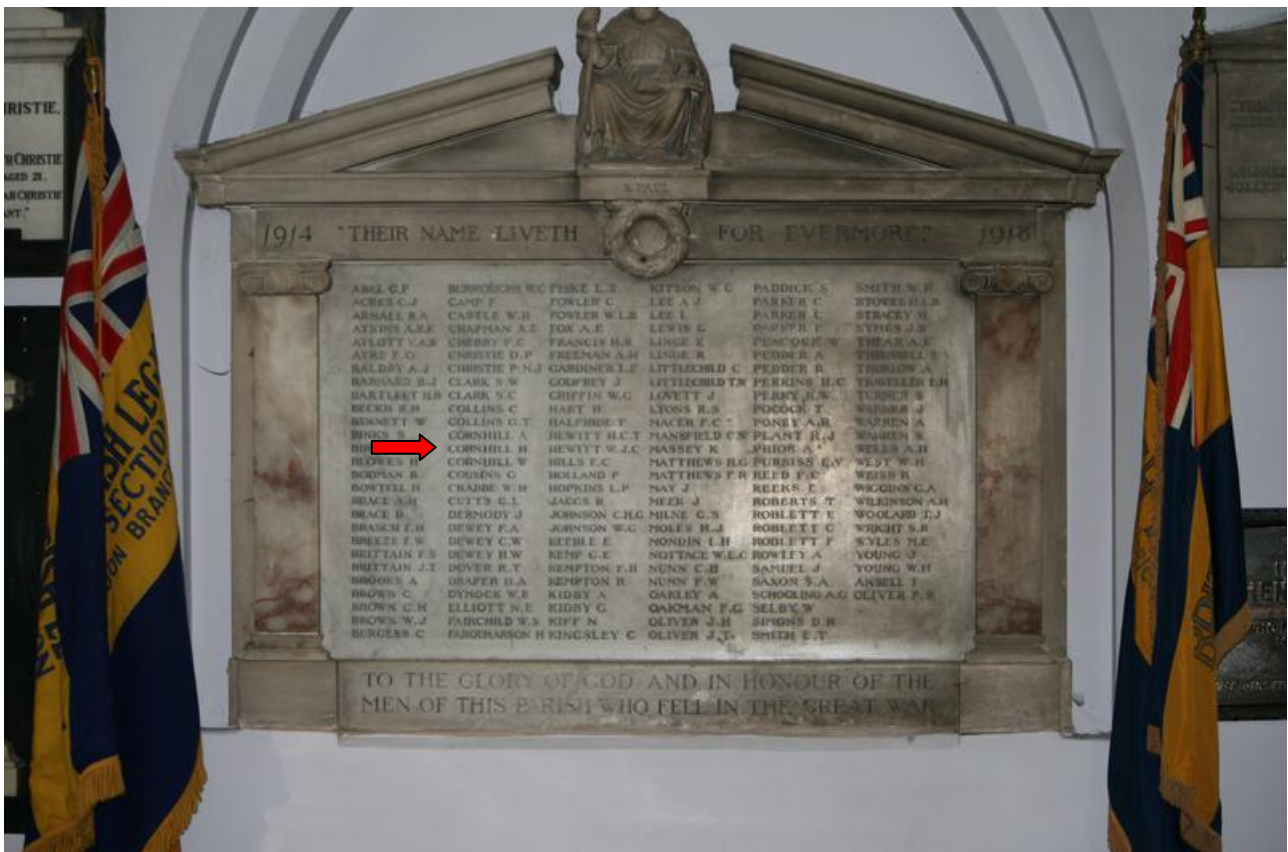


H. Cornhill & his brothers A. Cornhill & W. Cornhill are remembered on the St. Augustine's Church Memorial to the Great War, Churchfields, Broxbourne, Hertfordshire, England.

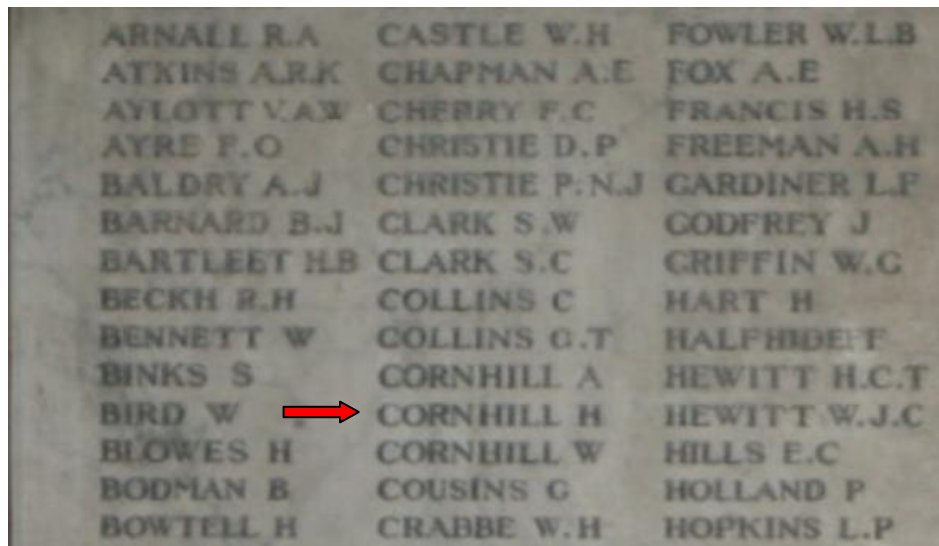


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H. Cornhill & his brothers A. Cornhill & W. Cornhill are remembered on the World War 1 Memorial in St. Catherine and St. Paul's Church, Paul Lane, Hoddesdon, Broxbourne, Hertfordshire, England.





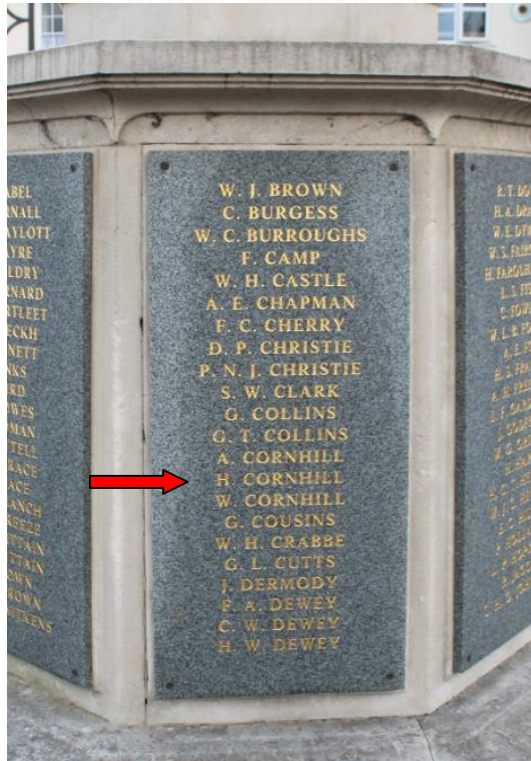


**World War 1 Memorial in St. Catherine and St. Paul's Church, Hoddesdon**

*(Photo from IWM – © Brian Wingate)*

H. Cornhill & his brothers A. Cornhill & W. Cornhill are remembered on the Hoddesdon and Rye Park War Memorial, located in High Street, Hoddesdon, Hertfordshire, England.





**Hoddesdon and Rye Park War Memorial** (Photos from War Memorials Online – David Larkin)

Private Herbert Charles Cornhill, of 8th Battalion, Royal Warwickshire Regiment, is remembered on the Commemorative Roll Book, located in the Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra. The Commemorative Roll records the names of those Australians who died during or as a result of wars in which Australians served, but who were not serving in the Australian Armed Forces and therefore not eligible for inclusion on the Roll of Honour.

*(Note: It appears that Private Herbert Charles Cornhill's name on the Commemorative Roll was listed in error & was based on the information that his next-of-kin's address was listed as Australia & therefore the soldier concerned, it was assumed, would be Australian.)*

Mrs Margaret Cornhill, aged 38, and her daughter Margaret Craigie, aged 11 were passengers on *Demosthenes* which departed from the port of London, England on 19th August, 1920, bound for Melbourne, Australia. Their Country of intended future permanent residence was listed as Australia.

The Service Record file for the late Private Herbert Charles Cornhill has a note "Mrs M.A. Cornhill c/o Pension Office, 116 Latrobe St, Melbourne, Victoria" & dated 3rd September, 1921.



**Commemorative Roll** (Photo from AWM)



**Commemorative Area of the Australian War Memorial** (*Capital Photographer*)

(17 pages of Private Herbert Charles Cornhill's Service records are available).

*Information obtained from the CWGC, Australian War Memorial & National Archives*



**Connected to Private Herbert Charles Cornhill:**

Younger brother – Private Arthur John Cornhill – G/10230, 7th Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment) – Killed in action 18th November, 1916. Remembered Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France – Pier & Face 5D.

Younger brother – Private William Cornhill – 51900, 9th Squadron, Machine Gun Corps (Cavalry) – Died of Wounds 29th March, 1918. Buried Abbeville Communal Cemetery Extension, Somme France – II.B.27.





## **Newspaper Notices**

### **COVENTRY AND DISTRICT**

Casualties reported to-day include the following: Cornhill, 267924, H.C. (Coventry)

*(Coventry Evening Telegraph, Coventry, Warwickshire, England - 18 July, 1917)*

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### **THE ROLL OF HONOUR**

#### **Coventry and District Casualties**

The following are included in the latest casualty lists:

#### **PREVIOUSLY REPORTED WOUNDED, NOW REPORTED DIED OF WOUNDS**

Cornhill, 267924, H.C., Coventry, R.W.R.

*(Coventry Evening Telegraph, Coventry, Warwickshire, England - 8 July, 1918)*

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### **Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstones**

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission cares for cemeteries and memorials in 23,000 locations, in 153 countries. In all 1.7 million men and women from the Commonwealth forces from WWI and WWII have been honoured and commemorated in perpetuity.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission, as part of its mandate, is responsible for commemorating all Commonwealth war dead individually and equally. To this end, the war dead are commemorated by name on a headstone, at an identified site of a burial, or on a memorial. War dead are commemorated uniformly and equally, irrespective of military or civil rank, race or creed.

Not all service personnel have a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone. In some instances the relative chose to have their own memorial/headstone placed on the deceased's grave. These private headstones are not maintained by the CWGC as they have no jurisdiction to maintain them.

## Arnos Vale Cemetery, Bristol, Gloucestershire, England

The cemetery was established in 1837. During both wars, there were a number of military hospitals at Bristol and the city was the depot of the Gloucestershire Regiment. During the Second World War there were also a number of Royal Air Force stations and prisoner of war camps in the area. ARNOS VALE CEMETERY contains burials of both wars. Most of the 356 First World War burials were of men who died at the local hospitals, particularly the 2nd Southern General and the Beaufort, many of whom were landed at Avonmouth from hospital ships from the Mediterranean. Their graves can be found in the 'Soldiers Corner', a plot established by the British Red Cross, near the main entrance. The 238 casualties buried here are commemorated on a memorial at the rear of the plot. The rest of the graves are scattered throughout the cemetery. There are also special memorials to one casualty buried in the cemetery whose grave could not be located and another commemorating a casualty buried in Bedminster Church Cemetery whose grave could not be maintained. There are 149 burials from the Second World War, some forming a small plot in an area in the upper part of the cemetery set aside for burials from the Naval Hospital at Barrow Gurney; the rest are scattered. Those whose graves are not marked by headstones are named on a Screen Wall Memorial. BRISTOL (ARNOS VALE) CREMATORIUM stands within the cemetery. A memorial in front of the crematorium commemorates 68 servicemen and women of the Second World War whose remains were cremated there.

*(Information from CWGC)*



**Arnos Vale Cemetery - Main Entrance on Bath Road** *(Photo by JohnM – Find a Grave)*



*(Photo from CWGC)*





**Soldiers' Corner – Arnos Vale Cemetery** (Photo by JohnM – Find a Grave April, 2017)



**New Memorial Stones** (Photo by JohnM – Find a Grave November, 2018)



Photo of Private Herbert Cornhill's name on the Commonwealth War Graves Commission Screen Wall in Arnos Vale Cemetery, Bristol, Gloucestershire, England & his Memorial Stone in Soldiers' Corner.



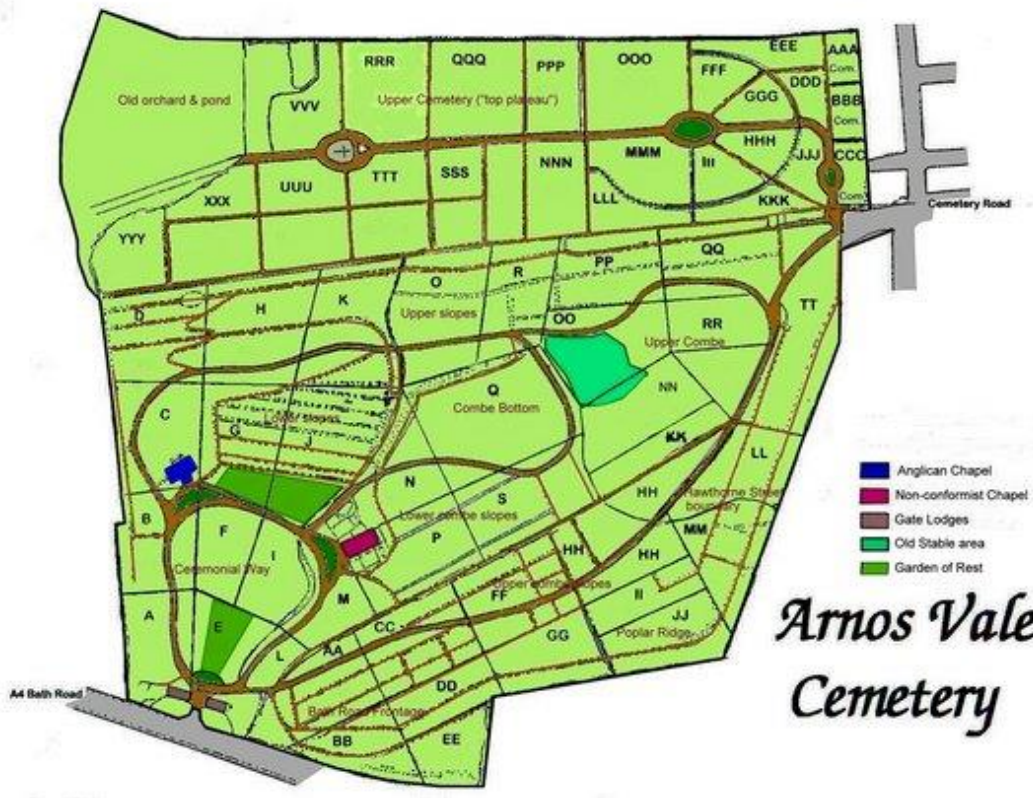
(Photo by JohnM – Find a Grave April, 2019)





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