

Airth

WAR MEMORIAL

(SMR583)



Location: (NS 8980 8764) South of the parish church overlooking the Stirling Road on land gifted by the trustees of Graham of Airth. A plot of ground 60ft square was laid out with flower beds centred on the monument.

Description: Airth's war memorial is a Celtic cross made from Creetown silver grey granite, 16ft tall, set on a rustic plinth. Carved on the cross is a sword surrounded by laurel leaves. The base of the shaft carries a lion rampant on a panel, and the words "To the glory of God and in memory of the men of Airth parish who fell in the Great War, 1914-1919" in block capitals. At the back of the shaft is the acknowledgement "This site was granted by the trustees of the late Colonel Graham of Airth".

A new plaque, on the south side of the plinth, to commemorate the victims of the Second World

War was unveiled on 7th December 1946 by Mr A F C Forrester of Airth Castle.

Designer:

Sculptor: Mr W Roberts, Falkirk.

Cost:

Unveiled by: Lieutenant General Sir Walter Braithwaite on Saturday December 8th, 1923.

Names of the Fallen:

First World War: 35 men.

Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders: Cpl John Binnie, Pte Jacob Collins, Pte Adam Cumming, Pte John Kelly, Pte David Muir, Pte Charles Penn, Pte John Smith, Pte Alex Younger.

Blackwatch: Pte Walter Adams, Pte Richard Quinn.

H.L.I.: L/Cpl James Flannigan.

Cameron's: Sgt William Ewart, Pte William Ford.

Gordons: L/Cpl Emmyln Jones MM, Pte John Douglas, Pte William Miller.

R.S.F.: Pte John Carruthers.

War Memorials in the Towns and Villages of Falkirk District : THE MEMORIALS

S.R.: L/Cpl Robert Wilson.

S.H.: Cpl Daniel M'Gonigal.

R.S.: Sgt James Quinn, Pte Thomas Cowan MM.

M.G.C.: Cpl George Soutar, Pte Andrew Paton.

R.F.A.: Bdr Thomas Galloway, Gnr Michael Barr, Gnr Thomas Walker, Dvr John Cowie.

C.E.F.: Pte John M'Pherson, Pte William Reid, Pte James Scrimgeour.

A.L.F.: Pte James L Mitchell.

Merchant Ser: Cpt John Hutton, Chief Off Alex Ballantyne.

Mine sweeper: Eng John Stark.

R.N.D.: LS Robert Leishman.

Second World War: 17 men.

Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders: L/cpl Robert Birrell, L/Cpl Robert Burden, Pte John Dowell, L/Cpl Robert Gillies, Pte Arthur King, Sgt Donald MacFarlane, Pte William McMillan.

Cameron's: Pte William De Vries.

Royal Artillery: Gnr Robert Douglas, Gnr James McMillan, Gnr Albert Ramsay.

Royal Air Force: Sgt John Cowie, Sgt Brown Ferguson, Sgt William Law, F/ James Strathearn.

Royal Engineers: L/Cpl Andrew Steel.

R.C.A.F.: F/O B H Enns.