

Thomas Frederick PRESTON



Beeston Hall

- Born:** 14th November 1889 in Beeston Hall
- Baptised:** 25th December 1889 in Beeston St Lawrence
- Parents:** Henry Jacob Preston
Mary Hope Clutterbuck
- Siblings:** Jacob
Edward Hulton
Nelly Louisa
Hope Amy Constance
- Schooling:** St Andrew's, Eastbourne; Charterhouse
- Occupation:** Insurance underwriter, Norwich Union, and the Financial Department of the Egyptian Civil Service at Cairo. From 1913 with Messrs. J.J. Colman of Norwich
- Marriage:** -
- Address:** Cavick Farm, Wymondham (1911)
- In 1915 he was living with his brother Jacob at Barton Hall. Jacob Preston did not serve in the armed forces during the war due to his delicate state of health. He died in December 1918 aged 30.

Death: 24th January 1917

Burial: Remembered with honour in Oosttaverne Wood Cemetery, Belgium (CWGC)

Military & War service: 2nd Lieut. in the Norfolk Yeomanry 15th Sept 1914, promoted Lieut 19th Feb 1915; served with the Mediterranean Expeditionary Force at Gallipoli; attached to the Royal Flying Corps in Sept 1916; served in France and Flanders from 2nd January 1917, as a Pilot, and was killed in aerial action while taking observations over the German lines.

De Ruvigny's Roll of Honour (Source: ancestry.co)

Medals: Victory, Star

The whole village is mourning the loss of another valued life – Lieut. T.F. Preston – who was killed whilst flying over the German lines in January. Lieut. Preston was a typical example of the flower of English manhood, of fine physique, handsome and courteous; he was respected and loved by all, much missed in the home district he loved so well. Our deepest sympathy goes out to his mother, Lady Preston. J.G. Poole, Vicar

(Source: Waxham Rural Deanery Magazine, April 1917)

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Barton Hall, Neatishead, Norwich.	
<i>Born</i> 14th Nov. 1889	<i>at</i> Beeston Hall, Norwich
<i>Nationality</i> British	
<i>Rank, Regiment, Profession</i> Lieut. 1/1st Norfolk Yeomanry	
<i>Certificate taken on</i> Maurice Farman Biplane	
<i>At</i> Military School, Brooklands.	
<i>Date</i> 20th October 1916	
<i>Killed</i> 24th January 1917.	