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	Parents:	William CLAPPEN (born about 1855 in Cirencester, GLS, ENG - died 30 Aug 1920, buried in East Cemetery, Bournemouth, DOR, ENG) and Hannah PRIOR (born about 1856 in Ashton, WIL, ENG - died 14 Jun 1928 in Bournemouth, DOR, ENG)	
24	Life Range	1892 - 22 Sep 1916	
	Marriage Status:	This person had no relationships and no children	
~-37	Abt 1855	Birth of Father:	William CLAPPEN (born about 1855 in Cirencester, GLS, ENG - died 30 Aug 1920, buried in East Cemetery, Bournemouth, DOR, ENG). In Cirencester, GLS, ENG.
~-36	Abt 1856	Birth of Mother:	Hannah PRIOR (born about 1856 in Ashton, WIL, ENG - died 14 Jun 1928 in Bournemouth, DOR, ENG). In Ashton, WIL, ENG.
-1	1891	Census:	Family. Swindon, Wiltshire. 14 Wood Street: CLAPPEN , William, 36, Draper, born Cirencester, Gloucestershire Hannah, 34, born Ashton Keynes, Wiltshire Sarah R., 8, Scholar, born Swindon, Wiltshire Ethel H., 7, Scholar, born Swindon, Wiltshire William J., 5, born Swindon, Wiltshire (Plus two assistants and two servants) [Class: <i>RG12</i> ; Piece: <i>1582</i> ; Folio: <i>6</i> ; Page: <i>5</i> ; GSU roll: <i>6096692</i> .] Note: Son Allan V. age 4 in Devizes with his Uncle and Aunt
0	1892	Birth:	Swindon, Wiltshire.
9	1901	Census:	Rodbourne Cheney, Wiltshire. "Pinchwest": CLAPPEN , William, 46, Clothier & Outfitter, Employer, born Cirencester, Gloucestershire Hannah, 46, born Ashton Keynes, Wiltshire Sarah K., 18, Clothier's Clerk, born Swindon, Wiltshire Ethel H., 17, Clothier's Clerk, born Swindon, Wiltshire Allan V., 14, born Swindon. Wiltshire Wilfred J. , 9, born Swindon, Wiltshire (Plus one servant) [Class: <i>RG13</i> ; Piece: <i>1903</i> ; Folio: <i>115</i> ; Page: <i>22</i>] (Brother) At Draper's business of Alfred HERINGTON in Arundel, Sussex CLAPPEN, William J. , 15, Draper's Assistant, born Swindon, Wiltshire
19	1911	Census:	Swindon, Wiltshire. Belmont Crescent: CLAPPEN, Wilfred , head, 19, Student (Agriculture, Engineering), born Swindon, Wiltshire Ethel, sister, 27, single, born Swindon, Wiltshire (Plus one servant) [RG14PN11797 RG78PN651 RD240 SD2 ED31 SN355] (Parents) Devizes, Wiltshire, Meath Lodge, Potterne Road: CLAPPEN , Joseph, head, 54, Retail Outfitter, born Cirencester, Wiltshire Lydia, wife, 47, born Devizes, Wiltshire (4 children; 3 living) Reginald, son, 21, assisting in the business, born Devizes, Wiltshire Lilian, dau, 17, born Devizes, Wiltshire William, brother , 56, Retail Outfitter, Cirencester, Wiltshire Hannah, sister-in-law , 56, born Aston Keynes, Gloster (5 children, all living) (Plus one servant) [RG14PN11927 RG78PN662 RD246 SD1 ED11 SN84]

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			(Brother) 100 Clifton Street, Swindon CLAPPEN, William James , 25, Clothier's Manager, born Swindon, Wiltshire Minnie Kate, 28, born Cirencester, Wiltshire (married less than 1 year, no children)
23	17 Mar 1915	Commission:	
24	10 Mar 1916	Overseas:	
24	22 Sep 1916	Death:	France. DOW
		Burial:	Heilly Station Cemetery, Mericourt-L'Abbe, France.
24	5 Oct 1916	Times Biography:	Summary. Youngest son of Mr & Mrs William Clappen of Forest Green, Nailsworth (late of Swindon); early education at Swindon High School, then Taunton School for four years, Dauntsoy Agricultural School [2 years], then Armstrong College, Durham University [5 years] - B. Sc. Agriculture. Commission 1915. At the front about 6 months at the time of his death.
28	1920	Father's Status:	Alive. Died
28	19 Nov 1920	Probate:	Father. London, ENG. ...of 27 Parkwood Road Boscombe Bournemouth...to Samuel Clappen, outfitter & Albert Prior, farmer. £14,160.
36	1928	Mother:	Alive. Died.
		OTC:	SNR:?.
		Father's Occupation:	SMALL BUSINESS: Clothier & Outfitter.
		School:	SWINDON HS, TAUNTON: DAUNTSEY AGRIC SCHOOL.
		Higher Education:	DURHAM: Armstrong College.
		Occupation:	EDU: SCHOOLMASTER. Master in Agriculture, North Eastern County School, Barnard Castle.
		Brothers:	Youngest of 3.
		Brothers Served:	Lt Allan Victor [aka Victor Allan] CLAPPEN , born 1887, died 1978, Bournemouth. Commission Royal Welsh Fusiliers from Inns of Court OTC 18 July 1916 [LG Supp 22/7/1916 p. 7320]; Promoted Lt 18 Jan 1918 [LG]. Attached 2nd London Regiment; France; twice wounded; address 27 Parkwood Road, Boscombe, Bournemouth [<i>Inns of Court OTC in the Great War</i> , p. 121]. SR 374/13755. Unable to locate MIC. Married Elsie E. JORDAN, 1927 Headington Oxfordshire. No known children. Gunner 181975, William James CLAPPEN , Royal Garrison Artillery. Survived. Born abt 1885. Died 1964 Bridgewater, Somerset. His SR is online on Ancestry (some damage). 36 pages - worth taking a look. Married Minnie Kate JONES 15 Feb 1911, Cirencester, Wiltshire. Enlisted 9 December 1915. Mobilized 24 Aug 1917. A daughter Frances C. born 20 October 1915, a daughter Josophine (sic) born 1921.
		CWGC Register:	Son of William and Hannah Clappen, of "Cotswold", Hathaway Rd.,

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	Southbourne, Bournemouth. B.Sc. in Agriculture, Durham University. On joining Army in Jan., 1915, was Master in Agriculture, North Eastern County School, Barnard Castle.
	Next of Kin: Mother. Mrs W. Clappen, "Cotswald", Hathaway Road, Southbourne, Hants.
	Siblings: (Other). Sisters: Sarah Kate CLAPPEN , born 1882, died 1968, Bournemouth. She was buried East Cemetery, Bournemouth, Dorset. Married 1940, Alexander BURNETT. Ethel Hannah CLAPPEN , born 1884, died 31 Jan 1974 Bournemouth. Did not marry. Buried East Cemetery, Bournemouth, Dorset.
	Headstone: Heilly Station Cemetery, Mericourt-L'Abbe, France. Son of William and Hannah Clappen, of Cotswold, Hathaway Rd., Southbourne, Bournemouth. B.Sc. in Agriculture, Durham University. Second Lieutenant, 10th Battalion, Durham Light Infantry. Died of wounds received at Courcelette on 16th September. http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GRid=56161673
	Memorials: Dauntsey School, Wiltshire and on the War Memorial Nailsworth, Gloucestershire.
	General Notes: <i>Swindon Advertiser</i> , 3 March 2010 History: Auction Bid Reveals Town Tailor's Tale By Frances Bevan Among the more unusual collectable items to recently appear on a well known internet auction site was a coat hanger. Not any old coat hanger but one imprinted with the name of W Clappen - Tailor & Outfitter, Tram Centre & Wood St Swindon. William Clappen was born in Cirencester in 1855, the son of a tailor, William and his wife Sarah. Like his brothers, the younger William joined the family firm in Cricklade Street, Cirencester, where his father employed six men and three women in 1861. In 1881 William married Hannah Prior, a farmer's daughter from Kemble. In the census of that year the couple were living over their outfitters business at 14 Wood Street. As the Clappen business empire grew, so did the family, with three sons and two daughters born between 1883 and 1892 above the shop in Old Swindon. During the 1880s William submitted a number of building applications to both Old and New Swindon Local Boards, among them a plan to convert the Baptist Chapel on Fleet and Bridge streets into shops. In 1887 he applied to make alterations to his property in Wood Street and two years later he made another application to build a warehouse in Henry Street. William's shops were at the retail centre of both Old and New Swindon. His premises at the junction of Fleet Street and Bridge Street was at the site of the tram centre when it opened in 1904. Here the tram drivers used the clock set in the wall of shop to check their departure times and the area became known as Clappen's Corner. By 1901 William and Hannah had moved to a house called Pinehurst, in Rodbourne Cheney. Their daughters Sarah and Ethel were both employed in the family firm as clerks. Their second son, William James, completed his drapery apprenticeship at Alfred Herington's shop in Arundel, Sussex, before returning home to Swindon. But, unlike previous generations, not all the sons went into the family tailoring and outfitter's business. The eldest son Allan Victor Clappen, born in 1887, was to become a solicitor and practised at various addresses in Winton, Bournemouth. Wilfred Joseph, William and Hannah's youngest son, was born in 1892. He attended Durham University where he gained a BSc in agriculture and was Master in Agriculture at North Eastern County School in Barnard Castle at the outbreak of the First

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World War. Wilfred joined the Durham Light Infantry in January 1915. He died on September 22, 1916, aged 24, of wounds received during the Battle of Flers Courcellette during the infamous 1916 Somme offensive. He is buried in the Heilly Station Cemetery, Mericourt-L'Abbe, near Albert.

William and Hannah retired to Southbourne near Bournemouth and a house they named Cotswold after the place of their birth. William died in 1920 and Hannah in 1928.