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GIVING THEIR ALL

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Through the years 2014 to 2018 our minds rightly remember the events a century ago. There are many War Memorials commemorating the brave young men to whom we owe our freedom, but there are not that many to the women who cared for the sick and wounded.

One such person is **Daphne Marian Jervis-White-Jervis** (#1444 on the family tree) who was born, a twin, at Freston Hall, Suffolk. In her late teens she became a member of Suffolk Voluntary Aid Detachment (VAD) 46, and at the personal invitation of the Duchess of Atholl she went to work as an unpaid orderly in the auxiliary military hospital which had been set up in the ballroom at Blair Castle. Whilst there she contracted and died of WWI 'flu' on 10th January 1919. Her name is recorded on the Freston war memorial erected by public subscription in 1921 which depicts Victory with a laurel wreath in one hand with the other raised to the heavens indicating the source of that victory.

Another is **Stella Willoughby Savile Cobbold née Cameron** (#348) of whom The Times correspondent wrote in 1918: "Military hospitals owe so much to the work of war hospital supply depots that I would pay a last tribute to Stella Willoughby Savile Cobbold, who died at Boston after a short illness on December 2nd. Mrs Cobbold inaugurated the first of such organizations at Ipswich on August 7th 1914, and within a week had contrived to get a large number of drugs and dressings to the front. This example was speedily followed in other places, and many of the largest organisations throughout the country owe their inspiration to meetings addressed by Mrs Cobbold.

She never refused to help or admitted the existence of any difficulty of transport or otherwise that could not be overcome. Owing to family reasons connected with the war Mrs Cobbold was latterly obliged to take a smaller share in public work. She was the daughter of Dr and Mrs C Cameron, and the wife of Lieutenant-Colonel C J F Cobbold."

Both died of WWI 'flu' within a few weeks of each other.



Daphne Jervis-White-Jervis



The Freston War Memorial 'Victory'



Stella's grave at Belstead Church,
Ipswich