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Sir John Flett; Director of the Survey in 1935. P505863

The original resource provided brief biographical information for the members of staff who served in the organisation during the first hundred years of its existence. This Earthwise version starts with the original content and will extend this for Directors and other key staff.

To mark the centenary of the formation of the Geological Survey, Sir John Flett, Director of the Survey in 1935, wrote '[The First Hundred Years of the Geological Survey](#)'. Published by HMSO in 1937, this work became one of the key texts for anyone carrying out research into the development of the Survey. One section, Appendix 2, provides an invaluable reference list of those who served on the staff of the Survey between 1835 and 1935. The Prefatory Note in Flett's work acknowledges the contribution of Miss E M Guppy in the compilation of the staff list. Library notes provide greater detail

While the list as it appears in the published work provides only brief biographical details for each individual member of staff, the BGS Library Archives include the full MSS notes (GSM1/718) made by Miss Guppy. These notes contain a much fuller entry for each person and give a fascinating insight into the careers of many of the geologists involved, forming the core of this resource.

What's in the Pioneers section?

The Pioneers of the British Geological Survey resource includes:

All names listed in [Appendix II of Sir John Flett's history](#). This includes all staff who were in the Survey before 1900. After 1900 it includes only the scientific staff and not the technical assistants, general assistants, draughtsmen, warders, cleaners, messengers etc.

Information for each member of staff, derived from the extended notes compiled by Miss Guppy with additional amendments and updated information, e.g. obituaries, biographies, photographs and sample signatures. This updating will continue. Additionally, more recent staff are now being included where appropriate in this Earthwise version.

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Members of staff who were accepted for military or other duty with the Forces during the World War I

This list was published in the [Summary of Progress for 1918](#).

Geologists

[Dixon, E. E. L.](#) Lieutenant Royal Garrison Artillery (T.)

Bailey, E. B.	Lieutenant	Royal Garrison Artillery	Mentioned in despatches. Military Cross. Chevalier Legion of Honour. Croix-de-Guerre with Palm. Twice wounded.
Anderson, E. M.	Sapper	Royal Engineers	Wounded.
Carruthers, R. G.	Lance-corporal	Tank Corps	—
Bromehead, C. E. N.	Private	Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry	Wounded.
Cunnington, C. H.	Lieutenant	Machine Gun Corps	Invalided out of Army, Oct. 1917. Died 26 April, 1918.
Richey, J. E.	Captain	Royal Engineers	Military Cross. Wounded.
Eastwood, T.	Lance-corporal	Royal Army Medical Corps (Sanitary Section)	—
Pocock, R. W.	Lieutenant	Royal Garrison Artillery	—
King, W. B. R.	Captain	Royal Welsh Fusiliers (attached to Engineer-in-Chief, G.H.Q.)	Mentioned in despatches. O.B.E.
Wray, D. A.	Lance-corporal	Royal Army Medical Corps (Sanitary Section)	—
Read, H. H.	Corporal	Royal Fusiliers	—
Whitehead, T. H.	Captain	Suffolk Regiment (transferred to General List and attached to Intelligence Corps)	Wounded.
Evans, R. du B.	Captain	Shropshire Light Infantry	Wounded. Prisoner of War
Assistant Clerk			
Frisby, P. A.	Captain	Suffolk Yeomanry	—
Fossil Collectors			
Eckford, R. J. A.	Corporal	Royal Scots and Royal Engineers (Special Brigade)	Wounded.
Manson, W.	Deck Hand	Royal Naval Reserve (T.)	—
Haldane, D.	Lieutenant	Royal Scots	—
General Assistants			
Rhodes, J.	Corporal	Royal Air Force	—
Stewart, A. P.	Private	Royal Scots	—
Attendants			
Morgan, S.W.	Reg. Qrtr.- Mstr. Sgt.	London Regiment (London Irish Rifles)	—
Cooper, G. L.	Corporal	Royal Engineers (Carrier Pigeon Service)	—
Hepple, D. W.	Private	18th Hussars	Wounded. Prisoner of War.
Draughtsmen			
Torkington, G. G.	Private	Cameron Highlanders	Wounded.

Bruce, W. G.	Lance-Corporal	Royal Engineers (Field Survey Battn.)	-
Trowbridge, H. G. S.	Bombardier	Royal Field Artillery	—
Kidd, J.	Corporal	Royal Engineers	—
Labourers			
Wheaton, E.	Sergeant	3rd Hussars	—
Brooker, J. F.	Corporal	King's Own Scottish Borderers	—

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