

Vimy Ridge Farm, Kinoulton

Vimy Ridge is a derelict farm located to the North East of Kinoulton in Nottinghamshire. The access road to the farm crosses the Grantham Canal towpath and at this intersection there is a notices board stating "The original avenue of 184 Lombardy poplar trees were planted by Sir William Jesse Hind and dedicated to the memory of his son Lt. Francis Montagu Hind who was killed in action at the Battle of the Somme on 27th September 1916." The original avenue of trees was felled about ten years ago due to health and safety fears. At the end of the access road is a cluster of derelict farm buildings known as Vimy Ridge Farm, previously Pasture Hill Farm which was renamed by Sir Jesse after he purchased the property in 1919.

The farm was used to train ex-servicemen in agriculture after their return from the war and later to train orphan boys to help them find employment. In the woods above the farm is a further large building, which looks as though it would once have been housing for either the servicemen or orphans. This was abandoned first when the farm ceased taking in orphans and the main farm complex was then tenanted out for a number of years before finally being abandoned in the 1980's and left to rot. The house part of the farm was partially torched some years later.

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n.b. A Canadian regiment, the Sherwood Foresters and the Northumberland Fusiliers took part in the Vimy ridge action.