

<b>Pilot Officer, 226 squadron, Royal Air Force 1174344</b>	<b>Edwin Lionel Hitchcock</b>	<b>Market Place</b>	<b>Source: Returning Forces Fund/additional information provided by Peter Staveley</b>
Born	Bingham, 11th November 1920		
War Service	<p>RAF 1940 – 46. Enlisted at Cardington.  1942-44 Wireless Operator and Air Gunner in a medium bomber squadron. 1944 – Experimental flight. 2<sup>nd</sup> tour as aircrew.  Oct 1944 – Mar 1945 Squadron supporting army during and after the invasion of Normandy.  93 Operational sorties.  After war MT officer at RAF Station being demobilised in February 1946.  See <a href="#">Imperial War Museum</a> oral history tapes.  Web site - Supplement to the London Gazette 20 Feb 1945:  Reserve of Air Force Officers General Duties Branch  1174344 Edwin Lionel Hitchcock (189956) 7<sup>th</sup> Oct 1944 Appointment to commission as Pilot Officer on probation (emergency).</p>		
1939 Register	<p>Market Place Bingham  Emily Annie Hitchcock Widow b 11 Nov 1865  Albert Ernest Hitchcock Widower b 2 April 1889  <i>One closed record (presumably Edwin)</i></p>	<p>Unpaid domestic duties  Watchmaker &amp; Master Jeweller</p>	<p><a href="#">See BHTA site for WW1 record</a></p>
Marriage/ children	<p>April 1949 Edwin married Nora Rosalie Cowdell in Bingham  One daughter, Rosemary, later living on The Banks Bingham.</p>		
Father's Family Census 1911	<p>Market Place Bingham  Edwin Hitchcock b 1867 Bingham  Emily Annie Hitchcock nee Thornley b 1866 Bingham  Albert Ernest Hitchcock b 1889 Bingham  John Thornley Widower b 1853 Sneinton</p>	<p>Watchmaker &amp; Jeweller   Watchmaker &amp; Jeweller  Commercial Traveller</p>	
Mother's Family Census 1911	<p>Henry Daubney b 1838 Dogdike Lincs  Harriet Daubney b 1867 Bingham  Beatrice Ellen Daubney b 1893 Nottingham  Gertrude Annie Daubney b 1895 Nottingham</p>	<p>Retired Builder   Milliner  Dressmaker</p>	<p>Albert Ernest Hitchcock married Gertrude Annie Daubney in Bingham April 1919</p>

	<a href="#">Percy Albert Daubney</a> b 1896 Nottingham Ethel Pretoria Daubney b 1899 Nottingham Hannah Elizabeth Martin b 1886 Newark Address 6 Peachey Street, Nottingham	School School General Servant	See BHTA site for WW1
Wife's family 1939 Register	East Street Bingham Leonard Cowdell b 7 <sup>th</sup> Nov 1871 Annie Maria Cowdell b 31 Dec 1892 Nora Rosalie Cowdell b 15 <sup>th</sup> Mar 1920	Farmer  Shorthand Typist	
Wife's family Census 1911	Address Union Street Bingham Leonard Cowdell b Bingham 1871  Annie Cowdell b Scarrington 1892 Winnie (Winifred Daisy) Cowdell b Bingham 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec 1907	Marker Gardener Fruit & Vegetables (Worker)	
Post War	On 1 <sup>st</sup> Oct 1949 Norah Hitchcock purchased 1 Long Acre Bingham and lived there with Edwin and 1 daughter. In 2002 it was sold; Edwin having moved to live with his daughter on The Banks in 2001. It is believed that Norah was in a nursing home at that time.  After the war, Ted was employed as a Rating and Valuation Officer for Bingham Rural District Council; a position he had held before the war.		
Death register	Albert died 12 Dec 1972 aged 83 Gertrude died 27 Aug 1932 aged 38 Edwin died in Nottingham 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan 2009 Nora died in Nottingham 24 <sup>th</sup> June 2009 Leonard Cowdell d 16 April 1964 Saxondale Hospital home address Porchester Cottage, 69 Long Acre, Bingham. Annie Maria Cowdell d April 1979 Rushcliffe		Probate to Daughter Winifred Daisy Foster
Miscellaneous	In 1935 Edwin gave the Parish church a silver christening shell in memory of his mother.		