

In Memory of

**Alvinia May Raines**

British Red Cross  
Died 1927 age 35.



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The Diocese of Norwich & the Great War 1914-1918 Book of Remembrance

# The Story of Alvinia May Raines

Alvinia May Raines was born on 3 July 1892 to George and Alice Raines. The family lived in Castle Rising and later in Hunstanton. Her father was an agricultural labourer. In 1901 Alvinia and her siblings were living with their mother at their great aunt's in Castle Rising where her mother and great aunt worked as laundresses.

In 1911 the family were living at Lodge Farm Cottages, Hunstanton then, when Alvinia joined the Red Cross, they were living at Valley Farm, Helhoughton near Fakenham.

Alvinia had eight siblings. Matilda married Robert Rowe who died in France in 1918. Brother Robert was in the Coldstream Guards and died in France in 1916. Her other brothers and sisters survived the war without loss.

Alvinia joined the Red Cross in July 1917. She worked as a full-time nurse at the Auxiliary War Hospital at Downham until February 1919.

(Pictured below: staff and patients at Downham Auxiliary War Hospital. (Norfolk Record Office MC 85/206))



Alvinia died in 1927 in Heacham. The cause of her death is unknown. She was buried in Heacham churchyard on 13 April 1927.

Alvinia is commemorated in the Diocese of Norwich & the Great War 1914-1918 Book of Remembrance. The names of the women in this book were not added until 1932. It is probable that her name was included because of her service during the war rather than that she died as a consequence of her duties.