



Clifford Stoppard Grundy

44 White Street

Mr Grundy's Tavern and Brewery in The Georgian House Hotel at 32-34 Ashbourne Road, Derby are named after Clifford Stoppard Grundy.

Clifford was born on 31 October 1897, the only child of Stewart Wood Grundy, a 'Commercial Traveller' and later 'Provision Merchant's Manager', and his wife Grace. In 1901, the family lived at 34 Otter Street with Elsie Smedley, a 'Domestic General Worker', aged 13. By 1904 they were living at 44 White Street.

Clifford served in the 5th Battalion the Sherwood Foresters (Notts & Derbyshire Regiment). He volunteered for service in November 1915 but was not mobilised until July 1916 – his occupation at the time was a Draughtsman. He served with the Nottingham University College Officer Training Corps and in October 1916 was commissioned as second lieutenant, and then seconded to the newly formed Machine Gun Corps (MGC), 96 Company (32 Division). His transfer was announced in the London Gazette for 15 January 1917.

Notts. and Derby. Regt.—2nd Lt. C. S. Grundy is seconded for duty with the M.G.C. 18th Dec. 1916.

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He apparently served in France until October 1918 when he was returned to the UK "for 6 months substitution". He received British War and Victory medals. The MGC was disbanded soon after the war.



Photograph traditionally believed to be C S Grundy, courtesy of Mr Grundy's Tavern and Georgian House Hotel, Derby

In August 1923 Clifford married Florence Edith Aulton, who lived in Holloway near Matlock Bath.

In 1939 he was in Court on a drink driving charge. He was described as an engineer who, 'as a representative of "a very large firm" in Derby ... drove 30,000 miles per year'. He was fined £5 and the story made the front page of the *Derby Evening Telegraph*.

In World War 2 Clifford was in the Home Guard. He lived at 62 Friar Gate and, from the 1950s to his death in 1991, at 36 Ashbourne Road. Florence died in 1984.

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