

Eldred Frank Wills



Private, Lincoln Regiment. Enlisted at Devizes, October 26th, 1916. Served in France. Killed in action, October 8th, 1918. General Service and Victory Medals.



ELDRED WILLS was born in 1888 in Briantspuddle in Dorset. His mother Emily was unmarried, so Eldred was brought up by his grandparents Francis and Maria. They lived in Affpuddle, near Dorchester, and Francis was a woodman working on a local estate. Eldred obviously took to the estate way of life because he moved to Corsham and became a gamekeeper at Hartham Park.

He married Margaret Crook from Bremhill in 1910 and they were living on the estate in 1911 when they had a daughter Bessie. They were still at Hartham Park in 1916

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when he enlisted for the Army in Devizes, aged 28. He was allocated to the Lincolnshire Regiment.

Eldred served in France and was reported killed in action on 8th October 1918. He is buried at the Vis-en-Artois Cemetery in Calais.

Margaret Wills was still living on the Hartham Park estate in 1921, when she was sent war gratuity payments.