

William Henry Lumkin

Sapper, Royal Engineers. Enlisted at Chelsea. Served with B.E.F. in France. Wounded, and died at the 7th General Hospital, St. Omer, April 28th, 1917. Place of burial: St. Omer Souvenir Cemetery. General Service and Victory Medals.



WILLIAM LUMKIN was born in 1877 in Box; his parents were Henry and Fanny (née Irving). Henry was a stone mason born in Castle Combe and Fanny came from Shropshire. By 1881 the family had moved to Corsham and were living in Clay Lane; William had two sisters, Emma and Alice. The 1891 census shows the family living in Middle Pickwick. William was still at school but his sister Emma was an apprentice dressmaker. Henry probably then worked on the Middlewick estate. By 1901 William had moved away, taking up his trade as a carpenter and joiner, probably in the London area because in 1909 he married Charlotte Annie Maud Trepte in Shepherds Bush. They had a daughter, Alice Rose, born in 1910, and a son, Alfred, born in 1913.

William's family continued to live in Corsham – in Rose Cottage, Middlewick – and Henry worked as an estate mason. Henry and Fanny had another son called John and a daughter, Annie.

William enlisted in Chelsea and became a Sapper in the Royal Engineers. He died in hospital in France on 28th April 1917, aged 40, and is buried in the Longuenesse (St Omer) Souvenir Cemetery near Calais. At the time of his death Charlotte was living in Plough Lane, Kington Langley.