

## *George Hunt*

Private, Winnipeg Grenadiers. Canadian Expeditionary Force. Enlisted in Canada, January 7th, 1916. Served in France. Killed in action at Vimy Ridge, May 3rd, 1917. General Service and Victory Medals.



GEORGE HUNT WAS born in 1886 in Allington near Amesbury in Wiltshire. His parents were Thomas and Mary (née Snell); Thomas was an agricultural labourer. The family moved to Malmesbury, then to Chippenham and then Corsham, as Thomas followed farm labouring opportunities. George's mother died in 1910, and in 1911 Thomas as a widower was living in Hartham Cottages in Corsham and working as a cowman on the estate farm. George was 24 by this time and had moved from Corsham to Hinton Charterhouse near Bath. Like his father, he was a farm labourer.

Some time after this George emigrated to Canada, and *War Records of Corsham* details that he enlisted for the Canadian Armed Forces in early 1916. His Canadian Attestation Papers confirm that he had previously been part of the Wiltshire Militia before he emigrated and that in Canada he joined the Winnipeg Grenadiers. He was part of the Canadian Expeditionary Force serving in France and was killed in action at Vimy Ridge on 3rd May 1917.

George Hunt is commemorated at the Vimy Memorial.