

## *Henry Thomas Jones*

Private, 1st Battalion Wiltshire Regiment. Served through the South African War. As a Reservist, called up August 4th, 1914. Went to France with the B.E.F. Killed in action at the Battle of the Aisne, October 24th, 1914. Mons Star.



HENRY JONES was born in Buckland in Berkshire in 1881; his parents were Charles and Fanny Jones. Charles was a carter and they already had a daughter Louisa when Henry was born. The family moved to Wootton Bassett, where his brothers Jesse and William and sister Clara were born. By 1891 they had moved to Corsham and were living in Westripp (Westrop) with Charles working as a farm labourer.

It seems that this stay in Corsham may have been a short one, as Charles died later in the census year of 1891, when Henry was only ten. By 1901 his mother had remarried and was living in Lacock with his younger brothers and sister. Henry had clearly already left home and in 1907 he was married in Melksham to Florence Annie Shadwell. They had two sons – Leonard and William.

Henry was a Private in the 2nd Wiltshire Regiment and as part of the British Expeditionary Force was sent to the front as war started in August 1914. He was killed in action on 24th October 1914 and is commemorated at the Menin Gate Memorial in Ypres.