



William Fred Culverhouse

Private T/F 202966, 1st/7th Battalion Middlesex Regiment

William Fred Culverhouse was born in North Bradley his birth being registered in the Melksham Registration District in the March Quarter of 1887. He was the the son of Frank and Ann Susanna Culverhouse (nee Horton).

The 1891 census finds the family living at Axe and Cleaver Lane, Ireland, North Bradley. The family was recorded as follows:

Frank, Head, 29, Clothworker; Annie, Wife, 28 ; Mabel, Daughter; 5; William, Son, 4; all born in Wiltshire

The 1901 Census records the family as living in Ireland, North Bradley. The family was recorded as:

Frank, Head, 38, Ordinary Agricultural Labourer, born in Southwick; Annie, Wife, 38, born in North Bradley; Mabel, Daughter, 15, Dressmaker, born in Southwick; William, Son, 14, born in Trowbridge.

The 1911 Census sees in Scotland, North Bradley. The family was record as:

Frank, Head, 49, Farmer and Rural Postman; Annie, Wife, 49; Mabel Annie, Daughter; 25, Dressmaker; William Fred, Son, 24, Farmers Son working on the farm; All are recorded as having been born in North Bradley.

Please Note that although the census address differs from 1891-1911 the family had not actually moved house.

William joined the Middlesex Regiment in April 1916 having enlisted at Trowbridge, and was deployed to France in November of the same year.

William was killed in action on the 4th May 1917, having taken part in the 3rd Battle of the Scarpe in the Arras Offensive. Casualties were heavy with very little territorial advancement.

William's burial place was lost in subsequent fighting, so he has no known grave and is therefore commemorated on the Arras Memorial, Pas-de-Calais France his name carved in Bay 7.



Arras Memorial, France



William is also commemorated on the North Bradley Memorials and the Southwick Memorial, in St. Thomas Church.

He is also named in the North Bradley section of the Diocese of Salisbury Memorial Book, held at Salisbury Cathedral.