



Woodford Remembers



Pte. Charles Betts

4th Quarter 1878 – 21 March 1918

Family

Charles is yet another descendant of Noah Betts born in Woodford in, or about 1801. Noah married Mary Broughton of Woodnewton in 1833. Their second child was John Betts, (Uncle of Herbert Betts) who was born in 1841 in the village and was Charles' father. John Betts had married Sarah Elstow of Rushden in 1862, and the couple had seven children. Their first born in 1865 were twins, William and George (Charlie Gordon Betts' father); the other siblings being Mary Ann, Annie, Harry, Charles and Katie. Charles was born in Woodford and his birth was registered in the fourth quarter of 1878. Father John worked as a farm labourer in 1891 when the family lived in Spring Gardens. In 1892 William, Charles' elder brother died at the age of 27 years and is buried in Woodford Churchyard. In 1901 the family lived three doors from Manor farm and John was horse keeper on the farm. Charles' father, John died on 21st July 1908 aged 68 years. In 1911 John's widow lived in the same house with Harry, Charles' brother who was a horse keeper, but Charles had moved to Newtown where he lived with his sister Katie who had married Edgar George Tiney (butcher) in 1902. She had two children Edward and Gladys. Charles was a single man and worked as a presser in the clothing factory

Charles Betts is first cousin of Herbert Betts and uncle to Charles G Betts (1891-1915)

Army Service

Charles enlisted at Thrapston and was originally a member of the Nottingham and Derbyshire Regiment (Sherwood Foresters) number T5419. He later transferred to the Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry (5th Batt) number 32582. Charles was killed in action on 21st March 1918.

He was awarded the War and Victory medals

Burial / grave

Not known

Dependants

None

Commemoration

Pozieres Memorial (Panels 51/52)

Woodford War Memorial Village Green

Woodford St Mary's Church Memorial

Brother's Gravestone Woodford Churchyard



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