



# Woodford Remembers



Pte. Cecil Hilliard

27 February 1895 – 8 October 1916

## Family

Cecil's parents, George (b1857, Elton) and Charlotte (nee Waite b1857) marriage was registered at Oundle in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 1882. They moved to Woodford in early 1891 from Islip and the 1891 census records them living with their three children Albert, Martha and Bertha near Woodford Mill at the railway crossing. Cecil was born in Woodford on 27 February 1895 and was baptised on 5<sup>th</sup> May 1895 at St Mary's Church, Woodford. Cecil's surname when his birth was registered was given as Hillard, and when he started school in Woodford on 28 June 1899 his surname was once again given as Hillard. William, Ethel and Annie were Cecil's younger siblings. In 1901 the family still lived at the railway crossing near Woodford Mill and Cecil's father was employed as a plate layer. He died in early 1902 and his widow and children moved back to Elton on 7 March 1902. Their property then became the home of the Ainge family (See Woodford Remembers)

In 1911, Charlotte, Cecil's mother was the head of the family and worked as a charlady. William was a farm labourer and Cecil was an apprentice tailor. The younger girls, Ethel and Charlotte Elizabeth (Bertha) were at school.

## Army Service

Cecil enlisted in Northampton and his service number 10061 suggests he signed up in October 1914.

Cecil served with the 1<sup>st</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion Northamptonshire Regiment. He died of his wounds on 10 September 1916.

## Burial / grave

Millencourt Communal Cemetery Extension, Grave F.44.

## Dependants

None

## Commemoration

Elton War Memorial



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