

BRADDICK, William

William was born on 29 December 188. The Braddicks were a large family of 4 girls and 6 boys. The parents were: Tom Braddick (b 1855 d 1924), an agricultural labourer and Ann (b 1858 in Membury, nee Pennycard d 1843) (married in 1876).

Tom and Ann had 10 children, all born in Membury or Kilmington: Elizabeth (1878, Tom (1879) – Royal Marines, William (1881) – Royal Marines, Samuel (1884) who in 1901 was a Blacksmith apprentice at Post Office, Widworthy, Ernest (1886) – Army, Lily (1887), James (1889) – Army, Joan (1892), Mary (1893), John (1898) – Royal Marines Labour Corps – invalided out on 24 October 1917

In 1881, they were at Henry Farm, Membury

In 1891, they were at Cleave Hill, Membury: Tom (36), Ann (39), Tom (12), William (9), Samuel (7), Ernest (5), Lillian (4) and James (2).

In 1901 the family were living at Cowley Pitt, Kilmington

In 1911 only Joan (20) and John (13) were living at home in Rock, Membury

He enlisted in the Royal Marine Light Infantry, Plymouth division on 22 September 1900, aged 18. No 10493

In 1911 he had been promoted to a Lance Corporal and was serving at East Stonehouse, (Dumford Street) Devon.

Later he was promoted to a Sergeant on 1 Jan 1921.

1913 he married Bessie Churchill at St Peter's, Plymouth and they had 2 children William H C (27 June 1917) Margaret J M (2 October 1914)

He died 12 February 1965