

DARK, Fred

There are no definite records of Fred Dark in Membury. However there are Dark and Darke families living in Membury in 1800s

In 1871 a William Dark (b 1827 in Luppitt) and his wife Elizabeth were running a shop in Membury.

In 1901 a Samuel Jones Darke (b 1870 in Stockland) and his wife Mary and their children, Mabel , Laura, William and Frank, were running the Longbridge Inn, Furley. Both William and Frank were born in Membury.

However by 1911 they had moved onto South Chard and on 15 May 1913 Samuel, Mary, Laura and Frank had emigrated to Australia.

There was a Frederick John Darke born in 1872 in Honiton. His father was John Darke, a tailor born in Honiton and his mother Susan Rocket born in 1846 in Stockland. This could be a Membury connection as the Rockett family do appear in Membury. But Frederick was brought up in Honiton and by 1891 he had followed his father into becoming a journeyman tailor, He married Harriett (born in Honiton) and they lived in Honiton in 1911 and 1913. They had 4 children and he died in 1933 in Honiton.

There are medal record for:

- Frederick Dark, no 503010 of Devonshire Regiment and Labour Corps (99135)
- Frederick John Darke 2259 of Devonshire Regiment and 265681 of Devonshire Reg.

We don't know if either or these are the Fred Dark recorded on the Village hall list.