

HOUSE, Harry

No link to Membury has been found for Henry or Harry House.

There was a Henry House was born in the registration district of Axminster on 9 August 1891. His parents were Thomas House (born about 1838 in Chard) and Mary (nee Motloy) (1852-1928). They had several children, some of whom died very young: Jessie Ann (1868-1923), William John (1872-), Edith Helen (1874-), George W. (1875-), Mary A (1877-1880), Tom (1880-1880), Walter (1881-), Jane Beatrice (1887-), Frederick (1890-), Henry (1891) William (1893).

Thomas was born in Chard in 1838 and joined the army in 1856 at the age of 18 and served mostly in India, for 20 years. He joined the 2nd battalion of the Royal Scots Regiment of Foot on 29 January 1856, and when he was discharged (4415) he was a Corporal in the royal Scots (Lothian Regiment) – 1st Foot. When he was about 30 in 1868 he married Mary (17) from Gosport. Their first Child, Jessie was born in India and at the 1871 census they were in the Married Quarters barrack in Great Warley, Essex, where William John was born.

In 1891 the family were living at Mill Lane, Chard. And subsequently Walter and Beatrice were born there.

By 1891 the family was living at Castle Hill, Axminster. Thomas' occupation is listed as Moulder Iron. Living with them were Edith (Eda), Walter, Beatrice, Jane and Frederick - the last two children having been born in Axminster. Henry was born in the summer of 1891.

Thomas died in 1900 aged 61 and Mary (50) became destitute. She and Frederick, William and Harry went into Axminster Union workhouse. Mary worked as a Laundress there and died at the age of 76 in 1928.

In 1901 Henry is recorded as being a pauper aged 9 in the workhouse. In 1911 Harry, aged 19, was living at Lower East Horner, Stockland, working as a servant for William Eales (aged 24), his wife Annie and their children.

Harry died in the summer of 1972 (registration district: Honiton, vol 7a, page 1260)

Thought to be an early volunteer to war. Although there is no connection that we have found between Harry and Membury, he was the same age as, and was in the workhouse with, John French who in 1911 was working at Lea Hill, Membury. So perhaps the connections was that Harry moved to a Membury farm after 1911 and before war broke out, or perhaps one of his sisters married and lived in Membury