

## **KNIGHT, George**

Francis George Knight was born in the spring of 1881 (registration district: Axminster, vol 5b). His parents were John Knight (b 1857 in Broadwindsor) and Sarah J (nee Pilton in 1863 in Membury). Sarah had 13 children in 21 years between 1882 and 1901.

In 1891 the 8 members of the Knight family were living at Cleave Hill with 9 members of the Braddick family. George's siblings were Ethel M. (1883), Edith B (1884), Ernest J (1888), Gilbert J (1889), Agnes A (1891).

In 1901 John Knight was a shepherd and he and family lived in a cottage on Brinscombe. Some of the older children had left home but siblings living there were: George (19 carter on farm), Ernest (13 plough boy on farm) Gilbert (11), Sarah Ann (1893), Robert Tom (1894), Florence E (1885), William E (1898), Samuel C (1899), Andrew A (1900) and Herbert F (1901).

By 1911 the family were still living at Brincombe, but George had left home and was a farm labourer and living as a boarder at Bewley Down, Sercombe Moor, Wambrook.

George enlisted into the Devonshire Regiment at Axminster on 11 May 1915 Army number: 17873). He was 34 years old, 5 foot 5 inches and 143 lbs with good physical development and a scar on his right elbow.

His medical record shows that he had malaria in August 1916 and is recorded as having a 20% disability. He was discharge on 30 August 1919 and seemed to have come back to the Army Board with repeated attacks of malaria and headaches as there is a record of an examination on 29 February 1920.

His brothers, Andrew and Tom served in the navy.

George died at the end of 1973 aged 93 (registration district: Tiverton and his birth date is recorded as 8 March 1880).

*On the website Ancestry (and in the Membury file), there is a photo of George in later life, with his dog.*