

KNIGHT, Tom

Robert Tom Knight was born on 14 December 1893 in Membury. 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).

Robert Tom Knight enlisted in the navy for 12 years on 8 August 1914 and he gave his occupation as quarryman. He was 5' 4 ³/₄ ". He served as a stoker on the Nurd II, Donegal, Minotaur, Royal Oak, royal Sovereign and Nurd II until 1921. His brother George served in the army and brother Andrew in the navy.

In 1926 aged 33, he married Edith Braddick of the Tolcis Braddick family and they had 2 sons Patrick (1927) and Eric (1928).

In 1967 Tom died (reg Chard)