

NEWBERY, John

John Newbery was born in Musbury of Shute in 1868. The British Army Records 1760-1915 list John Newbery as being of the parish of Whitford, with his town of birth Axminster.

His parents were John D (b 1822 Shute) and Elizabeth (nee Potter? b1840 Farway). In 1871 they lived at Woram's Farm, Shute. In 1881 they lived at Lower Corry Farm, Stockland. Children: Walter (1885) John (1868) Samuel (1873). 1891 living at Parsons Lee, Dalwood only John (23 farmer) living at home.

John Newbury married Bessie (nee Aplin born 1871) in 1895. In 1891, Bessie Aplin was living with the Edwin and Annie Marley and their 4 children at Frogwell Farm, Wilhaye Lane, Axminster, Smallridge.

Their children were Robert born in 1896, Simeon James (1898-1968), a sister Emma P born in 1900. And another brother Frederick C was born in 1904.

In 1901 John was a carter on a farm. He and Bessie, together with Robert, Simeon and Emma were living at Prospect Cottage, Membury, together with John's mother, Sarah Ann Newbury, who was a Laundress and Midwife.

In 1911, John was a Limeburner. He and Bessie, with mother Sarah and son Frederick were living at Green Down, Membury.

There is no date of attestation in the army records. But he is recorded as being 20 years at attestation in the Devonshire Regiment – 11th Foot No 7639. (Thought to be an early volunteer. Given his army number perhaps he was already in the reserves) TNA reference: WO96.

He was the father of Robert who was killed in action in March 1916 and Simeon who was in the navy and wounded in the Dardanells.

Note: in the Membury file there is a picture of John and his two sons printed in the Exeter and Plymouth Gazette on Friday 2 July 1915