

## **PARKER, George**

George Parker was born in Bridport in 1866.

In 1901, aged 35, he was a railway carter and lived on Castle Hill, Axminster with his wife Matilda Parker (born in Beaminster in 1867) and his children Florence (12), Emma (7), Ethel (6), William (4), and Beatrice (2).

In 1911, aged 46 he was a fraction driver and lived at Green Down, Membury, with his wife Matilda (44) and children Florence (22), William (14), Beatrice (13) Maud (10), Eva (6), Frederick (3), Lilian (2) and Henry (1).

George's son William Parker volunteered in August 1914 in Axminster. George is thought to be an early volunteer although he would have been 49 in 1914. William was killed at Loos in September 1915 and his entry in the War Graves Commission website states that in 1915 George and Matilda Parker were living in Venn Cottage, Whitchurch, Bridport, although it is not known if George was still in the army.