

VINCENT, William

William John Vincent was born on 3 January 1891 in Cotleigh, Devon. He was the son of Joel Vincent (1865-1935) and Minnie Lousia Vincent (nee Shepherd 1867-1940).

In 1901, Joel (35) and Minnie (34) were living at Rock, Membury with their son William (10) and their 3 daughters who had been born in Membury, Bessie (8), Ruth (5) and Florence (2).

In 1911, William aged 20 and his father Joel (45) were blacksmiths at Rock, Membury and living with Minnie Louisa (44), Bessie (16), Ruth (15) working as a school teacher and Florence (12) as well as Mabel Charlotte Shepherd (13) niece and Ernest James Shepherd (8) listed as 'son' – but perhaps a nephew.

Vincent enlisted in the Royal Engineers (No 504687 (T)2281

Note: there is a photo of William on Ancestry website and a copy of it in the Membury file