



Frederick Adams

Private TF/200922, Royal Sussex Regiment, 1/4th Battalion, 53rd Division

Died 30th September 1917 aged 21

Frederick was born in Shipley to Henry and Emily Adams (nee Howard) and baptised in Shipley Church on 27th January 1896. The 1901 Census shows he was living with his parents at Bakers Gate, 204 Bakers Lane. Henry and Emily had married in Shipley Church on 17th June 1888, and Emily brought with her a 4 year old son, Basil, from a previous relationship. Henry was employed as a carter's mate on a farm and Frederick was Henry and Emily's fourth child. Their children were Basil Howard (step brother 1884), Henry (1889); Alice Emily (1892); Nellie (1894); **Frederick Collison** (1896), Alfred (1898); Albert (1900); Lily May (1903); Jessie Grace (1904) and Wilfred (1906). The 1911 Census shows that Henry's daughter Alice had returned to keep house for her father and siblings. The Census also shows that of Henry and Emily's 12 children, four had died.

Frederick attended Shipley School along with his siblings and was mentioned by the Headmaster in the school log book. Mr Bacon recorded that in 1908 Frederick was absent from school with measles and that shortly after this his mother died. In 1909 he was withdrawn from school to start his working life. By 1911 Frederick was still living at the family home with his father and 6 siblings and was working as a farm labourer. At the time of his death his father Henry was living at North Lodge, Knepp.

Frederick was named by the Reverend Baker in November 1914 in The Shipley Parish Magazine as one of the Shipley men who had volunteered for service.

Frederick enlisted in Horsham into the Royal Sussex Regiment and in 1917 was part of the 1/4th Battalion stationed in Egypt. His Division took part in various operations in Palestine, including the 2nd and 3rd Battles of Gaza and capture and defence of Jerusalem between March and December of that year.

Frederick died in captivity aged 21 on 30th September 1917 from wounds received in battle. Frederick was the first Shipley volunteer to die in this theatre of war; Thomas King from the same Battalion died in November 2017. Frederick's father Henry, who was his next of kin, received his war gratuity and medals. Frederick was among the many with no known grave and is commemorated on The Jerusalem Memorial and in Shipley Church.

He was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

In Memory Of
Private

FREDERICK ADAMS

Service Number: TF/200922

4th Bn., Royal Sussex Regiment who died on 30 September 1917 Age 21

Son of Henry and Emily Adams, of North Lodge, Knepp Castle, West Grinstead, Horsham,
Sussex.

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