

William Fred Culverhouse

Born in North Bradley 1887

Killed in Action near Arras, France 4 May 1917

William had been helping his father on his small farm at Scotland, Southwick, until he joined the Middlesex Regiment in April 1916 and was sent to France in November the same year. On 3rd/4th May 1917 his Regiment fought in the Third Battle of the Scarpe, part of the Arras Offensive, an attack which made no significant advances at the cost of heavy casualties, being called off the day after it was launched. William was killed in action east of Arras on Friday 4th May 1917.

William's burial place was lost in subsequent fighting, so he is commemorated on the Arras Memorial, and also on both the North Bradley Memorials and the Southwick Memorial.

See William Fred Culverhouse's Life Story at:

<https://livesofthefirstworldwar.org/lifestory/1051061>

Father: Frank Culverhouse

Born in Southwick, one of 8 children. His early working life was in the woollen cloth mills, later farming his own small farm and employed as a Rural Postman, living in Scotland, now just over the parish boundary in Southwick Parish.

Mother: Ann Susanna (Annie) Horton

Born in North Bradley, her parents lived in The Rank shortly before she was born, but later moved to Scotland. She had only one sister. Before she married, she was a Domestic Servant at The Willows in North Bradley village.

Married in 1884, at some time between 1887 and 1891 Frank and Annie moved to the house next door to her parents, in Scotland, Southwick. It is unclear where their two children were born, likely Southwick. Daughter Mabel was working as a Dressmaker at home since her teens, while William helped work his father's farm. In the 1911 Census, Frank claimed the 4 of them were living in 7 rooms; if correct, the rent must have been relatively low for some reason.

Frank and Annie lived in Scotland for at least 30 years, latterly the Foremans moved in next door – they also lost a son, at the Battle of Jutland on 31 May 1916.

G/father

Job Culverhouse
b. Southwick,
Master
Stonemason

G/mother

Ann Talman
Jones
b. Southwick

G/father

Andrew Horton
b. North Bradley,
Farm Labourer,
Brewer

G/mother

Frances Elliott
b. North Bradley