

WILLIAM HARRIS



HAMPSHIRE REGIMENT

Private William Harris 8/4839 was born in 1895 in Quethiock, the eighth of ten children born to Alfred and Lucy Harris. His father ran the grocers shop in Quethiock and also farmed some land in the village. In the census of 1911, 16 year old William (known as Bill) was recorded as a photographer's assistant, in the employment of his uncle Thomas Harris, who was a renowned photographer.

It is not known when William decided to join the army but he enlisted in Callington and served in the 13th Battalion, Hampshire Regiment.

Details of William's service are unknown but at some point he returned to Quethiock to his family home which is where he died, aged 22 on 4th May 1917 from meningitis. William Harris is buried in St Hugh's Churchyard in Quethiock.

His grave is designated a War Grave with the War Grave Commission.



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