

In Memory of

Private

Frederick Elliott

16084, 7th Bn., Suffolk Regiment who died on 03 July 1916 Age 33

Son of William and the late Laura Elliott; husband of Anna Maria Sheldrake (formerly Elliott), of 64, Church St., Occold, Eye, Suffolk.

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Thiepval Memorial



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Self: Private Frederick ELLIOTT

Frederick was born 1883 in Bedingfield, the son of William ELLIOTT and Laura EVERSON. Siblings were Emma, Rosa, Charles and Alfred.

In 1891, he was living at The Plash, Bedingfield with his parents. In 1901, he was at Thorndon Road, Rishangles and described his occupation as 'teamster' (horse team driver).

Note: The Plash, Plash Farm, Plash House and Plash Lane are not marked today but Plash Lane is the narrow road linking Dublin Road to Bedingfield Church.

In 1906, he married Anna Maria HUNT and they had two children, Frederick Ernest ELLIOTT, born 1907 and Mary ELLIOTT, born 1910 both in Occold.

In 1911, he was living with his wife and children in Occold and described his occupation as 'cowman on farm'.

He enlisted at Eye into the 7th Battalion, Suffolk Regiment with Service number 16084, served in France & Flanders but was KIA, 3 Jul 1916. He is commemorated at Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France.

Wife: Anna Maria HUNT

Anna Maria was born 1883 in Occold, the daughter of George HUNT and Mary CHAPMAN. Siblings were Clara and Walter William, also KIA, 1917.

She had a base born son George in 1904, not possible to identify the father.

But by 1917 she had not only lost her husband but her brother (Walter William) as well.

In 1919, she married Charles SHELDRAKE but he passed away 1924 in Occold without them having any children. She married again in 1927 to Charles PRETTY from Wortham but he passed away in 1951 again without them having any children.

Strangely, it has not been possible to find a death record for Anna.

Parents: William ELLIOTT and Laura EVERSON

His father William was born 1860 in Monk Soham to father Alfred ELLIOTT and mother Frances WARREN. From 1861 to 1891 he lived in Plash Lane, Bedingfield and started work as a farm boy at age 11 before spending the rest of his life as an ag lab (agricultural labourer) in common with around 90% of males at the time.

In 1883, he married Laura EVERSON probably in Bedingfield. Soon after, he moved to Rishangles where he worked as an ag lab until his death in 1936, aged 76.

His mother Laura was base born 1856 in Occold to Elizabeth EVERSON but not possible to identify her father. About age 14, she started work as a general servant to Thomas EVERSON, blacksmith in Occold. We have not established whether Laura was related to Thomas but given that he born 1803 in Occold, he could have been her

great-uncle. She continued to work as a general servant until her marriage to William.

She passed away 1917, aged 61 rather strangely in Woodbridge whereas her husband remained local to Occold. It is pure speculation but a possible reason for this is that immediately after losing her son Frederick in 1916, she may have had some sort of breakdown and been sent to St Audrey's Asylum in Melton, near Woodbridge.

Paternal grandparents: Alfred ELLIOTT and Frances WARREN

Alfred was base born 1825 in Bedfield to Frances ELLIOTT (born 1805 in Monk Soham) – father not known. In 1841 he was an ag lab in Gislingham but thereafter moved to Bedingfield where he spent the rest of his life as an ag lab until his death in 1907. He married Frances WARREN in 1858 (probably in Bedingfield) and they had 9 children – William, Frederick, Harriett, Arthur, John, Emma, Minnie, Bessie and Lunna (!)

Frances WARREN was born 1841 in Thandeston to parents Charles WARREN (born 1815 in Southolt) and Elizabeth GRAY (born 1815 in Palgrave). She moved with her parents to Southolt before 1851 and then to Bedingfield where she probably met Alfred. In 1911 following Alfred's death, she worked as a charwoman until her death in 1925, probably in Bedingfield.

Maternal grandparents: Unknown FATHER and Elizabeth EVERSON

Elizabeth was born 1823 in Occold to parents William EVERSON (born 1800 in Occold) and Charlotte BARHAM (born 1795 in Shelfanger). She lived with her parents in Occold St together with her base born daughter Laura but never married thereafter.

She had siblings William, Mary, Mary Ann, Rose, John and Esther.

In 1871, she was a cook and dairymaid to Henry WELLS, farmer at White House Farm, Occold and then a charwoman from 1881 until her death in 1890, almost certainly in Occold.

Descendant: Son - Frederick Ernest ELLIOTT

Frederick Ernest was just 9 years old when his father was KIA. In 1936, he married Mabel Kate CATLING (born 1909 possibly in Stradbroke) but they had no children hence there are no further descendants to trace.

Mabel died in 1982 and Frederick in 1995, both in this area but neither were buried in Occold. Of course, a death certificate for Frederick would reveal the informant and hence might identify an indirect descendant – but, regrettably, we have no funding to support this! And he did not leave a will that might have told us something!

Descendant: Daughter - Mary ELLIOTT

Tracing descendants coming forward is much more difficult than going back in time. Mary probably got married since we cannot find a death in her name but her name is sufficiently common that we cannot pin down with any certainty who her spouse might have been.