

FREDERICK COLDICOTT

**Private, 10th (Service) Battalion,
Royal Warwickshire,
57th Brigade, 19th (Western Division)**

Killed in action at Grandcourt during the Battle of the Ancre on Saturday 18th November 1916.

Frederick Coldicott and his older brother John Henry both lost their lives during the war. Frederick, born in 1892, was the eighth of the eleven children of the farm labourer John Coldicott and his wife Eliza (nee Petty). They lived in Banbury Road to the south of Hockley Lane, near Rose Cottage.

Eliza died at or shortly after the birth of the eleventh child in 1899. Just over a year later John Coldicott married Fanny Ashfield, who had four children of her own from her first marriage. They had two more children so it was quite a crowded household.

By 1911 Frederick had moved away to live with his married oldest sister in Smethwick. He was working as a stableman for the Birmingham Corporation. He was enlisted in Birmingham in 1915. He lost his life on the Somme and was buried in the Adanac Military Cemetery, Miraumont.

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