

Frederick Samways

Frederick was born in 1885 and was the son of Frederick and Sarah who were living in Moreton Morrell in 1901 according to the Census.

Frederick senior was a farm labourer who was born in Compton Valance, Dorset in 1850. Sarah was born in Moreton Morrell also in 1850 and was the daughter of Charles and Mary Wincott of Moreton Morrell. The 1881 census shows Sarah working as a domestic servant in Poole. They had married in 1884 and settled in Sarah's home village of Moreton Morrell.

Frederick was the oldest of the children of the family. The younger children were Neville, Mary, Susan and Rosalie.

By 1911 Census he was working as a domestic servant and living at the home of Charles Garland in Moreton Morrell.

In January 1915, the Leamington Courier reported that Fredrick along with a number of other Moreton Morrell men had joined up. He is reported as having joined the Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry. The Medal record index shows that he went to the Western Front on the 20th May 1915 presumably after training in the U.K. The Medal Index card also shows that later he served with the Royal Berks Regiment. With both regiments he is shown with the rank of private.

No information has been discovered of his experiences in the war or what became of him afterwards.

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