

Wiles Codgbrook

In 1911 according to the census, Wiles was living in Moreton Morrell at "The Stables Moreton Hall" which was the property of Charles Garland. The Census form was signed by Robert l'Anson horse trainer to Charles Garland. Robert lived at "The Bungalow". Robert was to die in 1912 at a young age of 34.

There were ten young men lodging there most of them were employed as grooms but one as a chauffeur and another was a motor cleaner. As well as Wiles, of these young men we know that Henry Jenkinson and Stanley Barber joined the army. It is surmised they were all in the employment of Charles Garland.

Wiles was the son of William and Annie Codgbrook who in 1891 were living in Nutfield, Surrey where the census officer first described William as a groom then altered the entry to "whipper in". William had been born in Northampton and Annie in Banbury. Wiles was born in Petworth around 1887.

By 1901 the family had moved to Stradishall, Suffolk and Wiles, at the age of thirteen was working like his father as a groom. Sometime afterwards he came to work for Charles Garland as a groom in Moreton Morrell.

At the outbreak of the war in September he enlisted in the 12th Lancers in Dublin. His service lasted on a few weeks and in November he was discharged as unfit.

We know little of his later life but he died in 1960.

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