Curtis John Machin

Curtis John Machin was born at the family farm, The Elms in Bassingfield

on 29th January 1900 to father John and mother Rebecca Machin nee Fisher.

On 26th June 1918 Curtis John Machin aged 18 years 5 months enlisted with the 5th Battalion South Staffs Regiment at Derby. He achieved the rank of temporary Corporal and was promoted to Corporal in the Army of Occupation on 14th July 1919.

Following the armistice, the British Army entered German territory on 3rd December 1918 and the British Army of the Rhine was established as the occupying force in March 1919.

Curtis Machin married Mary Holbrook in 1926. They had two children, John born in Retford in 1929 and Susan born in Nottingham in 1939.



Aged 83 years, Curtis John Machin died in Leicestershire in September 1983.



In 1911 the Machin family were still living at the Elms but Curtis and his elder sister Ella were now joined by younger siblings Richard, Frank and Kathleen.