

William Willatt

William Willatt was born in Papplewick in 1891 to Edward Job and Annie Willatt nee Allcock.

By 1911 there were six children – Helen aged 23 years, William aged 20 years, Job aged 17 years, Jessie aged 10 years, Frederick aged 1 year and Leslie born on 18th April 1911 - living with their parents in a 5 room house in Holme Pierrepont. William was employed as an engine driver on a farm.

On 27th October 1915 William Willatt married widow Edith Annie Hodgkinson aged 39 years at the Prime Methodist Church, Hucknall Torkard. Edith had a 14 year old daughter Jennie Annie H. Hodgkinson.

Two months later on 11th December 1915 William Willatt then living at Chatsworth Avenue, New Basford and working as a drayman for a corn merchant enlisted with the Royal Field Artillery.

On 22nd March 1919 Driver William Willatt was presented with the Military Cross by the Mayor of Nottingham Ald. J.E. Pendleton for taking ammunition to the front line under heavy fire.

Edith Annie Willatt survived her husband and died on 23rd January 1950.

William Willatt living at Bedale Road Sherwood died at the City Hospital Nottingham on 6th June 1945.



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