



Woodford Remembers



Pte. Walter Frederick Ainge

8 September 1894 – 8 October 1916

Family

Fred Ainge was born in Islip to Albert Arthur (b 1869 Herefordshire) and Julia nee Wooley (b 1870 Islip) and was the eldest of four children, Arthur, William, and Evelyn being his younger siblings. The family lived in Islip until early 1902 when they moved to the crossing cottage near Woodford Mill (vacated by the Hilliard family). Fred's father was employed as a Platelayer and Julia was responsible for the railway crossing gates at the rail crossing between Woodford and Denford being employed by the London, North Western Railway. Fred and Arthur (junior) are recorded as starting school at Woodford on 17 March 1902.

In the 1911 census Fred was working as a clothing factory presser in Wallis and Linnell's factory, Woodford with his younger brother Arthur (who joined the Royal Navy in February 1916).

In 1914 younger sister Evelyn was Queen of the May at the Woodford Mixed (Junior) School.

Fred's brother Arthur, returned from the Navy and lived in Woodford marrying Gertrude Warren in 1929 and worked on the LNWR between Oundle and Wellingborough living in Woodford until his death in 1989.

Army Service

Fred Ainge joined the Northamptonshire Regiment number 16475, and transferred to the 69th Machine Gun Corp 5614.

He died of his wounds on 7 October 1916.

Burial / grave

Becourt Military Cemetery, Becordel-Becourt, Grave I.X19.

Dependants

None

Commemoration

Woodford War Memorial Village Green

Woodford St Mary's Church Memorial

