



Great Wishford

World War I Casualty Biographies

Private Edward Middlewick

Private 3875 - G. Company, 1st Battalion, Wiltshire Regiment - Died 3rd January 1917 at home - Age 41 - Born in Barford St. Martin; Attested on the 18th October 1892 at Devizes; Son of Mrs. Mary Middlewick of Gunville, Great Wishford; Formerly employed as a labourer by Mr. Estcourt & Son - Buried in Great Wishford Cemetery - Headstone Inscription reads:- Thy Will Be Done .

Edmund John Middleweek was born in the December Quarter of 1875 at Barford St. Martin, in the Wilton Registration District, to parents John, an agricultural labourer, and Mary Middleweek. His parents married in the December Quarter of 1871.

The 1881 census records Edmund, 5, with his parents, John, 43, Mary, 40, and older brother George, 9, and sisters Elizabeth, 6, and Sarah, 3, living at Burcombe, Wilts.

His father John Middleweek died, aged 50, in the September Quarter of 1888 in the Tisbury Registration District.

The 1891 census at Ridge, Teffont Magna, shows Edward John Middlewick, 11, scholar, living with his widowed mother Mary, aged 50, brother George, 19, an agricultural labourer, sisters Caroline, 16, Sarah, 13 and Lilian Mary, 5, together with two boarders, Thomas Smith, 13, and Richard Smith, 20.

The Wardrobe Museum hold a record for Edward Middlewick, dated 18th October 1892, concerning the 3rd Militia Battalion, Wiltshire Regiment.

A physical description on his attestation papers of the 19th October 1892 state that Edward was 17 years and 7 months old, was 5' 4¾" tall, weighed 107lbs, his chest measurement being 31-33", he was of fresh complexion with hazel eyes and dark brown hair. His religion was recorded as Church of England.

In the 1901 census, his mother Mary Middlewick, age 60, charwoman, born Barford St. Martin, c1841 is living at the Quarry, Tisbury, with her mother Harriet Ward, 82 and niece Bessie Ward, 13.

The Wardrobe Museum, Salisbury, holds a photograph of Private Middlewick of 1st Battalion, G Company, in a heavyweight tug of war team at Ambala, India in 1907. They were winners of the inter-Company Heavyweight tug-of-war competitions 1899-1907.

The 1911 census lists Private Edward Middlewick, 36, unmarried, as overseas military, with the 1st Battalion, Wiltshire Regiment, born 1875 Barford, Wilts., at Pretermaritzburg, Natal, South Africa.

The 1911 Census shows his mother, Mary Middlewick, living at East Tisbury, aged 70.



On 20th November 1916 Edward received the Silver War Badge having been discharged from active service on 22nd March 1915 due to illness.

Private Edmund John Middlewick is commemorated on the church Roll of Honour in the parish church at Barford St. Martin and in the parish church at Great Wishford. He is also named in the Diocese of Salisbury Memorial Book under the parish of Barford St. Martin

Mary Middlewick died aged 88, in 1929, her death being registered in the Wilton Registration District.



CWGC Headstone at Great Wishford Cemetery.

OPC Note:-

Please be aware of the anomalies in name and age in some of the sources above.