

Albert James Darter

Born 18th January 1873

Died 15th May 1915 Age 42

Leicestershire Reg 2nd Bn Pte 12611

Le Touret Memorial

Albert James Darter was born in Steventon, the third of six children of George and Louisa Darter. George was a journeyman baker. In the 1881 census James was an eight year old scholar and the family lived in Drayton Moor (Southmoor).

By 1891 some of the family had moved to West Hanney and George was a railway labourer. The elder children had left home, including James. James reappears on the 1911 census living in Loughborough, Leicestershire with his wife Laura Jane, 43. James was 38 and a general labourer/bricklayer. He and Jane had a four year old son Wilfred and Jane's other three children with them.

James enlisted in September 1914 and from his papers the missing years between the 1881 and 1911 census can be filled in. He served 10 years with the 1st and 2nd Royal Berks Reg including the South Africa campaign. Six years in the reserves, and two years in the militia till his time expired. His army record states he served 233 days between 1914 and 1915 before being killed.

His parents continued living at West Hanney where he is remembered.