

Frank Lamble

Born 27th December 1890

Died 26th October 1915 Age 25

Royal Berks Reg 5th Bn Pte 10311

St. Marie Cemetery

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists the F. Lamble, with a connection to East Hanney through D. Lamble, as Fred. However, extensive research has not found any Frederick Lamble being born in Hanney to any branch of the Lamble family but Daniel Lamble did have a son called Frank.

The Lamble family originated in Cornwall, where the name was spelt Lambell. The first Lamble listed in the parish records was John Lamball, married in 1803 to Mary Davis. Various parish clerks have spelt Lamble in different ways. In fact Daniel Lamble was married in 1869 as Daniel Lambel to Ann Pullen but at the baptism of their children it is spelt Lamble.

Frank was the youngest of their 12 children (one of whom died as an infant). In 1881 the family had been living in the cottage next to the church at Lyford, and then had briefly lived in East Hanney before returning to West Hanney, where Frank was born. He appears on the census as a three month old baby in 1891.

By 1901 Daniel is a carter on a farm in East Hanney and the four youngest children and a married daughter are living with him and Ann. Two of Frank's elder brothers William 22, and George 20, had joined the Royal Berks Reg and were in Oxford Wood Barracks in Reading. George died in 1911.

The 1911 census shows that times were desperate as Daniel now 63, James 35, and Frank 20 are all listed as farm labourers but the words 'no work' have been written after them.

James enlisted after the census in 1911 and his army records show he had previously served 12 years with the Royal Berks Reg. He served a further five years with 3rd Bn Royal Berks Reg (see group photograph). His 'next of kin' record also shows another brother Ernest serving in the Royal Berks Reg. Army records show that the only Ernest Lamble in that regiment as being a P.O.W. at some time.

No record remains of Frank's enlistment.