ALFRED ERNEST HABGOOD 13/10/1898 – 28/3/1918

Samuel Habgood and his wife Mary Amelia (nee Crumpler) married in 1889. Samuel worked as a Thatcher and for the first few years of their marriage they lived at Pamphill. They had seven children Ellen Amelia b.1890, twins Cecil and Cecelia b.1893, Helen Augusta b.1895, Walter Douglas b.1897 Alfred Ernest b.1898 and Morrison b.1905.

The family moved to Lytchett Matravers in about 1899 and lived in a thatched cottage in Lime Kiln Road, on the corner of Flowers Drove. (Where “Wyndham” now stands).



This photo is of Lime Kiln Road taken c.1901. The Habgood’s cottage is on the left. Kiln Cottage on the right. Some of the children could be the Habgood children.

Morrison was too young to be conscripted in WW1 but his three brothers served in the Army. Cecil was a gunner in the Royal Artillery – he survived unscathed and married Frances Godden in 1921. Walter was injured in the leg and spent a long time in hospital. He was a great friend of Edgar Osmond who lived along Wimborne Road and who died in France later that year. Walter married Hilda Osmond, Edgar's sister, in 1923. Alfred Ernest served in the 1st Hampshire Regiment. He was missing presumed dead on 28th March, 1918. He is remembered on the Arras



Memorial.

The Arras Memorial commemorates almost 35,000 servicemen who died in the Arras sector between spring of 1916 and 7th August, 1918 and who have no known grave.

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