HUBERT GEORGE MARTIN

NOVEMBER 1894 – MARCH 1919

John Martin, originally from Charlton Marshall, travelled to Herefordshire where he worked as a Gardener. It was there he met and married Frances Lythe, in 1878.

By 1891 they had returned to Dorset and set up home at Toads Hole, on the lane leading to Loop Farm. There they raised their 10 children – 6 boys and four girls. The youngest of these were twin boys Hubert George and Meyrick Arthur, born 17th November, 1894.



In this photo of Lytchett St. Mary's church choir taken c.1905. Hubert and Meyrick Martin are the boys 4th and 6th from the left. Their father John is 1st left in the back row and their brother Thomas is the boy 2nd from the left.

In the 1911 Census Meyrick (aged 16) was living with his parents and working as a “Cow Man”. His twin, Hubert, was living at the Rectory where he was described as “In and Outdoor help”. The Rev. Mortimer Heath was elderly and had problems with mobility, it is thought that Hubert helped him get around and often pushed him in a wheelchair. Hubert’s father, John was Sexton at St. Mary’s Church, at that time. As such he would have been responsible for the upkeep of the Church, and organising grave digging.

With the onset of WW1, Hubert joined the 2nd Battalion of the Hampshire Regiment as Private 29286. By 1918 he was discharged home to Toads Hole due to illness and he died of Pneumonia on 18th March, 1919. He is buried in Lytchett Matravers Churchyard.



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