

Frederick John ROGERS

Born: 1889, registered at East Cowes as John Frederick

Parents: John Rogers and Elizabeth Rickman / Greenfield

Last known address: Albert Road, Gurnard

Last known occupation: Fitter's labourer

Service number: 25396

Regiment: 1st Battalion Wiltshire Regiment

Service history summary:

- enlisted: not known
- rank: Private
- decorations: British War Medal and Victory Medal
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Died: 23rd August 1916

Age: 26

Commemorated: [Thiepval Memorial](#)

Family: Frederick John Rogers was born in 1889, the son of Elizabeth and John Rogers, although at birth he was registered as John Frederick. Elizabeth (née Rickman) was born in Lymington and had first married George Greenfield at the church of St John the Baptist, Northwood, in 1879. They had two children - Emily and George, both registered in the Cowes area. In 1884 Elizabeth married John Rogers, so it must be assumed that George had died. He was a seaman but no record has been found of his death. John and Elizabeth Rogers had three other children apart from Frederick - Jane, Alice and William; all the family were born in East Cowes.

Brother: William Charles (1895)

Sisters: Jane Elizabeth (1886) and Alice May (1893)

Half-brother: George Henry (1883)

Half-sister: Emily Elizabeth (1880)

Northwood/Gurnard connection: the family moved to Gurnard at some point between 1901 and 1907, when John died. His burial service took place at All Saints Church but he was buried in Northwood Cemetery, as was his wife, Elizabeth. The family were living in Albert Road at the time and appear to have remained there. The records of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission state that Elizabeth's address was 7, Almora Terrace in Albert Road and she was still there when she died in 1934. According to the 1911 Census, two of Elizabeth's children had died but she may have misunderstood the question and thought it related to those still living at home. Emily Greenfield had married Edward Charles James King Rickman, who may or may not have been a relation of her mother, in 1909 and had two children. Emily died in 1939 and Edward in 1943. Jane was housekeeper to John Curties Maxey in Portsmouth in 1911. They married at St Mary's Church in Cowes in 1912 despite the fact that he was some 45 years her senior. He died four years later but Jane never remarried and died in 1961. There are no marriage records for either

George, who died on 1963, or William, who died in 1994. Alice married William Leslie Willis in 1925 and had a daughter. Alice died in 1967 and William in 1972.

War record: Private Frederick John Rogers joined the 1st Battalion Wiltshire Regiment although it would appear that he had previously served in the Somerset Light Infantry (no. 22755). It is possible that he re-joined after conscription was introduced in 1916 as he was not awarded the 1915 Star. The 1st Battalion Wiltshire Regiment was in action from the early days of the War and took part in many of the major battles of 1914. Frederick was killed in action, aged 26, on August 23rd 1916 during the Battle of Pozieres, one of the phases of the 1916 Battle of the Somme.