

Frederick James or James Alfred Brooke

Corporal, 11th Battalion, Border Artillery

James Alfred Brooke, shown as Frederick James Brooke in most military records, was born on 2nd November 1893 in Dymock and baptised in St Mary's three months later on 4th March 1894. James was the third son of the family who lived in the Still House Dymock. His father, George, was a blacksmith and also the Sexton, and his mother's name was Fanny. The Still House was renamed about 1905 and was across the road from the present house of that name in 2016. It was possibly renamed when the family moved to Newent where they were recorded as living in the 1911 Census. By 1911 James was living in Boyce Court where he was a groom employed by Horace Drummond. James was part of a large family with 5 sisters, Gladys, Elsie, Rosanna, Edith, and Gertrude. There were also 6 brothers in the family, Walter, George and Sydney who were younger than James, with Charles and Percy being older than James. It seems likely that James had changed his names to Frederick James by the time he joined the Army in the Great War.

James was killed in action on 18th November 1916 and is buried in the Waggon Road Cemetery, Beaumont-Hamel, Somme, France. His Regimental Number is 27842.

He is commemorated on the Dymock War Memorial and also on the Dymock Roll of Honour in St Mary's Church.

It is not known if the Campaign Medals were received by the family at the end of the war. His family would also have been entitled to receive a Commemorative Medal and scroll from King George V, and again it is not known if they did in fact receive this.

Campaign Medals:

Victory Medal



British War Medal



RECORD DETAILS FOR

JAMES ALFRED BROOKE

BORDER REGIMENT - 11TH BATTALION



First Name: Frederick James (*Note also known as James Alfred*)
Surname: Brooke
Birth Town: Dymock, Gloucestershire
Date of Birth: 02/11/1893
Home Address: Still House, Dymock
Nationality: British
Home Address (1911): Boyce Court, Dymock
Date of Death: 18/11/1916
Fate: Killed in Action
Rank: Lance Corporal
Service Number: 27842
Field of Action: Somme France
Buried: Waggon Road Cemetery, Somme, France

Commemorative Medal and scroll

