HARRIS, William Robert

William Robert Harris was born in Stockland in 1889. His parents were William Harris, born 1863 in Axminster, and Amelia born in Lyme Regis.

In 1891, the family lived at Waterloo Cottage, Turfmoor, Membury: William (26 an agricultural labourer), Amelia (28), Philip A (6), Beatrice A (4) and William R (2).

In 1901 the family lived at Lewis Cottage, Membury. There was William (working as a stone quarryman) and Amelia, with children Beatrice A, William R, Job and Frank aged 5.

In 1911 the William, Amelia and Frank lived at Groveland, Membury. But by the time Frank had died in 1916, his parents were living at Hope Cottage, Membury.

In 1911, now called Robert Harris aged 23, he was living and working as a farm labourer on Higher Wyld Farm, Monkton Wyld, Charmouth.

No military record found for William Robert. His 3 brothers, Philip, Job and Frank also served in the war, Frank died in hospital in Northern France in October 1916. By this time, their parents were living at Hope Cottage, Membury.