

**Draft Notes for George Eveleigh Longman in Freshford Great War Heroic Dead.paw**

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**Longman, George Eveleigh**, Private, No. 32191, 8th (Service) Battn. Prince Albert's (Somerset Light Infantry). s. of James Longman of Stoney Stoke, Bruton by his wife, Elizabeth; b. Stoney Stoke co. Somerset, 16 June 1884; educ. Charlton Musgrove Church of England School; was a Gardener; enlisted in the Somerset Light Infantry 1 July 1916; served with the Expeditionary Force in France from 2 Nov.; was reported missing after the fighting East of Arras 28 Apr 1917, and is now assumed to have been killed in action on or about that date. He m. at Shillingstone co. Dorset, 31 Aug. 1911, Florence Lily (The Gardens, Shillingstone, co. Dorset)<sup>2</sup>, dau of Jehu [sic] Moore, and had a son, Richard George, b. 27 June 1915. <sup>3</sup>

1884 Birth of **George Eveleigh Longman** registered Wincanton, Somerset. <sup>4</sup>

1891 Census shows James Longman age 37 Blacksmith b. Stoney Stoke, Somerset living at Stoney Stoke, Shepton Montague, Somerset with wife Elizabeth age 37 b. Richnowle [probably Knowle, Shepton Montague - but see 1901] and children Bessie age 12, Ada age 10, **George** age 6, all Scholars, Ellen age 3 and Frederick age 8mo all b. Stoney Stoke, Somerset. <sup>5</sup>

1901 Census shows James Longman age 46 Blacksmith b. Stoney Stoke, Somerset living at Stoney Stoke, Shepton Montague, Somerset with wife Elizabeth age 46 b. Puncknoll [probably Puncknowle], Dorset and children Bessie age 22, **George** age 18 Gardener, Nellie age 13 and Hilda age 3 all b. Stoney Stoke, Somerset. <sup>6</sup>

1911 Census shows **George Eveleigh Longman** single age 28 Gardener Domestic worker b. Stoney Stoke, Bruton, Somerset living alone at Oakwood Gardens, Bathwick Hill, Bath (2 rooms). <sup>7</sup>

1911 Marriage solemnized at the Parish Church of Shillingstone in the County of Dorset on 31st August 1911 of **George Eveleigh Longman** age 27 Bachelor, Gardener of Claverton (Somerset) father James Longman, Blacksmith and **Florence L Moore** age 27 Spinster, Domestic Servant of Shillingstone father John Moore, Woodman after Banns in the presence of Ernest Edward Sewell and Amy Hilda Moore. <sup>8,9</sup>

***Florence Lily Moore***1884 Birth of **Florence Lily Moore** registered Sturminster, Dorset. <sup>10</sup>

1891 Census shows John Moore age 35 Labourer and Sawyer b. child Okeford, Dorset living at Lights Row, Child Okeford <sup>11</sup> with wife Annie age 35 b. Yeovil, Somerset and children Beatrice age 10 Scholar b. Yeovil, Somerset, Sidney H age 8 Scholar, **Florence L** age 6 Scholar, Daisy E age 4 and Violet M age 1 all b. Child Okeford, Dorset. <sup>12</sup>

1911 Census shows **Lily Moore** single age 26 Housemaid (Domestic) b. Child Okeford, Dorset living at The Manor House, Shillingstone, Blandford, Dorset as servant to the Lowndes family (a son age 8 and daughter age 3 were in residence at the time). <sup>13</sup>

1915 Birth of **Richard G Longman** Mother's Maiden Name **Moore** registered Bath, Somerset. <sup>14</sup> b. 27 Jun 1915. <sup>15</sup>

1959 Death of **Florence L Longman** age 74 registered Weymouth, Dorset. <sup>16</sup> **Florence Lily Longman** of Herrison Hospital <sup>17</sup> Buried on 14 Sep 1959 at Charminster, Dorset. <sup>18</sup>

1980 Death of **Richard George Longman** b. 27 Jun 1915 age 65 registered Weymouth, Dorset. <sup>19</sup>

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**Longman George E** Som L.I. Pte. Regt No. 32191 Victory Memdal: Roll C/2/102 B11 Page 1386. British Star Do. <sup>20</sup>

1917 **George Ebeleigh [sic] Longman**, b. Bruton, Somerset, Residence: Freshford Somerset Death Date: 28 Apr 1917 Death Location: France & Flanders Enlistment Location Bath Rank: Private Regiment Prince Albert's (Somerset Light Infantry) Battalion: 8th Battaliom No. 32191 Killed in Action Western European Theatre. <sup>21</sup>

**George Eveleigh Longman**, Private, Reg. No. 32191, 8th (Service) Battalion Prince Albert's (Somerset Light Infantry) son of James Longman of Stoney Stoke, Bruton by his wife Elizabeth b. Soney Stoke, co. Somerset on 16 Jun 1884; educ. Charlton Musgrove Church of England School; <sup>22</sup> was a gardener; enlisted in Somerset Light infabtry 1 Jul 1916; served with the Expeditionary Force in France from 2 Nov; was reported missing after the fighting east of Arras 28 April 1917, and is now assumed to have been killed in action on or about that date. He married at Shillingstone, Dorset on 31 Aug 1911 spouse Florence Lily (The Gardens, Shillingstone, co. Dorset) daughter of Jehu Moore, and had a son Richard George b. 27 Jun 1915. <sup>23</sup>

1917 **Longman, George Eveleigh** Private, Service No. 32191. Date of Death: 28/04/1917 age 32 Somerset Light Infantry, 8th Btn. Memorial: Arras Memorial Pas de Calais, France <sup>24</sup> Panel: Bay 4. Son of James and Elizabeth Longman of Stoney Stoke, Bruton, Somerset; Husband of Florence L. Longman of Freshford, Bath, Somerset. <sup>25, 26</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Plaque on Freshford Village war memorial sited on the village Tynning.

<sup>2</sup> The Gardens could not be found in the records.

<sup>3</sup> UK, De Revigny's Roll of Honour, 1914-1924, Volume 4 Page 113.

<sup>4</sup> England & Wales, FreeBMD Birth Index: 1837-1983 for Wincanton Somerset for Jul-Aug-Sep 1884 Vol 5c Page 455.

<sup>5</sup> 1891 England Census RG12/1904 Wincanton, Bruton 1 Folio 9 Page 11 Schedule 57.

<sup>6</sup> 1901 England Census RG13/1904 Wincanton, Wincanton 11 Page 7 Schedule 51.

<sup>7</sup> 1911 England & Wales Census RG14/14683 Bath, Bathwick 2 Schedule 192.

<sup>8</sup> Dorset, England, Marriages and Banns, 1813-1921: Source Citation: Dorset History Centre; Dorset Parish Registers; Shillingstone 1910-1919 Page 119 No. 238.

<sup>9</sup> England and Wales, FreeBMD, Marriage Index: 1837-1983 for Sturminster, Dorset for Jul-Aug-Sep 1911 Vol 5a Page 493

<sup>10</sup> England & Wales, FreeBMD Birth Index: 1837-1983 for Sturminster, Dorset for Oct-Nov-Dec 1884 Vol 5a Page 252.

<sup>11</sup> Child Oakford, near Shillingstone where her marriage to George took place.

<sup>12</sup> 1891 England Census RG12/1632 Sturminster, Sturminster 5 Folio 51 Page 3 Schedule 13.

<sup>13</sup> 1911 England & Wales Census RG14/12196 Sturminster, Sturminster 8 Schedule 63.

<sup>14</sup> England & Wales, FreeBMD Birth Index: 1837-1983 for Bath, Somerset for Jul-Aug-Sep 1915 Vol 5c

Page 745.

<sup>15</sup> Ancestry.com. England & Wales, Death Index: 1916-2005 for Weymouth, Dorset for Sep 1980 Vol 23 Page 0816.

<sup>16</sup> Ancestry.com. England & Wales, Death Index: 1916-2005 for Weymouth, Dorset for Sep 1959 Vol 7c Page 605.

<sup>17</sup> Herrison Hospital was a mental hospital, formerly the county asylum for Dorset. The original asylum was founded in 1832 and the institution continued until 1992, when the hospital closed. The records of the asylum and hospital are held in the Dorset History Centre. Ref <http://www.dorsetforyou.com/dorsethistorycentre/herrison>.

<sup>18</sup> Dorset, England, Deaths & Burials, 1813-2001:Source Citation: Dorset History Centre; Dorset Parish Projects; Charminster Register of Burials for 1959 Page 92 No. 732.

<sup>19</sup> Ancestry.com. England & Wales, Death Index: 1916-2005 for Weymouth, Dorset for Sep 1980 Vol 23 Page 0816.

<sup>20</sup> Ancestry.com. British Army WWI Medal Rolls Index Cards, 1914-1920. Original data: Army Medal Office. WWI Medal Index Cards. In the care of The Western Front Association website.

<sup>21</sup> Source Information: Military-Genealogy.com, comp. UK, Soldiers Died in the Great War, 1914-1919. Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2008. Original data: British and Irish Military Databases. The Naval and Military Press Ltd.

<sup>22</sup> In 1818 there were both day and Sunday schools [in Charlton Musgrove], supported by voluntary contributions. After a fire in 1853 a new school was built. In 1876-7 the school was taken over from the rector, wardens, and overseers by a school board, and by 1903 there were 46 children on the books. The school, which had 26 pupils aged between 5 and 11 in a single class in 1959, closed in 1960. Ref: British History on Line. <http://www.british-history.ac.uk/> 'Charlton Musgrove', A History of the County of Somerset: Volume 7: Bruton, Horethorne and Norton Ferris Hundreds (1999), pp. 170-177. Charlton Musgrove.

<sup>23</sup> UK, De Revigny's Roll of Honour, 1914-1924, Vol 4

<sup>24</sup> The Arras Memorial is in the Faubourg-d' Amiens Cemetery, which is in the Boulevard du General de Gaulle in the western part of the town of Arras. The cemetery is near the Citadel, approximately 2 kms due west of the railway station. The adjacent ARRAS MEMORIAL commemorates almost 35,000 servicemen from the United Kingdom, South Africa and New Zealand who died in the Arras sector between the spring of 1916 and 7 August 1918, the eve of the Advance to Victory, and have no known grave. The most conspicuous events of this period were the *Arras offensive of April-May 1917* [...]. Ref: <http://www.cwgc.org/find-a-cemetery/cemetery/82700/ARRAS%20MEMORIAL>.

<sup>25</sup> Commonwealth War Graves Commission Casualty Details [www.cwgc.org](http://www.cwgc.org) <http://www.cwgc.org/find-war-dead/casualty/3076792>.

<sup>26</sup> UK, Commonwealth War Graves Commission, Register of Names, 1914-1921 and 1939-1947. Index No. MR. 20 Arras mem Part XIV Page 783.