

## **Private 54236 Samuel Langford**

13<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Durham Light Infantry

Born 1892, St. Tudy

Died of Wounds: 22<sup>nd</sup> September 1917

Samuel was born at Trewen Farm, St. Tudy. His parents were Robert Langford and Ellen Cottell. He was named after his Grandfather, Samuel.

Ellen was born in St. Teath, and the Langford family came from Lesnewth, Camelford, where they were farmers. They arrived in St. Tudy sometime after 1881, and Robert's brothers were all farmers.

Robert married Ellen Cottell in St. Tudy in 1888.

Samuel had three brothers and four sisters, one of which, Annie, lived at Sunnyside up until 1957.

As his father was a farm worker and had five children to feed, it was a better prospect for Samuel to live with his Aunt and Uncle, Digory and Matilda Langford, at their farm at Poldue, Blisland at an early age.

He lived with them until he enlisted in Camelford on the 26<sup>th</sup> of November 1915.

Samuel served with the Durham Light Infantry as a private in the Western Europe Theatre of War. On the 11<sup>th</sup> of January 1917 he was posted to Etaples where he joined his Battalion. He was wounded on the 21<sup>st</sup> September, 1917 and taken to the 17<sup>th</sup> Casualty Clearing Station. He died of his wounds the following day on the 22<sup>nd</sup> September.

He is buried at Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery.