



## Frederick Daniel Field

The 1871 Census records a young boy, Daniel Field, living in Linkfield Lane (now Linkfield Road). When he grew up he met a local Hounslow girl Alice (nee Pinder) and they married in Brentford in 1894. In 1895 their first child was born and they named him Frederick Daniel (recorded as Daniel Frederick at birth). By 1901, a daughter Maud (4) and another son Thomas Henry (1) had arrived.

The family were now living in Syon Lodge Cottage, in the grounds of Syon Lodge (a grand Georgian house built in 1780) that still stands today. Frederick's father, Daniel, was working as a gardener. George Manville Fenn, a very famous children's author at the time, moved to Syon Lodge in 1889 and Frederick's sister Maud used to run errands for the family!

By 1911, two more sons, William and Edward had been born. The family continued to live in Syon Lodge Cottage and Frederick and his father are both recorded as a 'Gardeners Domestic' – Daniel was, in fact, the Head Gardener. The picture shows the gardens of Syon Lodge today.

Frederick Field (Regimental No. 7179) enlisted in Hounslow. We know he joined 11<sup>th</sup> Battalion Royal Fusiliers (City of London) Regiment which was raised in Hounslow on 6<sup>th</sup> Sep. 1914. There are no service records for this soldier, so it is unclear when he joined up. He may well have seen and survived years of battles with his battalion. We do know however, that **Frederick died on 3<sup>rd</sup> April 1918** at or near Villers-Bretonneux in France.



It was early evening on April 2<sup>nd</sup> 1918 when Frederick's battalion, along with other battalions in the 18<sup>th</sup> Division, began an attack on an **elevated** German trench. It was a difficult and dangerous position and the advancing soldiers were spotted by enemy observers with machine guns and artillery. We don't know how long the attack lasted, however, over 100 men lost their lives including Frederick who was **'killed in action'**. He was only seven months away from the end of the war and demobilisation.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission notes the very place that Frederick's body was found - map reference 62 D.U12d 7.3. He was buried in Hangard Communal Cemetery Extension, a little south of Villiers-Bretonneux where he fell. He is also remembered at All Saints Church in Isleworth. Frederick left his sole legacy (£28.97) to his mother, Alice. He was also remembered in All Saints' Church, Isleworth.

