

William Fifield

Twins William and Arthur Fifield were born in Isleworth in 1889. Their father was a coachman and groom. In 1891 the family lived in rooms over the coach-house of the Star and Garter Hotel by Kew Bridge, but within a few years they moved back to Isleworth.

In 1896 four of the children were baptised at All Saints on the same day. Their address was 3 Percy Gardens, North Street, and later 23 North Street (which may have been the same house after new street numbering came in). North Street and Percy Gardens looked very different then from today.

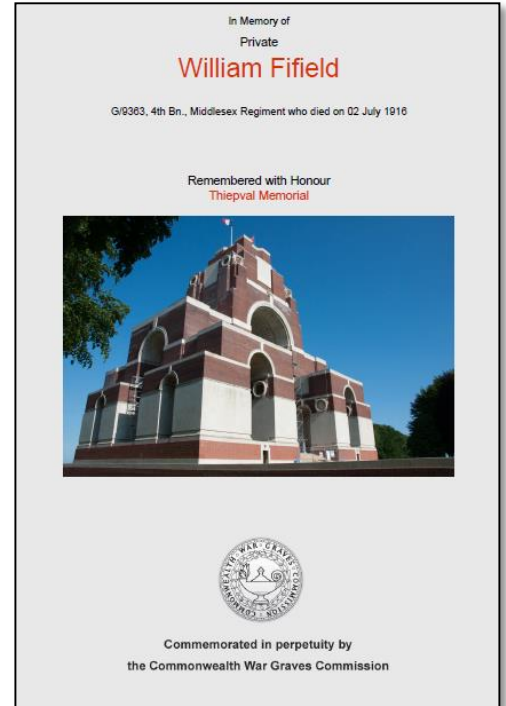


North Street from Swan Street, c1905

In 1912 William married Kate Ambridge at St Bridget's. They had two sons, and lived at 121 Linkfield Road. William's jobs were as a baker in 1911 and a delivery man when he enlisted in March 1915.

As a Private in the Middlesex Regiment, in February 1916 he was sent to France and was killed in action on probably the first day of the Battle of the Somme. He is on the Thiepval Memorial to the missing of the Somme. His twin, Arthur was killed a few months later and is on the same memorial.

Kate moved to Battersea with her two young sons and soon married Alfred Cox.



William's death reported in the Middlesex Chronicle

