



## **Percival (Percy) Masters**

**Private 320759 24<sup>th</sup> (Pembroke and Glamorgan Yeomanry) Battalion  
Welsh Regiment**

**Died 9<sup>th</sup> September 1918 aged 28**

Percival was born in Chiddingfold, Surrey on 1<sup>st</sup> August 1890 to Samuel Masters and Frances Mills. Samuel and Frances had married in Hambledon, Surrey in October 1889 and went on to have five sons and one daughter. Percival was their first born, followed by Dorcas (1892), Samuel Sidney (1894), Murray (1895) Bryant James (1897) and Ernest (1900). The 1891 Census shows the young family living at Ansted Brook, Chiddingfold where Samuel was described as a farmer. By the 1901 Census the family was complete, with the youngest, Ernest being 10 months old. They had moved to Tattletons Farm, Lower Beeding where Samuel was a farmer living on his own means. By December 1901 Frances had died at the young age of 39, leaving Samuel a widower with six children, the oldest, Percival was 11 and the youngest, Ernest just 18 months old.

The 1911 Census shows that Samuel had moved his family to The Haven, Billingshurst where he was again farming and living on his own means. He had employed a housekeeper, Louisa Mills, Frances' sister whom he married in 1913.

Percival enlisted at Bridgend, Wales into the 1<sup>st</sup> Pembroke and Glamorgan Yeomanry, the 24<sup>th</sup> Battalion of the Welsh Regiment. The Battalion took part in battles in Egypt throughout 1917, including the second and third Battles of Gaza, and the captures of Beersheba, Jerusalem and Jericho, before transferring to the Western Front in May 1918. The Allied armies had fought successfully in the battle of Amiens in spring 1918 and continued the push into enemy lines. Percival took part in the Second Battle of Bapaume which began on 2<sup>nd</sup> September and was killed in action on 9<sup>th</sup> September 1918, just two months before cessation of hostilities.

Four of Samuel's sons, Bryant, Murray, Samuel and Percival served in the Army and all are listed in the 1918 Absent Voters List which was compiled in early 1918. They all gave their address as Brooks Green where their father and stepmother were farming. Samuel was listed in the 1918 Kelly's Trade Directory, but sadly died early in 1919, four months after his loss of Percival. The Army Register of Soldiers' effects shows that Percival's war gratuity was shared between his five siblings and his stepmother.

Percival is buried at Tincourt New British Cemetery and commemorated on the Shipley War Memorial. He was awarded the British War Medal and Victory Medal.

In Memory Of  
Private

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24th (Pembroke and Glamorgan Yeomanry) Bn., Welsh Regiment  
who died on 09 September 1918

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