

PRIVATE WILLIAM JAMES ROBERTS (21317)

ROYAL WELSH FUSILIERS.

When William James Roberts was born in October 1893 in Nant Bwlch yr Haiarn, in the parish of Llanrhychwyn, his father, John, was 32 and his mother, Eliza, was 19. He was the oldest of ten children and had three brothers and six sisters. The 1911 census records him as a labourer and his father as a miner. They were living at a house called Tyn y Groes, in Llanrhychwyn.

When William enlisted in April 1915, the family had moved to Hill Cottage, on the Llanrhychwyn Road in Trefriw.

We know little about his war service but he survived the war and then died within a week of returning home on 9 February 1919 at the age of 25. Could he have succumbed to the outbreak of Spanish Flu that killed so many people at that time?

He was buried on 22 September 1919 in Trefriw Cemetery (no. 418) and the grave is marked as a war grave. On the burial record, his profession is recorded as an electrician. His father, John, two very young sisters and his brother Thomas Charles are buried in the same plot.

William was the eldest brother of the late Mrs Violet Owen, of Peniel House, Trefriw.

Sources:

1861 Wales Census

1871 Wales Census

1881 Wales Census

1901 Wales Census

1911 Wales Census

England & Wales, Civil Registration Birth Index, 1837-1915

England & Wales, Civil Registration Death Index, 1916-2007

Trefriw Cemetery Burial Records

Year 1866
Llanrwst and Llanrhydwyn Burial Board

No.	DATE	NAME	AGE	RANK OR PROFESSION	ABODE	PARISH OR DISTRICT	No. in ORDER BOOK	WHERE INTERRED.		SIGNATURE OF OFFICiating MINISTER.	SIGNATURE OF REGISTER.
								No.	C. OR N.C.		
311	Oct. 17 th	Margaret Jane Hill									
312	Nov. 18 th	Annie Powell	76		Alma House	Trefris		49			R. Roberts
313	Dec. 6 th	David James Cellwell	2		Dyn Rhoo	Llanrhydwyn		698		St. James	R. Roberts
314	Dec. 24 th	Alfredo Alti	52	Lead Miner	Cifa Mawllwyd			458		Henry Jones	R. Roberts
315	Jan. 19 th 66	Thomas Williams	35	Labourer	S. Victoria Terrace	Trefris		692		John Jones	R. Roberts
316	Jan. 20 th	(Rev.) Evan Davies	77	Minister of the Gospel	Llophwysfa	"		727		St. James	R. Roberts
317	Feb. 20 th	Richard Williams	69	Retired Farmer	Welby Cottage	"		300			R. Roberts
318	Feb. 22 nd	William James Roberts	25	Electrician	Hill Cottage	"		37		Henry Jones	
319	Feb. 26 th	Richard Roberts	1mo.		Trefris Terrace	"		418		Henry Jones	
320	Feb. 26 th	Anne Evans	54		Poniel House	"		263		Henry Jones	
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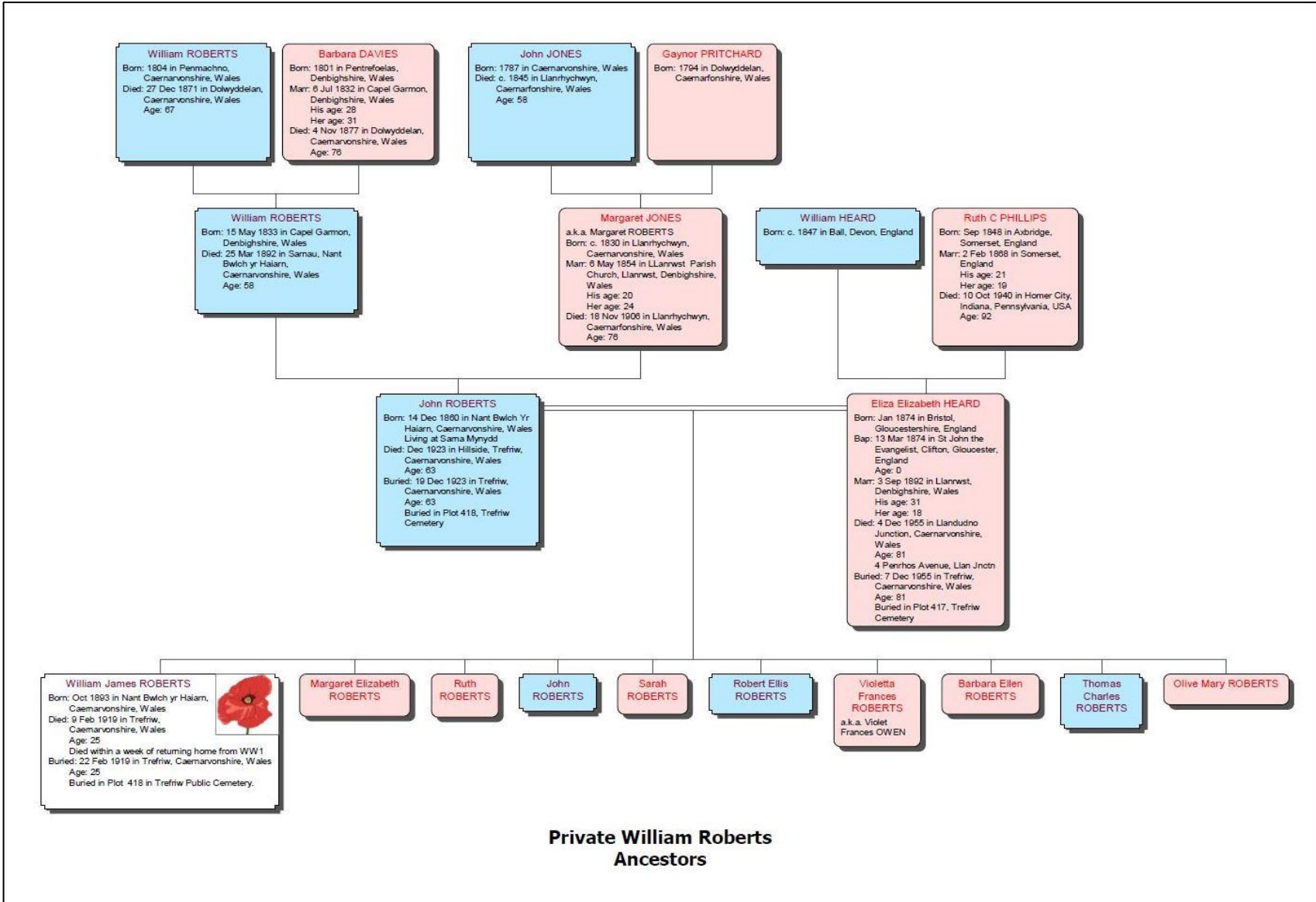
Burial Record for Wiliam James Roberts



William Roberts' Grave in Trefriw Cemetery



Hill Cottage (Hillside Cottage) the home of William James Roberts



Private William Roberts
Ancestors