

George Baldock

110619, 5th Canadian Mounted Rifles Battalion. Died 1st October 1916, aged 23

George was born 21 December 1893, third son of the seven children of Richard, a labourer, and Sarah Ann (nee Robinson). The family lived at Newton's Drive, Station Road, and George started Warboys Board School 1 April 1901 with **John Dockerill** and **Lewis King**.

After working in the brickyards George enlisted 8 June 1915 with the 5th Canadian Mounted Rifles who had arrived in England that year.



It is not known why George chose to join a Canadian Battalion; perhaps it was because of the horses. His application says he was 5'9" with fair hair, grey eyes and a 33" chest.

He was killed on 1 September 1916, age 23, during the Battle of the Ancre Heights on the Somme. He was buried where he fell with other men of his unit.



George's remains were moved in 1920, identified by a temporary cross, he is now buried in the Regina Trench Cemetery, named after the trench over which they were fighting.

His older brother **Richard (Eddie) Baldock** had also been killed in June 1916, their cousins **Charlie Baldock** and **John Robinson** died in 1918. Their mother, Sarah Ann, died in 1931 and their father, Richard in 1932.

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