

## PRIVATE ARTHUR ROBERT SHIELDS

### 2<sup>nd</sup> / 6<sup>th</sup> BATTALION ROYAL WARWICKSHIRE REGIMENT

Arthur Robert Shields was the son of Donald, a blacksmith born in Woolwich, and of his wife, Margaret Ann Roberts, known as Maggie, who was born in Penmachno. Arthur had an older sister, Ellen Grace, and a twin brother, John William. The twins were born in 1899 in Llandudno. Margaret Ann died in 1902, when the twins were only three years old and Ellen Grace was five. In 1903, Donald married another Maggie, Maggie Griffiths from Llangwstenin, and went on to have three more children, two girls and a boy.

At the time of the 1911 Census, the family was living in a house called Fairview, close to the Farmer's Arms pub, on what was then called Tywyn Hill and is now part of Deganwy. Donald Shields' father had been an army groom, and had moved around the country quite a lot, but the family had strong links to north Wales for at least forty years.

Eryl Prys Jones (*Conwy Wledig a'r Rhyfel Mawr*) says that the family were living in 1 Victoria Terrace when Arthur Robert was killed. Arthur's records state he lived in Llandudno and enlisted at Bangor. Presumably, the family had not lived in Trefriw very long.

Arthur died on 19 August 1918 aged 19. He is buried in Tannay Cemetery, near the village of Thiennes.

The battalion of the Royal Warwickshire Regiment, which Arthur joined, was formed in Birmingham in October 1914. It was involved in fierce fighting on the Somme around Amiens and suffered many casualties. It was withdrawn to Bethune, which was thought to be quieter, but it was here that the Germans launched their Spring Offensive in April 1918, in which Private Shields was killed. It played an important part in the final defeat of the German armies.

#### *Sources:*

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

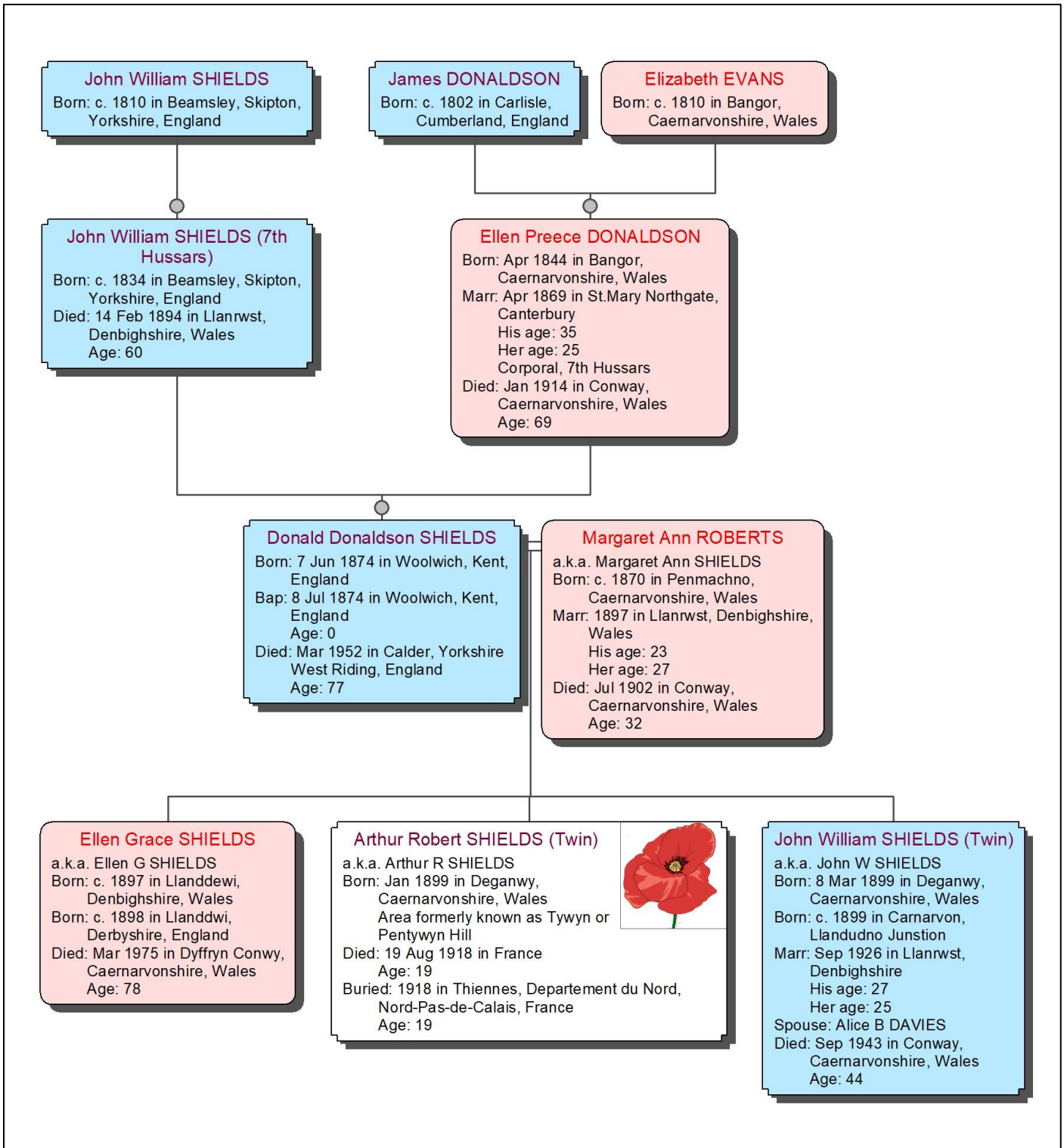
*Find A Grave Index for Burials at Sea and other Select Burial Locations*

*England & Wales Census 1851 to 1911*

*Army Registers of Soldiers' Effects, 1901-1929*

*Soldiers Died in 1914-18 War*

*The Long Long Road*



## Arthur Robert Shields' Ancestors



**1, Victoria Terrace, the former home of Arthur Robert Shields**



# CENSUS OF ENGLAND AND WALES, 1911.

Number of Schedule 218  
(To be filled up by the Enumerator after collection.)

*Before writing on this Schedule please read the Examples and the Instructions given on the other side of the paper, as well as the headings of the Columns. The entries should be written in Ink.*

*The contents of the Schedule will be treated as confidential. Strict care will be taken that no information is disclosed with regard to individual persons. The returns are not to be used for proof of age, as in connection with Old Age Pensions, or for any other purpose than the preparation of Statistical Tables.*

NAME AND SURNAME	RELATIONSHIP to Head of Family.	AGE (last Birthday) and SEX.	PARTICULARS as to MARRIAGE.						PROFESSION or OCCUPATION of Persons aged ten years and upwards.				BIRTHPLACE of every Person.	NATIONALITY of every Person born in a Foreign Country.	INFIRMITY.	LANGUAGE SPOKEN.	
			State, for each Married Woman entered on this Schedule, the number of—	Completed years the present Marriage has lasted.	Children born alive to present Marriage. (If no Children born alive write "None" in Column 7.)	Total Children Born Alive.	Children still Living.	Children who have Died.	Personal Occupation.	Industry or Service with which worker is connected.	Whether Employer, Worker, or Working on Own Account.	Whether Working at Home.					
<p>of every Person, whether Member of Family, Visitor, Boarder or Servant, who</p> <p>(1) passed the night of Sunday, April 2nd, 1911, in this dwelling and was alive at midnight, or</p> <p>(2) arrived in this dwelling on the morning of Monday, April 3rd, not having been enumerated elsewhere.</p> <p>No one else must be included. (For order of entering names see Examples on back of Schedule.)</p>																	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	
Donald Donaldson Shields	Head	38 <sup>M</sup>	Married	<del>8</del> 7	<del>3</del> 3				Blacksmith	190		Own Account	Not kept	Walsworth 080	British sub	No	Both
Mary	wife	36 <sup>F</sup>												Holl Bushington		No	Both
Ellis Grace	Daughter	14	single						Student	380	999	0		Stanhope	455	No	Both
John William	son	12	single						student	1	999	1		Stanhope		No	Both
Arthur Robert	son	12	single						student	1		1		Stanhope		No	Both
Rebecca Mary	Daughter	7	single						at school					Stanhope		No	Both
Alice Anne	Daughter	4	single											Stanhope		No	Both
Albert David	son	2	single											Stanhope			
John Hudson	Apartment	28	Married	6	3	3			Labourer	7+5		Contractor	Worker	Wretham P. W	British 455		English
Lizzie Hudson	wife	26	"	6	3	3			Laundress	030		Worker	Worker	London P. 22	"		Both
Margaret Ann Hudson	daughter	7 months												Stanhope			
William Hollands	son	10	single						Student	33390		0		Stanhope	055		English
William Isaac	Head	70	Married						Gardener	Domestic		worker		Stanhope	455		Both
Elizabeth Evans	wife	59	Married	1	1	1								Stanhope	455		Both
Robert Evans	son	20	single						Builder			worker		Stanhope			Both

(To be filled up by the Enumerator.)

I certify that— (1) All the ages on this Schedule are entered in the proper sex column. (2) I have counted the males and females in Column 3 and 4 separately, and have compared their sum with the total number of persons. (3) After making the necessary enquiries I have completed all entries on the Schedule which appeared to be defective, and have expressed such as appeared to be erroneous.	Total		
	Males.	Females.	Persons.
Initials of Enumerator. <u>W.N.</u>	4	7	11

(To be filled up by, or on behalf of, the Head of Family or other person in occupation, or in charge, of this dwelling.)

<p>Write below the Number of Rooms in this Dwelling (House, Tenement or Apartment). Count the kitchen as a room but do not count scullery, landing, lobby, closet, bathroom; nor warehouse, office, shop.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">10</p>	<p>I declare that this Schedule is correctly filled up to the best of my knowledge and belief.</p> <p>Signature <u>Donald Donaldson Shields</u></p> <p>Postal Address <u>Fair View, Deganwy</u></p>
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**The 1911 Wales Census showing Arthur living at Fair View, Deganwy with his Father, Step Mother, siblings and half-siblings.**