

Joseph Wilson Parish

Son of Charles A Parish and Annie Parish

Joseph Parish is shown in the 1901 census as living at Little Carlton
Lincolnshire age 8.

He is believed to have been killed in WW1.

All local servicemen killed had a plaque put up in Little Carlton church with a photo and some text, when a photo wasn't available a cap badge was used. In the case of Joseph W Parish it was a cap badge of the Lincolnshire regt. A brass plaque was erected in Little Carlton church showing all those killed during the war, included on this plaque is Joseph Parish.

Little Carlton church is now demolished, the individual plaques were moved to Great Carlton church hall and following refurbishment were retained by Edwin Reetham (b 1922) churchwarden and local historian.

The brass plaque was moved and put up in Great Carlton church.

Mrs Esther Evans (nee Parish born 1920) niece of Joseph Parish reports that she had been told that a comrade of Joseph Parish visited the family and told them that he had seen Joseph Parish 'blown to pieces' in France.

The note with the cap badge is written Joseph Parish Pte Lincolnshire 1916 killed on or about April 18th 1918 Homefield farm. (Homefield farm is where he lived in Little Carlton.)

The date on the church brass plaque is April 28th 1918.

Joseph Parish is also mentioned on the war memorial in Little Carlton along with others who served during the war.

I have searched the Army records at Kew but there is no record of Joseph Parish (probably among those destroyed by enemy bombing in WW2). All those who served were awarded medals and in the card index there is a card listing Joseph Parrish (a common spelling mistake for Parish) of the Lincs Regt Pte 2240 being awarded the Victory and British medals.