

ERNEST MILLS CARTWRIGHT

Birth:

He was the grandson of William Matthews (D: 1874) and Mary A'nn Matthews (D: 1881) who are buried in St Margaret's Old Churchyard (N0 259)

He was the son of Charles Knight Cartwright and Jane Burford Cartwright of Bromley. She became Mrs Mallett of 8 Cambridge Rd, Bromley, Kent.

Second Lieutenant, CARTWRIGHT, ERNEST MILLS. Ernest enlisted in 1916 into the 11th Battalion of the Tank Corps. Died 13/04/1918, Aged 38. CHOCQUES MILITARY CEMETERY [III. C. 3] (France).

Inspiration?

One wonders if Ernest was inspired to go join the Tank corps by the strong presence of Tank Corps legends living on the Greenwich side of the Heath.

These included Colonel Francis Edward Swinton KCB CB DSO the inspiration and driving force behind the "armoured tractor". He lived at 1 Annersley Rd. Major General Sir Hugh Ellis the Commander of the Turks at Cambrai who lived at No 4 and Robert Blair Swinton

Memorials

He is commemorated on his grandparent's grave at St Margaret's Church, Lee.

"To the beloved memory of Ernest Mills Cartwright, grandson of the above W. and M.A. Matthews. Killed in Active Service in France on the 13th April 1918 aged 38 years."