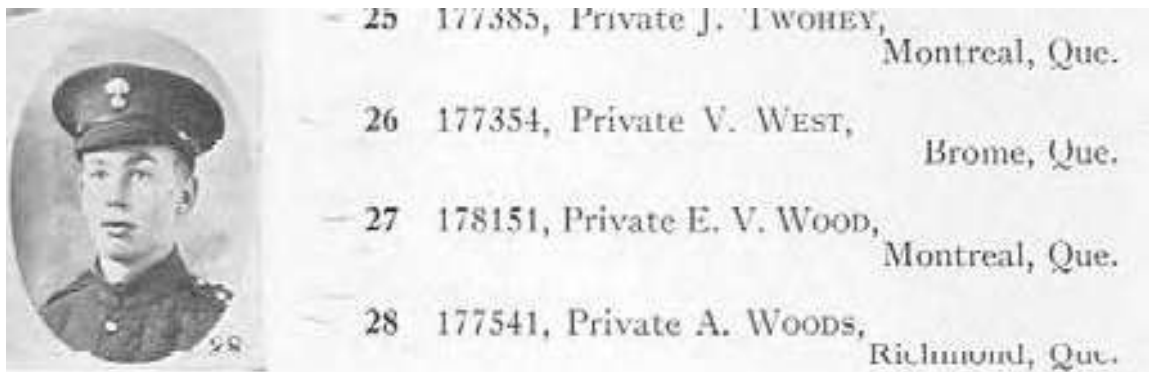


**In Memory of
Private ALFRED WOODS
177541, 87th Bn., Canadian Infantry,
Canadian Expeditionary Force, 4th Division,
11th Infantry Brigade.
Who died, age 17, on 21 October 1916
Son of Sarah Edgington, Union St, Faringdon, Berks.
Remembered with honour
Faringdon War Memorial and VIMY MEMORIAL**



Commemorated in perpetuity by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission

On the opening day of the Battle of Arras, 9 April 1917, the four divisions of the Canadian Corps, fighting side by side for the first time, scored a huge tactical victory in the capture of the 60 metre high Vimy Ridge.

After the war, the highest point of the ridge was chosen as the site of the great memorial to all Canadians who served their country in battle during the First World War, and particularly to the 60,000 who gave their lives in France. It also bears the names of 11,000 Canadian servicemen who died in France, many of them in the fight for Vimy Ridge, who have no known grave.

In the 1901 census, Alfred Woods, aged 1, is listed as living with his grandparents, two uncles and brother Willie, 6, no parents, at 85 Block Green, Faringdon. He was one of ~118,000 children who were sent to Canada under the Child Immigration scheme from 1863-1939. These boys and girls, ranging in age from toddlers to adolescents, were all unaccompanied by their parents, even though only two percent of them were true orphans. Alfred joined the regiment in Richmond, Quebec.

An extract from **The British Home Children who perished in the First World War**

WOODS, Alfred

Waifs and Strays, arrived Tunisian, 26 May 1913 – dob 13 yrs (c1900)
[Faringdon, Berkshire 1899 Sep 2c 265] – 1901 English census Berkshire, Great Faringdon, dist 3, Block Green, Fred 52 general laborer b Berks, Wantage; Elizabeth 51 b Berks, Grove; Fred 17 worker at sawmill b Berks, Stevenson; Ernest 15 b Berks, Milton; Willie gson 6 b Berks Stevenson; Alfred gson 1, b Berks, Faringdon – SN177541 (Ancestry 177549) enlisted Richmond, PQ, 1915, dob 9 May 1898, Faringdon, Berkshire, England, nok (mother) Mrs Sarah Edgington, Union St, Faringdon, Berkshire, occ farm hand, 87th Bn – KIA 21/22 Oct 1916, “Killed in the Area – The Somme.”, on Vimy Memorial – Somme.

Alfred probably spent his time in the C of E Sherbrooke Home for waifs and strays called the Gibbs’ House on Bowen Street, Sherbrooke, Quebec.

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THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND
 Incorporated Society for providing
HOMES FOR WAIFS & STRAYS
 (otherwise known as "Waifs and Strays.")

Sherbrooke, Quebec
Church of England Waifs & Strays

During the period the Society was active in Canada it maintained six receiving homes: Gibbs' Home, Sherbrooke, Quebec (girls' home 1884-97, boys' home 1897-1933); Benyon Home, Sherbrooke, Quebec (boys' home 1884-97) Our Western Home, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario (girls' home 1897-1921) Elizabeth Rye Home, Toronto, Ontario (girls' home 1924-32) Winnipeg Babies' Home, Winnipeg, Manitoba (home for boys and girls aged 0-5, 1909-11)

Date of Sailing & Name of Boat.	Boys' Names.	Date of Birth.	Boards of Guardians.
SHEET 21.			
25th April, 1913 ss VICTORIAN.	Osborn, Frederick G.	27.10.1898	Chichester.
	Quayle, Alfred S.	15. 7.1899	
	Robinson, Albert W.	26. 2.1898	
(Continued).	Saunders, Alfred F.	2. 6.1898	<i>Continued</i>
	Sewell, Charles J.	9. 3.1899	
<i>Arr'd in Canada</i>	Welker, George.	11.11.1897	
<i>7 May 1913</i>	Weston, Richard.	30.11.1897	<i>Govt. T. Keeley</i>
	Willcox, Richard J.	19. 4.1899	
	Worsley, Charles.	5. 3.1897	
17th May, 1913 ss TUNISIAN.	Alden, Edgar.	14. 3.1898	<i>Govt.</i>
	Barker, Richard W.	9.11.1897	<i>M. E. J. B. Pugh</i>
	Bennett, Herbert W.	6. 5.1899	<i>Wash. Rep. Home</i>
	Brewer, Gerald B.	17. 6.1898	
	Clark, Herbert W. A.	5. 5.1898	
	Cole, Frederick.	28. 2.1899	<i>Nov. 1951</i>
<i>Arr'd in Canada</i>	Collins, Arthur.	10. 3.1901	Norwich.
<i>26 May 1913</i>	Grievess, George R.	29. 4.1898	
	Harrison, Joseph. <i>DIED</i>	19. 6.1899	<i>8 MARCH 1953</i>
	Hollingsworth, Fredk.C.	22.12.1898	<i>REPORT (Mon).</i>
	Jennings, Reginald W.	8. 3.1899	<i>MONTREAL</i>
	Kackay, Henry S.	10. 9.1898	
	Miles, Walter H.	2. 3.1899	
	Nash, Victor G.	29. 4.1899	
	Nicholson, George K.	26. 2.1899	
	Ong, William.	----.1898	Stow.
	Parker, Edmund J.	25. 4.1899	
	Fenfold, Thomas C.	5. 1.1899	
	Rees, Josiah.	26. 7.1899	
	Richardson, Edward H.	20.12.1898	
	Richardson, Ernest.	11. 6.1898	
	Sparkes, Thomas E.	23. 3.1898	
	Whitfield, William A.	7. 1.1899	
	Woods, Alfred.	9. 8.1899	

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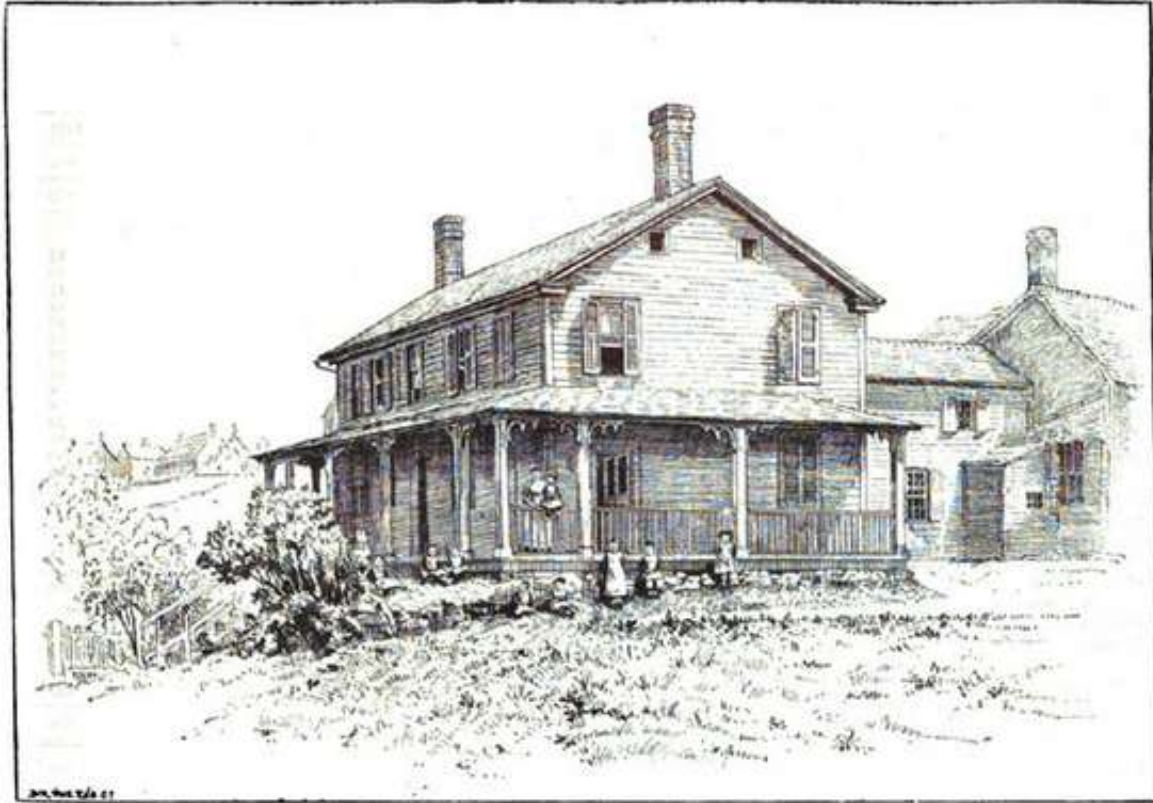
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THE SHERBROOKE HOME.



The Gibbs' House on Bowen St, Sherbrooke, Quebec

Given Name(s):

Alfred

Surname:

WOODS

Age:

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Gender:

M

Ship:

TUNISIAN

Port of Departure:

Liverpool

Date of Departure:

1913-05-17

Port of Arrival:

Quebec

Date of Arrival:

1913-05-26

Year of Arrival:

1913

Party:

Church of England Waifs & Strays

Destination:

Sherbrooke, Quebec

Comments:

Mr. Pugh in charge

Type of Records:

Passenger Lists

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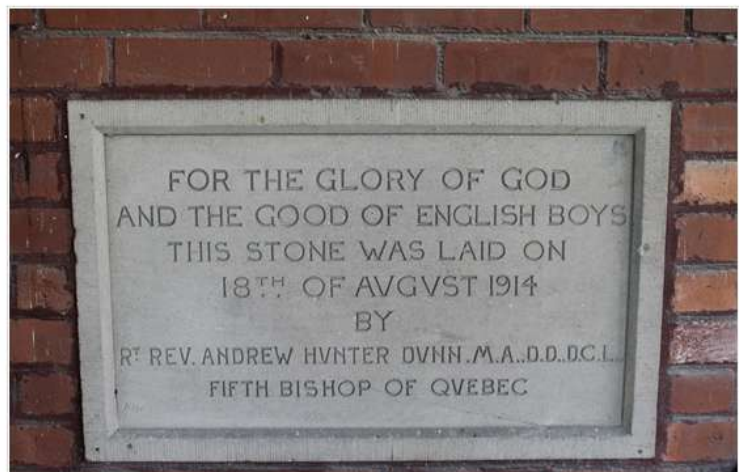
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Gibbs war memorial
is now housed in the Church of Advent in Sherbrooke, Quebec
473 Bowen St
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17903 Private	Whitton, John	Sgt	Fleming, M. A.	New Albyn, Perth, Scot.	Scotland	Montreal	Dec. 2, 1913.
17774 Private	Wheeler, William Henry	Sgt	Wheeler, Henry	Perthshire, Scot.	Canada	Quebec	Nov. 11, 1913.
17773 Private	Whiting, James	Sgt	Whiting, George	Not stated	England	Montreal	Nov. 22, 1913.
17772 Private	Whitton, James	Sgt	Whitton, Private 2nd George	London, Eng.	England	St. John's	Jan. 11, 1913.
17764 Sergeant	Wilkinson, Cuthbert	3rd Regt.	Wilkinson, T. C.	1252 Park Ave., Montreal, P.Q.	England	Montreal	Oct. 1, 1913.
17763 Private	Williams, Charles William	Royal Navy	Williams, Hans	P.O., Berlin, P.Q.	Canada	Montreal	Oct. 25, 1913.
17762 Private	Williams, John Henry Joel	Co. Mil.	Evans, John	Ballyvary, Scot.	England	Ballyvary	Nov. 27, 1913.
17761 Private	Williams, Stanley	3rd Regt.	Williams, Robert J.	Quinn St., Dorset, Eng.	England	Montreal	Nov. 23, 1913.
17748 Corporal	Wilshier, Charles Herbert	Sgt	Wilshier, Mrs. Julia	13 Brierfield Ave., Finchley, Church End, London, N. Eng.	England	Montreal	Nov. 11, 1913.
17729 Private	Wilson, Charles	3rd Regt.	Wilson, Mrs. C.	Thetford, Mass., F.Q.	Canada	Quebec	Oct. 23, 1913.
17728 Private	Wilson, Harry	Sgt	Not stated	Not stated	Canada	Montreal	Nov. 17, 1913.
17713 Private	Wilson, William	Sgt	Lee, Louis	Hidgesport, Mich., U.S.A.	U.S.A.	Montreal	Nov. 25, 1913.
17707 Private	Wilson, William	Sgt	Barnes, Mrs.	Harbors, P.Q.	Canada	Ottawa	Nov. 23, 1913.
17707 Private	Wilson, William Herbert	Sgt	Wilson, Mrs. George	242 St. Ursula St., Montreal, P.Q.	U.S.A.	Montreal	Nov. 8, 1913.
17632 Private	Wilkynson, John	Sgt	Wilkynson, Mrs. Homer	Paragon, Dorset, Eng.	England	St. John's	Feb. 27, 1913.
17647 Private	Wood, Albert Frank	S.N.W.M.P.	Wood, Mrs. Alice	Maryboro, Ont.	Canada	Coveville	Nov. 26, 1913.
17646 Sergeant	Wood, Alfred	2nd Fus.	Wood, Mrs. Alice Quirk	1865 Canaris Ave., Montreal, P.Q.	England	Montreal	Sept. 29, 1913.
17613 Private	Wood, Edward	U.S. Army	Woodrow, Mrs. Julia Maternity	13 Bonfield Rd., New Cross, London, Eng.	Canada	St. John's	Jan. 4, 1913.
17598 Private	Woodruff, Wayne	Sgt	Woodruff, Fern	35 Manhattan St., Rochester, N.Y., U.S.A.	U.S.A.	Montreal	Nov. 8, 1913.
17477 Private	Woods, Alfred	Sgt	Woods, Mrs. A.	14 Mulchberry, 24 Colerworth Rd., Tottenham, Eng.	England	Montreal	Nov. 10, 1913.
17381 Private	Woods, Victor	Sgt	Edgerton, Mrs. Sarah	Union St., Faringdon, Berks, Eng.	England	Tisbury	Nov. 10, 1913.
17369 Corporal	Woods, William Arthur	Sgt	Not stated	Not stated	England	Montreal	Nov. 13, 1913.
17328 Private	Woodworth, Lawrence Albert	Sgt	Woods, Mrs. A.	Manthorpe, 28 Colerworth Rd., Tottenham, Eng.	Canada	Montreal	Nov. 11, 1913.
17322 Private	Woodward, Thomas Edwin	Sgt	Woodworth, Alice E.	33 Birch Ave., St. Lambert, P.Q.	Canada	Montreal	Dec. 2, 1913.
17282 Private	Wood, Henry Arthur	3rd Regt.	Woodcock, Mrs. Emily	221 Acting Ave., Ottawa, Ont.	England	Ottawa	Nov. 22, 1913.
17268 Private	Worner, William Charles	Technical	Worner, Mary Ann	19 St. Catharines St., Lachine, P.Q.	England	Montreal	Nov. 1, 1913.
17262 Private	Worthing, Homer Ralph	Sgt	Worthing, Mrs. Grace Ivy H.	Tapscott Road, Lonsville, P.Q.	England	Sherbrooke	Nov. 4, 1913.
17261 Private	Wray, George	3rd Regt.	Worthing, Mrs. Grace Ivy H.	Dawie, P.Q.	Canada	St. John's	Jan. 21, 1913.
17248 Private	Wright, Leonard	Sgt	Wright, Mrs. Lena Nimm	Headman Vale, P.Q.	England	Quebec	Oct. 23, 1913.
17214 Private	Wright, Thomas Henry	3rd Regt.	Wright, Thomas	145 The Emerald St., Montreal, P.Q.	England	Montreal	Nov. 28, 1913.
17204 Private	Wynn, Cyril Bradford	1st Regt.	Wynn, Mrs. Mary Emma	281 Bowen Ave., Sherbrooke, P.Q.	Canada	Quebec	Oct. 21, 1913.
17203 Corporal	Wynn, Joseph Percival Vivian	1st Regt.	Wynn, Mrs. Mary Emma	21 St. Mark St., Montreal, P.Q.	Canada	Montreal	Dec. 4, 1913.
17202 Private	Yardley, Daniel Walker	Sgt	Yardley, Mrs. Julia	Copper Cliff, Ont.	Canada	Montreal	Nov. 25, 1913.
17201 Private	Yarold, Russell Wellington	C.P.A.	Yarold, George	Oranby, P.Q.	Canada	St. John's	Mar. 11, 1913.
17187 Private	Young, Francis Charles	Sgt	Young, Benjamin	Massonville, P.Q.	Canada	Montreal	Dec. 4, 1913.
17139 Private	Young, John Francis	Cap. Mil.	Young, Robert Charles	27 St. Philippe St., Montreal, P.Q.	England	Montreal	Oct. 23, 1913.
17136 Private	Young, Norris Emmott	13th Regt.	Young, George	Glen Sutton, P.Q.	Canada	Sutton	Nov. 16, 1913.
17104 Private	Young, Richard Thomas	2nd Regt.	Young, Susanna	23 Devereux Rd., Sherbrooke, P.Q.	England	Sherbrooke	Oct. 4, 1913.
17023 Private	Young, Thomas Richard	3rd Regt.	Young, Mrs. Susanna	13, 1st Ave., Kamisseeve, Montreal, P.Q.	England	St. John's	Feb. 2, 1913.

87th Battalion Canadian Infantry Nominal Roll 23rd April 1916 showing Alfred Woods



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