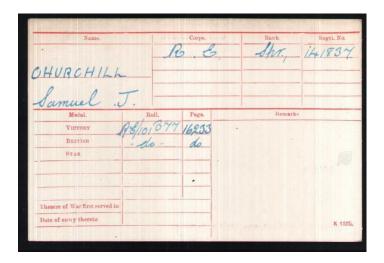
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Samuel was born on March 5 1896, the oldest son of Mark and Alice Churchill; Mark, born in 1868, was a journeyman Carpenter and Wheelwright. In 1901 the family were living with their three children at Lodge, Buckland St Mary

By 1911 there were seven children besides Samuel: Florence, George, Rosa, Frederick, Grace and Walter. Father Mark had died in 1907, and Samuel by now was an apprentice carpenter, having left school in 1910. Mark's father Dan had been a small farmer, at first in the Street Ash area, and later (1891) at Beehive. The children were all born in Combe St Nicholas or Buckland.

Samuel was in the Royal Engineers; his Medal Roll Index Card, with no 1915 Star (for service abroad during that year), suggests he must have been called up late in 1915 or in 1916; he's also on Buckland St Mary School's Roll of Honour. The 1918 Absent Voters List for Combe St Nicholas gives more precise detail of his service, in 285 Army Troop Company. Later in the War this unit served in the little known Italian Campaign, in the harsh mountainous conditions of the Dolomites. More research is needed to find exactly where they did serve and what battles they were involved in, but nothing has been found so far, save that the Army Troops Companies were formed for behind-the-line bridging and water work.



In the 1939 Register of England and Wales Samuel is living with his brothers George and Frederick and sister Grace at Lower Beetham. All are unmarried; Samuel is a carpenter, his brothers farm labourers and his sister a Housekeeper, probably looking after their household. Samuel died in 1972.

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