

Thomas Costello

Macclesfield Road, Holmes Chapel

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Arrow shows approx. site of cottage where Thomas lived- adjoining the now demolished Bulls Head Inn.



His Story

He was born Feb 1892 and lived in a cottage adjoining the Bulls Head and using the same yard. The cottage accommodation comprised kitchen, back kitchen, pantry and 3 bedrooms.

The cottage was also occupied by Thomas's father (also called Thomas who was born in Middlewich) and his mother Mary and sister, Lucy. Thomas Snr was a groom and Jnr an apprentice at the joinery works.

Mary and Lucy who together with Thomas Jnr were born in Holmes Chapel were doing housework at home.

Thomas died in May 1971 aged 79.

His War Record

Private Thomas Costello enlisted at Knutsford on 11 September 1914 aged 21 yrs 6months. He was only 5ft 3in tall. He Joined 12th Battalion, Cheshire Regiment; number 16581.

Records show that he was part of the BEF on 6th September 1915 but then became part of the Mediterranean EF on 28th October 1915. He was recognised as an able and proficient sniper but on 18 September 1918 he was disabled by a gunshot wound to forearm.

On 21 December 1918 he rejoined his Battalion but was then discharged "unfit for further service having served 4years 127 days and been wounded several times'.