Sidney Harrison

West Hope Cottages, Holmes Chapel

Returned

The home of Sidney Harrison



His Story

Sidney was born in 1893 to Albert (born in Holmes Chapel and a house painter) and Margaret Harrison (a Warford girl). Sidney, the eldest child was the only one to be born in Chelford, where he was baptised in on 5th March 1893. All his other 9 siblings were born in Holmes Chapel. Of these, 2 were to die as infants. The family moved to West Hope Cottages, Middlewich Road, Holmes Chapel as is recorded in the 1901 census, when Sidney was 8.

By 1911, aged 18, Sidney had become an apprentice baker. The house they all lived in had a lobby, parlour, kitchen, scullery and cellar. There were 3 bedrooms. In the paved yard was a detached privy, ash pit and coal house. The rent was £9.10 per year.

Initially, after the war Sidney was recovering in hospital. However, records show that he was still living in West Hope Cottages.

His War Record

Sidney enlisted into the Shropshire Light Infantry in May 1916.

In May 1917 he was reported in hospital and by October was seriously ill. He was in hospital all through 1918 and the last report in December 1918 said he was slowly improving.