

Eric Measham

Cranage Club, Cranage

Killed in Action 19th July 1916

Cranage Club, his home in 1915



His Story

Eric was born at Marple in 1895 to George (he was born about 1848, Bagworth, Leics, and a coachman) and mother Ellen (born about 1855 in Sudworth, Derbyshire).

In 1901 he was living at Hollins Lane, Marple, aged 6 and in the year of 1911 he was at 32 Trafalgar Road, Birkdale, aged 16 and a gardener.

His link with Holmes Chapel is that in 1915 he was living at Cranage Club with his parents. It is almost certain that he was working on the Cranage Hall estate as the Carver family had links to Hollins Lane, Marple where he was in 1901.

His War Record

On the 13 March 1915, aged 19 years 6 months, he enlisted into the 16th Battalion Manchester Regiment as a private with number 7624.

On the 8th November 1915 he was posted to France and on 1 July 1916 promoted to unpaid Lance Corporal. On 11th July 1916 he was reported missing and he was assumed dead on 19 July 1916. He was aged 21.

There is no known grave but he is recorded on Pier and Face 13A and 14C of the Thiepval Memorial.

Awarded 1914 -15 Star 5 September 1921. British War Medal and Victory Medal 7 May 1922.