

# Percy Moody

South View, Macclesfield Road, Holmes Chapel

## Returned

The Home of the Moody Family.



### His Story

Percy was born in May 1889 in Holmes Chapel to Charles and Emma Moody. Charles occupation was a huckster - a person who sells small items door-to-door or from a stall. In 1891 the family including sons Charles (14) and James S (8) were living at South View Holmes Chapel.

By 1901 Percy was aged 11 and the family were still living at South View in Macclesfield Road .

On leaving the army, he married Amelia Jane (Mill to the family). Mill was in the Land Army during the war, and spent some time posted to a large house in Holmes Chapel, which is where she must have met Percy, either during or just after the war. They were married in 1920 and bought a shop in Knutsford. Mill and Percy were childless, but in about 1942 they took in their nephews at the ages of about 4 and 6. Their mother had died of pneumonia.

Percy died of a heart attack in Bucklow Dist in February 1949 aged 59.

### His War Record

His military record shows that he attested on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 1915 when he was aged 25yrs 9 months. His height was 5ft 5½in, weight 155 lbs with a 39.5" chest and his occupation shoeing smith.

Because of his farriery skills, he was "specially enlisted" which was a way of fast tracking people with required skills to the war zone. He was enrolled with an Indian regiment of the RFA (Royal Field Artillery) and initially went to France. When the regiment moved to Mesopotamia (modern day Iraq), he went with them and became seriously ill with malaria in mid 1916. After treatment in a field hospital he was sent to India, where he served for the rest of WW1. He had a good army record, with only one punishment on his record (confined to barracks for disobeying a station order!).

He was finally demobilised on the 11<sup>th</sup> November 1919.

The Absent Voters List of 1919 confirms his home address as Macclesfield Road and his Nr 98029 with the RFA.