

Josiah O Royle

Village Centre, Holmes Chapel

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His Story

Josiah was the son of Owen and Mary Royle and was born in 1874. Owen was a bricklayer and grocer according to the census of 1881 when the family were living at Dingle Lane, Over.

The family were at the same address ten years later when Josiah was 17 and working as a joiner.

By 1901 Josiah had married Mabel and the family were living in Middlewich Road, Holmes Chapel. They had two sons John and Eli who also joined the forces during WW1.

The 1911 census shows they had joined forces with the Pickstock family to form a building and contracting business which involved the sons as well as the father.

His War Record

According to the Parish Magazine he was called up, at the age of 44, in December 1917 and joined the forces.