

John Cecil Street

Quinta, Macclesfield Road, Holmes Chapel

Returned

Site of John's home



His Story

John was born in Cranage on 27th October 1895, the son of Thomas and Elizabeth Street. Thomas was a bricklayer and was born in Lower Withington. Elizabeth came from Cranage. Thomas and Elizabeth had nine children altogether.

The family moved from Cranage to Holmes Chapel and records show that in 1901 they were living in Middlewich Road and John was attending the school at Holmes Chapel on Macclesfield Road (site of the current Catholic Church).

By 1911 the family were living in Macclesfield Road and John was an apprentice blacksmith at Cranage aged 15. The house they lived in was called "Quinta" and was a detached house made of brick with a slated roof. It was in reasonable condition with a sitting room, kitchen, scullery, pantry, three bedrooms and a box room. There was a detached privy in the garden and drainage was into the public sewer.

John married Annie Burgess in August 1919 and he died in the Congleton area in May 1978 aged 83.

His War Record

We don't know when John signed up but we know that he was serving abroad In August 1915.

By October 1915 he was in hospital in the UK doing well. In November 1915 he was out of hospital and home for a few days but still not fit for duty. He returned to his regiment and it was reported in March 1916 that he had been wounded and was recovering in Alexandria, Egypt.

In October 1917 there were reports that he was seriously ill.

The absent voters list of 1919 indicate that he was a lance corporal with the Cheshire Regiment at the end of the war but still in hospital.