

John Henry Baston

Macclesfield Road, Holmes Chapel

Returned

Badge of the Army Service Corps



His Story

Born on 26th February 1888, in 1891 he was living in Macclesfield Road, Church Hulme aged 3. His father was a coal agent who had also been born in Holmes Chapel. By 1901 he was aged 13 and living at the same address in Church Hulme.

However, by 1911 aged 23, he had been married to Ann Mary for about a year and was living in Holmes Chapel. He was a bricklayer's labourer and Ann Mary was a dressmaker.

They had a daughter Irene Mary who had been christened on 6/11/1910 at Church Hulme. On 16th August 1913 a second daughter Winifred was christened at Church Hulme.

Mary Ann Baston of 70 Macclesfield Road was buried at Church Hulme Cemetery on the 7th September 1955. John Henry died at the Grange, Weaverham and was buried at Church Hulme on 8th May 1978 aged 90.

His War Record

On 22nd March 1915 he enlisted at Crewe into the Army Service Corps as a driver, Nr T4/071049.

Between 22/3/15 to 5/5/1916 he served at home, presumably undergoing training. His service record then shows that from 6th May 1917 to 11th December 1917 he was with the British Expeditionary Force in France.

He was then posted to Italy where he was with the forces until 3rd April 1918. He appears to have had a spell in hospital about this time as the Parish Magazine reported that 'he was going along well and out of hospital in March 1918'.

From 21 September to 5th October 1918 he was back in France and he appears to have stayed until March 1919 after which he was transferred to the Z army.

From the Absent Voters list of 1919 we find his home address at the time was still Macclesfield Road and he was serving as a Driver with 14th AFC.