

Harry Basford Burgess

Bridge Farm, Holmes Chapel

Returned

Bridge Farm where Harry was working



His Story

Harry Basford was the brother to Fred and Walter Burgess. He was born to Samuel and Harriet on 19th March 1895 and in 1901 was living with the family at Gawsworth aged 6.

The family moved to Holmes Chapel in about 1903 and occupied the Old Police House. Sadly Samuel died in 1909 and the family had to move to make way for the next Sergeant of Police.

By 1911 the family were living in a small cottage on Middlewich Road. Harry was working at Bridge Farm as a cowman aged 16.

When he returned to Holmes Chapel after the war he married Clara Blease and he lived at 32 Middlewich Road. He worked at Crown Wallpaper and became foreman printer.

He died on 3rd March 1956 in Holmcroft, Arclid, aged 61.

His War Record

He is reported to have joined 7th Cheshire Regiment in December 1914. In March 1916 he was wounded with shrapnel wounds in the lower back at Gallipoli but the Parish Magazine reported that he was doing well in hospital in Cairo. He served time in the army in both North Africa and Turkey.

There are further reports of him being in hospital in 1916 and 1917. Finally in January 1918 he was discharged from the army on medical grounds.