

# John Leach

Goostrey Road, Cranage

## Returned



### His Story

John was born on 22<sup>nd</sup> October 1886, son of Agnes and William Leach, at Twemlow, into an agricultural background. At the age of four he was living at Med Vale Farm in Ashton-under-Lyne, Lancashire.

By the age of fourteen he was back in Cheshire, working as an assistant cowman on George Hill's farm at Allostock.

By 1911 his mother Agnes Leach was running a farm in Cranage, but John had already joined the army and was serving overseas as a telegraphist in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion of the King's Shropshire Light Infantry. At this time he was serving in Tibet.

John returned to the Holmes Chapel area at some point after his war service, though nothing is known of his subsequent career. He was living at Hanging Gates, Chester Road at the time of his death aged 64. He was buried at Holmes Chapel on 6<sup>th</sup> May 1951.

### His War Record

John remained with the King's Shropshire Light Infantry throughout the war. The Parish Magazine noted that he was serving with the KSLI in October and December 1914, though there are no further reports of his activities.

He was, however, promoted, for he is listed as Sergeant (8384) as an absent voter in 1919 for an address in Goostrey Road, Cranage. He was discharged from the services with an excellent record on 31<sup>st</sup> March 1920.

His name appears on the Church Roll of Honour.