

# Lionel James Picton

Saddler's Close, Holmes Chapel

## Returned

The house called Saddler's Close where Dr Picton lived.



### His Story

Lionel James Picton was the son of William and Mary Picton and was born in 1874 at Bebbington, Cheshire.

In 1881 the family were living at Wood Lea, Great Crosby and Lionel was aged 7 and at school. His father was an architect and surveyor and was able to afford three domestic staff to service the house.

The census of 1891 shows the family were now living at 2 College Ave, Great Crosby, and Lionel was aged 17 and a student of Art and Science.

In 1904 at the age of 30 he married Emma Binney and seven years later he was living at Holmes Chapel, aged 37, and the general medical practitioner for the village.

He was buried on the 25<sup>th</sup> November 1948 at Church Hulme aged 74. At the time he was living at a house positioned behind the George and Dragon called Saddler's Close.

### His War Record

Lionel Picton is not listed on the Roll of Honour because he was not a member of the armed forces. However he did contribute his skills by working for the St John's Ambulance Association.

In October of 1914 Dr Picton was still in Holmes Chapel but in October he left along with a stock of bandages provided by the Sewing Guild.

In December 1914 he was working at a hospital in Calais with the St John's Ambulance Association along with J Monaghan and W Rowe. In addition a Miss Bolland who may have been Doris Bolland the daughter of Bernard Bolland at Brooklands, Holmes Chapel.

It is not known how long Dr Picton remained in France before returning to his practice in Holmes Chapel.