

Sydney Chadwick Wakefield

Laburnum Villa, Middlewich Road, Holmes Chapel

Returned

The house where Sydney lived which was the 'Sawmills'



His Story

Sydney, son of Joseph and Harriet Wakefield, was born in August 1900 in Holmes Chapel and lived with his parents at Laburnam Villa, Middlewich Road.

The house is situated next to the old Police Station. His father Joseph was a joiner and his mother came from Brereton. He went to school in the village and became a joiner like his father.

After the war he returned to his home area, where he died, probably of pulmonary tuberculosis, on 9th May 1925 aged 24.

His War Record

Sydney was called up towards the end of the war and was attested on 15th October 1918, not long after his 18th birthday. The Parish Magazine and Roll of Honour mention his change of occupation. He was posted to the 5th Battalion, the King's Liverpool Regiment and his service number was 113098. He appears to have been transferred to the Royal Engineers, Sapper number 618361, possibly because of his training as a joiner. He was discharged from the forces on 29th November 1919 suffering from pulmonary tuberculosis, then a largely untreatable disease. His address at the time of his discharge was given as the Middlewich Road 'Sawmills'.