



Woodford Remembers



Pte. Samuel Jackson

3rd Quarter 1876 – 23 March 1918

Family

David Jackson of Brigstock married Emily Swan of Sudborough in 1864 at Sudborough Parish Church. Their first born, Sarah, was born shortly after, followed by Elizabeth a year later. John and George were born in Brigstock, followed by Edith, Deborah, William Andrew and Samuel all in Woodford. Younger siblings followed, Mary, Charles, Joseph Garfield, Christopher, Agnes, Ethel, Ellen and finally Flora. 16 children in all. On 21st January 1882 a mass christening took place involving Edith, Deborah, Mary, William, Samuel, Charles and Joseph at St Mary's Church Woodford. Whilst living in Woodford until the late 1800s, the family lived in Spring Gardens, off Bakers Lane. By 1901 the family unit had moved to Long Row. David was an ironstone labourer according to the various census, however, an accident reported in the press in 1908 reveals at the time he was in open cast pits, a wooden support gave way in the hole he was working in and hit him on the head causing severe concussion. He was transferred home where he remained unconscious for some time. David died in the fourth quarter of 1909 aged 65, though this may not have been a result of the accident. On 26 December 1901 Samuel Jackson had married Martha Susannah Allen in Irthlingborough, who had been a lodger with Samuel in Lilley's Row Irthlingborough in the census earlier that year. The couple later had two children, Lilian and Hilda. In 1911 the family lived in Scarborough Street, Irthlingborough and Samuel was employed as a heel trimmer.

Army Service

Samuel enlisted at Yeldon with the Northamptonshire Regiment (number 737), but was transferred to the 6th Battalion, Leicestershire Regiment number 33252, rank of Private. The battalion was part of the 110th Brigade at the Battle of Epehy, when, between 21st March (the first day of the German offensive) and the 30th March, the Battalion lost 18 officers and 445 from the ranks.

Burial / grave

Not known

Dependants

Wife, Martha Susannah Jackson, nee Allen
Daughters, Lilian and Hilda

Commemoration

Pozières Memorial (Panels 29/30)
Woodford War Memorial Village Green
Woodford St Mary's Church Memorial
Irthlingborough War Memorial



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