

Frank Wood Chadwick's story

The 1911 census record John and Lucy Chadwick and their two children at 2 Kentsford Terrace, Kents Bank.



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They had moved from Salford when John retired as a cotton manufacturer. Their son Frank was born in Salford on 17 June 1892 and their daughter Mary was born in Eccles in 1895. John died aged 60 in 1915. Frank was training to be a surveyor and was employed by Hoggarth Brothers of Kendal when he enlisted in the 5th Battalion of the Cold Stream Guards. However when he was killed in action on 29 September 1918 he was a Second

Lieutenant in the RAF 59th Squadron. No. 59 Squadron was formed on 1 August 1916 and moved to France on 13 February 1917 with R.E.8s. For the remainder of the war No. 59 engaged in artillery spotting and reconnaissance work and was disbanded on 4 August 1919.

Royal Aircraft Factory R.E.8 - 16 Squadron - WWI Aviation Art Painting Russell Smith ASAA



<http://www.hansenfineart.co.uk/winter-watchmen-p-414.html?osCsid=h4a6cfibrfuepvnferndmi1h80> accessed 23 March 2015

Frank was 26 years old and engaged to be married. He was shot down while flying as observer to Captain Thomas Stuart Symonds DFC.

He is buried at Fifteen Ravine British Cemetery, France.



https://www.google.co.uk/search?q=15+ravine+british+cemetery+france&newwindow=1&source=Inms&tbm=isch&sa=X&ei=1O0PVdKOJIX_UsiehLgB&ved=0CAgQ_AUoAg&biw=1787&bih=826&dpr=0.9#imgrc=fw_ZiMicdbSnM%253A%3BDMnfNxVklNXMM%3Bhttp%253A%252F%252Fwww.cwgc.org%252FdbImage.ashx%253Fid%253D10310%3Bhttp%253A%252F%252Fwww.cwgc.org%252Ffindacemetery%252Fcemetery%252F2000077%252FFIFTEEN%252F520RAVINE%252520BRITISH%252520CEMETERY%252C%252520VILLERS-PLOUICH%3B1024%3B705 accessed 23 March 2015

A choral memorial service was held at Allithwaite lead by the Rev J W Gilbertson. Frank is commemorated on a brass plaque in Allithwaite Church and is included on Allithwaite Church and Grange War Memorials. I have not been able to locate a plaque in Lindale Church that was noted in the Book of Remembrance of the men commemorated on Grange-over-Sands War Memorial

Allithwaite Church War Memorial



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George Sedgwick's story



Westmorland Gazette 14 July 1917

The Sedgwick family, William and Hannah and their six children, lived at Yew Tree Farm, Cart Lane, Grange-over-Sands.



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William had married Hannah Watson in 1887. George was their third child and youngest, living son born in 1893. His brothers and sisters were Richard 1888, William 1891, Hannah(Nancy) 1896, John 1903-1912 and Phyllis 1910. Father William was a labourer for the Council in the 1901 census and a farmer in the 1911 census. George had joined the Furness Railway Company and was a railway clerk at Grange Station. He joined the Kings Own (Royal Lancaster regiment) 8th (Service) Battalion, enlisting at Grange, and was a lance corporal leading a lewis gun section when he and his team were killed by a shell on 16 June 1917 aged 24. He was married.

Men of the 28th Battalion of the 2nd Australian Division practice Lewis gun drill at Renescure.



http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lewis_gun accessed 23 March 2015

He is commemorated on the Arras Memorial, France. He is also remembered on the Furness Railway War Memorial at Barrow-in-Furness Station, Grange War Memorial in the Ornamental Gardens and Allithwaite Church War Memorial.

Arras Memorial, Pas de Calaise, France



<http://www.cwgc.org/find-a-cemetery/cemetery/82700/ARRAS%20MEMORIAL>
accessed 23 March 2015

Furness Railway War Memorial at Barrow-in-Furness Railway Station



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<https://www.warmemorialsonline.org.uk/node/159809>
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Sources

As the centenary of the start of the First World War approached many records became available online. Some research had been carried out on many local War Memorials and information was published in booklets or on the internet. I became interested and found the social aspects of the impact that the war had on local communities fascinating and an area that had not been researched locally. I began to research local soldiers' social background. The Grange U3A project encouraged the gathering of this information.

The following are some of the sources I used.

1. Online Cumbrian newspaper database of First World War Soldiers mentioned in local newspapers.
2. Findmypast website for census and birth, marriage , military service records and medal card details.
3. Online historic newspapers (Findmypast and Cumbria Libraries).
4. Google search of soldier's name.
5. Commonwealth War Graves online database
6. Internet information about regiments
7. Request to public in locality for information via local newspaper such as Grange Now.
8. Publication of stories in Westmorland Gazette Memories section which is also posted on internet enables people across the world to contribute if they have information. This also applied to including the research on the Cartmel Peninsula Local History Society website.
9. Exhibition of information in local area encouraged people to come forward and give more information.
10. Contact with other researchers with experience of researching military history.

Subsequently I intend placing the information on the Imperial War Museum's digital project Lives of the First World War <https://livesofthefirstworldwar.org>

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