

Grange over Sands War memorial – includes the name of :

Private Joseph William Gibson No. 2524, who served with the King's Own Royal Lancashire Regiment, 1st/4th Battalion B company.

He was killed in action on 18th October 1916 at Hooge, Belgium, aged 28 and is buried at Vlamertinghe Military Cemetery, near Ypres (Plot 4 Row H Grave 14).

His place of birth was Grange over Sands, son of William, a gardener and Martha Gibson of Hillside Cottage, Hampsfell Road, Grange over Sands.

He was a member of the Territorial Army and was sent to France with the B.E.F. on 3.5.1915.

Joseph had three sisters, Martha Garrat Gibson, Mary Elizabeth Gibson and Adelaide Gibson. none of whom was married in 1911 census.

He was born in the Autumn of 1888, (regd Ulverston 8e793) and was the youngest child and only son. When he joined up , he gave his occupation as Grocer's assistant and his employer as Mossop's, which was on the corner of Main Street and Pig Lane. Robert Mossop had lodged with the Gibson family for many years. In 1911, his family of parents, three older sisters and Joseph were at Hillside cottage. Joseph was aged 22, his sisters were aged 30, 28 and 24. His parents were in their early sixties, as was their lodger, Robert Mossop.

William and Martha had been there since at least 1881, when they ran Hillside cottage as a Lodging House.

One of Joseph's sisters was still at Hillside cottage as late as 1961, Adelaide had married and was Mrs. Ward by 1920. Both Adelaide and Martha were named on a list sent relating to the effect of Joseph and Martha wrote to thank the authorities for a commemorative scroll sent to her.

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Airman 2nd class (Air Mechanic) John William Shepherd No 82007 Royal flying Corps. He drowned in the sinking of the Hospital Transport ship, Aragon, off Alexandria, Egypt on 30th December 1917, aged 39. He was the son of Christopher, a baker & confectioner, and Eleanor Shepherd of Arnside and husband of Mrs Beatrice Shepherd of the Imperial Café, Grange over Sands. He is commemorated on the Chatby memorial, on the Eastern side of Alexandria.

The Aragon had sailed from Marseilles on 17th December 1917, laden with 2700 troops bound for the conflicts in Palestine. Having sailed in convoy, the rest of the convoy sailed on to Alexandria while Aragon waited ten miles offshore for her escort.

She was torpedoed by the German sub UC34 and quickly sunk. The destroyer HMS Attack dashed to her rescue and picked up many men, before being torpedoed by the same submarine, which almost blew her in two.

380 officers and men of the Commonwealth forces were lost.

Born in 1878 in Lupton, Kendal, in 1881, aged 1, John was living with his parents at Brow Foot, Lupton. His father was a farmer.

In 1891, the family lived at Station Road, Arnside. His parents and John are listed as Grocers. By now there were six children in the family.

In 1901, John, aged 21 was listed as a groom. His parents and sister, Marie were listed as confectioners and they lived at the shop on "Seabreeze".

Only four of the children lived there at this time.

In 1906, John married Sarah Beatrice Owen in Carnavon and in 1911, the couple lived in Main Street, Grange over Sands, running their own confectioners shop, with four live in assistants. In 1909, they advertised in the Grange Red Books.

Their son, Harold Owen Shepherd had been born in 1908. He and his mother continued to live at the Imperial Café, until Sarah died, aged 70 in 1946. They sold cakes and ices, sweets and catered by arrangement. Harold had married Margaret Coupe in 1933 and he remained in Grange, running the shop until at least 1976. Harold died in 1981, aged 73.

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Private Harry Alfred Taylor, no 155803, Regiment was “The Buffs”, an East Kent regiment. He died of his wounds on 7th May 1917, aged 49, and is buried in Plot 7, Row E ,Grave 17, in Calais. His parents Frank and Elizabeth lived at Newland, Church Hill, with three of their children from 1901. Frank was a solicitor and Harry was the eldest of their seven children. He does not appear on the census with his family after 1881, when he was aged 12 and the family lived in Barrow.

Harry 's residence was at Wood Green, Middlesex, he enlisted at Fulham.

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