

## Second Lieutenant FAWCETT STOREY Service Number 2528

Fawcett was born in Blenheim, New Zealand in 1889. His father John Storey was originally from Allithwaite and his mother, Emma Fawcett, was from Old Hutton. When they married in 1888 he was 54 and she was 30. John died in Gainsborough, New Zealand in 1891 and his widow Emma returned to England the following year on the *Kaikoura*, with Fawcett, aged 3 and his sister Elizabeth Emma, aged 6.

They returned to Old Hutton to live with Emma's widowed mother. Fawcett attended Kendal Grammar School then went to Yorkshire where he was a pupil at a poultry Farmer then eventually became the manager there. By 1911 he had moved to Grange with his mother and sister having bought the Netherleigh Poultry yard off Grange Fell Road.



*Netherleigh House March 2015. The gable end faces the Bay*

*The front of the house looks towards Yewbarrow.*



When war broke out Fawcett and his cousin John enlisted together in in Grange the Kings Own Royal Lancaster Regiment, 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion. Fawcett was a private. He was severely wounded in the Battle of Festubert 15<sup>th</sup> June 1915. He had been selected as a bomb thrower \* and transferred to another regiment on the eve of the battle. He was sent to a convalescent camp in Shewsbury and the doctors wanted him to be put on home service but he said ' he was much more fitted to face the foe again than many who went out' It was reported in The Kendal Mercury that 'his courage and bravery won him the respect of the officers and men'

He was commissioned Second Lieutenant in The Border Regiment 5th Battalion and returned to France in December 1916.

*\*Bomb throwers were picked to throw hand grenades into the enemy trenches based on their aptitude for throwing. Fawcett Storey probably developed his ability on the cricket field of Kendal Grammar School.*

Fawcett was killed in action, 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 1917, aged 27 at Arras. He was buried in the London Cemetery, Neuville-Vitasse, Pas De Calais, France. (Plot3, Row E, Grave 18)



The inscription is on a stone cross:-

***Second Lieutenant Fawcett Storey***

***Border Regiment 23 April 1917***

***Age 27***

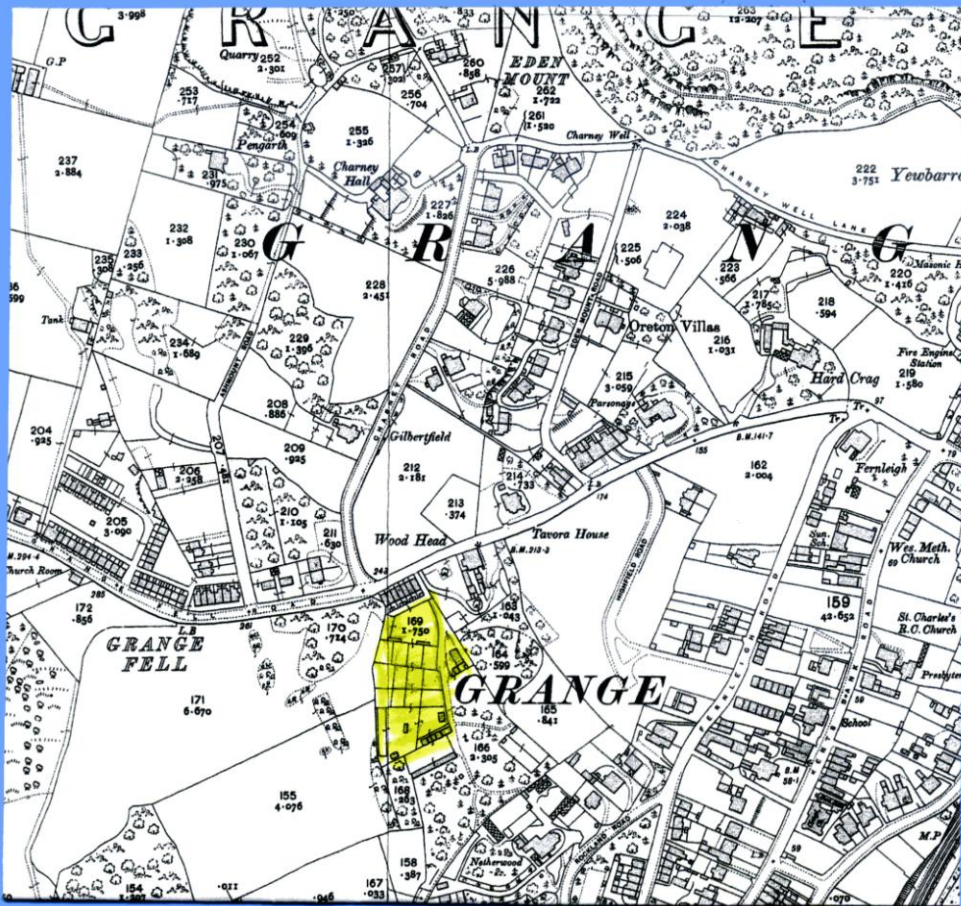
**Fawcett Storey's Will** proved November 1817. Effects of £748 2s 10p left to his mother Emma Storey of 7 Park Side, Kendal. (More than £31,000 in today's values)

**Fawcett is commemorated** on a plaque inside Old Hutton Church (where he grew up), on Grange War Memorial (where he lived on enlistment) and on Kendal War Memorial (where he was living in 1917).

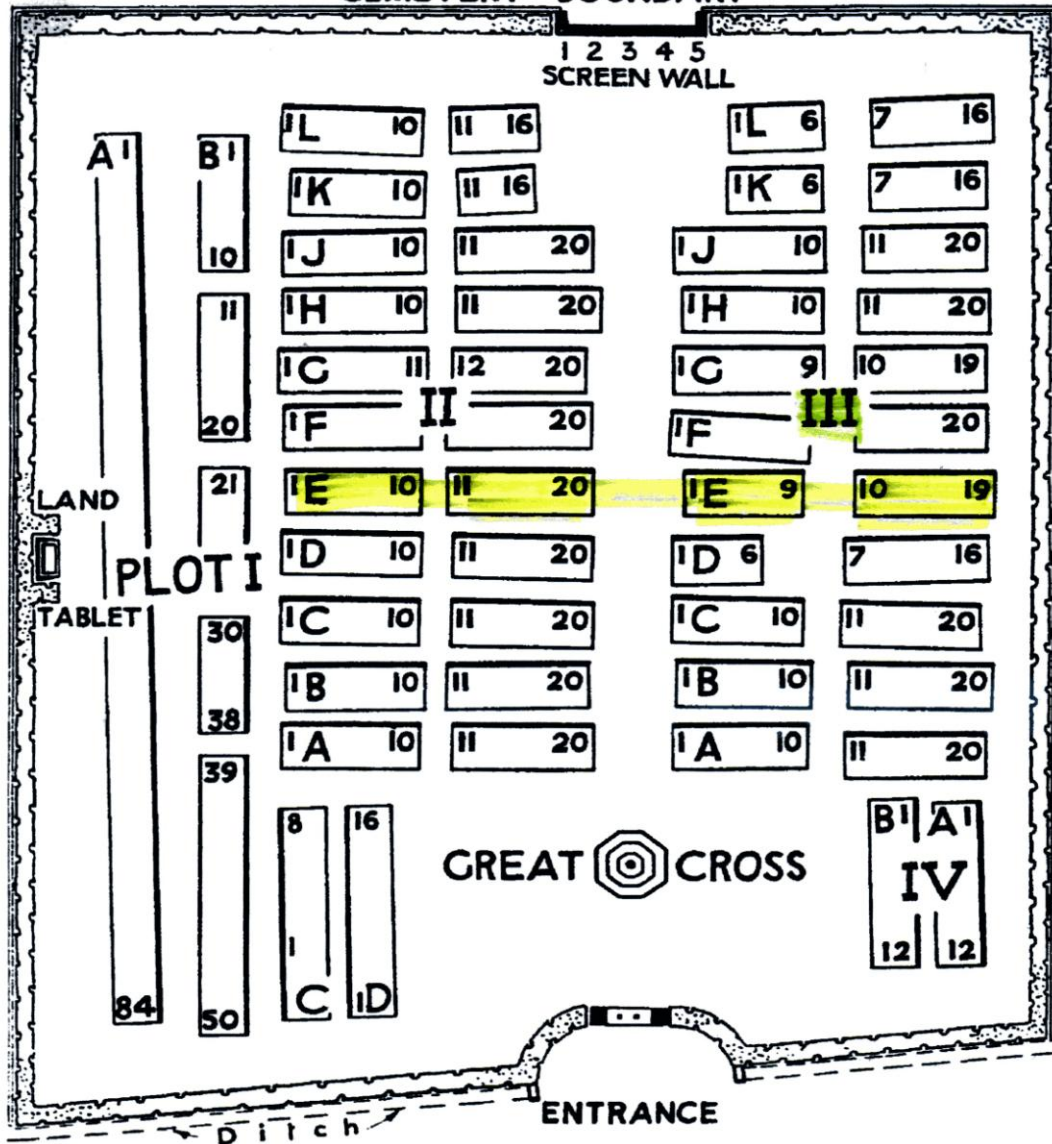
# Grange over Sands 1910

(revised 1919)

Netherleigh House and poultry yards are highlighted



# CEMETERY BOUNDARY



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NEUVILLE-VITASSE

R O A D

1 MILE TO BEAURAINS  
3 MILES TO ARRAS  
STATION

0                      50                      100  
SCALE OF                      FEET

LONDON CEMETERY, NEUVILLE-VITASSE