

## GRAHAM Arthur



Private Arthur Graham - 243937

Arthur Graham enlisted into 10<sup>th</sup> Battalion Cheshire Regiment, formerly 1547 Cheshire Yeomanry. On 27<sup>th</sup> April 1918, aged 33, he died in France of wounds received in action with the Cheshire Regiment. He is buried at Longuenesse (St. Omer) Souvenir Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France and is commemorated in Willaston Churchyard (SB4&5). His address in 1918 was Presteigne, Radnor

Arthur was born in 1885 the younger son of James Maclean Graham and Katherine Graham (nee Bushell) of Ty Coch, Mold. He attended Malvern College (House 2) from 1898 to 1901. His parents had lived at The Lydiate in 1880.

### Other information

Arthur Graham's grandfather was Duncan Graham a wealthy merchant and a generous benefactor to Willaston. He contributed to the building of the church and also of the village school, which was on the Green. He paid for piped water to be laid to the village and arranged for the building of the first vicarage, which was opposite the present one (hence the name of Old Vicarage Road). He died in 1901 having lived at The Lydiate.

**1891 census:** Kensington, London: James M. Graham b.1852 Liverpool; living on own means: died 1923 Ty Coch, Mold: probate to Sybil £7224

Catherine Smith Graham b.1851 Liverpool

Sybil M. Graham b.1881 Cheshire; died 1970 St Asaph

Duncan McLean Graham b.1882 Cheshire; died 1926 McLean Texas USA; fought in WWI for USA; widow Mattie £7731

**1901 census:** Family is at Ashfield House, Leighton Road: own means, 4 servants. Arthur, boarder at Malvern College, Worcester. Abode, Oxtan Cheshire

Sybil Margaret Graham baptised Willaston 20 Nov 1880, parents then of The Lydiate, Willaston

Grandfather of Arthur is Duncan Graham. b.1825, Scotland (South America merchant); magistrate 1891, d.1901, first Chairman of Cheshire County Council. Mother of James was Rosita, born Peru

Duncan Graham d. 6 Jan 1901, Lydiate House. Probate to Herbert James Tor (brother-in-law), Reginald Bushell wine merchant & Edward Wrangham Bird solicitor; effects £78,589.