

## HERMON – HODGE John Percival



Lieutenant John Percival Hermon-Hodge,  
(know as Bay)

He joined 1<sup>st</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Batt Oxfordshire & Buckinghamshire Light Infantry. 2nd Lt Hermon-Hodge died on May 28, 1915, at the age of 24. He was killed in the trenches in Ploegsteert Wood in the Ypres salient, an exposed part of the British front lines which projected deep into enemy territory. His grave is at Rifle House Cemetery, near to Ypres. He was one of three brothers killed in the First World War.

John Percival Hermon-Hodge was the sixth son of the 1<sup>st</sup>. Baron Wyfold and Lady Wyfold of Wyfold Court Oxfordshire. His father, Robert Trotter-Hodge, married Frances Caroline Hermon and in 1903 he added her surname to his own to become Hermon-Hodge. The family had links to the North West, where Baron Wyfold had represented the Accrington constituency. In May 1919 his father was raised to the peerage as Baron Wyfold of Accrington. John Percival's maternal grandfather, Edward Hermon, had amassed a huge fortune from the Lancashire cotton mills and built Wyfold Court.

Second Lieutenant J. P. Hermon-Hodge was a student at Radley College. He and his brother, Leonard, lodged at Highcroft, Mill Lane prior to the Great War.

### Other information

Born 1890 Henley Oxfordshire

Brother of Captain G. Guy Hermon-Hodge, Royal Horse Artillery, d. 07.07.1916

### 1891 Census: Wyfold Court, Oxon

Head: Robert T, age 39

Wife; Frances C, age 35

Robert E, age 8

George G, age 7

Harry B, age 5

Claud P, age 3

John P age 8 mths

and 17 servants

### 1901 census: Checkenden, Oxfordshire

Robert Trotter Hermon-Hodge; major in yeomanry and MP b.1852 Newcastle on Tyne  
wife Frances C Hodge b.1856 London

Leonard St Ledger Hermon-Hodge son b. 1893 Checkenden

Nona Carol Hodge daughter. b. 1895

16 servants

[Harry B H Hodge age 15, a pupil at Winchester, in house of Montague J Rendall, George Guy H Hodge, age 17, a gentleman cadet at Woolwich Military Academy]

**1911 census:**Checkenden. Wyfold Grange Nr Reading

Robert Trotter Hermon-Hodge b. 1852 Newcastle; retired colonel, baronet

Frances Caroline Hermon-Hodge wife, mar 33 yrs 9 children born, 8 living 1 died

**1911 census,**

**Mill Lane Willaston**

Charles Henry Moss 41 married b. Willaston; commercial traveller for vinegar brewer

Kate Moss 41 married no children b. Wakefield

Anne Margaret Crosland 16 niece b. Wakefield

**Leonard St Ledger Hermon-Hodge;** boarder; single; apprentice cotton broker; b. Wyfold, Reading

**John Percival Hermon-Hodge;** boarder; single; apprentice cotton merchant; b. Wyfold, Reading

**1914 Electoral Roll:** John Percival Hermon-Hodge, lodger, ground floor sitting room, first floor bedroom, furnished, £40 p.a. Landlord: C.H.Moss, Highcroft, Mill Lane

### **Wyfold Court**

The architect, George Somers Clarke, a pupil of Sir Charles Barry who is best known for his design of the Palace of Westminster, had Wyfold Court built between 1872 and 1878 for Edward Hermon, a wealthy Lancastrian cotton master, MP for Preston and a lavish patron of contemporary artists.

After a period as Borocourt Hospital this superb Victorian mansion has been completely restored to its original splendid appearance both inside and out. The house has now been converted into eleven luxury apartments.



**Family home of John Percival Hermon-Hodge**