

Private Joseph Jarrett

7<sup>th</sup> Battalion Kings Shropshire Light Infantry and  
10<sup>th</sup> Battalion Cheshire Regiment

The Batch, Batch Valley, All Stretton



The Batch

Joseph was born on 23 July 1885 in Wentnor, Shropshire the 5th child in a family of 8 children. His parents were Samuel Jarrett and Sarah Jarrett (nee Jones).

Samuel Jarrett and Sarah had lived their early life not far from each other, Samuel at Prolley Moor near Wentnor and Sarah at Wentnor Moor. Samuel had been employed as an Agricultural Labourer. They were married in 1870.

In 1881, before Joseph was born, the family were living in Pole Cottage on the Long Mynd.

In 1891 the family with Joseph were living in The Hollows, Ratlinghope where Samuel was an assistant gamekeeper.

By 1901 the family had moved to The Cwms, Hope Bowdler, where Samuel is a farmer whilst Joseph works on the farm.

In 1910 Joseph Jarrett was married to Susan Ann Medicott, who was born and had lived all her life in All Stretton. The following year after marriage they are found living in No.2 The Row, All Stretton, together with their first son Denis Leonard, Joseph is working as a Farm Labourer. He was later to work as a Coal Haulier.

They had four further children, all boys, Harry Joseph in 1912, George Edward in 1915, Herbert Kitchener in 1916, named after Lord Kitchener who died that year, and Stanley in 1919 after the war.

So in May 1916 when conscription was extended to married men, Joseph Jarrett signed up for service in Church Stretton on 11<sup>th</sup> May 1916. Although he was put on reserve he was mobilized later in the year on 8<sup>th</sup> November 1916.

Joseph initially joined the 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion of the Shropshire King's Light Infantry with the regimental number of 25584. He was posted to France on 28<sup>th</sup> February 1917.

Whilst in France Joseph was transferred to the 10<sup>th</sup> Cheshire Regiment and allocated the regiment number of 50736.

On the 11<sup>th</sup> August 1917 Joseph was wounded, injuring his hand, right arm and right leg.

He was discharged from the Army on 3<sup>rd</sup> January 1918 and awarded the "Silver Badge". Joseph was paid a Weekly Pension of 27s 6d (£1.37p) for four weeks, then 13s 9d (0.68p) – to be reviewed in 22 weeks.



Silver First World War Badge

The Silver War Badge was issued in the United Kingdom to service personnel who had been honourably discharged due to wounds or sickness during World War I. The badge, sometimes known, as the Discharge Badge, Wound Badge or Services Rendered Badge, was first issued in September 1916, along with an official certificate of entitlement.

The sterling silver lapel badge was only to be worn in civilian clothes. It had been the practice of some people to present white feathers to apparently able-bodied young men who were not wearing the King's uniform. The badge was to be worn on the right breast while in civilian dress.

During the war, Susan had lost her brother Leonard John Medicott, whose life is also described in this display.

In 1922 Joseph Jarrett was sent his war medals the Victory Medal and the British Medal, he was living at Holly Cottage, High Park, All Stretton.

In 1939 Joseph Jarrett is found living in Lady Lye, Inwood, All Stretton and working as a Landscape Gardener.

Joseph Jarrett died on 13<sup>th</sup> June 1952 whilst living at Lady Lye, All Stretton, aged 66 years old.

Susan Anne Jarrett died in 1968 aged 85 years old.