

## Arthur Adamson



Arthur Pooley Adamson was born in 1895, the son of Florence Adamson, the daughter of Henry Adamson (born in 1832 working as a plumber and living in Isleworth until his death in 1905) and Maria Hilton (1842-1923). Henry and Maria married locally in 1860. He was born in Chiswick and she in Isleworth. They lived in Isleworth all of their married life, beginning in Fooland Cottage, Twickenham Road in 1861, then moving to Gumley Gardens, off St John's Road at numbers 16 and 5; the family were living in North Street, at 4 Percy Gardens in 1901 and at number 6 in 1911.



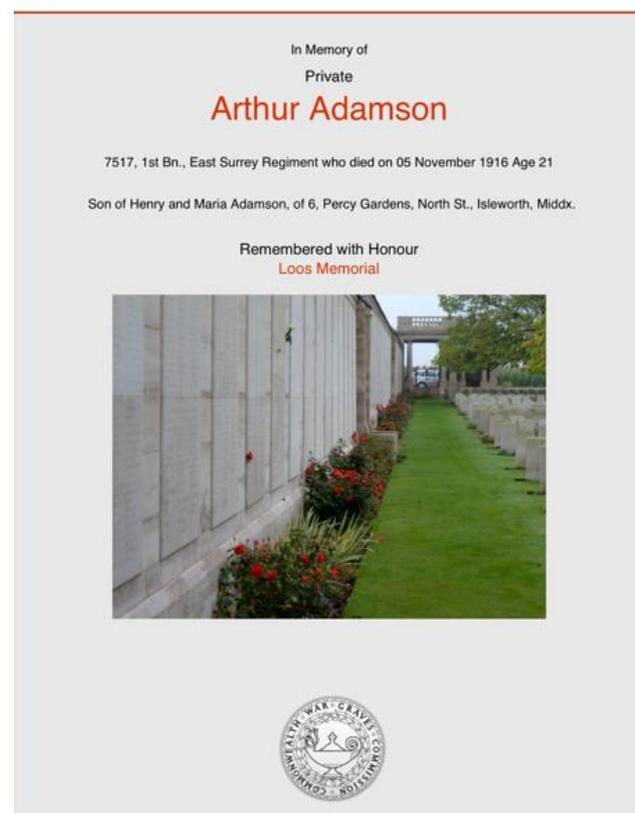
Percy Gardens from North Street in 1960



The Blue School in Isleworth

They had nine children, six of whom were still alive in 1911: Henry William, a theatre attendant, born in 1861 and living in Bath Road Hounslow in 1911, married with three of his children, his wife Ann, died later that year; John, born in 1864 and working as a post office porter and living in the St Pancras area in 1911; William James, born in 1866, a decorator by trade and living in 14 Grainger Road with his wife Edith Emma and family in 1901; Herbert Charles, born in 1871 and in 1911, working as a florist and living in Lavender Hill with his wife, Annie and two children. Florence, born in 1876 lived to be 75- in 1911 she was living with her mother and three children: Arthur, Sydney born in 1901 and Charles, born in 1903- in 1939, she was living in Ealing with Sydney, then a hospital porter, his wife Gladys and their child. Frank, Henry and Maria's youngest surviving child, was born in 1879. He was a painter by trade and enlisted in 1895 in the Kent Artillery. In 1911 he was abroad in Ceylon and India, and died in service in 1914 on the Western Front, a Sergeant in the Dorsetshire Regiment, 5487, commemorated on the Le Touret Memorial.

Arthur attended the Blue School, and the Middlesex Chronicle (23<sup>rd</sup> January 1915) refers to Frank and Arthur as two of the local warriors. Arthur's service records show that he enlisted in March 1914 in Kingston, in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, East Surrey Regiment (7517). He was working at the Isleworth Brewery, was 5' 2" and had a tattoo on his right biceps. His records refer to both Maria and Florence as his mother, no doubt he was well looked after in Isleworth. He served in France from April 1915 to 5<sup>th</sup> November 1916, in the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, where he was killed in action. He is commemorated on the Loos Memorial in France, one of over 20,000 officers and men who have no known grave, who fell in the area from the River Lys to the old southern boundary of the first army, east and west of Grenay



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