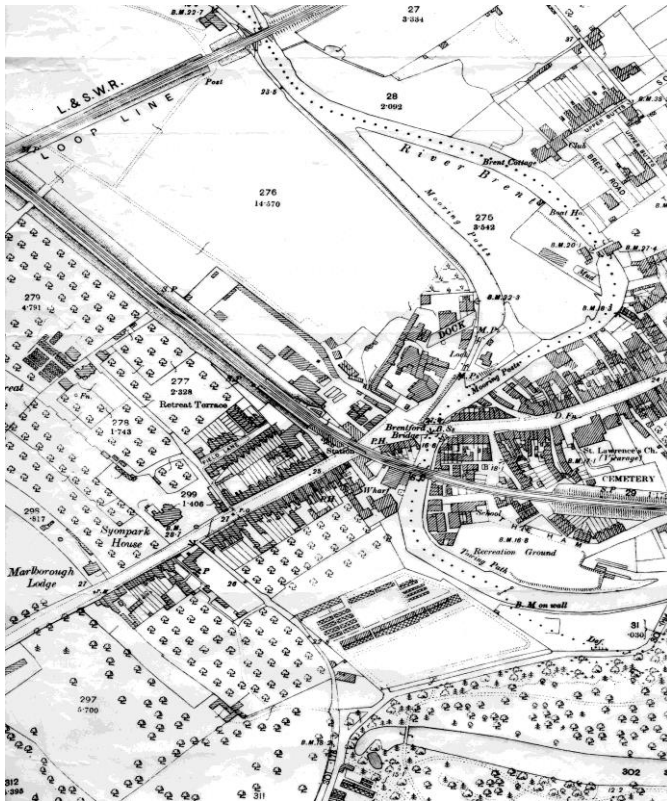


John Henry Baker

John was born on 25th February 1900, in Brentford, He was the eldest child and only son of John Henry Baker, a railway contract labourer, and his wife, Elsie Elizabeth, nee Atkins. John and Elsie had married in 1899 at St Paul's Church, Brentford. John senior had



been born in India, the son of a mill hand at the Ishopore Powder Agency.

John junior had two siblings, Elsie Louisa born 4th August 1901 and Sarah Phoebe born 23rd September 1907. The family lived at 32 London Road, Brentford from 1901 onwards. *See left for an 1895 map of Brentford and Brentford End, also the London Road from Brentford Bridge.*

John would not have been old enough for military service until 1918; he then enlisted in the Royal Fusiliers, He first served in the 19th London Regiment, and was later transferred to the 2nd (City of London) Battalion. He was killed in action on 27th September 1918 and is buried in Ontario Cemetery, Sains Les Marquion. He was posthumously awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

John senior also joined up in 1915, at the age of 43 and survived the war. He served first in the Army Service Corps and saw service in France but by the end of the war had been transferred to the Labour Corps. He received all three WW1 medals.

