

## John Granville



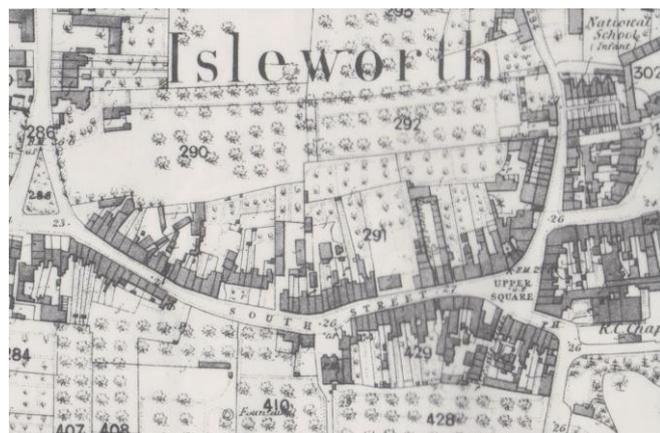
John was born in Tralee, County Kerry in 1870 to Michael and Mary, both from Ireland.

The family moved to Isleworth where John and his brother Michael and sister Johannah went to school.

Their sister Mary was born in Isleworth and by 1881 the family is listed as living at 8 Stafford Place, South Street. (*See map below of Isleworth and South Street, with Stafford Place to the north in 1894*) John's father is an agricultural labourer and his mother is a garden labourer. John's grandmother, Johannah, is also living with them.

By 1891 the family has moved up the road to 14 Stafford Place. John's brother Michael, now 23, is a market garden labourer and he has another sister, Ellen, aged 9. According to the 1901 census, John's sister, Annie (Johannah) was married to Albert Evans and living with their 3 small children at 30 Lydford Terrace, Linkfield Road. His sister Ellen, aged 19, was a general servant to an Irish family headed by John Walsh and was living at 12 Lydford Terrace, Linkfield Road.

John married Emily Blackabey from Bermondsey in December 1906. She was listed as living at 5 Swan Street in the 1901 census and according to the 1911 census, she and John were living at 4 Swan Street. John was 41 and a general labourer. Emily was 36 and a laundress. They had Ellen Maud, aged 3; Margaret Alice, aged 2 and Florence May, aged 1. Emily's parents, William and Jane Blackabey, were also living with them.



John enlisted into the 2nd Battalion of the Middlesex (Duke of Cambridge's Own) Regiment as SR 1134.

He arrived in France on 23rd February, 1915. He was killed on the first day of the Battle of the Somme on 1st July, 1916, aged 45. He is commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, pier and face 12D and 13B as the husband of Emily Granville of 49 Worple Road, Isleworth (*see above for a photo of the property taken in 2016*). He is also remembered on St Bridget's Memorial (*see right*)

