

## Charles Green



Charles was born in Isleworth in 1883 and by 1891 lived in 2 Hayes Terrace in Talbot Road with his father, John aged 33, a domestic gardener from Ireland; his mother Margaret (nee Williams, married in 1881), aged 30, a garden woman, also from Ireland; his brothers James aged 11, John aged 3, Michael aged 2 months and his sister Johanna aged 5. The family also housed 4 boarders, all Irish domestic gardeners aged 21 - 23 so must have been a lively household! By 1901 Charles, now 18, was working as a barman in Billingsgate at the Cock, 19/20 Love Lane St Mary at Hill. His sister, Johanna known as Annie, aged 16, was working as a general servant in Stoke Newington. The rest of his family were still in Isleworth, at 56 Talbot Road. The family now included 2 more sisters: Helen aged 6 and Mary aged 3.

According to the 1911 census, Charles, aged 29, still working as a barman, had moved back to Isleworth and was living at 78 Worple Road with his brothers and sisters: James, now 32 and a general building labourer; John, now 23 and an agricultural labourer; Annie, now 25 and listed as a housekeeper; Michael, aged 20 and a hawker; and Nellie (Helen), aged 16 and a general servant. Sadly, his mother and youngest sister Mary had both died in 1905.

Charles' sister, Annie, married James Watson in June 1918. James was 16 years older than her and blind. In 1911 he had been living with his 2 brothers at 10 Gordon House Square and working as a plasterer's labourer. By 1939 they were living at 19 Woodstock Avenue, Isleworth. John married Annie Ebsworth in 1911, and they had two children: John Thomas and Lily Margaret. John enlisted in Kingston with the 7th Battalion, East Surreys (1643) soon after war was declared. The newly raised battalion moved to Purfleet, then Aldershot and finally Boulogne in June 1915. John was killed in action on 8th October 1915, leaving all his effects to Annie, his widow. When Charles enlisted into the Duke of Cambridge's Own (Middlesex) Regiment he gave his address as Brentford End. He was Private 6431 and then 42380 in the 11th Battalion. This battalion was formed as part of Kitchener's first New Army at Mill Hill in August 1914. He sailed to Boulogne in June 1915 and was active in the Arras Hill offensive in 1917. He died on 9th August, 1917 aged 35 and is buried in the British Cemetery at Monchy-le-Preux, grave ref 1.H.27 (**see below**). He received the Victory and British medals and listed his sister Annie Watson as his sole legatee. He is also remembered on the memorial in St Bridget's Church, Isleworth (**see left**), as is his brother John.

