

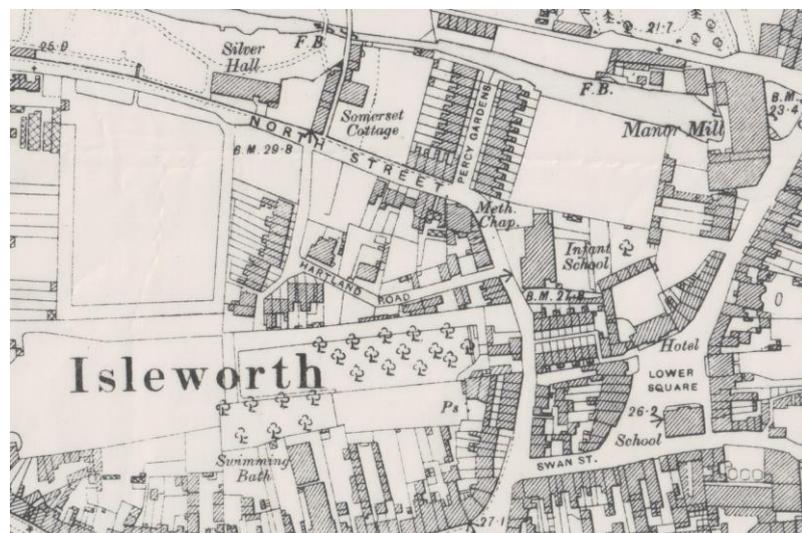
John William Newell



John was born in Isleworth in September 1892, the son of Samuel Joseph Newell of Hackney and Sarah (née Dyckhoff) of Isleworth. The Dyckhoffs originally came from Germany but Sarah's father, Samuel, was born in Isleworth and he and his father worked as watermen. Sarah grew up living in Upper Square, Isleworth.

In the 1901 census the family is living at 6 Swan Street, Isleworth and Samuel, aged 38, is working as an Iron Foundry labourer. John, aged 8, has an elder brother, Samuel James, aged 10; a younger brother George, aged 4 and a sister, Florence, aged 1. The family have a lodger living with them (Mary Witcher) who is a laundress.

Isleworth in 1894. Swan Street is in the bottom left of the map and would have been just above Upper Square



By 1911 John's father has died and Sarah is now head of the family, aged 48. They are still living at 6 Swan Street and John's brothers,

Samuel (now referred to as James) and George are both listed as out of work.

Florence is now 12 and at school. John is lodging at 13 Sheen Road, Richmond and is working as a butcher's assistant.

John enlisted at Ealing into the 17th Battalion of the Duke of Cambridge's own (Middlesex) Regiment, Private G/43909 and was posted to France where he was killed on 13th November, 1916. He is buried at the Serre Road Cemetery No 2 in Beaumont-Hamel and Hebuterne, grave ref I. D. 5 and is remembered as the son of Mrs S Newell of 19 Tolson Road, Isleworth (*see left for a 2016 photo of the house*). He was also remembered at All Saints Church, Church Street Isleworth. His death was reported in the Middlesex Chronicle on 31st March 1917; he had been reported as missing the previous autumn. He had been a member of the Bible Class at Isleworth Mission Church and a service was conducted

there the previous Sunday afternoon, led by Rev. Marsh Rapson.

