

# Charles Unwin Parkin



On 8th February, 1895, Charles Unwin and his twin sister Annie Unwin were born in Chiswick to Charles Frederick Unwin Parkin, a metal polisher from Islington and his wife Susan Prosser (also called Elizabeth) from St Pancras. Charles and Susan married in March 1888 and had Frederick Charles Unwin later that year and then Emily Unwin in 1892.

In 1901, the family were living at 35 Balfour Lane, Chiswick. By 1911, they had moved to 58 Upham Park Road, Chiswick. Frederick, now 22 was working as a brass moulder; Emily aged 18 was a laundryhand and the twins now 16 were working as an electrician and a laundryhand. Charles enlisted in Hounslow on 3rd February, 1913 aged 18 years, 9 months. He joined the C Company of the 8th Battalion, Middlesex Regiment and saw active



service at the Somme. By the time of his death from his wounds, on 16th September, 1916 aged 21 he was Lance Corporal 1907. He is buried in the Guillemont Road Cemetery, grave ref. X111. N. 6 and is remembered as the son of Charles and Susan Parkin of 18 Aylett Road, Isleworth (**see below left for a 2016 photo**) and is also remembered at St John's Church, Isleworth (**See bottom of the page left for a 2016 photo and bottom right for a photo of the St John's Memorial**).

Charles's three siblings all married at St John's Church, Isleworth. His brother, Frederick married Florence Colton on 12th April, 1914 and Charles was present as a witness at their wedding. A year later, his sister Emily married Frederick Reuben Elson on 4th September, 1915 and his sister Annie was the witness. Then Annie married George Taylor on 17th March, 1917. Interestingly, the address given for all three spouses to Frederick, Emily and Annie was the same - 3 Linkfield Road, Isleworth- see above left for a photo taken in 2016- which was where George Taylor and his large family were living in the 1911 census!

