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John Weathers (19 November 1894-31 May 1916)

John was the son of John and Lottie Kate Weathers (nee Tebbutt) who married in 1893. His father was a Fellow of the Royal Horticultural Society and a Nurseryman who was born in Ireland. His mother Lottie was born in Chelsea. John (senior) was the author of several books on horticulture and by March 1916 was joint Honorary Secretary of the Middlesex War Agricultural Committee. He also served several terms of office as a councillor for the Isleworth South Ward of the Isleworth & Heston Urban District Council. During that time he was a member of the Council's Isleworth Burials Committee. He was Honorary Secretary of the Committee that erected the Isleworth War Memorial.

John (senior) and Lottie had 9 children so John had 6 brothers and 2 sisters. They were Maurice (1893-1970), Dorothy Mary (1894-1955), George Philip (1897-1984), Patrick (1898-1943), Gilbert Daniel (1900-1986), Brian Matthew (1901-1985), Mary (1903-1999) and Daniel (1905-1990). The family were living at 55 Church Street, Isleworth in 1901 but had moved to 7 Talbot Road, Isleworth by 1911. By 1916 John and Lottie were living at 'Park View', Twickenham Road, Isleworth.

Son John enlisted in the Royal Navy at Portsmouth at the start of July 1915 when he was aged 20 (L6906). Before joining up he had been a clerk. Initially he held the rank of Officers' Steward Third class on HMS Victory I but on appointment to HMS Invincible at the end of July 1915, he became Officers' Steward Second Class. He was killed in action on 31 May 1916 when HMS Invincible sank at the Battle of Jutland. HMS Invincible was hit by 6 salvoes from the German fleet which sank her in just 90 seconds. At least one shell struck her midship Q turret and this detonated Invincible's magazines and blew the ship in half. Of her crew, 1026 officers and men were killed. There were just 6 survivors. John's body was not recovered for burial. He is remembered on Panel 21 of the Portsmouth Naval War Memorial.

Name		L 6906		Portsmouth		L 6906		
in full		John Weathers		Date of Birth		19 Nov 1894		
				Place of Birth		Isleworth		
				Discipline		S.M. (Middle)		
Date and Period of Engagement		Age	Height	Chest	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	Wounds, Scars, or Marks
		5' 9 1/2"	5' 9 1/2"	35"	Black	Blue	Fresh	
Ship, etc., served in	Rate	No.	Rating	Period of Service (If Discharged when and from To for what cause)	Sub-ratings	Character & Ability		Remarks
HMS Victory I	2 nd	10	Officer's Steward	1915		H. 1915-16		
HMS Invincible	2 nd	10	Officer's Steward	1915				
								<input type="checkbox"/> Died War Gravel to No. 21 <input type="checkbox"/> Full War GRAVITY
N. P.		1916		D. D.		31st MAY, 1916		KILLED IN ACTION

John's brother, Maurice Weathers enlisted in November 1915 and joined the Royal Garrison Artillery (Service no 63369). By the time of his discharge in May 1919 he had reached the rank of Sergeant. George Philip also served as a Driver in the Royal Field Artillery (Service no 945059) and Patrick as a Private in the London Regiment (Service no T3038) and then in the Royal Engineers (A/551096). John's brothers all survived World War 1.

