

John Henry Lodge



Sergeant, 126th Battalion Canadians. Enlisted Belleville, Ontario, January, 1915. Served in France, killed at La Bassée, August, 1917. General Service and Victory Medals.



JOHNS LODGE WAS BORN in Corsham in 1882; his parents were Alfred Thomas Lodge and Mary (née Baker), who were originally from Colerne. The family lived in Pound Pill and John's father was a mason's labourer. John was one of at least six children, with sisters Lily and Mabel and brothers William, Ernest and Edward. At the time of the 1911 census John, aged 18, was still living with his family in Pound Pill; his father was now recorded as being a farm labourer and John was working as a sawyer in a mason's yard.

John evidently then took a major decision to emigrate to Canada, for in 1915 he signed Attestation Papers in Ontario

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to make himself available for the Canadian Expeditionary Force – he classed his trade as being a shipper.

War Records of Corsham details that he served in France and was killed in action at La Bassée in August 1917. His Canadian and Commonwealth War Grave records give the date of his death as 15th August 1917 and show that he is remembered at the Vimy Memorial. He was a Sergeant in his Battalion and was only 25 years old. His papers give Pound Pill, Corsham as the contact address for his parents.