

7502 Private Jack Hayhurst d 19 March 1917 King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regiment), 8th Bn. Service No. 21450



Where is the grave?

If entering by the main cemetery entrance, walk up the path past the North entrance, take the next left and then left again. Walk down the hill, following the bend to the right. Very near the point where it joins another path from the right, the Hayhurst grave is set back on the right.



Most combatants died overseas: their bodies were never brought to this country. However, wounded soldiers were brought back, and some later died.

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SECOND SON WOUNDED

Mr. & Mrs. Hayhurst, of 104, Harrison-street, have had bad news this week in the announcement that their son, Pte. Jack Hayhurst, King's Own Royal Lancaster Regiment, has been seriously wounded in France, and is now in an English hospital. Pte. Hayhurst before being called up was an assistant in the shop of Mr. Rigg, Cavendish-street, with whom he had spent the whole of his working life. He joined the Army just twelve months ago this week, and was sent to France in January. He is 21 years of age. An elder brother has also been wounded, and he too is in hospital. *Mr. Rigg was Edward Sankey's brother-in-law, which may explain the reason for the photograph.*

John James Hayhurst is buried in a family grave. He died of wounds at King George Hospital, London. He was the son of William and Jane Hayhurst, 102 Harrison St (*sic*) CWGC

King George Hospital was an emergency wartime facility created in Stamford Street, Waterloo, in what is now the Franklin-Wilkins building of King's College, London. Over 70,000 military personnel were treated there between 1915 and 1919, including innovative plastic surgery cases. http://www.1914-1918.net/hospitals_uk.htm



This was once a more impressive memorial: the once upright cross is lying across the grave kerb. Its original look is shown in the Sankey photograph.

Ancestry tells us:

John James Hayhurst, son of William and Jane Hayhurst, was baptised 5th September 1895 at the Emmanuel Church (Anglican). His parents were living at 2 Otway Street, Preston, where his father was a Miller.

1901 Census living at 37 Paradise Street, Barrow were William Hayhurst (36) Corn Miller, born Barrow; Jane Hayhurst (33) born Barrow; Frederick Hayhurst (13) no occupation recorded, born Barrow; William J. Hayhurst (7) born Ulverston; John J. Hayhurst (5) born Preston; Mary J. Hayhurst (9) born Barrow; Margaret Hayhurst (3) born Barrow.

The **1911 Census** sees the Hayhurst family at 104 Harrison Street. William Hayhurst (46) is a Foreman Miller; Jane Hayhurst (44) Wife, has had 7 children in 23 years of marriage, six still alive; and the children are Frederick Hayhurst (23) Carpenter, Shipyard; Mary Jane Hayhurst (19) no occupation recorded; William Hayhurst (17) Flour Mill Labourer, born

Ulverston; John Hayhurst (15) Errand Boy in Shoe Shop, born Preston; Margaret Hayhurst (13) School; and Robert Hayhurst (3). Unless otherwise stated, everyone was born in Barrow.

No-one is certain why Edward Sankey took photographs of graves in the period 1910-1920ff. Were they advertising the skills of his friend William Hull, or later Hull and Fairbairn? Were they to be made into postcards that the bereaved family could send to members who were not able to attend the funeral?

The historic photograph is from the Sankey Family Photographic Collection, courtesy of Cumbria Archives.