

Codford St. Mary's Churchyard Graves



Lest we Forget

World War I



4125 SERJEANT

CECIL WHITEHEAD

MANCHESTER REGIMENT

13TH FEBRUARY, 1916 AGE 33

*I AM THE RESURRECTION
AND THE LIFE
SAITH THE LORD*

*Commonwealth War Graves Headstone for Serjeant C. Whitehead is located in
St. Mary's Churchyard, Codford – near south-east corner of Churchyard.*

Cecil WHITEHEAD

Cecil Whitehead was born in Openshaw, Manchester to parents Henry & Ann Elizabeth Whitehead (nee Close). His birth was registered in the district of Chorlton, Lancashire in March quarter, 1886.

The 1891 Census recorded Cecil Whitehead as a 4 year old, living with his family at 10 Wyndham Street, Stockton, in a 4 roomed dwelling. His parents were listed as Henry Whitehead (Engine Fitter, aged 26) & Annie Whitehead (aged 26). Cecil was the oldest of 2 children in the Census – his younger brother was listed as Henry (aged 2). Also listed as living with the family was Emily Close – Henry's Mother-in-Law (Widow, aged 46).

Cecil Whitehead married Annie Kean in 1907 at the Chorlton-on-Medlock Register Office. Their marriage was registered in September quarter, 1907 in the district of Chorlton, Lancashire.

A birth was registered in the sub-district of Ardwick, in the June quarter, 1909 for Emily Whitehead.

The 1911 Census recorded Cecil Whitehead as 25 year old Labourer, who was boarding with his wife & daughter at the Russell residence at 18 Milton Street, Openshaw, a 3 roomed dwelling. Cecil's wife & daughter were recorded as Annie Whitehead (aged 23, born Oldham, Lancashire) & Emily Whitehead (aged 2, born Manchester). Cecil & Annie had been married for 4 years & only had one child at the time of the Census. They were boarding with Edwin Russell (Labourer, aged 58) & his wife Amelia (aged 56). Edwin & Amelia Russell had been married for 32 years & had no children.

A birth was registered for Cecil S. Whitehead in the December quarter, 1911, in the district of Chorlton with mother's maiden name of Kean.

A death was registered in December quarter, 1912, in the district of Chorlton for Emily Whitehead, aged 3.

A birth was registered for Catherine Whitehead in the June quarter, 1914, in the district of Chorlton with mother's maiden name of Kean.

A birth was registered for Annie Whitehead in the December quarter, 1915, in the district of Chorlton with mother's maiden name of Kean.

Cecil Whitehead enlisted with Manchester Regiment at Ardwick, Manchester. He was given the Service Number of 4125.

Serjeant Cecil Whitehead died on 13th February, 1916 of pneumonia. At the time of his death Sjt. Cecil Whitehead was attached to 8th Reserve Battalion, Manchester Regiment.

A death for Cecil Whitehead, aged 32, was registered in the March quarter, 1916 in the district of Warminster, Wiltshire, England.

Serjeant Cecil Whitehead was buried in the Churchyard of St. Mary's, Codford, near south-east corner of the Churchyard. His death is acknowledged by Commonwealth War Graves Commission & as such he has a CWGC headstone. The CWGC lists C. Whitehead as the son of Henry & Annie Whitehead of 79 Cheadle St, Higher Openshaw, Manchester; husband of Annie Whitehead (nee Ellis). (It is unknown why CWGC has Annie Whitehead as "Nee Ellis" should be "nee Kean".)

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St Mary's Churchyard, Codford – Cecil Whitehead's headstone is first on left
(of 5 CWGC headstones)

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Photo of Serjeant C. Whitehead's Headstone in St. Mary's Churchyard, Codford.



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