

James Smith



Nº19229
10th & 7th Battalion
Border Regiment

James Smith was born on the 8th February 1886 in Newton-le-Willow to James and Elizabeth Smith. He was their 5th of 8 children. His father was a Joiner.

BAPTISMS solemnized in the Parish of <u>S. Peter, Newton-le-Willow, Macclesfield</u> in the County of <u>Lancaster</u> in the year One thousand eight hundred and <u>Eighty Six</u>						
When Baptized.	Child's Christian Name.	Parents' Name.		Abode.	Quality, Trade, or Profession.	By whom the Ceremony was performed.
		Christian.	Surname.			
1886 March 24	James	James Elizabeth	Smith	Newton	Joiner	W. R. H. Pugh

By 1891 James was aged 5 and a Scholar. He was living with 4 siblings and his parents at 174 Warrington Road, Abram, Lancashire.

Administrative County of <u>Lancashire</u>										The undermentioned Houses are situate within the Boundaries of the										Page 31
Civil Parish		Municipal Borough		Municipal Ward		Urban Sanitary District		Town or Village or Hamlet		Rural Sanitary District		Parliamentary Borough or Division		Ecclesiastical Parish or District						
<u>Abram</u>						<u>Abram</u>		<u>Abram</u>				<u>Newton-le-Willow</u>		<u>S. Peter</u>						
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
No. of HOUSES	ROAD, STREET, &c., and No. or NAME of HOUSE	2nd. 100 Yards	100 Yards	100 Yards	NAME and Surname of each Person	RELATION to Head of Family	CON- DITION as to Marriage	AGE last Birthday	PROFESSION or OCCUPATION	Employed	Unemployed	Where BORN	Where BORN	Where BORN	Where BORN	Where BORN	Where BORN	Where BORN	Where BORN	Where BORN
144	174 Warrington Road				James Smith	Head	M	10	Joiner			Lancashire, Bury								
					Elizabeth Do	Wife	M	38				Do								
					Annie Do	Daughter		16	Coal Miner			Do								
					Raymond Do	Son		12	Scholar			Do								
					John Do	Do		8	Do			Do								
					James Do	Do		5	Do			Do								
					Margaret Do	Daughter		8	Do			Do								



In 1901 James is aged 15, living with 5 siblings and his parents at the same address. He is working as a labourer in a coal mine underground.

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144	174 Warrington Road				James Smith	Head	M	15	Labourer in Coal Mine			Do								
					Elizabeth Do	Wife	M	43				Do								
					Annie Do	Daughter		19	Do			Do								
					Raymond Do	Son		12	Do			Do								
					John Do	Do		8	Do			Do								
					James Do	Do		5	Do			Do								
					Margaret Do	Daughter		8	Do			Do								

On the 5th October 1907 James aged 21 married Mary Jane Scaddon (19). By this point he was working as a painter – joinery person, possibly with his father and living at 191 Warrington Road (Mary lived at 151)

1. Marriage solemnized at *Congregational Church Grand Street Bolton* in the District of *Wigan*
in the County of *Lancaster and Wigan C.B.*

Column No.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
40	<i>5th October 1907</i>	<i>James Smith</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>Bachelor</i>	<i>Painter Joiner</i>	<i>191 Warrington Road Abram</i>	<i>James Smith</i>	<i>Joiner</i>
		<i>Mary Jane Scaddon</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>Spinster</i>	<i>Cotton Spinner</i>	<i>157 Warrington Road Abram</i>	<i>John Scaddon</i>	<i>Collier</i>

Married in the *presence of* *James Smith* according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the *Church of England* by *John Reid*

This Marriage was solemnized between us, *Mary Jane Scaddon* in the Presence of us, *Elizabeth Eleanor Smith* And in the Presence of *Henry Wilson*

Authorized Person for *Wigan Church*



Over the next 3 years James and Mary had 3 children

Christian Names	Date and Place of birth	Date and Place of Baptism, and Name of officiating Minister
<i>Eliza Jane</i>	<i>12-3-08 Abram</i>	
<i>Lily</i>	<i>26-5-09 "</i>	
<i>Siân</i>	<i>8-7-10 "</i>	

By 1911 James now 25 was working as a Master House Decorator - Painter. He was living with wife, three children and a Boarder at 122 Warrington Road.

No.	Name	Age	Sex	Married	Profession	Residence	Place of Birth
1	<i>James Smith</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Married</i>	<i>Master House Decorator Painter</i>	<i>122 Warrington Road</i>	<i>Abram</i>
2	<i>Mary Jane Smith</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Married</i>			<i>Abram</i>
3	<i>Eliza Jane Smith</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>Female</i>				<i>Abram</i>
4	<i>Lily Smith</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Female</i>				<i>Abram</i>
5	<i>Siân Smith</i>	<i>8 months</i>	<i>Female</i>				<i>Abram</i>
6	<i>Martha Cook</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Single</i>	<i>Washer at cotton mill</i>	<i>Warrington</i>	<i>Warrington</i>

(To be filled up by the Enumerator.)

Write below the Number of Houses in this Dwelling (House, Tenement, or Apartment). Count the houses as a row but do not count cellars, lodges, shops, workshops, etc., etc.

I declare that this Schedule is correctly filled up to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature *James Smith 122 Warrington Rd*
Printed Address *Abram, Wigan, Lancashire.*

In 1912 and 1914 James and Mary had 2 more children.

Christian Names	Date and Place of birth	Date and Place of Baptism, and Name of officiating Minister
<i>Siân</i>	<i>8-11-12</i>	
<i>Esther</i>	<i>24-7-14</i>	

Little else is known of James early years.

He was Attestated in to service on the 9th January 1915 in Wigan. He was 5 foot 5 inches tall with a sallow complexion, blue eyes and brown hair and noted fit for service. His occupation noted a Painter. He was given the service number 19229 and posted to the Border Regiment joining them at their Depot in Carlisle on the 13th January.

He gave his wife as his next of kin.

10. Name and Address of next of kin	Mary Jane South (wife) 94 Barrington Road Abraham Worgan	
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On the 20th January 1915 he was posted form the depot to the 10th Battalion Border Regiment.

STATEMENT of the SERVICES of No. 19229 Name <u>James Smith</u>							
Corps in which served	Regt. or Depot	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, etc.	Army Rank	Dates	Service not allowed to reckon for fixing the rate of Pension	Service in Reserve not allowed to reckon towards G. C. Pay	Signature of Officers certifying correctness of Entries
					years	days	
Service towards limited engagement reckons from 9. 1. 15							} <u>R. Allen</u>
Joined at <u>Carlisle</u> on 13. 1. 15							
<u>Borden Depot</u> <u>Atta & Postea</u> <u>Pte</u> 9. 1. 15							
<u>"</u> <u>10th</u> <u>Inf</u> <u>"</u> 20. 1. 15							

The 10th Battalion was formed in Southend in 1914 and was still there when James joined them. they were a training battalion that took recruits for basic training before posting to a service battalion. James would have undertaken his initial training with them in Southend.

After 7 months, on the 3rd August 1915, James was off to France to join the British Expeditionary Force (BEF) on disembarkation he joined No17 Infantry Base Depot (IBD) at Etaples on the 4th August 1915.

✓ 19229.	Pte .	SMITH.	J.	3-8-15.1.
France		3-8-15		
17 th Inf Base Depot		Embarked		3.8.15 11.8.15

The same day, the 4th August he was posted to the 7th Battalion Border Regiment. later records show him posted to B Company.

" 4 th Bn Posted	"	4-8-15	B Company	
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James had a long standing medical condition which resulted in him being unable to eat properly. He could not digest meats or dairy along with multiple other foods. His records show this issue was serious enough for him to be held at the base depot.

History of 8 years trouble with acute dyspepsia. For that period he has not been able to eat meat or cheese & several other things without suffering from pain & vomiting. In France he was kept at the Base because of this complaint.



On the 13th October 1915 James was sent Boulogne for Dental Treatment where he was fitted with 'New Teeth' it is not known how long this took, or where he recovered and for how long. On the 20th November James returned to 17th Infantry Base Depot at Etaples from where his dental recovery had taken place, probably Boulogne. No13 General Hospital at Boulogne specialised in facial injuries including dental.

" Boulogne for Dental Treatment	18.10.15
Originated about 5 years ago. Was fitted with new teeth while in Boulogne. this has made no improvement. Cause Chronic Dyspepsia. Cannot Take ordinary diet.	

"	"	17 th Inf: Base Depot	20. 11. 15
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On the 28th November classified 'A', probably by a medical board. There were numerous medical facilities at Etaples including the medical board depot.

"	"	Classified 'A'	28. 11. 15
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On the 11th December 1915 James was posted again to the 7th Borders from 17 IBD. This time he left the base depot to join them.

From the 7th to 11th December 1915 the 7th Borders were in billets in Ouderdom and from the 12th in the trenches. James either made it to Ouderdom or was taken sick close by on route.

"	7 th Bn.	To 7 th Bn.	11. 12. 15
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On the 14th December 1915 James was admitted to No51 Field Ambulance with Gastritis, Noted in B Company 7th Borders No19229. 51 FA medical facilities in Poperinghe at this point.

ADMISSION AND DISCHARGE BOOK											
No.		Date		Squadron, Battery, or Company		Regtl. No.		Rank		Surname Christian Name	
51st Field Ambulance		HOSPITAL									
Completed years of		Completed months with Field Force		DISEASES							
Age		Service		(Wounds and injuries in action to be entered according to classification on fly leaf)							
2839		7 Bord.		B		19229		"		Smith J.	
14										Gastritis	

Date of Admission		Date of Discharge		Date of Transfer				Number of days under treatment	Number or designation of ward in which treated	Religion	OBSERVATIONS
For original disease	By new disease supervening	To Duty	By new disease supervening	By Death	To Sick Convoy	Other Hospitals	From Sick Convoy				
14.12.15											RC DRS

On the 17th James was moved transferred 51 Field Ambulance to the Divisional Rest Station (DRS) run by 52 Field Ambulance (FA).

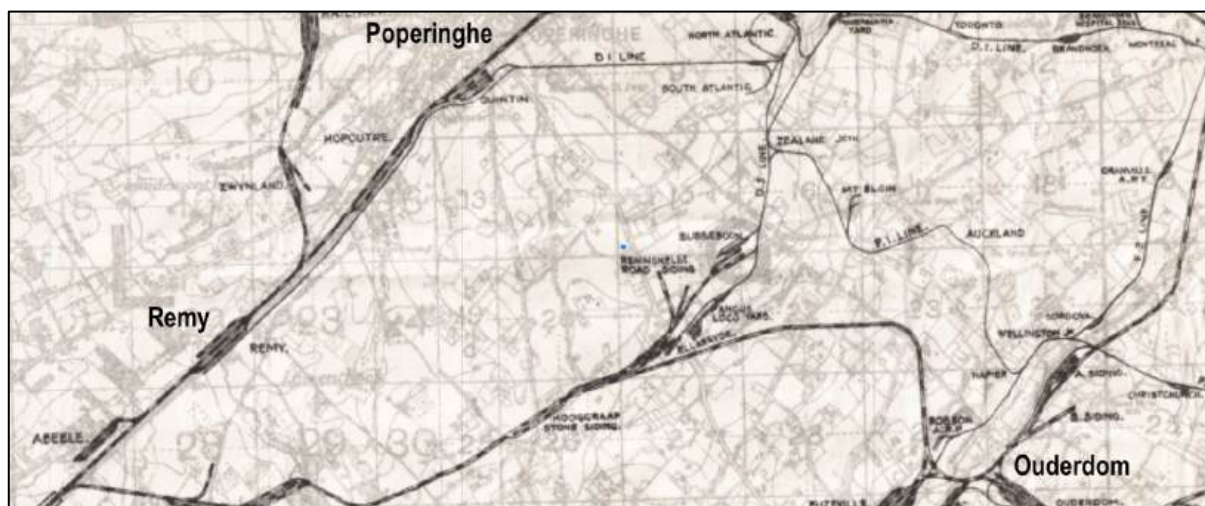
• 51 F.A.	• D.R.S. (Gastritis).	17.12.15
• 52 F.A.	" 62 F.A. "	17.12.15

52 FS had taken over the Divisional Rest Station on the 22nd October 1915, close to Remy Siding near Poperinghe opposite No10 and No17 Casualty Clearing Stations (CCS)

22-10-15	On relief of IIIrd division by 17th Div.; 52nd Field Ambulance takes over Divisional Rest Station from 4th Field Ambulance. B Section in advance marched at 8.45 am. by ABEELE-POPERINGHE road to farm at L.2395/ opposite 10917 CCS. at REMY Siding; took over the Rest Station with about 120 patients of 3rd division.
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At some point he was moved to 17 Casualty Clearing Station (CCS) and on Christmas day, the 25th December 1915 he was transferred to No22 Ambulance Train (AT) almost certainly at Remy Siding.

" 17 CCS	• 22 A.T.	25.12.15
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Remy Siding with No10 Casualty Clearing Station (CCS) to the south of the lines and a rest Station opposite to the north of the lines, No 20 and 30 CCS are either side of No10, one of these became No17 CCS.



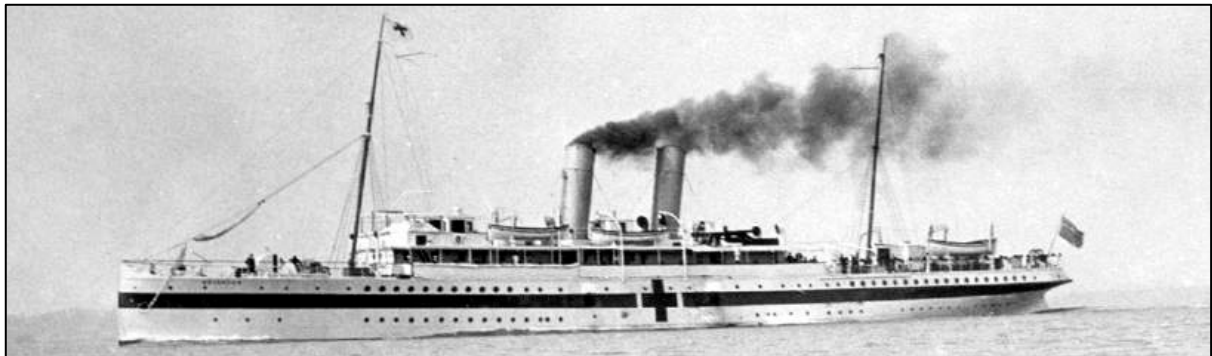
On the 25th December 1915 the same day he was admitted to No1 Canadian General Hospital at Etaples where he was admitted the same day with 'inflamed stomach'

Preston Rec.	" 1 Can: G.H. (Infl. Stomach)	25.12.15
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James spent Christmas and new year 1916 in hospital then on the 9th January 1916 he was evacuated back to the UK on the Hospital Ship Brighton.

OC Ship	"England per H.S. Brighton"	9.1.16
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On the 10th January 1916 he was posted to the Broder Regiment Depot for administrative purposes and admitted to the Military Hospital at Trent Bridge, Nottingham with Gastritis.

Depot Posted	"	10-1-16					W. A. Macdonald Smith
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Name of Hospital.	Admitted to Hospital			Discharged from Hospital			Disease	Number of Days in Hospital
	Day	Month	Year	Day	Month	Year		
MILITARY HOSPITAL TRENT BRIDGE, NOTTINGHAM	10	1	16	7	4	16	Gastritis	89

Remarks bearing on the cause, nature, or treatment of the case, likely to be of interest or of future use. In cases of syphilis, admissions and re-admissions to hospital must be shown. The subsequent progress, including particulars of treatment out of hospital, transfers, &c., will be given in the special syphilis case sheet.	Signature of Medical Officer.
History of 8 years trouble with acute dyspepsia. For that period he has not been able to eat meat or cheese & several other things without suffering from pain & vomiting. In France he was kept at the Base because of this complaint. He is permanently rendered by Medical Board as unfit for duty.	J. A. Macdonald Smith

The hospital was housed in the pavilions of the Trent Bridge Cricket Ground.

[illegible]

-110	Discharged No longer physically fit for war service Para 39 of (xvi) Hqs Army D.O.M.S. Northern Command M-11-3-16	" }-110	78-4-16			T. Thorneycroft Capt. Depot. London Regt.
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Became non-effective by being "No longer physically fit for war service"
Para 392(xvi) Kings Rgs
 on _____ day of April 1916.
 (Signature) Wheeler
 (Rank) Comdg. Depot, Border Regiment

Board,

1916

ROYAL HOSPITAL,
CHELSEA, S.W.

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SIR,

I am directed by the Lords and others, Commissioners of this Hospital, to inform you of the undermentioned decisions in the cases of Men whose discharge Documents have been recently received with the view of having the claims to pensions considered.

I have the honour to be,
SIR,
Your obedient Servant,

To
The Officer Commanding
Borden Regiment. *Depot*

Assistant Secretary.

Corps.	Rank.	Name and Regimental Number.	Allowances for Children.	Decision. Weekly Pension	
<i>Borden Depot</i>	<i>Pte</i>	<i>James Smith 19229</i>		<i>5/-</i>	<i>6 mos credit</i>

Matter now Submitted.	Invalid Board.	No.	Board's Decision.
Report of Med. Board 28-9-16. Prevents. - Nil shut G. P.M.O Chelsea 7-10-16	L.B. 11 OCT 1916 Kammich 401	444	92 12c

In January 1917 James enquired after a Silver War Badge. This was sent to him in April 1917 and was worn on the lapel of his civilian clothing to show medical discharge and avoid calls of cowardice.

28/1/17

Dear Sir

I should be pleased if you would forward me a Silver War Badge as I have been referred to apply to you by Major) director of Organization at the War Office.

Please oblige
yours Truly
James Smith.

Enclose Particulars of Identity.

WR149-8574 100,000 5/16 HWV(M1471) H16/1315
10398-H2523 200,000 11/16

18 APR 1917
PRESTON

12-4-17 1916

accompanying War Badge and Certificate

No. 158349 are forwarded herewith to

James Smith

in respect of his service as No. 19339

BORDER REGT

The Badge will be worn on the right breast or on the right lapel of the jacket, but not in Naval or Military uniform.
Duplicates of the Badge and Certificate cannot be issued under any circumstances.
Receipt of the same should be acknowledged hereon.

Received War 18 Badges. 14/4/17

Signature James Smith

Date 14/4/17

Address 99 Warrington Rd Abram

W. Span



Report of Med Bd: 12-9-17 No incapacity. M.S.H.	151 OCT 1917 8690	Increase coal and to 8/3 & 5/3 for fuel for 4. + 17. fuel 5 to 26-10. 91.
1. D.G.A.M.S. 3. 10. 17. Treats 5% Temporary. M.S. 12.	Increase current award to 8/3 & 5/3 for 5 children from 0-4-17 to 28-10-17 then	
	5% Temp. of 10-10- 1917 award to 1-10- 5 children 2/10-17 for 10-17	

For his war service James received the 1915 Star, British War and Victory Medals.

Name.	Corps.	Rank.	Regt. No
<i>SMITH</i>	<i>T Band R</i>	<i>Pte</i>	<i>19229</i>
<i>James</i>			
Medal.	Roll.	Page.	Remarks.
VICTORY	<i>H/1/103 B 9</i>	<i>2150</i>	<i>B-6 393xvi KR SS-H-16</i>
BRITISH	<i>- do -</i>	<i>do</i>	
<i>15</i> STAR	<i>H/1/5B</i>	<i>89</i>	
<i>LWB List #715</i>			
Theatre of War first served in	<i>(1) France</i>		
Date of entry therein	<i>3-8-15</i>		

K 1200



13.143/162 I hereby acknowledge the receipt of the 1914-15 Star

Date 22 April 1920

Regtl. No. 19229

Rank Private

Signature James Smith

Unit Border Regt.

INFANTRY RECORDS
No. 1
23 APR 1920
FULWOOD BRACKS
PRESTON

RECORD OFFICE,
PRESTON.

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I hereby acknowledge the receipt of the
British War Medal
Victory Medal

I am directed to forward the accompanying **British War Medal**
Victory Medal
which has been awarded to you in respect of your services with the
Border Regiment

Please complete receipt and return this card. No stamp is required.

Regt. No.
Rank **Private**
Signature **J. Smith**
Unit
Date **13/ Nov 1921**

1/c Records.

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ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE.

POST CARD.

The Officer in Charge of Records

INFANTRY RECORDS

FULWOOL BARRACKS
PRESTON

Army Form B.5112.

Medal Rolls.

The Border Regiment		REGIMENT OR CORPS.	
ROLL OF INDIVIDUALS entitled to the Victory Medal and British War Medal granted under Army Orders			
NAME		Division of war in which served	
Regt. No.	Rank	Remarks	
19229	Pte.	SMITH James	7th Border Regt. 19889 Pte.

7th BATTALION BORDER REGIMENT.		Regiment or Corps when Decoration was earned.	
ROLL OF INDIVIDUALS entitled to the Decoration granted under Army Order 20 of 1919.			
To be left blank	On date of Disembarkation	NAME	Remarks
Regt. No.	Rank		
19229	Pte.	SMITH James	7th Border Regt. 19889 Pte.

7th BATTALION BORDER REGIMENT.		Regiment or Corps when Decoration was earned.	
ROLL OF INDIVIDUALS entitled to the Decoration granted under Army Order 20 of 1919.			
To be left blank	On date of Disembarkation	NAME	Remarks
Regt. No.	Rank		
19229	Pte.	SMITH James	7th Border Regt. 19889 Pte.

James continued to receive his disability pension

James Smith 99 Harrington Rd
 Abram. N^r Wigan
 Late.
 19229 Private James Smith
 10th Border Regt.
 Enlisted Jan 9th 1915.
 Left England for France. 8th August 1915.
 Returned to hospital in England. 9/1/16.
 discharged on pension. 28/4/16
 still Receiving 9^d per day
 pension. on disease
 Aggravated by Active Service
 N^o of Certificate of Identity
 S. 3860 Signe Jarboe

In the 1921 Census James Mary and their 6 children are living at 99 Warrington road Abram. James is working as a Miner.

1 James Smith	Head	35	4	M	Married	Lancashire	Miner	Over 2	Warrington Coal Co	Handley	6
2 Mary Jane Smith	Wife	33	9	F	Married	Lancashire	Coal Miner's	6	Warrington Coal Co	at Home	
3 Eliza Jane Smith	Daughter	13	3	F	Both alive	Lancashire	House Painter		House Hold Painter	at Home	
4 Lily Smith	Daughter	12	1	F	Both alive	Lancashire	House Painter		House Hold Painter	at Home	
5 Gladys Smith	Daughter	10	11	F	Both alive	Lancashire	House Painter		House Hold Painter	at Home	
6 Elsie Smith	Daughter	8	7	F	Both alive	Lancashire	House Painter		House Hold Painter	at Home	
7 Ethel Smith	Daughter	6	11	F	Both alive	Lancashire	House Painter		House Hold Painter	at Home	
8 James Allan Smith	Unmarried Son	2	8	M	Both alive	Lancashire	House Painter		House Hold Painter	at Home	

making the return.)

Postal Address 99 Warrington Road
ABRAM.



At some point James resumed work as a House painter, his son James joining him, both listed in the 1939 register as House Painters. They and Mary were living at 453 Warrington Road Abram, Lancashire.

E.D. Letter Code		NTAD		Borough, U.D. or R.D.		ABRAM		Registration District and Sub-district		453/13	
ADDRESS.	SCHEDULE.		SURNAME AND OTHER NAMES.	O. V. S. P. or I.	M. or F.	BIRTH.		S. M. W. or D.	PERSONAL OCCUPATION.		
	No.	Sub. No.				Day.	Year.				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		
453 Warrington Road	188	1	Smith James		M	8	Feb	86	M	House painter	
NTA (M)		2	WALLS Mary Jane		F	25	Sep	84	M	UNPAID DOMESTIC DUTIES Household duties	
		3	Smith James A.		M	30	Oct	18	S	House painter	



James passed away in autumn 1940 being buried on the 17th September 1914 aged just 54

BURIALS in the Parish of <u>Abram</u> in the				
County of <u>Lancaster</u> in the year One thousand				
nine hundred and <u>Forty</u>				
NAME.	Abode.	When Buried.	Age.	By whom the Ceremony was Performed.
James Smith	453 Warrington Road	September 17 th 1940	54 Years	Walter Dawson Under B. L. A. A.

No. 1383