

## JAMES RING

The birth of James Ring was recorded in the Headington district during the March quarter of 1880. This probably indicates he was born in Wheatley, although no baptism record has been found for him. It is possible that he was baptised at the Congregational Church in Wheatley, as there are mentions of attendances and baptisms of members of the Ring family. However, this is conjecture. A second problem occurs with the surname Ring. On the 1881 census, the family are identified as "Bing" and in 1891, James is recorded as a scholar aged 11 under the surname "King".

By the 1901 census, the whole family has moved to London and James, now 21, is still with his parents at 8 Warwick Street, Southwark. Like his father, he is working as a general labourer. James is still listed at this address at the time of his marriage on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 1905 to

18 <sup>905</sup> . Marriage solemnized at <u>St. Alphege Church</u> in the <u>Parish of St. Alphege, Southwark</u> in the County of <u>London</u>									
No.	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.	
144	April 23. 18 1905	James Ring	25	Bachelor	Engineer Labourer	8 Warwick Street Southwark	William Ring	Labourer	
		Louisa Helen Murdoch	22	Spinster	Seaman	22 Littlefield West Newmarket	Robert Murdoch	Clerk Seaman	
Married in the <u>St. Alphege Church</u> according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church, by <u>James</u> or after <u>Banns</u> by me,									
This Marriage was solemnized between us, <u>James Ring</u> & <u>Louisa Helen Murdoch</u>				in the Presence of us, <u>William Ring</u> & <u>Elizabeth Murdoch</u>					

Louisa Helen Murdoch.

The couple produce several children, the first being Sidney James Ring baptised at St. Alphege Church on 19<sup>th</sup> November 1905. The family appear to be living at 8 Warwick Street at this time.

Further children follow: Jessie Louisa in 1909; Grace in February 1910; Doris Violet in 1913; Winifred May in 1915 and Gladys Ring in 1916.

James enlisted at Camberwell to join the Queen's Royal West Surrey Regiment as a private. He was attached to the 11<sup>th</sup> Battalion and given the service number G/11062. He served in the Western European theatre of war. Very sadly, on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 1918 he was assumed to

Index Dec May	18 1905	Sidney James	James	Ring	8 Warwick St	General Labourer	J. Gerard 1922
	born Sept. 25. No. 2081	James	Louisa Helen				

have died in an attack and his death was commemorated on Bay 2 of the Arras Memorial, Dept du Pas de Calais, France.

Although his war record has not been traced, his widow received a payment which was recorded in the Soldiers' effects documentation. This document confirms that this James Ring (there are several serving in the First World War) is the son of Hannah Putt and William

915383	<sup>6</sup> 15/11/43	Ring James.	<sup>10</sup> RN Sundry 23.3.18 Pte assumed 8.19. 11062 dead	H/Alford	21	8	-	10/12/19	<sup>1</sup> Wid. Henry Allen	21	8	-	70
<i>including War Gratuity £ 114-10-0</i>													

Ring.

James' widow remarried to a John Curtin in the summer of 1919, and they produced a daughter of their own. Louisa and John Curtin, their daughter and three of James Ring's children are listed on the 1939 register living at 3 Geneva Road, London S.W.9. Louisa Curtin died in 1971 in Southwark.