



**POST CODE:** B63 2UL

**ADDRESS:** Churchyard, St Peter's Church, Church Road, Cradley

**GPS Location:** N. 52.46434937 W. -2.08854424

**Memorial Location:** Section A, Row 1A, Grave No 1



## John James HOMER (Age 58yrs)

John James Homer was born at Careless Green, Worcestershire on September 28<sup>th</sup>, 1856. John married Betty Greenall Brooks and they went to live at Colley Orchard, Cradley. By 1901 the couple had moved home to Denziel Villas, Beecher Road, Cradley where they remained.

At the age of 34 years John became the headmaster of Cradley British School, Church Road, Cradley in 1880.

When a replacement boys school was built in Colley Lane in 1911 he became its headmaster and the former Cradley British School premises then became the Baptist Church. Some 400 boys attended the boys school. Miss Elizabeth Edwards was headmistress of the Colley Lane Girls school built in 1902 for 422 girls and later enlarged in 1911 by the addition of the boys school.

John Homer died suddenly when on holiday at Rhyl in September 1914. His grave is first in the children's Section A of St Peter's churchyard.



### Memorial Inscription:

*JOHN JAMES HOMER*

*FOR 34 YEARS SCHOOLMASTER IN THIS PARISH*

*BORN SEPT 28 1856*

*DIED AT RHYL SEPT 11, 1914*

*AND OF BETTY GRINNEL HOMER,  
WIDOW OF THE LATE JOHN JAMES HOMER  
WHO DIED DEC 7<sup>TH</sup>, 1935 AGED 78 YEARS.*

*UNTIL DAY BREAKS*