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

GPS Location: N. 52.4690655 W. -2.0884019

Memorial Location: Churchyard 1882 extension (grave 49)



## HUGHES John

Private 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion Worcestershire Regiment. Number 27724

John Hughes was born in High Street, Cradley on May 29<sup>th</sup> 1876 and was the son of Isaiah and Anne Hughes who had 7 children and kept the Holly Bush pub, High Street, Cradley.

When his mother died his father took up trade as a miller and grocer at Mill House, Mill Street, Cradley.

John was an active sportsman and when he married Sarah Lois Tate on June 13<sup>th</sup> 1916 at St. Peter's Church, Cradley he was already a serving Soldier with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Worcestershire living at 97, Colley Gate, Cradley having enlisted at Stourbridge.

Sent to the front lines he was wounded twice but went back into the war and was ultimately killed in action on Monday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> 1917, still aged 40.

He is buried at Plot C. Grave 29 in the St. Leger British Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France.

His name also appears on the Colley Lane Primary School memorial plaque.

A monumental inscription to John was placed on the grave of his uncles Harry and Samuel Hughes in St Peter's churchyard:-



'In loving memory of  
JOHN,  
beloved husband of LOIS HUGHES,  
killed in action in France,  
April 23<sup>rd</sup> 1917,  
aged 40 years.  
'Peace perfect peace'.