



## John Martin Rogers

John Martin Rogers was born near Huddersfield on 21<sup>st</sup> August 1891. John had a twin brother William Arthur Rogers. Their father was John Rogers from Buckinghamshire, Their mother Jane Ann Rogers (nee Martin) from Yorkshire.

### Family History

By 1901 the family were living in Gretton. With John & Jane were their twin sons John Martin & William Arthur. John Snr. was a domestic gardener.

By 1911 John Snr. was recorded as being a Head Gardener Domestic, whilst William Arthur was an Undergardener Domestic.

John Martin Rogers was recorded in the 1911 Census as boarding in Market Rasen, Lincolnshire with a Kate Boyers. His occupation was listed as Saddler.

### Military History

John Martin Rogers served as a Private (2401) in the 3/1<sup>st</sup> Lincolnshire Yeomanry. There is no record of him serving overseas. It is likely that he contracted an illness whilst undergoing training.

According to the Lincolnshire Cemetery Register, John Martin Rogers was resident at the City Fever Hospital, St John & St Nicholas, Lincoln before his death.

It is recorded that Private Rogers died on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 1915. He was 24 years of age.

Private Rogers was buried at the Lincoln (Newport) Cemetery and is remembered on the Gretton War Memorial.

During the First World War, the 4th Northern General Hospital was at the Grammar School in Lincoln. The hospital had 1,400 beds and during the course of the war, admissions numbered 45,000.

Lincoln (Newport) Cemetery, which was near the hospital, contains 139 First World War burials, almost 90 of them forming a war graves plot.

During the Second World War, this plot was extended and most of the 120 burials from this period were made there. The rest of the graves from both wars are scattered throughout the cemetery.



## Reference

Commonwealth War Graves Commission

Gretton Local History Society

### *Lest We Forget*

**John Martin Rogers**  
of the Lincolnshire Regiment

d. 22<sup>nd</sup> June 1915

John's brother, William Arthur Rogers, was to serve as a Gunner (134467) in the Royal Garrison Artillery. He enlisted in Watford in March 1915 and served in France/Flanders during 1917 & 1918. He was transferred to the Army Reserves in March 1919.

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