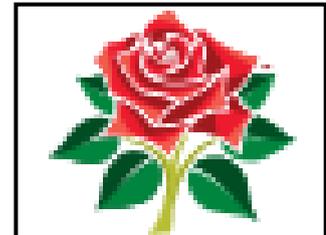
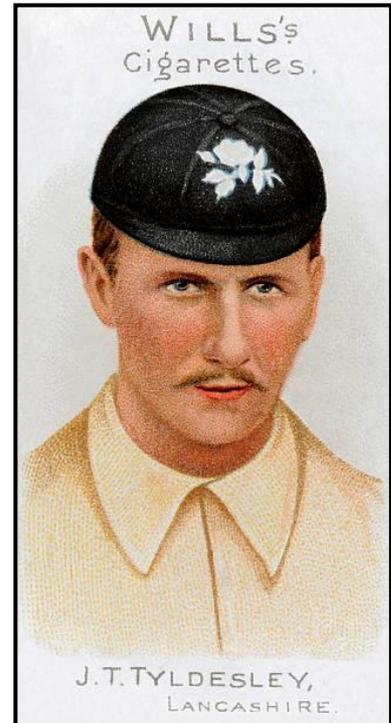
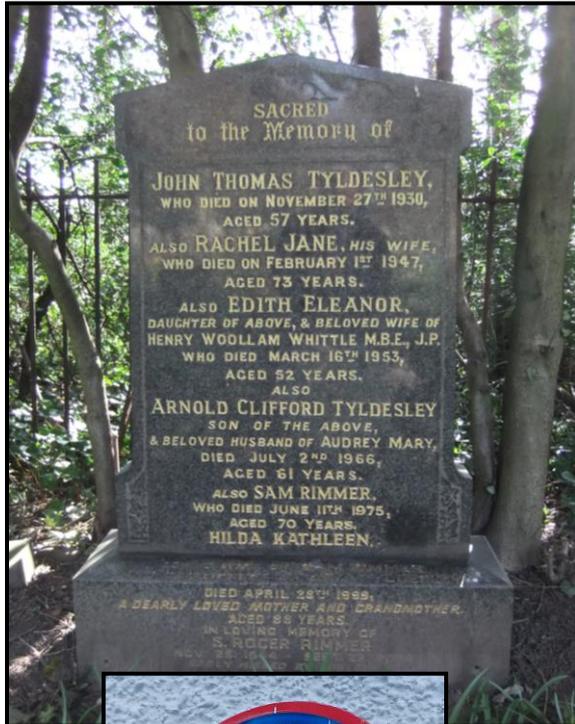


# John Thomas TYLDESLEY



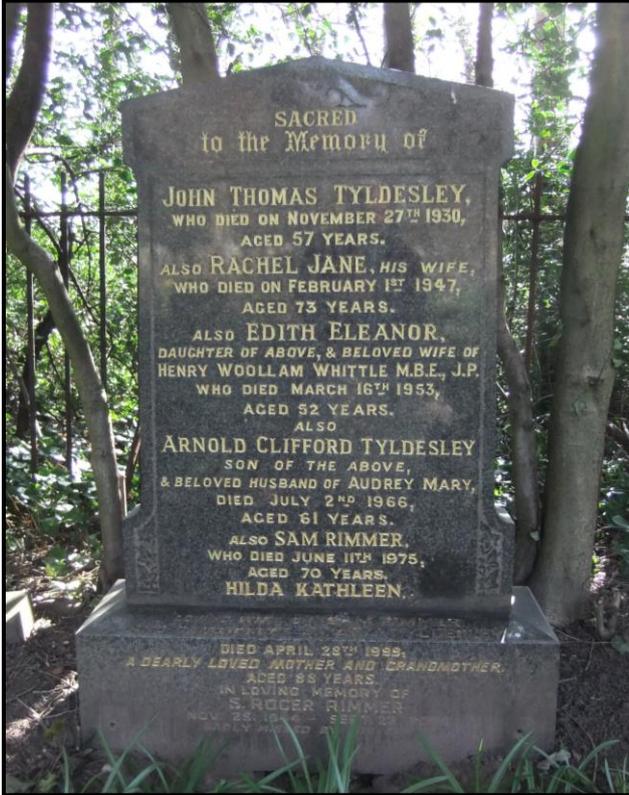
John Thomas Tyldesley

Born: 22 November 1873

Died: 27 November 1930

*PROFESSIONAL CRICKETER  
SPORTS OUTFITTER*

## John Thomas TYLDESLEY



SACRED  
to the Memory of  
**JOHN THOMAS TYLDESLEY**  
who died on November 27th 1930,  
Aged 57 years.  
Also **RACHEL JANE**, his wife  
who died on February 1st 1947,  
Aged 73 years.  
Also **EDITH ELEANOR**  
Daughter of above & beloved wife of  
Henry Woollam Whittle, M.B.E., J.P.  
who died March 16th 1953,  
Aged 52 years.  
Also **ARNOLD CLIFFORD TYLDESLEY**  
Son of the above,  
& beloved husband of Audrey Mary,  
died July 2nd 1966,  
Aged 61 years.  
Also **SAM RIMMER**  
who died June 11th 1975,  
Aged 70 years.  
**HILDA KATHLEEN**  
died April 28th 1999  
A Dearly Loved Mother and Grandmother  
Aged 88 years.

**John Thomas** ('Johnny') **Tyldesley** was born on 22 November 1873 and was baptised at Roe Green Independent Methodist Chapel. His parents were **Joseph** and **Elizabeth A. Tyldesley**. They were married at St. Mark's in 1872.

1872. Marriage solemnized at <i>St Mark's Church</i> in the <i>Parish</i> of <i>Worsley</i> in the County of <i>Lancaster</i>								
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.
185	<i>Feb 17th</i>	<i>Joseph Tyldesley</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>Bachelor</i>	<i>Collier</i>	<i>Roe Green</i>	<i>George Tyldesley</i>	<i>Collier</i>
		<i>Elizabeth Alice Lyon</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>Spinster</i>	<i>Factory</i>	<i>Roe Green</i>	<i>Francis Lyon</i>	<i>Collier</i>
Married in the <i>Church of St Mark</i> according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church, by _____ or after <i>Banns</i> by me, <i>Vincent Beeky, Vicar</i>								
This Marriage was solemnized between us,		<i>Joseph Tyldesley</i>			in the Presence of us, <i>James Tyldesley</i>			
		<i>Elizabeth Alice Lyon</i>			<i>Alice Beeky</i>			

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Ada	Daur.		15	Mother's help
Frank	Son		12	Scholar

Jess                      Son                      10                      "

Ethel                     Daur.                    7

Austin                  Son                      5

Ernest                  Son                      2

1898. Marriage solemnized at <i>St. Mark's Church</i> in the <i>Parish</i> of <i>Worsley</i> in the County of <i>Lancaster</i>								
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.
333	January 13 <sup>th</sup>	John Thomas Tyldesley	full	Bachelor	Professional Cricketer	71. Roe Green Worsley	Joseph Tyldesley	Grocer
	18 98	Rachel Jane Yorke	full	Spinster	Weaver	Walkden Road Worsley	James Yorke	Bankman
Married in the <i>Parish Church</i> according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church, by <i>Licence</i> or after _____ by me,								
This Marriage was solemnized between us,		<i>John Thomas Tyldesley</i>		in the Presence of us,		<i>James Howell</i> <i>John Tyldesley</i>		
		<i>Rachel Jane Yorke</i>				<i>F. H. Hodgkinson</i> Incumbent		

The *Liverpool Echo* reported the marriage of **John Thomas Tyldesley** and **Rachel Yorke** on Friday 14 January 1898.

#### MARRIAGE OF LANCASHIRE COUNTY CRICKETER.

[SPECIAL telegram.] The marriage of Mr. **John Thomas Tyldesley**, the popular Lancashire county cricketer, with Miss Rachel Yorke of Worsley, who was employed as a weaver at Messrs. Cooke Brothers, Boatshed Mill, Walkden, was solemnised yesterday afternoon at St. Mark's Church, Worsley. Great interest was centred in the event in the Worsley district, of which Tyldesley is native. The happy couple are spending the honeymoon at Llandudno.

The *Cotton Factory Times* a week later added "Both bride and bridegroom were the recipients of numerous useful and handsome presents".

1901 census: 31 Canal Side, Patricroft.

**John Thos. Tyldesley** Head M 27 Professional Cricketer. Sports Outfitter  
**Rachel Jane** Wife M 27  
 Edith Eleanor Daur. 8 mo.

1911 census: 15 Monton Green, Eccles. (8 rooms)

**John Thomas Tyldesley** Head M 37 Sports Outfitter  
**Rachel Jane** Wife M 37 (married 13 years; 3 children)  
 Edith Eleanor Daur. 10 Scholar  
 Arnold Clifford Son 5  
 Hilda Kathleen Daur. 9 mo.  
 + 1 servant

His renown continued to live. *The Manchester Evening News* on Monday 22 November 1926, in its Sportsman column, celebrated his 53rd birthday:

"J. T." 53 To-day.

LANCASHIRE'S greatest professional batsman, **John Thomas Tyldesley**, is 53 to-day. The "Worsley Wonder" - Worsley was his birthplace - played his first game for his native county in 1895, and he was the mainstay of the senior side until his retirement at the close of the season of 1919. Now he is the mentor and friend of budding Lancashire batsmen, and can still prove a good leader of the second eleven on occasion. So great is his grip upon the affections of the Lancashire crowd that at one time last sea season, when the county were not faring any too well there were serious calls for his inclusion again in the senior side.

In his second game for the county 31 years ago - against Warwckshire at Birmingham - he scored the first of his 86 centuries, making 152 not out. Two years later in the corresponding match he scored two centuries. At Hastings, in 1900, when playing for the North against the South he scored 121 and 100 not out.

"J.T.'s" greatest season was in 1901, when he scored 3,041 runs, with an average of 55, the first occasion on which such a total had been put up for the county. His highest score for Lancashire was against Kent, in 1906, when he made 295 not out. He played in his first Test match in 1899 against Australia, and from that time no English team was considered complete without him. He also visited South Africa.

In 1906 he was given the Yorkshire match for his benefit, and he broke all Lancashire records then by netting £3,105. He was master of every possible scoring stroke, and like all great masters he exploited one in particular - the "square cut" which became famous in the cricket world. In his prime he was a splendid fieldsman, particularly at third man.

The Birmingham Daily Gazette on Friday 28 November 1930 then announced:

### J. T. Tyldesley Dead.

**J. T. Tyldesley**, the famous Lancashire cricketer, died at his home at Eccles, Manchester, at 8 a.m. yesterday. Mr. Tyldesley died with dramatic suddenness. He had early tea and was dressed and ready for breakfast, and when about to walk out of the room his wife asked him if he was going upstairs. He said "No," and fell dead. Recently he gave up his position as county coach for reasons of health. Born at Worsley, near Manchester, on 22 November, 1873, **John Thomas Tyldesley** was one of the greatest professional batsmen. He first appeared for Lancashire in July, 1895, against Gloucestershire at Manchester, and in his second game for the county, against Warwickshire at Edgbaston, he scored 152 not out. Two seasons later he made 106 and 100 not out against Warwickshire on the same ground.

**TYLDESLEY** John Thomas of The Limes Brackley-road Monton Eccles Lancashire died 27 November 1930 Probate Manchester 26 January to Arnold Clifford Tyldesley sports outfitter William Holmes retired railway clerk and Arthur Wainwright chartered accountant. Effects £16519 12s. 10d. Resworn £16452 6s. 2d.

John Thomas Tyldesley	The Limes, Brackley Rd Monton	29 Nov.	57 yrs	Lancashire, R. Hughes, B. Arthur.	1244 NP
No. 1425					

Rachel Jane Tyldesley	Eccles & Patricraft West, Brackley Rd Monton	4 Feb 4 <sup>th</sup> 1947	73 years	John Tyldesley, vice of Monton	NP 1244
No. 116					

## His Cricket Career

### WISDEN OBITUARY

TYLDESLEY, JOHN THOMAS, one of England's greatest batsmen, who had been in weak health for some years, died on November 27. On the morning of his death he was putting on his boots before going to his business at Deansgate, Manchester, when he collapsed and died. He had carried on his duties as coach at Old Trafford until the end of last summer. Born at Roe Green, Worsley, on November 22, 1873, he was just 57 years of age at the time of his death. Tyldesley received his early training in Lancashire club cricket--a very stiff school--and was a well equipped batsman when he first appeared for Lancashire in 1895. In his second match he scored 152 not out against Warwickshire on the Edgbaston ground--the scene of many triumphs for him in subsequent years. He did nothing else of much note that summer--he was not given a trial until the middle of July--but two years later he made over 1,000 runs, and he achieved that performance for nineteen consecutive seasons. Four times he scored over 2,000 runs, and in 1901 he had an aggregate of 3,041, his innings including nine separate centuries, eight of which were made for Lancashire, and his average being 55. In two seasons - 1897 and 1904 - he played three successive innings of a hundred, and on three occasions he made two separate hundreds in the same match. These scores were 106 and 100 not out for Lancashire against Warwickshire in 1897, 121 and 100 not out in a North and South match in 1900, and 136 and 101 for Lancashire against Hampshire in 1910.

Altogether in the course of his brilliant career he scored 37,803 runs in first-class matches with an average of nearly 41 and made eighty-six separate centuries. He played frequently in Gentlemen v. Players matches and in 1901 made 140 at Lord's. He also took a leading part in Test match cricket between 1899 and 1909, appearing for England in sixteen games in this country and going out to Australia with A. C. MacLaren's team in 1901-02 and with the M.C.C.'s side two years later. In England he made three hundreds against Australia, scoring 138 at Birmingham in 1902 (after the side had started in disastrous fashion), 100 at Leeds in 1905, and 112 not out at the Oval in the latter year. In all he scored 1,661 runs in Test Matches with an average of 30. Tyldesley was a member of the team Lord Hawke took out to South Africa in the winter of 1898-99. He scored 742 runs during the tour with an average of 32. Among his innings was one of 112 in a Test match at Cape Town. There were few batsmen more attractive to watch than John Tyldesley. He was exceptionally quick on his feet and so always appeared to have plenty of time in which to make his strokes. Essentially a batsman of enterprise, when he went forward to the ball it was nearly always to hit. He also possessed a very strong defence and had at his command practically all the strokes in the game. His ability to adapt himself to circumstances was emphasised in a Test match at the Oval in 1905, when Armstrong, bowling well outside the leg-stump with an off-break, reduced to impotence a number of batsmen, but not Tyldesley, who drew back and cut him. One of the best of outfielders, he was very fast, picked the ball up cleanly, and had a very accurate return, in addition to being a very sure catch.

His benefit match, against Yorkshire at Manchester in 1906, yielded a profit of £3,105. Ernest Tyldesley, the Lancashire batsman, is a younger brother of John Tyldesley.

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#### Test Record:

Debut: England v South Africa at Johannesburg - February 14 - 16, **1899**

Last: Australia v England at Manchester - July 26 - 28, **1909**

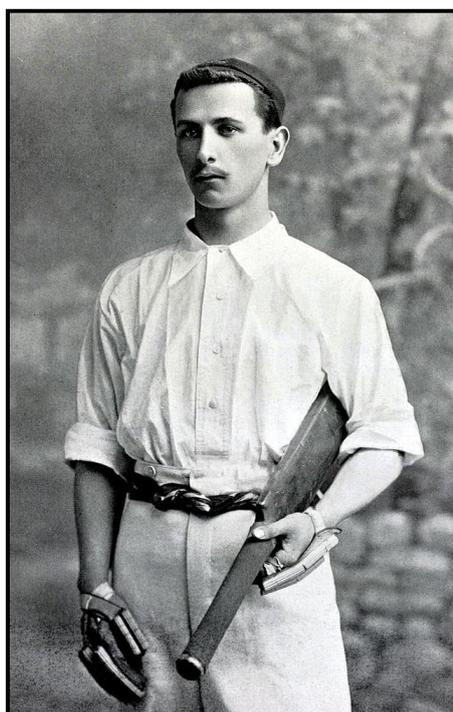
*The Manchester Courier* on Wednesday 11 April **1906** reported:

*From a Lancashire standpoint, the event of a season which, in spite of the absence of the Australians, promises to be a decidedly interesting one, is the match with Yorkshire at Old Trafford on August Bank Holiday and following days. It is scarcely necessary to*

state that the proceeds of this game are to be set apart for the benefit of **J. T. Tyldesley**, 'that great little man', to quote a London contemporary, who has rendered inestimable both to his county and his country. Perhaps one cannot do better than quote the following from the circular, issued on behalf of the Lancashire County Committee in support of the appeal for the co-operation of members and the public generally: "**John Thomas Tyldesley** was born at Worsley, on November 22nd, 1873, and is thus in his thirty-third year, still young, and virile enough to score many more centuries for Lancashire. He learnt nearly all his early cricket while playing for the village club at Roe Green, and after a trial with the Lancashire Second Eleven, he first appeared for Lancashire against Gloucestershire about the middle of 1895. Since 1896 he has been a consistent batsman and a notable man in the field. He has represented his County and his country in Australia, in South Africa, and in the various representative matches which have been played in England during the past six or seven years. His international achievements may be summarised by the fact that he has played in twenty-two matches between England and Australia, and he is one of the few cricketers who have made over 1,000 runs in test matches, for which he has an average of 32.31. It is, however, as a Lancashire cricketer, keenly interested in the pride of place of his native county, that Tyldesley more particularly seeks for support during his approaching 'benefit' match." A more deserving cricketer never trod the greensward, and one can only hope that the weather will be of the finest, the cricket of the keenest, and return which will put even Hirst's record benefit in the shade. One cannot possibly say more.

*It only remains to be said that the Old Trafford authorities are spending a portion of their highly respectable surplus of last season on stand improvements, the old wooden structures being displaced by more up-to-date erections. The powers that be are fully alive their responsibilities looking after the comfort and convenience of their numerous patrons. For the moment the only cloud on the horizon appears to be the uncertainty with regard to the bowling, and even this may be more apparent than real. Let us hope so.*

The report above, dated 1906, making reference to his 'benefit' Match against Yorkshire, might suggest that his cricketing career was coming to an end. But it did not end there! For, in a match at Aigburth in August **1914**, against Hampshire, he appeared for his beloved county. In that match, Hampshire were bowled out for 74 in their first innings. On a treacherous pitch, Lancashire fared no better initially. *The Sporting Life* on Tuesday 11 August **1914**, printed the following report:



*It was, however, the veteran, **John Tyldesley**, to whom Lancashire were chiefly indebted. Going in at 24 [for 1 wicket], he hit a couple of 4's, and was then uncomfortable for nearly half an hour.*

*But after Garnett left, he pulled, drove and cut magnificently. He completed 50 in seventy-five minutes, and 100 in two hours and three-quarters. Huddleston proved his best partner in assisting to add 72 for the eighth stand. Ultimately with the close of the innings just before time, the home side men left with a commanding lead of 154 runs.*

*Tyldesley carried out his bat for a superb 122, which occupied three hours and contained two 6's and fifteen 4's. There were many risky hits but no direct chances.*

[In the same team were 2 brothers, E. and W., who scored 2 runs between them. In a separate piece, a reporter stated that "**J. T. Tyldesley**, when properly going, still stands among the most delightful batsmen in England. He can still play a very youthful game. Years have not greatly affected his really wonderful wrists. And so he still has scarcely a rival as a cutter". And this at 40!! - Ed.]

<u>Career Statistics</u>	Test	First-class
Matches	31	608
Runs	1,661	37,897
100s/50s	4/9	86/193
Top Score	138	295*
Batting ave.	30.75	40.66
Catches	16	376

### His Parents ...

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<b>Joseph Tyldesley</b>	Head	M	48	Grocer
Frank	Son	S	22	Joiner, Carp.
Jess	Son	S	20	Steam Engine Maker
Ethel	Daur.	S	17	
Austin	Son		15	Joiner Apprentice
Ernest	Son		12	
Edna	Daur.	S	9	

1911 census: 71 Roe Green, Worsley. (5 rooms)

<b>Joseph Tyldesley</b>	Head	M	58	Grocer & Coal Merchant
<b>Elizabeth Alice</b>	Wife	M	56	(8 children)
Austin	Son	S	25	Joiner
George Ernest	Son	S	22	Professional Cricketer Lancs. C.C.
Edna	Daur.	S	19	

Burial: 20 September 1917 St Mark, Worsley.

**Joseph Tyldesley**

Age: 65 years

Abode: Aigburth, Lumber Lane, Worsley

Grave: 53 N.P.

Buried by: A.J. Davies

Burial: 3 February 1925 St Mark, Worsley.

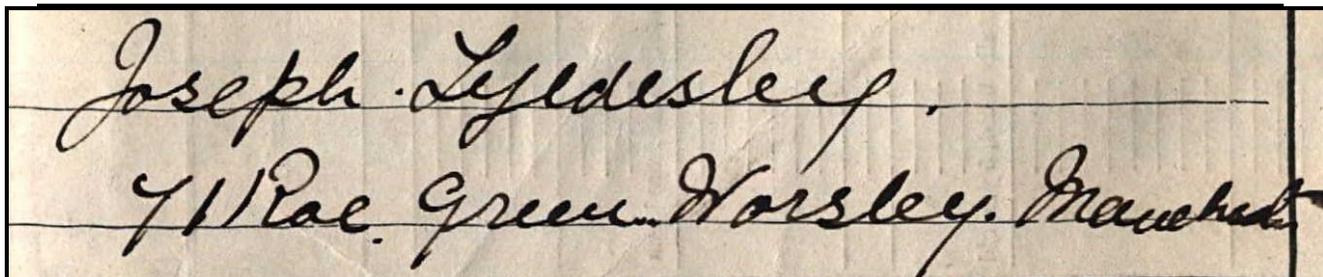
**Elizabeth Alice Tyldesley**

Age: 70 years

Abode: Aigburth, Lumber Lane, Worsley

Grave: 53 N.P.

Buried by: H.W. Thorne



... and Family

**John Thomas Tyldesley and Rachel (Yorke)** had 3 children:

**1. EDITH ELEANOR** married Henry Woollam Whittle, M.B.E., J.P. in the third quarter 1925 at St. Paul, Monton.

*In her will, her address was given as of Westways, Cavendish Road, Eccles. She died on 16 March 1953. Probate was granted to Henry Woollam Whittle, company director, and Philip Fox solicitor.*

**2. ARNOLD CLIFFORD TYLDESLEY**

Marriage: 8 Jul 1938 St Mark, Worsley, Lancashire, England

Arnold Clifford Tyldesley - 33, Sports Outfitter, Bachelor, The Limes, Brackley Rd. Monton

Audrey Mary Lane - 25, Spinster, Silver How, Broad Oak Park, Worsley

Groom's Father: John Thomas Tyldesley, (Decd.)

Bride's Father: Ernest Lane, Building Contractor

Witness: Alfred ?; R. P. Ridgway; Doris Hughes; Mary Lane

Married by Banns by: I. Renshaw

**3. HILDA KATHLEEN**

Marriage: 7 Feb 1934 St Mark, Worsley, Lancashire, England

Sam Rimmer - 29, Bank Clerk, Bachelor, 13 Albert Rd. Eccles

Hilda Kathleen Tyldesley - 23, Spinster, Green End, Worsley

Groom's Father: Samuel Rimmer, Retired

Bride's Father: John Thomas Tyldesley, (Decd.), Sports Salesman

Witness: William Frank Scott; Edna Chisholm

Married by Banns by: C. Norman Reynolds

**J. T. Tyldesley** had a younger brother, **George Ernest Tyldesley**, (q.v.) who also became an England cricketer. He preferred to call himself Ernest.

