



*In memory of*

**Private**



**John Turkington**

**7/8th Battalion Royal Irish Fusiliers**

**Service No: 23358**

Killed in Action on the 07/06/1917 on the opening day of the Battle of Messines, age 28. Son of John and Annie Turkington. Husband of Elizabeth (Lizzie) McGeown (03/09/1888- ) of 215s Main St, Coatbridge. They married on the 12/07/1912 in Derrymacash, Armagh. They moved to Coatbridge shortly after and had 2 young children, James Edward Turkington born on the 19/05/1913 and John Turkington born on the 12/08/1915. In his Will dated 20/07/1916 John's effects and property were received by his wife Lizzie Turkington. From the 1901 Ireland Census - Address - 43 Derryadd, Montiaghs, Armagh - John Turkington aged 47, Annie Turkington aged 42, Sarah Anne Turkington aged 21, John Turkington aged 13, James Turkington aged 9. From the 1911 Ireland Census - Address - 49 Derryadd, Montiaghs, Armagh - John Turkington aged 52, Ann Turkington aged 48, Sarah Ann Turkington aged 28, John Turkington aged 22, James Edward Turkington aged 17, fathers grandson Edward Turkington aged 7, fathers granddaughter Sarah Ann McDonnell aged 4. John's Pension was awarded to his wife Elizabeth on the 10/12/1917. Their 2 children are also listed. Employment was Tennents Foundry / Agricultural Labourer at home aged 22



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