

**04-07-1914 – UK – Joseph Newark – FF Drowned in a flooded cellar during a fire**

## **P/Fm Joseph Newark**

[http://www.policerollofhonour.org.uk/forces/england/merseyside/merseyside\\_roll.htm](http://www.policerollofhonour.org.uk/forces/england/merseyside/merseyside_roll.htm)

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<http://www.theonlinebookcompany.com/OnlineBooks/firefightermemorialtrust/Celebrations/FirefighterMemorial/3116>

### ***Brigade: Liverpool Police Fire Brigade***

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Died: 07 April 1914

Age: 32

Location Died: Cotton warehouse, Grundy Street, Liverpool

Cause of Death: Due to drowning after falling into a flooded basement at the scene of a warehouse fire

Current Fire Authority: Merseyside  
PC350H



### **Family discover hero**

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<http://www.dailypost.co.uk/news/local-news/family-discover-hero-2941948>

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DESCENDANTS of a fire-fighter buried at Frodsham Cemetery discovered a memorial to his courage after responding to a television plea.

Joseph Newark, a policeman and part-time fireman in Liverpool, was 32 when he was killed fighting a fire at a cotton warehouse in Toxteth in 1914.

His wife Rebecca moved back to her father's farm in Manley after his death, taking their four children with her, and the family have settled in and around Frodsham ever since.

Nearly 90 years on, Joseph's niece, Margaret Blythe of Frodsham, was watching a news story about the rededication of a firefighters' memorial in Liverpool when her uncle's name was read out with an appeal for family members to get in touch.

She said: 'I knew about Uncle Joe as my mother had kept a newspaper cutting of the coroner's report into his death, but I never knew him because he died before I was born.

'When I heard his name on the television, they were asking for anyone who knew anything about him to get in touch, because they couldn't find any relatives.'

Margaret phoned Merseyside Fire Brigade, which had arranged the rededication of the memorial, which stands in Toxteth Park Cemetery and commemorates 16 firefighters who lost their lives in the city between 1860 and 1921. She also contacted Joseph's grandson, Terry, to tell him what she had heard.

Terry, of Upton Heath, near Chester, knew very little about his grandfather because his father had been just four months old when he died. His only mementoes were a black and white photo and his grandad's fireman's helmet.

He said: 'I've often looked at the helmet and wondered about my grandfather - about what kind of person he was and what happened to him. My father never said much about him and I don't know how much his mother told him.

'None of the family had any idea this memorial even existed until it was re-dedicated. We knew there was a plaque somewhere, but we weren't sure whether it was for his time in the police or the fire brigade. I'm certainly proud of him now.'

Now the family are hoping to visit the memorial in Liverpool along with members of Merseyside Fire Brigade, to pay homage to Joseph Newark's memory.

Margaret said: 'I believe that Uncle Joe was a nice and well respected man, and from what my mum told me, he was very popular - there were hundreds of people at his funeral.

'As far as I'm concerned, he's a real hero.