

**ASHTON, JAMES 11025 Private 6th Battalion 38th Brigade 13th Division**

**THE LOYAL NORTH LANCASHIRE REGIMENT**

**Born Leyland Enlisted Preston Living Leyland**

**Killed in Action Mesopotamia 19th April 1916**

Ref: 'Soldiers Died in the Great War, 1914-1919', Part 50.

**Chorley Weekly News 1st July 1916**

Enlisting on the 14th August 1914, James Ashton served in the Dardanelles and was afterwards transferred further east, where it appears he was with the force that was attempting to relieve General Townshend.

James, aged 29, was killed in action in Mesopotamia on April 19th. He leaves a widow and children.

**Pte Ashton's name is on the following local memorials:-**

War Memorial, Church Road, Leyland  
St. James Memorial, Moss Side, Leyland

**Commonwealth War Graves Commission**

With no known grave, James Ashton is commemorated on the:-

**BASRA MEMORIAL, IRAQ**

The names of the men of the 'Loyals' are on Panel 27. No next-of-kin information.  
The Memorial, within Basra War Cemetery, is about 9 km north-west of Basra.

**Leyland St. Andrew's 'Banns Books' Ref: Lancashire Record Office, Preston.**

James Ashton and Martha Mackerall Banns to be read 16th, 23rd and 30th December 1906.

**Note:-** The 38th Brigade left Port Said on February 14th, 1916 and arrived Basra, Mesopotamia, March the 5th after having fought in the Dardanelles: they had landed at Anzac, Gallipoli on August 4th, 1915.

**Ashton, James.**

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