

James Yates – Dunkirk Hero

James was the son of Abel Yates & Ellen Booth – he lived in Spindle Street Congleton as a child. The book extracts are taken from Lyndon Murgatroyd's book published in 2014 – Lest We Forget.

In 1941 James Married Lillian Clarke in Wagg Street Chapel, Congleton.



DUNKIRK HERO Nineteen year old Private James Yates's courage, (right) and skill as a powerful swimmer enabled this Congleton soldier to perform a heroic deed during the evacuation at Dunkirk. Trapped on

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the beaches where they had been for three days with no ship close enough in to take them off, men of his battalion who could swim were allowed to attempt the long swim out to the nearest transport out at sea. Half way there he found three comrades exhausted and at the point of drowning. He managed to help two of them on to a piece of wreckage then towing the third man, swam a further one and a half miles to the ship and got him on board. Both were stark naked. What happened to the two men on the wreckage is not known. **14th June 1940.**

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Phillip WALTON (1948-) [1] is half 1st cousin once-removed of James YATES (1920-2002) [3120]

Detail

Phillip WALTON (1948-) [1] is the son of Ada YATES (1919-2018) [7], daughter of James YATES (1869-1940) [12], son of Abel YATES (1830-1898) [15], father of Abel YATES (1885-1954) [27], father of James YATES (1920-2002) [3120].