



### **Iredale's Mortlake High Street**

This painting by Sidney Joseph Iredale shows Mortlake High Street in the early 20th century. On the left is Felix McCabe's premises which directories described as pawnbrokers, jewellers, outfitters and furnishers. It was a presence in the High Street from 1903 until it closed in 1969. In the centre right of the picture is

Simmonds dress shop which later moved to Sheen Lane. Sidney Iredale was born in 1895 in central London but the 1911 census records his parents and five siblings living at 87 South Worple Way, his father Henry employed as a sign writer and Sidney as a shop assistant. Later directories show that the family had established their own sign writing business and by 1932 Sidney was the proprietor of *Sheen Signs* at 51a Sheen Lane.