



James Mills Scott

1891 – 1917



James was born on 16th February 1891 in Earlsheaton and baptised at St. Peter's Church on 29th March of that year. The family lived in Town Street and later moved to Exley's Yard, off Town Street. He was the son of Joseph Scott, a butcher who had been born in Dewsbury in 1851 and had married Mary Annie (nee Goodall) who died in 1876. His second marriage was to Jane Mills in the September Quarter of 1880, she was born in Dewsbury in 1862. Joseph died during the March Quarter of 1889 aged 48 and Jane married Wilfred Senior in 1901. She died in 1930.

James had two brothers who both died in infancy: Samuel Vincent Scott, born in 1888 and died in 1889 and Harry Vyner Scott, born in 1893 and died in 1894.

James was a married man who worked as a cabinet maker employed by Bickers Ltd. at the Galleries, Northgate, Dewsbury, he had previously worked for Messrs. Thomas Porritt and Sons, Bank Top, Earlsheaton. He married Emma Mason in 1914; she was born in 1892 and died in 1969. Following James's death she married Willie Garnham in 1920.

James attested on the 21st June 1916 serving in the Royal Engineers, later transferring into the 27th Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers as Private 47918. James was killed in action in France on Wednesday 17th January 1917, having been in the trenches only ten days. A letter to his widow stated that "*Scott and a colleague, Private C.B. Smith, were killed instantly and suffered no pain. They were laid to rest in a little English Cemetery behind the lines*". Private 4792 C. B. Smith, 27th (Tyneside Irish) Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers is buried in the same cemetery as James

James was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal. He is buried in Ration Farm Military Cemetery, La Chapelle D'armentieres, France.

He is commemorated on the Dewsbury Cenotaph in Crow Nest Park and in the Dewsbury Roll of Honour kept in Dewsbury Central Library; he is also commemorated on the Earlsheaton Memorial and on the Oak Reredos in St. Peter's Church Earlsheaton.

He was educated at St. Peter's School Earlsheaton.

In Memory of

Private

James Mills Scott

47918, 27th, Northumberland Fusiliers who died on 17 January 1917 Age 25

Husband of Emma Gamham (formerly Scott), of 443, Leeds Rd., Dewsbury.

Remembered with Honour

Ration Farm Military Cemetery, La Chapelle-D'armentieres



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