



Charles Arthur Crabtree

1876 – 1916

Charles was born in Dewsbury in 1876. His father was Joshua Crabtree, a Commercial Clerk (woollens) born in Dewsbury in 1849 and died in 1884. His mother was Ann (née Sheard) born in Mirfield in 1846 and died in 1934. They were married at St. Mary's Church, Mirfield on 15th March 1873.

Their other children were; Joseph Clarkson, born in 1874, Margaret Hannah, born in 1878 and Mabel Ann, born in 1882.

On the 1881 and 1891 Census Records the family lived at 1, Bank Street, Dewsbury.

Ann was remarried on 15th August 1891 at St. Mark's Church, Halifax Road, Dewsbury to Joseph Marsden (born in Dewsbury in 1833 and died in 1907). In 1901 they lived at Calder Wharf Mills, Ravensthorpe, in 1911 Ann was living with her daughter Mabel at Great Pond Street, Ravensthorpe.

Charles was educated at Dewsbury Parish Church Day School and Sunday school. He worked for 28 years as a Lawyer's Clerk at the offices of Messrs Chadwick Sons & Nicholson, Solicitors. He was married to Ada Briggs (born in 1880 and died in 1949) in St. Saviour's Church, Ravensthorpe on 12th February 1910. They lived at 124, North Road, Ravensthorpe and did not have any children.

Ada was remarried to Albert Wilcock (born in 1880 and died in 1932) on 15th December 1917 at St. Mary the Virgin Church, Gawthorpe and Chickenley Heath. They had four children between 1918 and 1923.

He was called up in August 1916 serving as Private 39535, attached to the Depot of the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry; it is likely that he was not passed fit for front line duties but categorised as B1. After training at Fulford and York, he was sent to Newcastle upon Tyne where his clerical skills and expertise with typewriters was greatly appreciated. In late November he became ill with enteric fever and following a week in hospital he died on 7th December 1916. He was buried in Dewsbury Cemetery. Charles did not receive any medal awards as he did not serve in a war zone.

Charles is commemorated on the Dewsbury Cenotaph in Crow Nest Park and in the Dewsbury Roll of Honour kept in Dewsbury Central Library and on the Ravensthorpe War Memorial in St. Saviour's Church.

In Memory of
Private
C A Crabtree

39535, Depot, King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry who died on 07 December 1916

Remembered with Honour
Dewsbury Cemetery



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