



## **Simon Parratt**

### **1879 – 1916**

Simon was born in Louth, Lincolnshire in 1879. His father was Marsh Parratt, a labourer at an ironworks born at Donington-on-Bain, near Louth in 1855 and died in 1917. His mother was Sarah Ann (née Smith) born in Skegness in 1851 and died in 1928. They were married in 1878.

Their other children were; Rose Ann, born in Attercliffe, Sheffield in 1881, Fred, born in Attercliffe in 1884, and Albert, born in Attercliffe in 1889.

Sarah was previously married in 1869 to James Lockington (born in 1847 and died in 1877) they had two children; John Willie, born in Grimsby in 1870 and Susannah, born in Louth in 1877.

Simon was married in 1900 to Sarah Ann Hill Johnson (born in Hillsborough, Sheffield in 1880 and died in 1940). They had five children; Ernest, born in 1900, Doris, born in 1902 and died in 1903, May, born in 1903 and died in 1903, Albert Leslie, born in 1907 and Fred, born in 1915. On the 1901 Census they lived in Liverpool Street, Attercliffe but by 1911 the family lived at John Street, Ravensthorpe. Simon worked as a labourer at J. Brown Chemical Works, Savile Town. They later lived at 249, Pit Yard, Scout Hill, Dewsbury.

He served as Private 26434 in the 6<sup>th</sup> Battalion of the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry enlisting around November 1915. He was sent to the Western Front in February 1916 and was killed in action during the Battle of the Somme in the Battle of Flers-Courcelette on 16<sup>th</sup> September 1916. His remains were never identified for burial and so he is commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial to the missing of the Somme. Simon was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

The Thiepval Memorial to the Missing of the Somme bears the names of more than 72,000 officers and men of the United Kingdom and South African forces who died in the Somme sector before 20<sup>th</sup> March 1918 and have no known grave. Over 90% of those commemorated died between July and November 1916. The memorial also serves as an Anglo-French Battle Memorial in recognition of the joint nature of the 1916 offensive and a small cemetery containing equal numbers of Commonwealth and French graves lies at the foot of the memorial.

Simon is also commemorated on the Dewsbury Cenotaph in Crow Nest Park and in the Dewsbury Roll of Honour kept in Dewsbury Central Library.

In Memory of

Private

**Simon Parratt**

26434, 6th Bn., King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry who died on 16 September 1916

Remembered with Honour

**Thiepval Memorial**



Commemorated in perpetuity by  
the Commonwealth War Graves Commission

PARRATT S.