



## **Wright Ouldrige**

### **1892 - 1916**

Wright was born in Thornhill on 30<sup>th</sup> September 1892 and baptised on 13<sup>th</sup> November 1892 at St. Michael and All Angels Church, Thornhill. His father was John Thomas Ouldrige, a labourer at a colliery born in Thornhill in 1862 and died in 1926. His mother was Ellen (née Guest) born at Old Greasbrough near Rotherham in 1869 and died in 1942. They were married on 18<sup>th</sup> July 1891 at St. Marks Church, Glodwick near Oldham.

Their other children were; Effie, born in 1894, Lizzie, born in 1898, Ida, born in 1899, Joseph Dunford, born in 1902, Walter, born in 1904 and Tom, born in 1906.

On the 1901 and 1911 Census Records the family lived at Combs Road, Thornhill.

Wright was a single man who was educated at Thornhill Lees School worked as a miner and hurrier below ground at Ingham's Colliery, Thornhill. He was a talented cricketer who played for both Thornhill Lees and Thornhill cricket clubs, being described as "*a capable bowler*".

He enlisted in December 1914 serving as Private 17614 in the 6<sup>th</sup> Battalion York and Lancaster Regiment and from 19<sup>th</sup> September 1915 he served on Gallipoli and then Egypt before being posted to the Western Front in July 1916. He was killed in action on 29<sup>th</sup> September 1916 during the Battle of the Somme. His remains were never identified for burial and so he is commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial to the missing of the Somme. Wright was awarded the 1914-15 Star, 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 300 Commonwealth and 300 French graves lies at the foot of the memorial.

Wright is also commemorated on the Dewsbury Cenotaph in Crow Nest Park and in the Dewsbury Roll of Honour kept in Dewsbury Central Library and on the War Memorial in St. Michael and All Angels Parish Church, Thornhill.

In Memory of

Private

**Wright Ouldrige**

17614, 6th Bn., York and Lancaster Regiment who died on 29 September 1916

Remembered with Honour

**Thiepval Memorial**



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