

Sam Newbold 1885 – 1917

Sam was born in Dewsbury on 11th July 1885 and baptised on 20th April 1889 at Holy Trinity Church, Batley Carr. His father was James Newbold, a Cordwainer (boot and shoe maker) born in Stafford in 1845 and died in 1919. His mother was Hannah (nee Elliott) born in Dewsbury in 1846 and died in 1923. They were married at All Saints Church, Dewsbury on 22nd May 1875.

Their other children were; Clara, born in 1875, John, born in 1877, Ben, born in 1879 and served in World War 1, James, born in 1881 and died in 1882, William, born in 1883, Ernest, born in 1887 and Gerty born in 1889.

On the 1881 Census the family lived at Beckett Road, Dewsbury, in 1891 at 34, Woodbine Street, Dewsbury, in 1901 and 1911 at 3, Croft Street, Dewsbury.

James was previously married to Martha Smith (born in 1848 and died in 1874) on 11th May 1867 at All Saints Church, Dewsbury. They had a son, Smith Newbold, born in 1869. In 1871 they lived at North Street, Dewsbury.

Hannah previously had a son, George Elliott, born in 1868. His birth name was recorded as *George Edward Helleot*.

Sam was a single man who worked at the rag warehouse of Messrs Eastwood and Nephew.

He enlisted on 11th January 1915 serving as Private 21836 in the 4th Battalion Grenadier Guards and was sent to the Western Front on 13th October that year. In September 1916 he received a bullet in the shinbone and was hospitalised for four months before being sent home on leave. However, all was not well and he was treated at Queen Alexandra's Military Hospital Millbank, London and the 3rd London Hospital from which he was discharged as incurable on the 28th May 1917. Cancer had developed in his abdominal wall and he was taken to the Middlesex Hospital where he died on 29th May 1917. He was buried in Dewsbury Cemetery, at the interment the family refused to accept any military presence and he was buried quietly in accordance with their wishes. Sam was awarded the 1914-15 Star, the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

Sam is 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

S Newbold

21836, 4th Bn., Grenadier Guards who died on 29 May 1917

Remembered with Honour Dewsbury Cemetery





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