



Isaac Rothery

1880 – 1917

Isaac was born in Thornhill Lees on 26th December 1880 and baptised at Holy Innocents Church, Thornhill Lees on 20th February 1881. His father was Earl Rothery, a miner born in Thornhill Lees in 1845 and died in 1903. His mother was Sarah Jane (nee Ellis) born in Thornhill in 1848 and died in 1927. They were married at St. Michael and All Angels Church, Thornhill on 24th June 1866.

Their other children were; George, born in 1866, Hannah Mary, born in 1871 and died in 1878, Martha, born in 1873, Joseph, born in 1876 and Alfred, born in 1882.

On the 1891 Census the family were living at Cromwell Road, Thornhill Lees, in 1901 at Lees Hall Road, Thornhill Lees.

Isaac attached to the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Thornhill Lees and was the secretary for six years. He was married there on 18th August 1906 to Sarah Laycock (born in 1877 and died in 1958). They had a daughter, Elsie, born in 1908. On the 1911 census, he was working as a labourer on Lord Savile's estate and living at Rufford Terrace, Thornhill Lees with his widowed mother, wife and daughter. His address at the time of his death was 304, Lees Hall Road, Thornhill Lees.

He enlisted in September 1915 serving as Private 242978 in the 1st/5th Battalion King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry and was sent to the Western Front on 13th January 1916. He was killed in action in France on 22nd June 1917, when he was last seen in a shell hole in front of an enemy trench. His remains were never identified for burial and so he is commemorated on the Loos Memorial. Isaac was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

The Loos Memorial commemorates 20,654 officers and men who have no known grave, who fell in the area from the River Lys to the old southern boundary of the First Army, east and west of Grenay, from the first day of the Battle of Loos on 25th September 1915 to the end of the war.

Isaac 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 Holy Innocents Parish Church, Thornhill Lees and on the Thornhill Lees Wesleyan Methodist Church Memorial Plaque relocated to Longcauseway Church, Dewsbury.

In Memory of

Private

Isaac Rothery

242978, 1st/5th Bn., King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry who died on 22 June 1917

Remembered with Honour

Loos Memorial



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