



## **James Arthur Windle**

### **1897 - 1917**

James was born in Thornhill, in 1897. His father was Arthur Windle, a Glass Founder born in Flockton near Huddersfield in 1871 and died in 1937. His mother was Eliza Ann (nee Hatfield) born in Thornhill in 1872 and died in 1920. They were married at Holy Innocents Church, Thornhill Lees on 18<sup>th</sup> April 1896.

Their other children were; Ivy, born in 1898, Doris May, born in 1902, Nellie/Nelly, born in 1905 and Wallace, born in 1907 and died in 1908.

On the 1901 Census the family lived at 10, Forest Cottages, Lees Hall Road, Thornhill Lees and in 1911 at 10, Beatson Street, Thornhill Lees.

James was a single man who was educated at Thornhill Lees Church of England School. He was employed by Messrs Firth, Blakely and Company, Brewery Lane, Thornhill Lees.

He enlisted on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 1916 serving as Private 31046 in the 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry and was sent to the Western Front on 20<sup>th</sup> September 1916 where he fought on the Somme. He acting as a stretcher bearer when was wounded in action at Langemarck on 16<sup>th</sup> August 1917 during the Battle of Passchendaele; he received gunshot wounds to the left arm and the right thigh and dropped into a shell-hole where he remained for 36 hours until he was found. He was taken to a base hospital where his arm was amputated and ten days later he was evacuated to the Military Hospital in Bethnal Green, London. His parents visited him at the beginning of September and found him worrying a great deal about the loss of his arm. He died in the hospital from blood poisoning and septic pneumonia on 24<sup>th</sup> September 1917 and was buried in Thornhill (St. Michael) Churchyard. James was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

James 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 War Memorial in Holy Innocents Church, Thornhill Lees.

In Memory of

Private

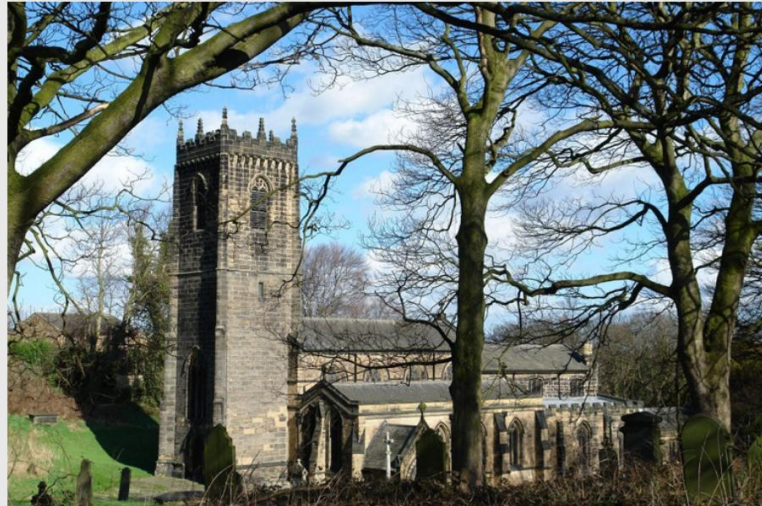
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31046, Depot, King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry who died on 24 September 1917 Age 20

Son of Arthur Windle, of 10, Beatson St., Thornhill Lees. Dewsbury.

Remembered with Honour

Thornhill (St. Michael) Churchyard



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