



Frederick Squires

1889 - 1917

Frederick was born in Shaw Cross, Dewsbury on 8th July 1889. His father was Walter Squires, a Coal Miner born in Chidswell, Dewsbury in 1861 and died in 1930. His mother was Elizabeth (nee Labron) born in Soothill, Batley in 1862 and died in 1931. They were married on 22nd April 1883 at All Saints Church, Dewsbury.

Their other children who could be found were; Lavinia, born in 1884 and died in 1904, Annie, born in 1885. Beatrice, born in 1887, Eddy, born in 1892 and died in 1893, Mary Alice born in 1894, Harold, born in 1897 and died in 1897, Richard, born in 1898 and died of sickness (Spanish Flu) at home on 28th October 1918 whilst serving in World War 1. The 1911 Census states 9 children born to the marriage of which 4 had died.

On the 1891 and 1901 Census Records the family lived at Chidswell, in 1911 at Co-op Buildings, Shaw Cross, Dewsbury and later at 784, Leeds Road, Shaw Cross.

Frederick worked as a coal miner at Shaw Cross Colliery, owned by Messrs. Crawshaw & Warburton Ltd. He attended Mount Tabor United Methodist Church in Chidswell and was a member of Hanging Heaton Working Men's Club. He was married to Edith Wilson (born in 1894 and died in 1964) on 12th December 1914 in St. Paul's Church, Hanging Heaton. They had two children, Walter born in 1915 and Freda born in 1918. They lived at 712, Fairfield Terrace, Shaw Cross. Edith was remarried in 1923 to Walter Houlbrook (born in 1897 and died in 1939). They had a son, Eric, born in 1923.

He enlisted in October 1915 serving as Private 12/2204 in "D" Company 12th Battalion King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry and was sent to the Western Front a year later. He was wounded in April 1917 and returned home to recuperate. He returned to the front in June and died of wounds on 4th September 1917 sustained from a shell burst during the Battle of Passchendaele. He was buried in Railway Chateau Cemetery, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Frederick was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

His chaplain wrote to his mother and said *"It will be a consolation to you to know he was buried with a service and laid to rest with the prayers of the church and his comrades"*

Railway Chateau Cemetery is located 2 Kms west of Ieper (Ypres) town centre on the road connecting Ieper to Poperinge. Railway Chateau Cemetery (also known as "Augustine Street Cabaret", and "L.4 Post") was begun in November 1914 and used at intervals until October 1916 by troops fighting in the neighbourhood. The cemetery contains 105 First World War burials, six of which are unidentified.

Frederick 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 Memorial Plaque to former employees of Messrs Crawshaw & Warburton Ltd displayed in the porch of St. Paul's Church, Hanging Heaton and on the War Memorial in St. Paul's Churchyard.

In Memory of

Private

Frederick Squires

12/2204, "D" Coy. 12th Bn., King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry who died on 04 September 1917 Age 28

Husband of Edith Squires, of 712, Fairfield Terrace, Shaw Cross, Dewsbury.

Remembered with Honour

Railway Chateau Cemetery



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