



## **William Normally**

### **1878 - 1917**

William was born in Dewsbury on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 1878. His father was Michael Normally, a labourer born in Cully, County Sligo, Ireland in 1846 and died in 1911. His mother was Margaret (nee Fleming) born in County Sligo in 1847 and died in 1885. They were married on 7<sup>th</sup> April 1866 at Our Lady and St. Paulinus Church.

Their other children who could be traced were: Ann, born in 1867, Maria, born in 1869, John, born in 1871, James William, born in 1872 and died in 1873, Thomas, born in 1873, Sarah Ellen\*, born in 1879 and died in 1880, James\*, born in 1880, Margaret\*, born in 1883 and Michael\*, born in 1884. (\* birth name registered as *Normanly*)

On the 1881 Census they lived at Whitworth Road, Dewsbury, in 1891 at 20, Senior Street, Westtown and in 1901 at 124, Middle Road, Westtown.

William was educated at St. Paulinus School and attended the Church; he worked as a labourer at Kilner Brothers Glass Bottle Works in Thornhill Lees and was married on 14<sup>th</sup> September 1901 at Our Lady and St. Paulinus Church to Mary Louisa Lockwood (born in 1880 and died in 1935). Their children were: Maria Lockwood, born in 1901, Leonard, born in 1903, Annie, born in 1905, Richard, born in 1908, Eileen, born in 1910 and died in 1913, George William, born in 1915 and Clarissa, born in 1917. On the 1911 Census they lived at 17, Manor Road, Westtown, Dewsbury and later at 6, Manor Road. Mary was remarried in the first quarter of 1921 to Martin Brennan who was born in 1877 but he died just a few weeks later at the end of April.

He joined the 4<sup>th</sup> Reserve Battalion King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry serving as Private 205602. He took his own life on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 1917 at Clipstone Camp, Nottinghamshire, after displaying unusual behaviour during the preceding week. According to a report printed in the Dewsbury District News on 6<sup>th</sup> October 1917, the Coroner ruled that he was of unsound mind. He was buried in Dewsbury Cemetery. William did not qualify for any medal awards as he did not serve overseas or in a war zone.

William 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 Our Lady and St Paulinus Church.

In Memory of

Private

**W Normally**

205602, 4th Reserve Bn., King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry who died on 02 October 1917 Age 38

Husband of Mary Louisa Normally, of 6, Manor Rd., West Town, Dewsbury.

Remembered with Honour

**Dewsbury Cemetery**



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