



## **Wilson Marshall**

### **1892 - 1917**

Wilson was born in Thornhill on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 1892 and baptised at St. Michael and All Angels Church, Thornhill on 1<sup>st</sup> May 1892. His father was Richard Marshall, a Foreman Rag Grinder born in Sandal, Wakefield in 1854 and died in 1931. His mother was Ellen (nee Spurr) born in Ossett in 1854 and died in 1914. They were married on 18<sup>th</sup> April 1874 at All Saints Church, Dewsbury.

Their other children were; William, born in 1875, Herbert, born in 1876 and died in 1878, Sarah Alice, born in 1879 and died in 1881, Wilfred, born in 1881, Ann Eliza, born in 1883, Walter, born in 1887, Watson, born in 1889 and died in 1894 and Winter, born in 1891 and died in 1891.

On the 1901 Census the family were living at Dewsbury Road, Thornhill, and in 1911 at Slaithwaite Road, Thornhill.

Wilson worked as a layer on at a rag machine. He was connected with the Lees Moor Church in Thornhill and was a teacher in the Sunday school. He was married to Hilda Asquith (born in 1893 and died in 1942) on 20<sup>th</sup> November 1915 at St. Michael and All Angels Church; they lived in Battye Street, Eastborough, Dewsbury and had a son, Geoffrey born in 1916. Hilda was remarried on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 1921 at St. Philip's Church, Leeds Road to Percy Carr Binns (born in 1885 and died in 1984). They had four children between 1921 and 1930.

He enlisted in Dewsbury into the 1<sup>st</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers serving as Private 201719 and was later transferred to the 12<sup>th</sup> Battalion Durham Light Infantry serving as Private 245178. He was killed in action on 20<sup>th</sup> September 1917 being shot in the head by a sniper during the Battle of Passchendaele at the Menin Road Ridge near Ypres. His remains were not found until 1922 and he is now buried in Tyne Cot Cemetery, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Wilson was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

There are now more than 11,900 Commonwealth servicemen of the First World War buried or commemorated in Tyne Cot Cemetery. More than 8,370 of the burials are unidentified but there are special memorials to more than 80 casualties known or believed to be buried among them. Other special memorials commemorate 20 casualties whose graves were destroyed by shell fire.

Wilson 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 from the now demolished St. Philips Church which was relocated to Dewsbury Minster and on the War Memorial in St. Michael and All Angels Church, Thornhill.

In Memory of

Private

**W Marshall**

245178, 12th Bn., Durham Light Infantry who died on 20 September 1917

Remembered with Honour

**Tyne Cot Cemetery**



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