



## **Richard Bailes**

### **1878-1918**

Richard was born in Leeds in 1878. His father was Samuel Bailes, a Stone Quarry Manager born in Leeds in 1836 and died in 1910. His mother was Mary Ann (nee Haste) born in Leeds in 1837 and died in 1900. They were married at St. Peter's Church, Leeds on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 1858.

Their other children were; Mary Elizabeth, born in 1859, Ann, born in 1861, Jane, born in 1862, Alice (twin) born in 1867, Louisa (twin) born in 1867 and died in 1883, Margaret, born in 1870, Samuel, born in 1872, Edith, born in 1874 and George, born in 1876.

On the 1891 and 1901 Census records the family lived at 3, Moseley Row, Leeds.

Richard worked as a Stonemason and was married on 11<sup>th</sup> April 1903 to Lily Dacre (born in Leeds in 1878 and died in 1946) at St. Michael's Church, Buslingthorpe, Leeds. They had three children; Millicent, born in Leeds in 1904, George, born in Leeds in 1906 and Harry, born in Earlsheaton in 1909 and died in 1913; they lived at 6, Devonshire Buildings, Earlsheaton and later at 2, Chatsworth Terrace, Earlsheaton. He was also an exceptional cricketer, joining the Armley cricket team aged 15 in 1893, then playing in a professional capacity for Elland Cricket Club, and finally from 1904 to 1916 as professional at Chickenley Cricket Club, for the greater part of which time he also acted as groundsman. He was described as one of the best all-round cricketers in Yorkshire Council cricket, as a batsman and bowler.

He enlisted in Dewsbury in 1916 serving as Gunner 165277 in 'C' Battery 286<sup>th</sup> Brigade, Royal Field Artillery and was sent to the Western Front around December 1917. He was killed in action in France on 27<sup>th</sup> September 1918 and was buried in Quarry Wood Cemetery, Sains-les-Marquion, Pas-de-Calais, France. Richard was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

Sains-les-Marquion is a village approximately 12 kilometres north-west of Cambrai and 2 kilometres south of the Arras to Cambrai road. The Cemetery lies at the end of an access path to the left of the road heading towards Havrincourt, about 2 kilometres from the village. The cemetery was made by the 102<sup>nd</sup> Canadian Battalion in October 1918. There are now over 250, 1914-18 war casualties commemorated in this site.

Richard 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 Earlsheaton Park War Memorial and on the Oak Reredos in St. Peter's Church, Earlsheaton.

In Memory of

Gunner

**R Bailes**

165277, "C" Bty. 286th Bde., Royal Field Artillery who died on 27 September 1918 Age 40

Husband of Lily Bailes, of 2, Chatsworth Terrace, Earlsheaton, Dewsbury.

Remembered with Honour

**Quarry Wood Cemetery, Sains-Les-Marquion**



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