



George Herbert Littlewood

1888-1920

George was born in Heckmondwike in 1888. His father was William Littlewood, a Carpenter born in Heckmondwike in 1862 and died in 1918. His mother was Ann Elizabeth (nee Peel) born in Heckmondwike in 1862. They were married on 13th February 1886 at St. Peter's Church, Birstall.

Their other children were; Sarah Ellen, born in 1886, Charles Henry, born in 1890 and died in 1890, Percy, born in 1892 and died in 1893, twins Adelaide, born in 1894 and Bertha, born in 1894 and died in 1895, Ada, born in 1896 and Wilfred/Wilfrid, born in 1899 and died of sickness due to war service on 18th February 1919.

Ann had a daughter, Martha Ann Peel, born in 1885. She was remarried in 1922 to David Senior

In 1891 the family lived at Beauregard Street, Flush, Liversedge, in 1901 at 6, Walkley Terrace, Heckmondwike and in 1911 at 15, Thornville Mount, Westtown, Dewsbury.

George was working as an Errand Boy in 1901, in 1911 he was was a House Painter and on his death certificate he is recorded as a Journeyman Painter and Decorator.

George was married in 1911 to Effie Peace (born in 1885 and died in 1976) they lived at 12, Ernest Jones Street, Dewsbury and did not have any children. Effie was remarried in 1920 to Hubert Redfearn (born in 1891 and died in 1951). In 1939 they were living at 3, Robin Lane, Heckmondwike.

No records have been traced regarding his military service; the Dewsbury Roll of Honour states that he served as Gunner 104115 in 416 Battery, Royal Field Artillery. No medal awards have been traced so he must not have served overseas or in a war zone. He died at his home on 20th February 1920 from acute nephritis and uraemia suppression of urine. He was buried in Dewsbury Cemetery.

George is commemorated on the Dewsbury Cenotaph in Crow Nest Park and in the Dewsbury Roll of Honour kept in Dewsbury Central Library.

He is one of twenty men named on the above but who are not recorded as official war casualties, due to their cause of death not being officially attributed to war service.