



Joseph Blackburn Denton

1876-1920

Joseph was born in Hunslet, Leeds in 1876. His father was also Joseph Blackburn Denton, a Warp Dresser in a woollen mill born in Huddersfield in 1843 and died in 1931. His mother was Rebecca (nee Wilsdon) born in Hunslet in 1857 and died in 1882. They were married in 1876.

Their other children were; George Wilsdon, born in 1878, Thomas Arthur, born in 1880 and Elizabeth, born in 1882 and died in 1882.

On the 1881 Census the family lived at 135, Jack Lane, Hunslet.

His father was remarried in 1884 to Annie Eliza Sandaver (born in London in 1862 and died in 1927).

Their children, who were half-siblings to Joseph were; Elizabeth Violet, born in 1885, John Sandaver, born in 1887, Samuel Garside, born in 1889, Isaac, born in 1891 and died in 1891, Eliza Naomi, born in 1892, William Plant, born in 1894 and Clara May, born in 1895.

On the 1891 Census the family lived at 1, Ely Street, Hunslet, in 1901 at 6, Ellerby Avenue, Leeds and in 1911 at 28, Lady Ann Road, Soothill, Batley.

Joseph followed his father's occupation as a Warp Dresser; he was married on 19th January 1907 to Jane Weatherald (born in 1886 and died in 1965) at Dewsbury All Saints Church. They lived at 2, Whitaker Street, Batley and had a daughter; Margaret Jane, born in 1915 and died in 1923. At the time of his death their address was 11, Stonefield Street, Dewsbury. Jane was remarried in 1924 to Joseph Bentley Webster (born in 1895 and died in 1975)

He served as Private 88613 in the King's Liverpool Regiment transferring to the Labour Corps serving as Private 619149. He died at the Ministry of Pensions Hospital, Beckett Park, Leeds on 8th November 1920 from Chronic Endocarditis caused by war service. He was buried in Dewsbury Cemetery. Joseph was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

Joseph 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.