



## **Harry Wheatley**

### **1878-1919**

Harry was born in Earlsheaton on 8<sup>th</sup> December 1878 and baptised at All Saints Church, Dewsbury on 12<sup>th</sup> October 1879. His father was John Wheatley, a Monumental Mason born in Hyde, Cheshire in 1848 and died in 1897. His mother was Margaret (nee Halstead) born in Whitley Upper near Kirkheaton in 1848 and died in 1906. They were married on 6<sup>th</sup> November 1869 at St. James Church, Flockton.

Their other children were; William, born in 1869 and died in 1878, Eliza Ann, born in 1871, Fred, born in 1874 and died in 1878, Clara, born in 1876, Sarah, born in 1881, James, born in 1883 and Thomas, born in 1885.

On the 1871 Census the family lived at Hill End, Earlsheaton, in 1881 at Wakefield Old Road, in 1891, 1901 and 1911 at 26, South Terrace, Old Bank Road, Dewsbury.

Harry was a single man who was educated at Eastborough Council School, and worked as a Sugar Boiler at a Confectionary Works, probably Messrs Slade and Bullock, Excelsior Works, Bradford Street, Dewsbury, the company credited with inventing lettered rock.

He enlisted in Dewsbury in December 1915 into the 2<sup>nd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry with the Service Numbers 5241 and later 202340. He served in the United Kingdom from 22<sup>nd</sup> March 1916 to 15<sup>th</sup> January 1917 and then on the Western Front from 16<sup>th</sup> January 1917 to 6<sup>th</sup> April 1918 and again in the United Kingdom from 7<sup>th</sup> April 1918 to 20<sup>th</sup> March 1919 when he was discharged with the disability of Trench Fever attributable to military service, and was awarded a pension. He died on 4<sup>th</sup> April 1919 at his home at 26, Old Bank Road, Earlsheaton from Valvular Heart Disease and Heart Failure. He was buried in Earlsheaton Cemetery. Harry was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

Harry 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 Memorial Plaque to former pupils at Eastborough Council School.

In Memory of

Private

## Harry Wheatley

202340, 2nd/4th Bn., King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry who died on 04 April 1919 Age 40

Son of John and Margaret Wheatley, of Earlsheaton, Dewsbury.

Remembered with Honour

Dewsbury (Earlsheaton) Cemetery



Commemorated in perpetuity by  
the Commonwealth War Graves Commission

ALSO THE ABOVE JOHN WHEATLEY,  
WHO DIED AUGUST 1<sup>ST</sup> 1897,  
AGED 49 YEARS.  
*GONE, BUT NOT FORGOTTEN.*

ALSO THE ABOVE MARGARET WHEATLEY,  
WHO DIED NOVEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup> 1906,  
AGED 58 YEARS.  
*AT REST.*

ALSO HARRY, SON OF THE ABOVE  
DIED APRIL 4<sup>TH</sup> 1919,  
AGED 40 YEARS.  
*DIED OF ILLNESS CONTRACTED ON  
ACTIVE SERVICE.*