



## **John James Tighe**

### **1885 – 1915**

James, the name by which he was always known was born in Thornhill Lees on 4<sup>th</sup> May 1885. His father was Patrick Tighe, a Glass Bottle Maker born in Dewsbury in 1861 and died in 1929. His mother was Charlotte (nee Senior) born in Batley in 1861 and died in 1903. They were married on 11<sup>th</sup> October 1879 at Our Lady and St. Paulinus Church, Westtown.

Their other children were; Thomas, born in 1879 and died in 1880, Mary Ann, born in 1881, Thomas \*, born in 1882, Ann Martha \*, born in 1884, Charlotte, born in 1887 and died in 1889, Rose, born in 1888 and died in 1888, Margaret, born 1889 and died in 1890, Patrick, born in 1891 and died in 1907, Charlotte, born in 1892 and died in 1892, Kate \*, born in 1893 and died in 1896, Rose, born in 1896, Charlotte, born in 1897 and Senior, born in 1900 and died in 1901. (\*birth names registered as *Tye*)

On the 1891 Census the family lived at Dunford Street, Thornhill Lees, in 1901 and 1911 at Kilner's Cottages, Brewery Lane, Thornhill Lees and later at 17, Berry Square, Thornhill Lees.

James was a single man who followed in his father's footsteps and worked at Kilner Brothers Glassworks in Thornhill Lees.

He attested in 1905 and served almost 9 years with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Special Reserve Battalion of the Northumberland Fusiliers with the Service Number 1602. According to newspaper reports he was almost 6 feet tall and a very good athlete and captained the company's football team whilst in India. He had been discharged in June 1914, only to be recalled at the outbreak of war in August. He was one of the first to reach Mons and took part in the Retreat from there and subsequent battles of the Marne and the Aisne, where the German advance was halted. He was injured at the Battle of La Bassée, when a German shell burst injuring him and killing many of his comrades. He was buried for five hours and sustained an injured foot. After being sent home from the front he received treatment at Cudworth Hospital, Barnsley and three weeks later returned to Dewsbury. He fell ill with bronchitis and pleurisy, which turned to pneumonia and he died at his home in Thornhill Lees on 26<sup>th</sup> January 1915 and was buried in Dewsbury Cemetery. James was awarded the 1914 Star with Clasp, the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

James is commemorated on the Dewsbury War Memorial in Crow Nest Park and on the Dewsbury Roll of Honour kept in Dewsbury Central Library and on the War Memorial in Our Lady and St. Paulinus Church.

In Memory of

Private

**James Tighe**

1602, 3rd Special Reserve Bn., Northumberland Fusiliers who died on 26 January 1915

Son of Patrick Tighe, of 17, Berry Square, Thornhill Lees, Dewsbury.

Remembered with Honour

**Dewsbury Cemetery**



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