



Waugh Smith

1886-1919

Waugh was born in Heckmondwike on 23rd August 1886. His father was Thomas Smith, a Dyer's Mechanic born in Ovenden, Halifax in 1851 and died in 1902. His mother was Emma (nee Molineaux, formerly Hargreaves) born in Halifax in 1856 and died in 1924. They were married on 26th October 1880 at St. John the Baptist Church, Halifax.

Their other children were; Nathan, born in Liversedge in 1881, Eleanor, born in Heckmondwike in 1884, Elizabeth, born in Heckmondwike in 1889, Leah, born in Wyke, Bradford in 1892, Charles Henry, born in Wyke in 1894 and Thomas, born in Heckmondwike in 1897.

On the 1881 Census the family were living at Norristhorpe, in 1891 at Laurel, Wyke, in 1901 at 44, Walkley Lane, Heckmondwike and in 1911 at 4, Walker Street, Littletown, Liversedge.

Thomas was previously married to Eleanor Greenwood (born in 1855 and died in 1877) on 26th December 1874 at St. John the Baptist Church, Halifax. It has not been possible to confirm any children born to the marriage, due to the great number of births of children named Smith whose mother's maiden name was Greenwood.

Emma was previously married to Charles Hargreaves (born in 1856 and died in 1879) on 15th April 1876 at St. John the Baptist Church, Halifax. They had a daughter, Sarah Harriet Hargreaves, born in 1878.

Waugh was a single man who worked as a Cloth Finisher.

He joined the Royal Navy on 1st November 1902 and rose to the rank of Leading Signalman 223412. He served on many ships prior to and during World War 1; He died at sea aboard the Minesweeper, HMS "Larkspur" on 25th December 1919 from Asphyxia due to acute pulmonary congestion following exposure. His remains were brought ashore and he was buried in Heckmondwike Cemetery. Waugh was awarded the 1914-15 Star, the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

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

In Memory of
Leading Signalman
Waugh Smith

223412, H.M.S. "Larkspur.", Royal Navy who died on 25 December 1919 Age 33

Son of Thomas and Emma Smith, of 4, Walker St., Littletown, Liversedge, Yorks. 17 years' service.

Remembered with Honour
Heckmondwike Cemetery



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