



John Winstanley

1892-1919

John was born in Chickenley on 5th October 1892. His father was Peter Winstanley, a Colliery Manager born in Ashton in Makerfield, Lancashire in 1846 and died in 1912. His mother was Mary (nee Dobison) born in Seaton Delavel, Northumberland in 1851 and died in 1925. They were married in 1875.

Their other children were; Gertrude, born in Ansley Hall, Warwickshire in 1876, Josiah Bernard, born in Sheffield in 1877, Clara born in Sheffield in 1879, Jane Elizabeth, born in Handsworth, Sheffield in 1881, Mary, born in Handsworth in 1882, Emily, born in Earlsheaton in 1884, Florence, born in Earlsheaton in 1887, Grace, born in Earlsheaton in 1890 and Alice, born in Earlsheaton in 1891.

On the 1881 Census the family lived at Intake, Sheffield, in 1891, 1901 and 1911 at Savile Colliery, Chickenley (owned by Messrs Crawshaw and Warburton).

Peter was previously married to Alice Lythgoe (born in 1846 and died in 1872) at All Saints Church, Wigan on 5th June 1870; they had a daughter, Emily, born 1871 and died in 1882.

John was educated at Eastborough Council School; on the 1911 census he worked as a Grocer's Assistant employed by Messrs Lidbetter and Company in Dewsbury, at which firm he had served his apprenticeship; he was later employed by Burton's Grocers, Nottingham. He was already a serving soldier when he married Frances Ada Lawson (born at Crayke near Easingwold, North Yorkshire in 1898 and died in 1961) on 19th April 1918 at the Woodbridge Registry Office in Suffolk. They had a son, John, born 7th November 1919 at Appleton Roebuck near Tadcaster. Frances later lived at 4, St. Paul's Gardens, Spennymoor, County Durham and in 1939 at 32, Chestnut Avenue, Redcar. She was remarried in 1943 to William Walker (born in 1900).

He enlisted in 1916 serving as Private D/16539 in the 2nd/1st Norfolk Yeomanry. By July 1917 the regiment had moved to Woodbridge. In May 1918 the regiment moved to Ireland and was stationed at Castlereagh and Gort, as part of the 3rd Cyclist Brigade until the end of the war. He died of influenza and bronchopneumonia (Spanish Flu) on 18th February 1919 at Ballinasloe, County Galway, Ireland. He was buried in Earlsheaton Cemetery. John did not receive any medal awards as he did not serve overseas or in a battle zone.

John 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 from the now demolished Earlsheaton Highfield Congregational Church relocated to Longcauseway Church, Dewsbury and on the Hanging Heaton War Memorial situated within St. Paul's Churchyard and on the War Memorial inside St. Paul's Church, Hanging Heaton and on the Eastborough Council School Memorial plaque and in the book "Urban District of Soothill Upper War Register and Records of War Service 1914-1920" compiled by The Rev. W.E. Cleworth, Vicar of Hanging Heaton from January 1894.

In Memory of

Private

John Winstanley

D/16539, 2nd/1st, Norfolk Yeomanry who died on 18 February 1919 Age 25

Son of the late Peter and Mary Winstanley, of Saville Cottage, Chickenley, Dewsbury; husband of Frances Ada Winstanley, of 4, St. Paul's Gardens, Spennymoor, Co. Durham.

Remembered with Honour

Dewsbury (Earlsheaton) Cemetery



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