



George William Taylor 1886-1914

George William England Taylor was born in Dewsbury on 8th May 1886. His father was also George Taylor, a Woollen Spinner born in Golcar, Huddersfield in 1849 and died in 1897. His mother was Elizabeth Hannah (nee Baxter) born in Paddock, Huddersfield in 1849 and died in 1914. They were married at Christ Church, Moldgreen, Huddersfield on 22nd December 1867.

Their other children who could be traced were; Susannah, born in 1868, Mary Jane, born in 1870, James Edward, born in 1872, Lucy Ann, born in 1875, James Henry, born in 1874 and died in 1880, Martha Alice, born in 1877, Sophronia Williams, born in 1879, Britain, born in 1882 and died in 1908, George William England (I), born in 1884 and died in 1885, John Edmund, born in 1889, Albert Victor, born in 1892 and died in 1904. On the 1911 Census Elizabeth declares 15 children born to the marriage of which 8 were still alive.

On the 1881 Census the family lived at Kaye Street, Thornhill, in 1891 at 23, Elmwood Street, Dewsbury, in 1901 at 3, Back Victoria Road, Dewsbury.

George was married on 3rd August 1907 at Holy Trinity Church, Batley Carr to Sarah Ann Day (born in 1885 and died in 1953). On the 1911 census the family are living with Sarah's mother at 5, Victoria Road, Springfield, Dewsbury. George's occupation is given as a Miner (Hewer). They had three children; James Edward, born in 1909, Mary Ellen, born in 1911 and died in 1913 and Scereata Mons, born on 5th February 1915, six months after her father George's death. Sarah Ann was remarried on 25th December 1917 at St. Mark's Church, Halifax Road to Harry Iverson (born in 1883 and died in 1958). They lived at 38, Woodbine Street, Dewsbury and had two daughters; Maud, born in 1918 and died in 1919 and Jane Elizabeth, born in 1921.

He enlisted as a reservist on 17th June 1903 into the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry until July 1904 when he was transferred into the Yorkshire Regiment. He was recalled at the outbreak of war serving as Private 8313 in the 2nd Battalion King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry and was sent to the Western Front on 10th August 1914. He was killed in action on 26th August 1914 at the Battle of Le Cateau in France. His remains were never identified for burial and so he is commemorated as *George Willie Taylor* on the La Ferté-sous-Jouarre Memorial, Seine-et-Marne, France. George was awarded the 1914 Star with Clasp, the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

La Ferté-sous-Jouarre is a small town 66 kilometres to the east of Paris, located on the main road running east from Paris. The Memorial is situated in a small park on the south-western edge of the town, on the south bank of the River Marne. The La Ferté-sous-Jouarre Memorial to the Missing commemorates 3,740 officers and men of the British Expeditionary Force (BEF) who fell at the battles of Mons, Le Cateau, the Marne and the Aisne between the end of August and early October 1914 and have no known graves.

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

In Memory of

Private

George Willie Taylor

8313, 2nd Bn., King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry who died on 26 August 1914 Age 28

Son of George and Elizabeth Taylor; husband of Sarah Ann Ivinson (formerly Taylor), of 38, Woodbine St., Dewsbury, Yorks.

Remembered with Honour

La Ferte-Sous-Jouarre Memorial



Commemorated in perpetuity by
the Commonwealth War Graves Commission

TAYLOR G. W.