



Martin Carney

1888 – 1915

Martin was born in Batley on 7th August 1888. His father was John Carney, a Mason's Labourer born in Swinford, County Mayo, Ireland around 1860 and died in 1911. His mother was Catherine or Kate (nee Gillon) born in Halifax around 1866 and died in 1931. They were married in 1885.

Their other children were; Margaret, born in 1886 and died in 1888, George, born in 1889 and served in World War 1, Rose Ann, born in 1891, William, born in 1892 and died in 1893, Mary Ellen, born in 1893, James, born in 1895 and died in 1895, Michael, born in 1896 and served in World War 1, Fred, born in 1899, Theresa, born in 1903 and died in 1904 and Joseph, born in 1909.

John was previously married to Mary Riley (born around 1842 and died in 1884). Their children who can be traced were; Patrick, born around 1861, Andrew (birth name Ambrose), born in 1862, John (I), born in 1865 but no death record can be found, Michael, born in 1867, Mary, born in 1869, Catherine, born in 1871 and died in 1871, John (II), born in 1873 and Thomas, born in 1874.

On the 1891 Census the family lived at 6, Drake Street, Batley, in 1901 at 14, East Street, Batley and in 1911 at 15, New Street, Batley.

Martin was married in 1912 to Winifred Haley (born in 1886 and died in 1935). They had three children; James, born in 1912 and died in 1912, Rose, born in 1913 and Martin, born in 1915 and died in 1916. They lived at New Street, Batley and Martin was a Bye-Worker at the West End Colliery.

Winifred had a son, Leonard Haley, born in 1907.

He attested in Batley serving as Private 3419 in the 1st/4th Battalion, King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry and was sent to the Western Front on 13th April 1915. He was killed by a sniper near Boesinghe, Ypres on 11th November 1915 and was buried in Bard Cottage Cemetery, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Martin was awarded the 1914-15 Star, the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

Reports of his death appeared in both the *Batley News* and *Dewsbury Reporter* on 20th November 1915.

For much of the First World War, the village of Boesinghe (now Boezinge) directly faced the German line across the Yser canal. Bard Cottage was a house a little set back from the line, close to a bridge called Bard's Causeway, and the cemetery was made nearby in a sheltered position under a high bank. Burials were made between June 1915 and October 1918 and they reflect the presence of the 49th (West Riding), the 38th (Welsh) and other infantry divisions in the northern sectors of the Ypres Salient, as well as the advance of artillery to the area in the autumn of 1917. There are now 1,639 Commonwealth casualties of the First World War buried or commemorated in this cemetery. 39 of the burials are unidentified but special memorials commemorate three casualties known to be buried among them.

Martin 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 War Memorial in Our Lady and St. Paulinus Church, Dewsbury and on the Batley War Memorial and on the War Memorial in St. Mary of the Angels Church, Batley.

In Memory of
Private
M Carney

3419, 1st/4th Bn., King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry who died on 11 November 1915

Remembered with Honour
Bard Cottage Cemetery



Commemorated in perpetuity by
the Commonwealth War Graves Commission

