



Owen Cryne

1866-1918

Owen was born on 24th September 1866 at Thomas Street, Eccles, Manchester; the birth record spells his surname as *Crine*. His father was James Cryne, born in Ireland around 1845 and died in Dewsbury in 1894. His mother was Mary (nee Kenny) born in Ireland around 1844 and died in Dewsbury in 1875. There were many spelling variations of their surname.

They had a daughter, Catherine *Cryan*, born in Dewsbury in 1871 and died in 1888, surname registered at death as *Croyne*.

James was remarried on 8th October 1877 at Our Lady and St. Paulinus Church, Dewsbury to Mary Ann Kennedy (born in Ireland around 1856 and died in 1938). They had five children; Mary Cryne, born in 1878, Thomas *Crynes*, born in 1880 and served in the Boer War and World War 1, Ann Cryne, born in 1882, Jane Cryne, born in 1884 and Ellen *Crynn*, born in 1885.

On the 1891 and 1901 Census Records the family lived at 21, South Woodbine Street, Dewsbury, in 1911 at 21, Springfield Street, Dewsbury and later at 25, Scout Hill Terrace, Dewsbury.

Owen was a single man whose occupation was a Brush Maker. On the 1891 Census he is living and working in Sunderland.

He enlisted as Private 7613 in the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry on 11th March 1900 serving in the South African Campaign (Boer War) from 16th March 1901 until 21st June 1902. He was awarded the 1901-1902 Queen's South Africa Medal with 3 Clasps for Cape Colony, Orange Free State, and Transvaal. He was recalled on 10th September 1914 as Private 2981 in the 3rd Battalion King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry and was transferred to the 10th Battalion West Yorkshire Regiment on 31st June 1915 as Private 22653. He served on Malta from 17th August 1915 to 23rd July 1917 and on the Western Front from 24th July 1917 to 2nd January 1918. He was discharged on 15th February 1918 suffering from cancer of the tongue caused by war service after being gassed in France and was issued with Silver War Badge number 318692 on 21st February. Despite radium treatment at Manchester Royal Infirmary, he died at his home on 11th July 1918 and was buried in Dewsbury Cemetery. Owen was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

Owen is commemorated on the Dewsbury War Memorial 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.

In Memory of
Private
Owen Cryne

22653, 10th Bn., West Yorkshire Regiment (Prince of Wales's Own) who died on 11 July 1918 Age 51

Son of James and M. A. Cryne, of 25, Scout Hill Terrace, Dewsbury.

Remembered with Honour
Dewsbury Cemetery



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