



## **John Coll**

### **1885-1918**

John was born around 1885 in London, Middlesex County, Ontario, Canada. His father was Thomas Coll, a Foundry Worker born in Ireland around 1853 and died in 1894. His mother was Margaret (nee Rush) born in Dewsbury around 1857 and died in 1916. They were married at Our Lady and St. Paulinus Church, Dewsbury on 1<sup>st</sup> November 1879.

Their other children were; Ellen, born in Dewsbury in 1881, Daniel, born in Dewsbury in 1882 and died in 1908, Maria, born in Middlesex County, Ontario around 1889 and died in 1905.

On the 1881 Census they lived with Margaret's family at High Street, Westtown, in 1891 at Westminster, South Middlesex, Ontario, in 1901 at 98, Middle Road, Westtown and in 1911 at 19, Ingham Road, Westtown.

Sometime between 1882 and 1885 the family emigrated to Canada and in 1891 Thomas was working as a foundry labourer; he died on 26<sup>th</sup> June 1894 from inflammation of the lungs and Margaret returned to the Dewsbury area with her children.

John was a single man who was educated at St. Paulinus School and attended Our Lady and St. Paulinus Church and was described as a very enthusiastic member of the Catholic Boys Brigade. He worked as a Glass Bottle Taker-In at Kilner Brothers Limited in Thornhill Lees.

He enlisted in July 1917 into the 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry but was deemed medically unfit to serve on the front line so he was transferred to the 355<sup>th</sup> Home Service Company of the Labour Corps with the Service Number 522577. He died of pneumonia and influenza (Spanish Flu) at Belton Park Military Hospital, Grantham, Lincolnshire on 25<sup>th</sup> October 1918. He was buried in Dewsbury Cemetery. John did not qualify for any medal awards as he did not serve overseas or in a war 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 War Memorial in Our Lady and St. Paulinus Church.

In Memory of

Private

**J Coll**

205598, 4th Bn., King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry who died on 25 October 1918

Remembered with Honour

**Dewsbury Cemetery**



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