



Richard Squires

1898-1918

Richard was born in Chidswell, Dewsbury in 1898. His father was Walter Squires, a Coal Miner born in Chidswell in 1861 and died in 1930. His mother was Elizabeth (nee Labron) born in Soothill, Batley in 1862 and died in 1931. They were married on 22nd April 1883 at All Saints Church, Dewsbury.

Their other children who have been traced were; Lavinia, born in 1883 and died in 1904, Annie, born in 1885. Beatrice, born in 1887, Frederick, born in 1889 and died of wounds on 4th September 1917, Eddy, born in 1892 and died in 1893, Mary Alice, born in 1894 and Harold, born in 1897 and died in 1897. The 1911 Census states 9 children born to the marriage of which 4 had died.

On the 1891 and 1901 Census Records the family lived at Chidswell, in 1911 at Co-op Buildings, Shaw Cross, Dewsbury and later at 784, Leeds Road, Shaw Cross.

Richard worked as a Hurrier in Shaw Cross Pit owned by Messrs Crawshaw and Warburton Limited.

He enlisted on 13th May 1916 and was mobilised on 29th November 1916 into the Army Service Corps with the Service Number T/277739; he must not have been passed as fit enough to serve overseas as he was transferred into the 407th Agricultural Section, Service Number 428027 and later to the 3rd Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment) serving as Private 57254 and was posted to serve at Tynemouth, Northumberland. He died from acute pneumonia and influenza (Spanish Flu) on 28th October 1918 at the 1st Northern General Hospital, Newcastle upon Tyne and was buried in Hanging Heaton (St. Paul) Churchyard. Richard did not qualify for any medal awards as he did not serve overseas.

He shares a Special Memorial Headstone in St. Paul's Churchyard which is headed "*Buried Elsewhere In This Churchyard*" as a large area of the churchyard including his gravesite has become overgrown and impossible to maintain.

Richard 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 Hanging Heaton War Memorial in St. Paul's Churchyard and on the Memorial Plaque to former employees of Crawshaw and Warburton Limited in the porch of St. Paul's Church.

In Memory of

Private

R Squires

57254, 3rd Bn., Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment) who died on 28 October 1918 Age 20

Son of Walter and Elizabeth Squires, of 784, Leeds Rd., Shaw Cross, Dewsbury.

Remembered with Honour

Hanging Heaton (St. Paul) Churchyard



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