



## **Harold William Chadwick**

### **1875-1918**

Harold was born in Dewsbury on 12<sup>th</sup> June 1875. His father was William Henry Chadwick, an Insurance Agent and Banker's Clerk who later became a Bank Manager born in Batley Carr in 1837 and died in 1895. His mother was Martha (nee Tattersfield) born in Heckmondwike in 1851 and died in 1925. They were married on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 1874 at St. Peter's Parish Church, Birstall.

William was previously married to Hannah Hemingway (born in 1844 and died in 1870) on 12<sup>th</sup> September 1865 at All Saints Church, Dewsbury; they had no children.

Their other children were; Lionel Tattersfield, born in 1876, Edward Ernest, born in 1878, Helen Grace, born in 1883, Frederick Guy, born in 1885, Robert Henry, born in 1889 and Philip George, born in 1893.

On the 1881 Census the family lived at Oxford Road, Dewsbury, in 1891 at 11, York Place, Bilton, Harrogate. After the death of William, they lived in 1901 and 1911 at 1, Blenheim Terrace, Oxford Road. Martha later moved to live at 73, Tennyson Avenue, Bridlington.

Harold was a single man who was educated at Oundle School in Northamptonshire from September 1888 until Christmas 1889 and again from May 1891 until December 1892. He was awarded the Class Prize for science in 1892 and also excelled at sport, representing the School in 1<sup>st</sup> XV Rugby that same year. In 1901 his occupation was a Commercial Clerk for Day, Chadwick and Company, Wool and Waste Merchants, Batley Carr. He later emigrated to the USA before moving on to Canada where he became a Farmer in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

He attested into the 101<sup>st</sup> Overseas Battalion, Canadian Expeditionary Force at Winnipeg on 27<sup>th</sup> December 1915 with the Service Number 700449. He sailed from Halifax, Nova Scotia on 28<sup>th</sup> June 1916 on board the SS "Olympic" arriving in England on 6<sup>th</sup> July 1916. On 13<sup>th</sup> July 1916 he was transferred to the 17<sup>th</sup> Battalion and was promoted to Acting Lance Corporal. He was initially stationed at East Sandling, Kent and later moved to Bramshott, Hampshire as an instructor, where he became an Acting Serjeant. He was sent to the Western Front on 10<sup>th</sup> November 1917 with the 85<sup>th</sup> Battalion and voluntarily reverted to the rank of Private. He was killed in action south of Caix, France on 10<sup>th</sup> August 1918, being hit in the chest by a machine gun bullet. He was buried in the field but in 1920 his remains were moved to Fouquescourt British Cemetery, Somme, France. Harold was awarded the British War Medal, the Victory Medal and the Canadian Silver Memorial Cross (Mother's Cross).

Fouquescourt is a village 35 kilometres east of Amiens and 8 kilometres due north of Roye. It was captured by the 10<sup>th</sup> Canadian Infantry Brigade on 10<sup>th</sup> August 1918. The Cemetery was made after the Armistice when graves were brought in from the battlefields in a wide area around the village and other burial grounds. The cemetery contains 376 Commonwealth burials and commemorations of the First World War. 130 of the burials are unidentified

Harold is commemorated on the Dewsbury Cenotaph in Crow Nest Park and in the Dewsbury Roll of Honour kept in Dewsbury Central Library Thornhill and in the Canadian Book of Remembrance at Parliament Hill, Ottawa.

In Memory of

Private

## Harold William Chadwick

700449, 85th Bn., Canadian Infantry who died on 10 August 1918 Age 43

Son of William Henry and Martha Chadwick, of Dewsbury, Yorks, England.

Remembered with Honour

Fouquescourt British Cemetery



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