



James Henry Coyne

1877 – 1916

James was born in Dewsbury on 14th November 1877. His father was John Coyne, born in County Sligo, Ireland around 1851. His mother was Catherine (nee Mullaney) born in Ardclare, County Sligo around 1856 and died in 1933. They were married on 6th November 1875.

Their other children were; Mary Ann, born in 1876 and died in 1887, Catherine, born in 1879, Mary Agnes, born in 1881 and John Thomas, born in 1883 and served in the Royal Defence Corps in World War 1 and died in 1922.

In 1891 the family lived at 103, High Street, Westtown, in 1901 at 40, Ingham Road, Westtown, in 1911 at 123, High Street, Westtown and later at 3, Asylum Road, Westtown and then 5, Back Princess Street, Westtown.

James was a single man who in 1911 was working as a coal miner and living as a boarder with the Wilkinson family at 12, Woodhouse Mount, Normanton; he later worked for the Mirfield Coal Company. He was also an old playing member of the Dewsbury Celtic Football Club.

He served as Private 15880 in the 10th Battalion of the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry and was sent to the Western Front on the 11th of September 1915. He was killed in action on 1st July 1916 during the First Day of the Battle of the Somme. His remains were never identified for burial and so he is commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial to the missing of the Somme. James was awarded the 1914-15 Star, the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

The Thiepval Memorial to the Missing of the Somme bears the names of more than 72,000 officers and men of the United Kingdom and South African forces who died in the Somme sector before 20th March 1918 and have no known grave. Over 90% of those commemorated died between July and November 1916. The memorial also serves as an Anglo-French Battle Memorial in recognition of the joint nature of the 1916 offensive and a small cemetery containing equal numbers of Commonwealth and French graves lies at the foot of the memorial.

James 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.

Private

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Thiepval Memorial



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