



## **Arthur Williams**

### **1879-1919**

Arthur was born in Preston, Lancashire in 1879. His father was Hugh Williams, a Smithy Forge Manager born in Liverpool in 1855 and died in 1892. His mother was Elizabeth (nee Winward) born in Bolton, Lancashire in 1854 and died in 1920. They were married in St. John the Evangelist Church, Preston on 28<sup>th</sup> October 1876.

Their other children were; Jane Ellen/Helen, born in Preston in 1877, Mary, born in Dewsbury in 1881, Bertha, born in Dewsbury in 1883, Percival Hugh, born in Dewsbury in 1885 and died in 1886, Trevor Charles, born in Dewsbury in 1887 and died in 1887, Clement Hugh, born in Dewsbury in 1888 and died in 1889 and Florence May, born in Dewsbury in 1891.

On the 1881 Census the family lived at Moor Road, Lees Moor, Thornhill Lees, in 1891 at Cromwell Street, Thornhill Lees, in 1901 at Lees Hall Road, Thornhill Lees and in 1911 at 17, Wharfe Street, Savile Town and later at 3, Mountain View, Thornhill Lees.

Arthur was educated at Wheelwright Grammar School and worked as a Roller, although it is not clear in what industry. He was married on 10<sup>th</sup> April 1915 at the register office in the Parish of St. George Hanover Square, Westminster, London to Edith Lovett (born in Heigham, Norfolk in 1884); they lived at 19, Johnson's Place, Lupus Square, Pimlico, London and had a son, Arthur Hugh, born in 1916. Edith was remarried in the 4<sup>th</sup> Qtr of 1919 to George Watling. She remarried again in 1945 to Herbert Hammond (born in 1882).

He joined the Militia, serving in the 3<sup>rd</sup> West Yorkshire Regiment and on 9<sup>th</sup> August 1898 he enlisted in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion Scots Guards serving as Private/Guardsman 2283. He served in the South African Campaign from 15<sup>th</sup> March 1900 until 30<sup>th</sup> June 1900 and was awarded the Queens South Africa Medal with 4 Clasps for Transvaal, Cape Colony, Wittebergen and South Africa 1901. After returning home as a regular soldier from July 1900 to February 1911, when he was posted to Egypt until 1<sup>st</sup> January 1913 when he returned once more to home service. In February 1917 he was awarded the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal. On 20<sup>th</sup> February 1918 he was sent to the Western Front, returning home on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 1918 where he served until being admitted to Queen Alexandra's Military Hospital, Millbank, London where he died on 4<sup>th</sup> February 1919 from pneumonia (Spanish Flu) and a hereditary cystic disease of both kidneys. He was buried in Brompton Cemetery, Fulham Road, Kensington, London. Arthur was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

From 1854 to 1939, Brompton Cemetery became the London District's Military Cemetery. The Royal Hospital Chelsea purchased a plot in the North West corner where they have a monument in the form of an obelisk; the Brigade of the Guards has its own section south of that. There are 289 Commonwealth burials of service personnel from World War I.

Arthur 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 Memorial Plaque to former pupils of Wheelwright Grammar School.

In Memory of  
Guardsmen  
**A Williams**

2283, 3rd Bn., Scots Guards who died on 04 February 1919

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