



Wilmot Robertshaw

1881-1921

Wilmot was born in Dewsbury in 1881. His father was William Robertshaw, a card cleaner in a woollen mill born in Heckmondwike in 1851 and died in 1913. His mother was Emma (nee North) born in Liversedge in 1853 and died in 1918. They were married in 1870.

Their other children were; Eva, born in 1871, Sarah, born in 1873, John William, born in 1875 and died in 1880, Sam, born in 1877 and died in 1878, Ada, born in 1879 and died in 1887, Rufus, born in 1883, Percy, born in 1886 and died in 1886, Annie, born in 1888 and died in 1890, William Alfred, born in 1890 and died in 1891, Rose Ann, born in 1891 and died in 1891.

On the 1891 Census the family are living at 22, Fall Lane, Dewsbury, in 1901 at 4, West Vale, Thornhill Lees, Dewsbury and in 1911 at Water Lane, Dewsbury.

In 1911 Wilmot is living as a boarder with a family in Ditton near Widnes, his occupation is given as a labourer in a Dyeworks. He was unmarried.

He enlisted in the 17th Battalion Lancashire Fusiliers serving as Private 17/15372 and later as Private 408615 in the 879th Company of the Labour Corps and Private GS/103461 in the 43rd (Garrison) Battalion Royal Fusiliers. Wilmot was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

Wilmot died at the Ministry of Pensions Hospital, Beckett Park, Leeds on 6th June 1921 from Chronic Nephritis and Subacute Infective Endocarditis caused by war service; his address was given as 4, Grove Street, Ossett which was the home of his brother Rufus. He is buried in Dewsbury Cemetery.

Wilmot is commemorated on the Dewsbury Cenotaph in Crow Nest Park and in the Dewsbury Roll of Honour kept in Dewsbury Central Library.

He is one of twenty men named on the above who are not recorded as official war casualties due to their cause of death not recorded as being directly attributed to war service.