



Samuel (Sam) Farnhill

1883-1921

Samuel was born in Dewsbury in 1883; his birth name was registered as *Sam*, but the two spellings are randomly used on the census, service records and other documents including newspapers. His father was also Sam Farnhill, born in Dewsbury in 1845 and died in 1882. His mother was Emma (nee Mallinson) born in Dewsbury in 1845 and died in 1915. They were married in 1871.

Their other children were; Sarah Jane, born in 1873, Benjamin, born in 1876 and died of wounds 30th September 1917, Mabeth, born in 1878 and Sam (I), born in 1880 and died in 1883,

On the 1881, 1891 and 1901 Census Records the family lived at 29, Vulcan Road, Dewsbury.

Samuel was employed as a Road Paver for Dewsbury Borough Council; he was married in Dewsbury in 1910 to Rose Ellen McDonald (born in 1886 and died in 1957). They had four children; Wilfred, born in 1913, Catherine, born in 1914, John, born in 1918 and Mary, born in 1921. They lived at 111, Tweedale Street, Dewsbury.

He enlisted on 26th September 1914 serving as Private 33553 in the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry and was later transferred in the middle of 1917 to the 150th Company of the Labour Corps with the Service Number 217175; his Medal Award Roll and Medal Index Card records spell his surname as *Farnhue*. He was discharged on 6th February 1918 with a war pension and Silver War Badge 323226. He died at his home on 20th December 1921 from Pulmonary Emphysema and Cardiac Dropsy; his entry in the Dewsbury Roll of Honour states that he died from gas poisoning. He was buried in Dewsbury Cemetery. Samuel was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

Samuel 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 six men named on the above who are not recorded as official war casualties due to their date of death being after the official Commonwealth War Graves Commission cut-off date of 31st August 1921.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
SAMUEL FARNHILL.

DIED DEC. 21ST 1921.

AGED 59 YEARS.

ROSE ELLEN FARNHILL.

DIED JAN. 19TH 1957.

AGED 70 YEARS.

R.I.P.

ALFRED TAYLOR,

DIED JAN. 21ST 1975,

AGED 53 YEARS.

MARY JESSOP,

DIED DEC. 27TH 1977.

AGED 56 YEARS.