



James Wild

1892 - 1916

James was born in Earlsheaton on 18th February 1892. His father was William Wild, a Railway Goods Porter born in Dewsbury in 1862 and died in 1903. His mother was Susan (née Graham) born in Dewsbury in 1865 and died in 1943. They were married on 6th August 1887 at All Saints Church, Dewsbury.

Their other children were; Janet, born in 1890, Lionel, born in 1895 and served in World War 1, Claude, born in 1896 and was killed in action on 1st July 1916 and Gladys Mary, born in 1899.

On the 1891 and 1901 Census Records the family lived at Hill End, Earlsheaton.

Susan was remarried in 1909 to Albert Edward Wade, (born Alverthorpe, Wakefield in 1884 and died in 1948). In 1911 they lived at 3, Back Prince's Street, Westtown.

On the 1911 Census James was recorded to be living as a boarder with the Roche family at 18, Asylum Road, Westtown, Dewsbury.

James was a single man who was educated at Earlsheaton and Dewsbury Parish Day Schools and worked as a Hurrier at Ingham's Colliery in Thornhill, having previously worked for Messrs Crawshaw and Warburton at Shaw Cross Pit.

He enlisted in June 1915 into the 1st/5th Battalion of the Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment) serving as Private 3692 and was posted to The Western Front on 13th April 1915. He was killed in action during the Battle of the Somme on 3rd September 1916 during the 149th Division's attack at Thiepval on a Salient known as the "Pope's Nose." 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 also commemorated on the Dewsbury Cenotaph in Crow Nest Park and in the Dewsbury Roll of Honour kept in Dewsbury Central Library.

In Memory of

Private

James Wild

3692, 1st/5th Bn., Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment) who died on 03 September 1916

Remembered with Honour

Thiepval Memorial



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