



Joseph William Satchwell

1893 – 1918

Joseph was born in Dewsbury in 1893 (birth name registered as *Sutchwell*). His mother was Elizabeth Satchwell, born in Dewsbury in 1868 and died in 1900. On the 1891 Census she is living as a servant at 10, Lower Road, Dewsbury.

Her other children were; Henry, born in 1888, Florence, born in 1891, Fred, born in 1896 and was killed in action 9th April 1917 and Mary Ethel, born in 1898. No father is named on their birth records or baptismal records.

On the 1901 Census, the children lived with the family of their mother's sister Mary Jane (now Mrs Matthew Hughes) at 30, New Street, Westtown. On the 1911 Census Florence, Joseph and Fred are living with another of their mother's sisters, Ellen (now Mrs Thomas Pitchforth) at 3, Clement Street, Halifax. Henry and Mary Ethel are still living with the Hughes family at 8, Belgrave Street, Dewsbury.

In 1911 Joseph worked as a miner. He was married on 30th September 1918 to Hilda Wadsworth (born in 1894 and died in 1963) at Halifax Wesleyan Chapel, Rhodes Street. They lived at 30, Chatham Street, Halifax and did not have any children. Hilda was remarried in 1922 to John Almond (born in 1896 and died in 1978), they had a daughter born in 1923.

He enlisted in Halifax on 9th December 1915 serving as Private 52281 in the 3rd Battalion Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment) and was a reservist until he was mobilised on 30th May 1918; for a short time, he was attached to the 7th Battalion of the Worcestershire Regiment from 14th June 1918 but on 15th October 1918 he was posted to the 9th Battalion Duke of Wellington's and was sent to the Western Front. He was killed in action in Northern France on 4th November 1918 and was buried in Les Tuileries British Cemetery, Englefontaine. In March 1923 he was reburied in Englefontaine British Cemetery, Nord, France. Joseph was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

Englefontaine was captured by the 18th and 33rd Divisions on the 26th October, 1918. It was later "adopted" by the Borough of Cheltenham. Englefontaine British Cemetery was made by the Burial Officer of the 38th (Welsh) Division in November, 1918, and enlarged after the Armistice by the concentration of graves from Les Tuileries British Cemetery, Englefontaine, which was behind the garden of a house, on the North side of the road to Salesches, at a hamlet called Les Tuileries. It was made by the 33rd and 38th Divisions in November, 1918, and contained the graves of 55 soldiers from the United Kingdom. There are now over 150, 1914-18 war casualties commemorated in this site. Of these, nearly 10 are unidentified.

Joseph is commemorated in the County Borough of Halifax Roll of Honour kept in Halifax Town Hall.

In Memory Of

Private

J SATCHWELL

Service Number: 52281

9th Bn., Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment) who died on 04 November 1918

Remembered with Honour

ENGLEFONTAINE BRITISH CEMETERY

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