



Robert Ouldrige

1898-1919

Robert was born in Ravensthorpe on 4th December 1898. His father was Willie Ouldrige, a Coal Miner born in Thornhill in 1864 and died in 1926. His mother was Ann (nee Wraithmell) born in Thornhill in 1863 and died in 1901. They were married at St. Michael and All Angels Church, Thornhill on 20th December 1884.

Their other children were; Martha, born in 1888 and Eva, born in 1895.

On the 1891 Census the family lived at Wakefield Road, Ossett and in 1901 at Havelock Street, Ravensthorpe.

Willie was remarried to a widow Lilian Sophia Rhodes, formerly Mason (born in Sheffield in 1874 and died in 1930) on 13th February 1904 at St. Saviour's Church, Ravensthorpe; they had a daughter, Phyllis, born in 1909. On the 1911 Census they lived at 2, Back Craven Street, Ravensthorpe and later at 48, Craven Street.

Robert was a single man who attended Ravensthorpe Day School and St. Saviour's Church, where he was an altar server; he worked as a Mule Minder and Woollen Piecer.

He served as Driver 225626 in the Royal Field Artillery but no records have been found regarding his home service. He died at his home on 7th February 1919 from lobar pneumonia and heart failure caused by influenza (Spanish Flu) and was buried in Mirfield (St. Mary) Churchyard. Robert did not receive any medal awards as he did not serve overseas.

According to the St. Saviour's Church Parish Church magazine, Robert and Stanley Fisher, another soldier who died were "*...well known and loved at our church and were devoted in their attendance as servers at the altar.*"

Robert 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 Ravensthorpe War Memorial in St. Saviour's Church.

In Memory of

Driver

R Ouldrige

225626, Royal Field Artillery who died on 07 February 1919

Remembered with Honour

Mirfield (St. Mary) Churchyard



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