



## **Harold Senior**

### **1894 – 1917**

Harold was born in Chickenley in 1894. His father was John Senior, a rag shaker born in 1866 and died in 1912. His mother was Hannah (nee Senior) born in 1864 and died in 1939. They were married on 21<sup>st</sup> December 1889 at St Peter's Church, Earlsheaton.

They had two other children; Ann, born in 1890. On the 1911 Census they declare three children born to the marriage, of which one had died; there are so many births and deaths where both parents have the surname Senior that it has not been possible to find the correct one.

On the 1891, 1901 and 1911 Census Records the family lived at 51, Mill Lane, Chickenley.

Harold was a single man who was educated at Earlsheaton Council School and attended Chickenley Wesleyan Chapel and Sunday school. He was employed by Messrs S. Lyles, Sons and Company, Carpet Yarn Manufacturers, Jilling Ing Mills, Earlsheaton. On the 1911 Census his occupation was a scribbler feeder.

He enlisted in Dewsbury on 8<sup>th</sup> November 1916 serving as Private 37011 in the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers. He had previously suffered a sprained ankle and then a bout of trench fever and was killed in action during the Battle of Passchendaele on 25<sup>th</sup> September 1917, his remains were never identified for burial and so he is commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Harold was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

The Tyne Cot Memorial forms the north-eastern boundary of Tyne Cot Cemetery and commemorates nearly 35,000 servicemen from the United Kingdom and New Zealand who died in the Ypres Salient after 16<sup>th</sup> August 1917 and whose graves are not known. The memorial stands close to the farthest point in Belgium reached by Commonwealth forces in the First World War until the final advance to victory.

Harold is commemorated on the Dewsbury Cenotaph in Crow Nest Park and in the Dewsbury Roll of Honour in kept in Dewsbury Central Library and on the Oak Reredos in St. Peter's Church, Earlsheaton and on the Memorial in the now demolished Chickenley Wesleyan Methodist Chapel (current whereabouts of Memorial untraced).

In Memory of

Private

**Harold Senior**

37011, 1st Bn., Northumberland Fusiliers who died on 25 September 1917 Age 23

Son of John and Hannah Senior, of 51, Mill Lane, Chickenley, Dewsbury, Yorks.

Remembered with Honour

**Tyne Cot Memorial**



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