



George Mullins

1885 – 1916

George was born in Batley in 1885; his birth surname is recorded as *Mullin*. His father was Patrick Mullins born in Kilmore, County Mayo, Ireland around 1842 and died in 1915. His mother was Mary (née Mulvey) born in County Leitrim, Ireland around 1852 and died in 1924. They were married on 17th July 1877 at St. Mary of the Angels Church, Batley 1877. There were many spelling variations of their family names in census, birth and death records.

Their other children were; Ellen *Mullens*, born in 1878 and died in 1878 (death recorded as *Helen Mullins*), Michael *Mullens*, born in 1879, John William *Mullen*, born in 1881, Ann Norah, recorded as *Anora Mullen*, born in 1883, Mary Ann *Mullens*, born in 1887, Sarah Ellen *Mullins*, born in 1891, Margaret *Mullins*, born in 1893, Florence *Mullins*, born in 1897 and Teresa *Mullins*, born in 1900.

On the 1881 Census the family lived at Purlwell Lane, Batley, in 1891 and 1901 at 76, Hume Street, Batley and in 1911 at 94, New Street, Batley.

Patrick was previously married to Penelope (Nappy) Boyle (born in 1842 and died in 1877). Their children were; Ellen, born in Lowpark, Charlestown, County Mayo around 1863 and died in 1872, Catherine, born in Lowpark, Charlestown in 1865, Thomas *Mullin*, born in 1868, James *Mullens*, born in 1871 and Patrick *Mullen*, born in 1874. On the 1871 Census the family lived at New Street, Batley.

George was educated at St. Mary's RC School in Batley and attended the Church. He worked as a coal miner and was married to Jane Kenny (born in 1887 and died in 1954) in April 1910. They lived at Boland's Yard off High Street, Daw Green and had two children: Frank, born in 1912, and John William, born in 1916. The family attended Our Lady and St. Paulinus Church.

He enlisted as Private 4112 with the 1st/4th King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry and was sent to the Western Front on 13th April 1915. He was seriously wounded in the early stages of the Battle of the Somme in July 1916; his wife received a letter at her Westtown home from a Sister at 24th General Hospital in Etaples, France. She informed her that George had suffered wounds to his head, right arm and leg in recent fighting which necessitated operations. They hoped he would do well. He was conscious, but unable to write. However, the Sister added; "*he sends his best love to you and the children, and says he thinks about you all the time.*" He was transferred to Beckett Park Hospital, Leeds, where he died on 13th July 1916 in the presence of his wife. He was buried in Dewsbury Cemetery. George was awarded the 1914-15 Star, the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

George is commemorated on Dewsbury Cenotaph in Crow Nest Park and in the Dewsbury Roll of Honour kept in Dewsbury Central Library and on the War Memorial in Our Lady and St. Paulinus Church.

In Memory of

Private

G Mullins

4112, 1st/4th Bn., King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry who died on 13 July 1916

Remembered with Honour

Dewsbury Cemetery



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