



Matthew Oldroyd Fryer

1891-1919

Matthew was born in Dewsbury on 7th January 1891. His father was John Fryer, a Carpet Weaver born in Wakefield in 1858 and died in 1936. His mother was Susan (nee Pollitt) born in Dewsbury in 1860 and died in 1942. They were married on 27th January 1877 at St. Paul's Church, Hanging Heaton.

Their other children were; George Henry, born in 1878, Charlotte Pollitt, born in 1881, Joshua Pollitt, born in 1884, John William born in 1887, Margaret, born in 1888, Miriam, born in 1893, Eveline, born in 1896, Ivy, born in 1897, Gilbert, born in 1899 and Susan, born in 1901.

On the 1881 Census the family lived at Middle Road, Earlsheaton, in 1891 at Mount Pleasant, Earlsheaton and in 1901 and 1911 at 35, Northgate, Dewsbury.

Matthew was educated at Dewsbury Parish Church Day School and was a member of the Gladstone Liberal Club; in 1911 he was a Plumber's Carter and was employed by Messrs Graham and Cope, Soap Manufacturers.

He was married to Sarah Ellen Parsons (born in 1893 and died in 1918) on 4th February 1911 at St. Michael and All Angels Church, Thornhill. They lived at 10, Green Mount, Central Street, Dewsbury and later at 27, Back Tweedale Street, Dewsbury. They had six children; Tom, born in 1911, twins George and John William, born in 1912 and both died in 1912, Ivy, born in 1914, Eric, born in 1915 and John, born in 1918 and died in 1927.

He enlisted in September 1917 serving as Gunner 267165 in "A" Battery, 15th Brigade, Royal Field Artillery. In September 1918 he was invalided home from the Western Front suffering from the effects of Gas and Shell Shock and died on 15th February 1919 at Beckett Park Hospital, Leeds; he was buried in Dewsbury Cemetery. Matthew was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal, although they were never claimed by his family and were disposed of on 1st August 1922.

Matthew 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 Memorial Plaque to former pupils of Dewsbury Parish Church School.

In Memory of

Gunner

Matthew Oldroyd Fryer

267165, "A" Bty. 15th Bde., Royal Field Artillery who died on 15 February 1919 Age 27

Son of John and Susan Fryer, of 35, Northgate, Dewsbury; husband of the late Sarah Ellen Fryer.

Remembered with Honour

Dewsbury Cemetery



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