James Arthur Barclay



Rank: - Ex-Private

Number: - 130485

Regiment: - Royal Army Service Corps Motor Transport

Died in Kirkstall, Leeds: - 08/07/1919 Age: 36 years

Cemetery: - Dewsbury E 461

Batley Reporter, 9 Jul 1919 (classifieds)

Family Details

James Arthur was born in Batley in 1882 the son of James and Hannah Barclay nee Cookman. His father, who came from Scotland, was a woollen loom tuner and the family was living in Norfolk Street, Batley when the 1891 census was taken. The couple had married at Batley Parish Church on the 2nd May 1874.

James's siblings were Elizabeth Ann 1875, Emily Jane 1878, Rose Hannah 1880 Violet Ellen 1885, Albert Edward 1887, Florence Edith 1889, Walter 1891, Gertrude 1893 and Mabel Victoria 1897. David born 1874 had died aged 6 months and John Henry died in April 1878 aged 9 months.

Before 1901 the family had moved to live at 55, Purlwell Hall Road and James Arthur was working as a woollen weaver.

His father died in May 1910 and the family had moved to live in a six roomed home at 92, Purlwell Lane, Batley. James Arthur had changed his occupation to become a warper. Hannah, his mother, died in early December 1913.

On 20th December 1913 he married Florence Holliday at Dewsbury Registry Office. Winifred was born on the 26th August 1917 in Dewsbury.

Service Details

James Arthur attested in Leeds on the 18th October 1915 when he was living at 18, Vesper Mount, Kirkstall, Leeds. He gave his occupation as a storekeeper and was 5ft 5 inches tall. The family later moved to 19, Ravenshouse Road, Scout Hill, Dewsbury. He was discharged from the army on the 2nd March 1919.

James Arthur died on the 8th July 1919 at 2, Hudson Street, Kirkstall, Leeds and his occupation was given as a warp dresser.

James Arthur was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal. He is remembered with Honour at Batley War Memorial.



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