William Andrew Brearley



Rank: - Private

Number: - 20458

Regiment: - Duke of Edinburgh's (Wiltshire) Regiment (Formerly Yorks and Lancs Rifles) 3rd Battalion

Died in Weymouth: - 10/08/1915 Age: 36 years

Cemetery: - Melcombe Regis Cemetery, Dorset, England 111.C.3843

"MEMORY EVER KEEPS US NEAR TO THOSE WE LOVED AND STILL HOLD DEAR"

Family Details

William Andrew was born in Soothill Upper on the 5th April 1879 the son of Batley born Frederick and Dewsbury born Mary Brearley nee Scott who had married in 187 in Dewsbury. He was baptised on the 15th August 1881 at the Wesleyan Chapel, Batley Carr when the family lived at Commonside, Hanging Heaton. His father was a miner and Mary was a machine feeder when the 1881 census was taken. Alice was born in 1877-1905 followed by William Andrew, Joe 1882, James 1885, Harriett 1889, Sarah Ann 1892, Charles 1895-1897 and Edith 1900-1901.

The family lived at 1, Albert Square, Batley Carr before 1897 and in 1901 William was employed as a coal miner like his father and brother's Joe and James.

In 1911 the family was living in a four roomed home at Court 1, Town Street, Batley Carr when William gave his employment as an unemployed labourer for a railway company.

Service Details

His service details have not survived but he was buried and given a c.w.g.c. headstone at Melcombe Regis Cemetery, Dorset. It would appear that he went there to train but we have found no war medals associated with him so can assume he did not go abroad. We have to date not found any newspaper reports.

He is remembered with Honour at Batley War Memorial, Addenda and Warwick Road J.I. & N. School.



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