Alfred Handley





Rank: - Driver

Number: - T4/253915

Regiment: - Royal Army Service Corps 525 Company

Died of Pneumonia/Influenza: - 23rd February 1919 aged 32

Cemetery: - Batley G 332

"HE ANSWERED HIS COUNTRY'S CALL EVER REMEMBERED"

Batley News, 1 Mar 1919. Batley Reporter, 7 Mar 1919

Family Details:

Alfred was born in 1887 in Dewsbury the son of Thomas and Annie Louisa Handley (nee Brook).

In 1891 the family was living at 21, Cross Bank Road, Batley and Thomas, who came from Messingham in Lincolnshire, was employed as a factory operative and Huddersfield born Annie was a rag sorter.

A further son, Tom was born in September 1898 when they were living in Barton Place, Batley. By 1901 the family had moved to 48, East Bath Street and Thomas was a dyer's labourer and 14-year-old Alfred was a cloth finisher. George Precious also from Lincolnshire was lodging with them. They had moved yet again before the 1911 census to 7, Mount Avenue, Batley Carr, and Alfred had become a saddler for Arthur Gregory of Batley.

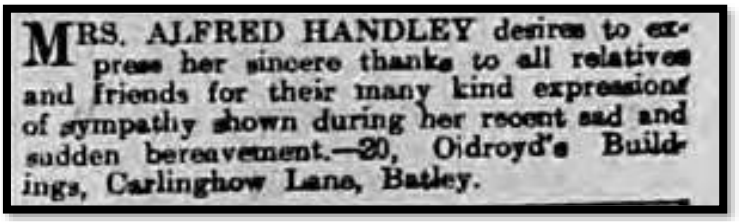
He married Emily Ann Ellwood at Carlinghow St. John's on 29th March 1913. They went to live at Oldroyd's Buildings, Carlinghow Lane, and Batley. A son, Alfred was born in March 1914 but sadly died aged 3 days.

Service Details

Alfred enrolled as a driver in the Royal Army Service Corps in 1917 being sent to France in 1917.

He came home on leave in 1919 and was taken ill with influenza, but after being admitted to Staincliffe Hospital it turned to pneumonia and he died a week later. Alfred was buried at Batley Cemetery on 28th February 1919.

The following appeared in the Batley News.


MRS. ALFRED HANDLEY desires to express her sincere thanks to all relatives and friends for their many kind expressions of sympathy shown during her recent sad and sudden bereavement.—20, Oldroyd's Buildings, Carlinghow Lane, Batley.

His brother, Tom, was killed in action on 29th September 1918

He was awarded the British War Medal and Victory Medal. He is remembered with Honour at St John the Evangelist Church, Carlinghow, Batley; Holy Trinity Church, Batley Carr and Batley War Memorial.



Researched by members of
Batley History Group