Alexander Jessop



Rank: **-** Private

Number: -

Regiment: - Durham Light Infantry

Killed in Action: -

Memorial: -

Family Details

Alexander was born in Stocks Lane, Batley in c. 1887 the son of William and Margaret Lillie Jessop (nee Robb formerly Swallow). William came from Lepton and Margaret (Margurite Lelias) from Dundee, Scotland. In 1881 Margaret was a lodger at the home of William with her two children Charles William born 1866 and Hannah Jane Swallow 1868 in Villiers Street, Batley. She had married Thomas Swallow on 28th January 1861 in Ayr, Scotland.

In 1891 the family which included his parents and siblings Fred (1878), Arthur (1881), Tom (1882), Willie and Alexander (1887) was living in Stocks Lane, Batley.

William was a colliery deputy and 13-year-old Fred was working as a hurrier. His mother died in September 1896 and before 1901 the family had moved to live at 147, Commercial Street, Batley with a live in house keeper, 36-year-old, Elizabeth Jackson.

In 1911 Alexander was living with his father, who at this time was a colliery deputy manager and Elizabeth Jackson, who claimed to be his step mother at 151, Colbeck Buildings, Upper Commercial Street, Batley which was a five roomed home. Alexander was working as a coal miner hewer.

In the 2nd Qtr 1912 he married Mary Finneran probably in Batley but she sadly died in November 1913, probably in child birth, because his daughter Mary died in October 1914 aged 11 months. The family had lived in Hume Street, Batley.

Service Details

Nothing is known about his service details; nothing has been found except for an application for him to be placed on Batley War Memorial in the 1920's. Even his regiment they were not sure about and enquiries as to his whereabouts were still ongoing in 1930. They thought he was in the Durham Light Infantry.

His brother Willie Jessop was killed whilst shaving on the 28th June 1917 in France.

Alexander is remembered with Honour at Batley War Memorial.



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