George Laybourne Scholefield





Rank: - Private

Number: - 18643

Regiment: - West Yorkshire Regiment (Prince of Wales's Own) Depot

Died of Pneumonia at York Military Hospital: - 12/10/1916 Age: 29 years

Cemetery: - Batley, Yorkshire F 520

Batley News, 14 Oct 1916, 21 Oct 1916 (photo)

Family Details

George Laybourne was born in Carlinghow, Batley on the 21st May 1887 the son of Walter and Ellen Ann Scholefield nee Laybourne. He was baptised at St. Saviour's Church, Brownhill on the 28th May 1888 when his father's details were given as a grocer residing at Bradford Road West, Carlinghow, Batley.

The couple had married at Dewsbury Parish Church on 14th March 1882. Walter was born in Hanging Heaton and Ellen Ann came from Pocklington, Yorkshire.

In 1891 George was living at 44, Shay Terrace, Bradford Road, Carlinghow, Batley with his parents and two older siblings Ethel 1883 and Elizabeth 1884 and young Hilda 1889 and their Dewsbury born father gave his occupation as a manager of a grocers and drapers. Lionel was born in 1892 when the family lived at this address but sadly died aged 8 months in October 1892. Leonard was born in 1895 but died when he was a few months old.

Dorothy was born in 1897 and Ella in 1900 and the family was living at 52, Albion Street, Batley in 1901. George was employed as a post office boy.

May was born in 1902 when the family lived in Talbot Street, Batley and Flora in 1905 when they had moved to Soothill Lane, Batley.

Walter worked for the Batley Co-operative Society and was a manager of several of their branches hence the moving to be nearer his work. They moved to Rock Terrace, Soothill Lane which was opposite the local Soothill Branch of the Co-op stores.

Service Details

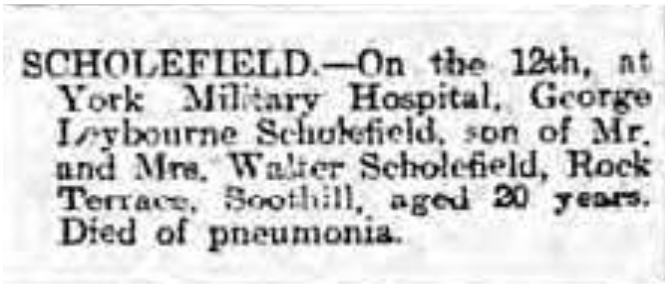
George enlisted in c. 1914 and was sent to work at the Record Office at York. He died of pneumonia at York Military Hospital. His coffin which was draped with the Union Jack and was borne on a gun carriage from the hospital to the station and was accompanied by several officers and comrades of George. They sent a letter of sympathy to his parents.

The funeral was at Batley Cemetery on the Monday following his death and the last rites were performed by Rev. E. Lloyd. The family mourners were his parents and sisters, Mr.& Mrs. Sam Walls (brother in law and sister) ,Mr.& Mrs. Percy Bennett (brother in law and sister) ,Mr.& Mrs. Tom Laybourne (aunt and uncle

from York), George and Emily (cousins) York, Mrs E. Duddin (aunt), York, Mrs. Fred Laybourne and daughter (aunt and cousin), Mr. George Alfred Scholefield (uncle), Dewsbury, Mrs. J. Scholefield (grandmother), Leeds, Mrs. W. H. Holdsworth (aunt), Leeds, Mr.& Mrs. Ernest Scholefield (cousins) Morley, and Miss Gertie Scholefield (cousin) Dewsbury.

There were also present Mr. Thomas Driver, Mr. &Mrs. Tom Armitage, Mr. & Mrs. D. Preston, Ptes B. Heaps, C. Briggs, H. Jackson and Stead (all of the KOYLI), Batley Co-operative Society and Hick Lane Wesleyan Chapel were also represented. Wreaths were placed on the grave by the family and many friends and colleagues.

George is remembered with Honour at St Paul's Church, Hanging Heaton; Hanging Heaton War memorial (St Paul's) and Batley War Memorial Addenda.



SCHOLEFIELD.—On the 12th, at York Military Hospital, George Laybourne Scholefield, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Scholefield, Rock Terrace, Soothill, aged 20 years. Died of pneumonia.



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