



Sergeant William WHEATCROFT

13696 5th Battalion King's Shropshire Light Infantry

Killed in action 5 December 1915 aged 28

Commemorated Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Belgium Panels 47 & 49

Victoria Station War Memorial - Ref. 7B-043

Personal History

William WHEATCROFT was born at Tottington, Bury, Lancashire the son of John and Sarah WHEATCROFT nee WALKER who were married 01/02/1871 at Parish Church, Duffield, Derbyshire. His father died in 1896. His mother died in 1896.

In the 1911 census the family were living at 24, Brook Street, Bury Lancashire,. He was aged 24 with the occupation of Railway Fireman.

In the 1901 census the family were living at 35, Back Garden Street, Bury, Lancashire,. He was aged 14 with the occupation of Brass Finishers Apprentice.

In the 1891 census the family were living at 227, Bury Road, Tottington, Bury, Lancashire,. He was aged 4 Scholar

He was a married man. His wife's name was Margaret WHEATCROFT (nee SMITH) They married at St. Paul, Bury, Lancashire on 25 March 1905

Before enlisting he was employed by the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Company, Locomotive Dept. at Bury as a Fireman

Service History

He enlisted in the King's Shropshire Light Infantry at Bury, Lancashire. and embarked for France on 02/10.1915. His last known address was Bury, Lancashire, Brook Street, 24 (1911 Census).

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He was awarded the Victory Medal, British War Medal & 1914-15 Star

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