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| **Name** | **FRED BEAN** |
| **Birth** | 1892, Wylam |
| **Enlistment/Occupation** | Railway Clerk |
| **Death, date, location** | 15/04/ 1918. Died at home. Huddersfield |
| **Age** | 25 |
| **Unit, rank, service no:** | 62375A/BombardierRoyal Garrison Artillery |
| **Honours** | Military Medal |
| **Family** | At the 1901 Census Fred is 8 years old and living with his parents Joseph and Jane Bean (nee Benson) and a sister Nellie 10, and brother Harry 3 in the Lodge at Wylam Hall where their father is employed as a gardener by the Clayton family. Fred’s parents originated from the York/Ripon area and moved to Wylam soon after getting married in 1889.By the 1911 Census Fred is recorded as a boarder aged 18 at 29 Myrtle Grove, off Osborne Road Jesmond and his occupation is given as a railway clerk. His parents, sister Nellie and younger brother Harry had moved back to Brompton near Pickering in Yorkshire by this time. Perhaps their employment and tenancy of the cottage at Wylam Hall was no longer secure following the death of Richard Clayton in 1905 and the closure of the Hall for several years.Further information on Fred’s life after the 1911 census and when he enlisted in the army and details of his service record are still being sought.An article in the Hexham Courant 01/12/1917 states:- ‘Many Wylamites will be delighted to hear that Fred Bean, son of Mr. Bean a former gardener at Wylam Hall has secured the Military Medal and is now in England sitting for his commission. So the sons of Wylam march onward to fame.’Sadly, Fred died the following April 1918 at home in Huddersfield. At this stage it has not been possible to discover the cause of his death. It maybe that he was a victim of the flu pandemic which began to take hold in January 1918, but this can only be speculation.It is now known that Fred died of pulmonary TB and Asthenia at Fusehill War Hospital in the presence of his intended Maud Playforth. |
| **War Memorials** | In South-East corner.HUTTON BUSCEL (ST. MATTHEW) CHURCHYARDNorth YorkshireAlso commemorated on:-School War Memorial Plaque, Falcon Centre WylamWar memorial Plaque St.Oswin’s church, WylamWar Memorial Monument, Village Green,Wylam |
| **Comments** | Hutton Buscel church is situated near Pickering/Scarborough and close to Brompton by Sawdon where his family were living |
| **Sources** | UK Soldiers Died in Great War, 1914-1919 CWGC1891/1901 & 1911 CensusHexham Courant 01/12/1917 |
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