
MEN FROM WHITWORTH AND PAGE BANK WHO SERVED AND DIED
IN THE FIRST WORLD WAR 1914 -1918

Their names are recorded on the War Memorial Plaque in Whitworth Church

LANCE CORPORAL WALTER BLACKMORE

Born in Willington Parish

Enlisted at Spennymoor in the Northumberland Fusiliers, 20th Battalion (Tyneside Scottish)

Theatre of War: France and Flanders

Killed in action on 5th March 1917

DRIVER ARTHUR PEARCE

Born in Ferryhill Parish, lived at Spennymoor

Enlisted in the Royal Field Artillery

Theatre of War: France and Flanders

Died of wounds on 29th April 1917

2nd LIEUTENANT WARD BAKER

Born in Willington Parish

Enlisted in the Prince of Wales' Own, (West Yorkshire Regiment) 11th Battalion

Died of wounds on 21st September 1917

The 1901 Census Returns show Ward as living in School Row, Page Bank, with his family. Father, Henry, aged 56, was a Deputy Overman at the pit, his mother was Bridget. He was the youngest of 5 sons. Henry aged 26 and Edward aged 22 were coal miners. Robert aged 20 was a Butcher. Arthur was 18 and Ward was 10. He also had an adopted sister, Mary, aged 3. Also in the house was Edward Sainsbury aged 28, a Theological student at Nottingham. The School Log for Page Bank School records that he commenced as a Pupil Teacher in August 1908, completed his apprenticeship on 16th July 1909 and continued to teach there until 29th August 1913.

GUNNER GEORGE HENDERSON BOWES

Lived at Spennymoor and enlisted there in the Royal Field Artillery

Theatre of war: Home

Died 21st March 1918.

In 1901 he was living in Page Bank with his father Thomas, aged 42, a Deputy Overman at the pit, and his mother Annie aged 37. Also at home were his brother John aged 14, a Pony driver at the pit, his sisters Eleanor aged 10, Elizabeth aged 3 and Edith aged 1. George was aged 6.

LANCE CORPORAL ROBERT H. GOULD

Born in Willington Parish

The 1901 Census records him as living at Page Bank Cottage with father, Samuel aged 54, a Retired Butcher, and his mother Mary aged 44. Also at home were his brothers Samuel aged 20, a Blacksmith, William aged 19, a leveller at the Coke Yard, Thomas aged 17 and Peter aged 16, both Masons Apprentices. He had four sisters, Annie aged 18, a dressmaker, Martha aged 14, Ada aged 11 and Ruth aged 10. Robert was aged 9 and was the youngest child at that time.

LANCE CORPORAL JOHN THOMAS HALL

Born at Page Bank.

Enlisted in the Alexandra, Princess of Wales' Own (Yorkshire Regiment) 2nd Battalion.

Theatre of war: France and Flanders

Killed in action on 21st March 1918.

The 1901 Census records that he was living then in East Terrace, Page Bank, with his father Robert aged 33, mother Elizabeth aged 33, brothers Sydney aged 10 and Benjamin aged 6 and sister Annie aged 1. Robert was aged 8.

PRIVATE JOHN G. HAMILTON

He enlisted in the Gordon Highlanders.

In 1901 he was living with his family in Long Row at Page Bank. Father, Robert aged 51, was a Hewer at the Pit and had been born in Scotland. Mother Jane was 50. John was the youngest of 7 children, having 4 older brothers and 2 older sisters. Also in the house were his sister in law and a nephew aged 6. John was born at Workington in Cumberland

GUNNER WILLIAM EDWARD KING

Lived at Spennymoor and enlisted there in the Royal Field Artillery

Theatre of war: France and Flanders.

Died of wounds on 22nd May 1917

PRIVATE HENRY M. RAMSAY

Born at Stockley and enlisted at Durham in the Northumberland Fusiliers 9th Battalion

Theatre of war: Home

Died 9th January 1916, aged 21. His grave is in Whitworth Churchyard.

The 1901 Census shows him as living in East Terrace with his father George, aged 28. a Deputy Overman at the pit, and mother Frances aged 28. Henry, aged 6, was the oldest child and only son at that time. He had three sisters - Mary aged 4, Frances aged 2 and Elizabeth aged 9 months. In 1914 his father is listed as the Sub Postmaster at Page Bank

PRIVATE HENRY STRINGER

Born at Spennymoor .

Enlisted at Durham in the Durham Light Infantry, 13th Battalion.

Theatre of war: France and Flanders

Killed in action on 19th October 1915.

PRIVATE GEORGE THOMPSON

Born at Coundon and lived at Page Bank

Enlisted in the Alexandra, Princess of Wales's Own Yorkshire Regiment, 10th Battalion

Theatre of war: France and Flanders

Killed in action on 24th October 1917

In 1901 George was living in Long Row at Page Bank, with his father John aged 33, a Blacksmith at the Colliery, and mother Harriet aged 33. George was aged 12 and had two younger sisters - Mary aged 7 and Nora aged 4 months. They also had a servant, Rachel Spence.