

ALFRED PEARSON



Private A. PEARSON,

Alfred Pearson was the son of Robert Pearson and Margaret (Nee Horton) who married in 1885.

Robert was born in 1858 and lived in Hutton le Hole working as a general labourer. Margaret, born in 1870, came from Rosedale and was just 15 years old at the time of the marriage.

The family lived in a 4 roomed cottage that has since been extended and named Greengate.

Alfred, their third child, was born in 1889.

The 1901 census shows Alfred living in Hutton le Hole with his mother and 5 of his siblings of the time. Florence the eldest, now 16, and Robert William 2nd eldest, now 14, were most likely living and working elsewhere.

Margaret was 31 in 1901 and is listed as a widow and employed as a charwoman. Alfred's father, Robert, died at the age of 39 in 1897.

It is not known who fathered the children born after Robert's death and no marriage certificate has been found for Margaret,

The 1911 census shows Alfred, aged 21, as a waggoner at West Newton Grange, Oswaldkirk at the farm of Robert Russell.

From the military record of his brother Walter it is known that Margaret was in 1919 living at 1, Firwood Terrace, Ferryhill Station, Co. Durham.

Alfred's picture appeared in the Malton Gazette of 1915. He joined a Yorkshire regiment and was stationed in Newcastle. Unfortunately it has not been possible to locate his military record.

Please see overleaf for details of the family.

Family Details:

Children fathered by Robert Pearson:

Florence
b1885

In 1901, aged 16, she is living at Banktop, Oswaldkirk. It is possible that she married George Andrew Craven of Oswaldkirk in 1903. In 1911 they appear to be living in Everton Bawtry, Yorks. A child, Violet, is also noted. This possibly her youngest sibling who would now be 5 years old.

Robert William
b 1887

1901 census shows Robert, aged 14, as a patient in York County Hospital, occupation - agricultural labourer.
1911 census shows him living at home in Hutton le Hole, occupation - ironstone miner.

Alfred
b 1889

1901 census, aged 11, living with mother Margaret, 31 years, a widow - occupation charwoman. Also siblings Ruth, Harry, Walter, Bruce & Alic.

Ruth
b 1891

1911 census, aged 20, housekeeper in Hutton le Hole.

Harry
b 1894

1911 census, aged 17, occupation horseman, Settrington.

Walter
b 1898

Father, Robert, died 6 months before he was born.
1911 census, aged 13, occupation ploughman in Aislaby, Pickering. He had given his age as 15.

Father not known for following children:

Bruce
b 1899

Possibly conscripted under the Military Service Act of 1916.

Alic (*sic*)
b 1900

Possibly conscripted under the Military Service Act of 1916.
Among the last as conscription ceased on 11 November 1918.

Cyril
b 1901

Harold
b 1904

Violet
b1906

1911 census states: Total Children born alive 13.
Total Children still living 11.