

WAR'S CONTRASTING FATE, THE WILLIAMSONS AND THE KINGS.



Private William John Williamson
Duke of Wellington's
(West Riding Regiment)



Mary Elizabeth Williamson—EARBY WIDOW'S SACRIFICE - Three Sons in 12 Months, a fourth son Frank Robert was too young to join the forces



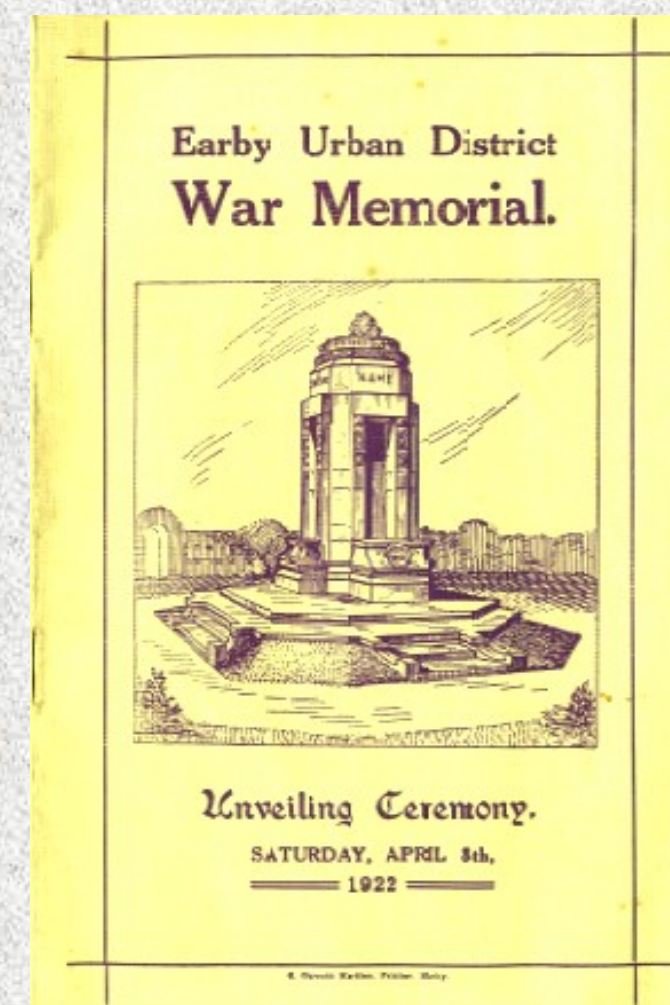
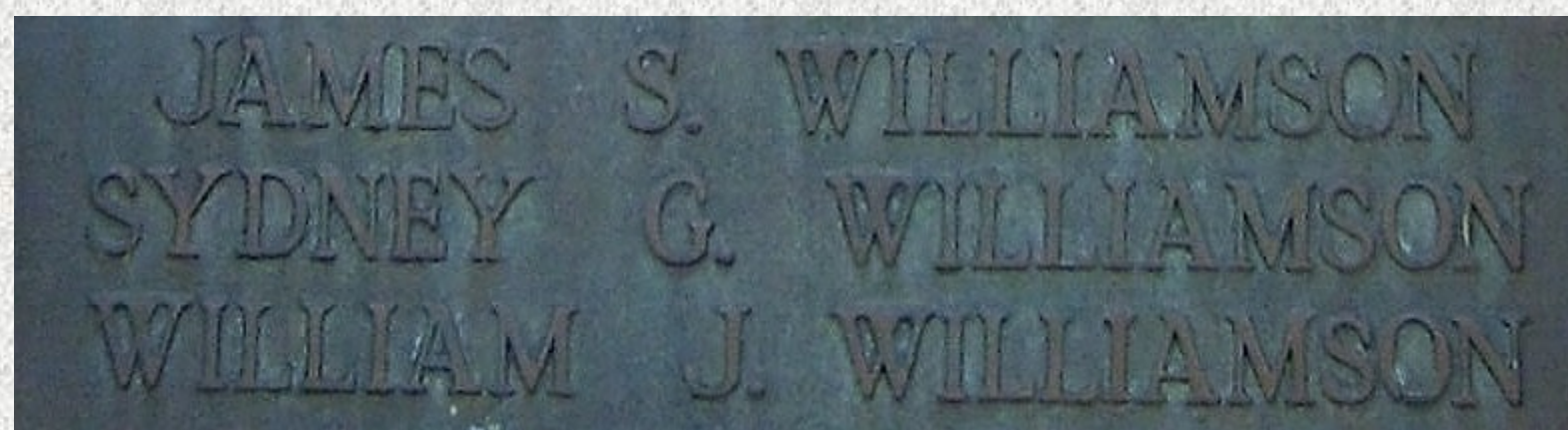
Private Sidney George Williamson
Kings Own Yorkshire Light Infantry



Private James Stanley Williamson
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Sad news came to hand last weekend in a letter from an Army Chaplain in France, of the death from wounds of Private James Stanley Williamson, The Duke of Wellington's Regt, which look place in the 3rd Canadian Hospital on March 17th. He was 23 years of age, and the second son of Mrs. Williamson, 42 Skipton Road, Earby, who has had two other sons killed within twelve months. These were: Private Sydney George Williamson, K.O.Y.L.I. (20), killed April 9th 1917, and Private William James Williamson (29), Duke of Wellington's Regiment, killed October 1st 1917. They were all unmarried.

James enlisted in the early days of the war and had spent nearly three years in France. The family had received a letter from him dated only two days prior to his death, which was due to gunshot wounds in the back and right leg and a fractured arm.
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Mary Elizabeth was invited to perform the unveiling of Earby's War Memorial in 1922



The King brothers left to right
Joseph, Ishmael, Sam, Bob, Jack and Tom
A seventh brother, Edward was not fit for active service and stayed at home to run the family farm (Lane Ends) with their father Hartley
In another twist of fate, Ishmael, having survived the war, succumbed to the subsequent influenza pandemic



43	Cottage at Sallyforth	1		Hartley King	Head	27	43	Farm & (Horse) Coachman	Widow
				Annie do	Wife	27	45		
				John do	Son	5	18	Carting Wagoner	Widow
				Samuel do	Son	5	16	Carting Wagoner	Widow
				Joseph do	Son	14		Carting Wagoner	Widow
				Robert do	Son	12			
				Edward do	Son	6			
				Ishmael do	Son	4			

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Tom King had already married Annie Parkinson in 1898 and had left home