

BELL, RICHARD No Military Details Known Not in Soldiers Died

Born Farington Enlisted Not known Living Farington

Died Preston 19th August 1919

Ref: Death Certificate and Leyland St. Andrew's Parish Registers.

Parish Registers of St. Ambrose and St. Andrew, Leyland

Baptised: Richard and Joseph, twins, sons of Richard and Elizabeth Bell of Farington, Weaver, 26th Oct. 1888.

Married: Richard Bell of Farington to Annie Hunter of Whittle-le-Woods, 26th June 1915. The register records that Richard was of 3 Ashley Terrace, Farington (this house is now 5 Stanifield Lane).

Burial: August 23rd, 1919 – Richard Bell of Farington, Aged 30 years. Additional information: he 'Died at Preston Royal Infirmary' and that he was of 'Laburnum Terrace'.

Richard Bell's name appears on the following local memorials:-

St. Ambrose Memorial, Moss Lane, Leyland
Mural Plaque in St. Ambrose Church, Leyland

Death Certificate from the Register Office, Bow Lane, Preston

Died 19th August 1919 at the Royal Infirmary, Preston: Richard Bell, aged 30, of 6 Laburnum Terrace, Farington; Army pensioner and Rubber Worker. Cause of death : 1) Perinephritic abscess 2) Toxaemia. Heart failure. No Post Mortem. Informant – Joseph Bell, brother, of 12 Victoria Street, Preston. Registered 20th Aug. 1919.

'Soldiers Died in the Great War, 1914-1919'

Checking 'Soldiers Died' on the C.D. ROM at the Harris Library, Preston, I found 19 Richard Bells' listed; however, none of them died on the date of the Farington man. From his date of death he qualified for a war grave, but he has no entry on the C.W.G.C. index, and his grave has not yet been located. As no descendants of this man have been found, it is unlikely that his war-time record can be established.

Bell, Richard.

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