

Arthur Robertshaw

(1883- 1916)



Pte. A. ROBERTSHAW, L.N.L. Regiment, who was reported missing on July 10th, 1916, is now reported to have fallen in action on that date. He enlisted on Nov. 5th, 1914, and went to the front the following September. He formerly worked at the Round Barn Quarries, Entwistle. He is on the Roll of Honour at the Edgworth Wesleyan Church, and is 33 years of age. He lived with his brother at 3, Horrocks Fold, Edgworth.

(Extracted from the Bolton Journal & Chronicle)³⁶

Arthur Robertshaw was born in Hove Edge, near Brighouse, Yorkshire, in 1883. His immediate family was as follows:^{1,3,6}

Father:	Jeremiah Robertshaw	b. 1848 Clayton, Yorks.	d. 1902 Halifax
Mother:	Hannah Robertshaw	b. 1846 Clayton, Yorks.	d. 1901 Halifax

(Jeremiah & Hannah were married in 1869 – registered in Bradford, Yorks)

Children:	Wright Robertshaw	b. 1869 Clayton, Yorks.	Died aged 2
	Eunice Robertshaw	b. 1872 Clayton, Yorks.	
	Robert Robertshaw	b. 1875 Clayton, Yorks.	
	John Robertshaw	b. 1877 Clayton, Yorks.	
	Mary Robertshaw	b. 1880 Hove Edge, Yorks.	
	Arthur Robertshaw	b. 1883 Hove Edge, Yorks.	

In 1871, Arthur's parents were living in Clayton, Yorks. His father was a 'Delver' in a stone quarry. This occupation was later followed by his sons Arthur, John and Robert.

In 1881, the family were at Hove Edge near Brighouse in Yorkshire and by 1891 they had moved to nearby Hipperholme. 1901 found them in nearby Southowram. Eunice – now Eunice Greenwood – is widowed and living with her parents, as is John and his wife Mary A, and Arthur. Robert married Ada Balme in 1898 and in 1901 they are in a different house in Southowram.

Robert and Ada moved to Edgworth at some point prior to the 1911 census. That census return shows them living at 3, Horrocks Fold, Edgworth and Arthur is living with them. The two men are still working as delvers and in view of the above obituary, they were probably both at the Round Barn Quarry on the outskirts of Edgworth. The records of The Barlow Institute in Edgworth¹⁴ show Arthur and a Mr R. Robertshaw as members of the Institute Library and an R. Robertshaw is listed as a member of the Turton & Edgworth Brotherhood. No war records have been found for any of the three men apart from the Commonwealth War Graves Certificate commemorating Arthur's death in action (see below)¹⁵, and his Medal Rolls Index Card² which indicates that he was posthumously awarded the British War and Victory Medals and the 1914-15 Star Medal. Following Arthur's death probate of his will was awarded to Robert as shown:^{4,32}

ROBERTSHAW Arthur of 3 Horrocks Fold Edgworth **Lancashire** died 10 July 1916 in France Administration (with Will) **London** 31 January to Robert Robertshaw calico printer's labourer. Effects £181 11s. 8d.

It is interesting to see that Robert, like many other Edgworth residents was now working at Know Mill, Edgworth

Arthur is remembered on the War Memorial outside Edgworth Methodist Church and on the memorial in St. Anne's Church, Turton.

Robert and Ada lived out their lives in Edgworth and their marriage remained childless. The 1932 Tillotson's Directory for Edgworth⁹ lists a Robert Robertshaw, labourer, living at 21 Crown Point and there is also a Robert listed on the 1939 Register on the findmypast website. Ada died in 1936 aged 60 and Robert in 1941 aged 66. Both deaths are registered in Turton⁵ but no burial records have been found. The probate of Robert's will was awarded as shown (presumably the record should read21 Crown Point....)

ROBERTSHAW Robert of 21 Craven Point Edgworth near Bolton **Lancashire** died 21 January 1941 Probate **Lancaster** 14 May to Arthur Edward Doughty Clipson methodist minister and Fred Hough schoolmaster. Effects £510 4s. 3d.

E.D.Clipson was the Minister at Edgworth Methodist Church from 1940-1943 and the 1932 Tillotson's Directory for Edgworth lists: 'Wesleyan Schools: Fred Hough, schoolmaster'

In Memory of
Private

Arthur Robertshaw

17515, 8th Bn., The Loyal North Lancashire Regiment who died on 10 July 1916

Remembered with Honour
Thiepval Memorial



Commemorated in perpetuity by
the Commonwealth War Graves Commission

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Standard References: 1,2,3,4,5,9,14,15,32