

Harry Green (1893 – *unknown*)

Harry Green, the fifth of seven children in an established Farnhill family, was not quite 11 years old when his mother died.

At the age of 17 he was working in one of the local mills and was also a member of the local allotment and smallholders' society.

Serving with the Duke of Wellington's (West Riding) Regiment, Harry was hospitalised with trench fever and this probably brought his war service to an end.

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Returning to the local area he worked on the Leeds & Liverpool canal, married and had three children. Harry seems to have moved around quite a bit – living in Leeds, Steeton, The White Lion Inn, Kildwick, and Starkey Lane in Farnhill.

His wife died in Steeton, in 1977, but nothing is known about Harry Green's demise.

Pre-war life

The Green family lived at 11 Mary Street, Farnhill. Charles Whiteoak Green, Harry's father, appears to have been from an established Farnhill family; his mother, Janet (nee Beattie), was from Scotland.

Harry was born in Farnhill on 29th May 1893, and baptised in St. Andrew's Church, Kildwick, a month later. He was the fifth of seven children: the third of four boys and three girls.

2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
ROAD, STREET &c. and No. or NAME of HOUSE	HOUSES			Uninhabited	Number of Rooms in House	Name and Surname of each Person	RELATION to Head of Family	Qualification as to Marriage	Age last Birthday of		PROFESSION OR OCCUPATION	Employer, Worker, or Own account	If Working at Home	WHERE BORN
	In tenement	By contract	Not in contract											
11 Mary St.	1				4	Charles Green	Head	M	45		Stone mason	Worker		York, Farnhill
						Janet Do.	Wife	M	46					Scotland
						Joseph A. Do.	Son	S	16		Cotton Weaver	Worker		York, Farnhill
						Ellen Do.	Daughter	S	15		Washed Spinner	Worker		Do. Do.
						John W. Do.	Son	S	13		Washed Spinner	Worker		Do. Do.
						Joseph Do.	Son	S	12		Washed Spinner	Worker		Do. Do.
						Harry Do.	Son	S	7		Washed Spinner (half time)	Worker		Do. Do.
						Lily Do.	Daughter	S	6					Do. Do.
						Charles Do.	Son	S	2					Do. Do.
						John Whiteoak	Father	M	69		Retired Wool Sorter			Do. Do.

Extract from the 1901 census for Farnhill – the Green family at 11 Mary Street
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Harry's mother died in April 1904, and was buried in Kildwick churchyard; the inscription on her grave, "Rest after weariness", perhaps suggesting that she suffered a prolonged illness.



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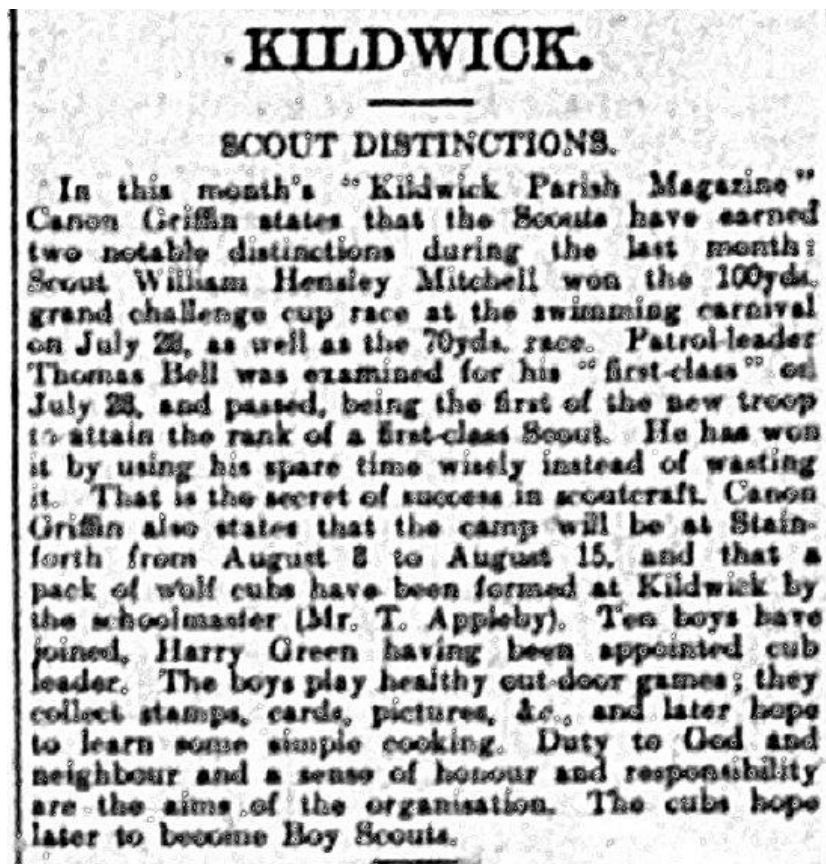
By the time of the 1911 census Harry was working with silk and cotton in one of the local mills.

NAME AND SURNAME	RELATIONSHIP to Head of Family.	AGE (last Birthday) and SEX.	PARTICULARS as to MARRIAGE.	PROFESSION or OCCUPATION of Persons aged ten years and upwards.	BIRTHPLACE of every person.
1 Charles Green	Head	56	Widower	Stone mason 423	Yorks Hildesburgh Parish
2 Ellen Green	daughter	25	single	House - keeper	Yorks Hildesburgh Parish
3 John William Green	son	23	single	Weaver - Gang Cotton 250	Yorks Hildesburgh Parish
4 Joseph Green	son	22	single	Blue Labourer 732	Yorks Hildesburgh Parish
5 Harry Green	son	17	single	Weaver - Silk Cotton 877	Yorks Hildesburgh Parish
6 Lily Green	daughter	16	single	Weaver "	Yorks Hildesburgh Parish
7 Charles Green	son	12		Domestic - furthest school 429	Yorks Hildesburgh Parish

Extract from the 1911 census return for 11 Mary Street, Farnhill
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Pre-WW1 newspaper reports record that Harry was, like his older brother Joseph, a member of the Farnhill branch of the Paxton Society, for allotment and smallholders.

He was also the leader of the cub-scout troop formed in Kildwick by Thomas Appleby, the headmaster of the school, in the days just before the outbreak of the war.



Report on the creation of a cub-scout troop in Kildwick – Keighley News 8/8/1914
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WW1 service

Harry Green's WW1 service records have not survived (70% of the records were destroyed during WW2, in the London blitz of 1940) but it has been possible to put together a partial account of his activities during the war from other sources.

Newspaper reports from during the war suggest that he was a member of the Duke of Wellington's (West Riding) Regiment and although at least five men called "H. Green" served with the regiment, it is clear that he was Private Harry Green, of 2/6th battalion (service number 267242).

Name.		Corps.	Rank.	Regt. No.
GREEN		W. Rid. R.	PTE.	267242
Harry				
Medal.	Roll.	Page.	Remarks.	
VICTORY	0/2/101B23.	4106		
BRITISH	do	do		
STAR				
Swth. Regt		0/3041/2		
Theatre of War first served in				
Date of entry therein				

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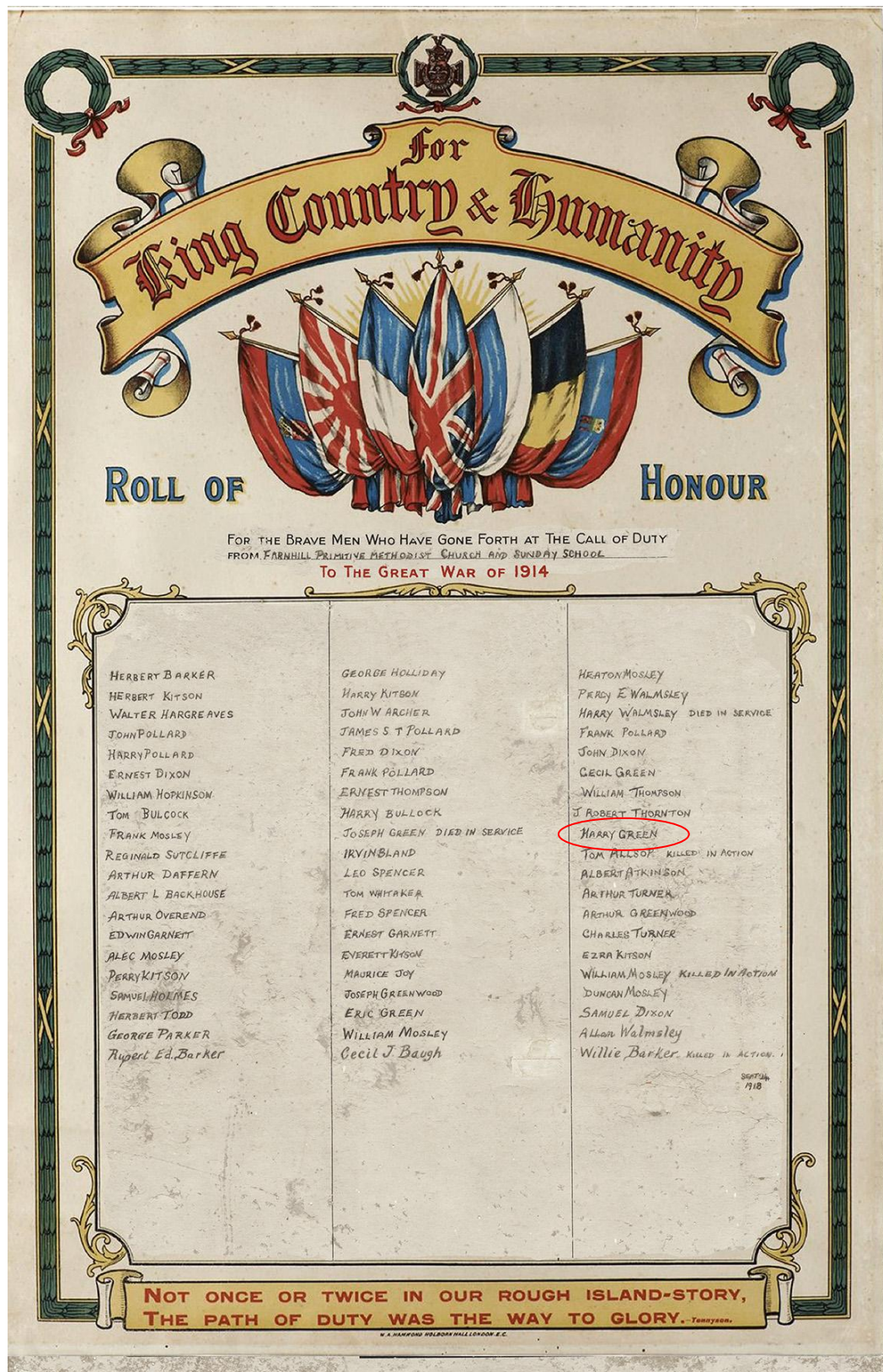
Medal card for Private Harry Green, West Riding Regt. (service number 267242)
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Service number 267242 is very close to a group of numbers assigned to other Farnhill WW1 Volunteers who served in 2/6th battalion: Harry Bulcock (267231), Anthony Dean Hargreaves (267232), and particularly Fred Hargreaves (267240).

Fred Hargreaves and Harry Green if not friends before the war certainly were for at least 25 years afterwards and there is evidence that these two men signed up together – on 29th February 1916.

Fred Hargreaves' diary – seen by the project – suggests that he and Harry Green also trained together, at Bedford, as members of D company of 2/6th battalion West Riding Regiment.

Harry's name was included on Farnhill Methodist Chapel's Roll of Honour, which was unveiled on 9th July 1916.



The digitally-restored Farnhill Methodist Roll of Honour (1916)

2/6th battalion the Duke of Wellington's (West Riding) Regiment embarked for France on 5th February 1917.

In May 1917, the battalion was in action near Mory, southeast of the town of Arras, in northern France; their principal objective being to secure a railway embankment.

The Regimental diary reports that on 3rd May the battalion suffered severe losses during an attack on the embankment (16 killed, 160 wounded, 91 missing). A news report in the West Yorkshire Pioneer, published on the 11th, notes that *"all the lads in the Duke of Wellington's Regiment in connection with the village are wounded except Pte. Harry Green, of Starkey Lane, son of Charles Green, who lost a son recently."*

Note: Harry's older brother, Joseph Green, died of a kidney infection while serving in France on 13th November 1916.

In November 1917, towards the end of the Battle of Passchendaele, both Harry and Fred Hargreaves were in a military hospital suffering from trench fever.

FARNHILL.
ON FURLOUGH.—Pte. J. S. Whitham (Duke of Wellington's Regiment) is at present home on leave from the Western front. Pte. Whitham has had some interesting experiences at first-aid posts, and also whilst doing duty as a stretcher-bearer. Pte. Harry Green and Pte. Fred Hargreaves are at present in hospital suffering from trench fever.

West Yorkshire Pioneer, 16/11/1917
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A week later Harry had been brought home to the hospital at Morton Banks, Keighley.

Pte. Harry Green (Duke of Wellington's), who is suffering from trench fever, has been removed to Keighley Military Hospital.

West Yorkshire Pioneer, 23/11/1917
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Note: Farnhill resident W.B. Whitham noted in his diary that his brothers, John Spencer and Harold, went to Morton Banks to see Harry on the 20th. John Spencer Whitham, who was also one of the Farnhill WW1 Volunteers and a stretcher-bearer with 2/6th battalion Duke of Wellington's Regiment, was home on leave at the time.

This may have represented the end of Harry Green's military career. The only subsequent newspaper report in which his name appears is from October 1918 (Craven Herald 18/10/1918) which describes wounds received by his younger brother Charles. This mentions in passing that "another brother, Private Harry Green, was invalided home and is now in hospital at Gateshead."

On the 29th November 1918, Private Harry Green, service number 267242, of the Duke of Wellington's (West Riding) Regiment was discharged from the army as "no longer physically fit for war service". He was awarded a Silver War Badge.

Regt. No.	Rank.	Name (in full)	Unit discharged from.	No. of Badge & Certificate (to be completed at War Office.)	Date of:- Enlistment Discharge.		Cause of Discharge (Wounds or Sickness & para. of K.R.)	Whether served overseas (Yes or No.)
306991.	Private.	SPEIGHT. Bertram Nelson.	WEST RIDING REGIMENT.	B113550	28.3.1916	30.11.1918	25.Wounds.	Yes
307604.	Private.	GREENWOOD. Samuel.		B113551	14.8.1916	3.12. 1918	39.Wounds.	Yes
307814.	Private.	MARSHALL. Charles Edward.		B113552	11.12.1915	3.12. 1918	22.Wounds.	Yes
307962.	Private.	DAVIES. John.		B113553	11.12.1915	10.12.1918	35.Wounds.	Yes
202072.	Private.	HILEY. William.		B113554	15.11.1915	1.12.1918	25.Sickness	Yes
205373.	Private.	HARGREAVES. Laurie.		B113555	10.12.1915	15.11.1918	28.Sickness	Yes
261059.	Private.	JEMMETT. Frederick.		B113556	5.10.1914	9.12.1918	42.Sickness	Yes
267242.	Private.	GREEN. Harry.		B113557	29.2.1916	29.11.1918	26.Sickness	Yes

Extract from the Silver War Badge roll, including service dates and reason for discharge of Private Harry Green (267242)
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Note: Silver War Badges (SWB) , sometimes known as the "Discharge Badge", the "Wound Badge" or "Services Rendered Badge", were first issued in September 1916. They were awarded to men who were unable to continue in the services due to illness or wounds sustained. They were intended to be worn on civilian clothing and so counteract the practice of "white-feathering" men who had wounds that rendered them unfit for war service, but which were not obvious from their outward appearance.

In August 1920 he received the Victory medal and British War medal due to him for his service.

As a result of his wounds, Harry was awarded a pension that varied between 8s and 16s (40p and 80p) per week depending on how serious his disability was assessed to be (between 20 and 40%). Payments continued until at least 1924.

Form No. S.B. 36.

Surname GREEN Christian Names Harry Regional No. 4/M G/ N° 659

Unit and Regiment or Corps W. Riding Regt. No. 267242 Rank Pte

Date of Discharge 29.11.18 Year of Birth 1893 Marital Status S. = Single
W. = Widower
M. = Married

Address 25 Starkey Lane Widborough Widborough Widborough Date of commencement of Pension 30.11.18

Disabilities:— State whether attributable to or aggravated by Service or non-attributable:—

1. _____ 3. _____ 1. _____ 3. _____
 2. _____ 4. _____ 2. _____ 4. _____

Particulars of Awards for previous Service (if any):—

AWARDS OF PENSION, GRATUITY OR WEEKLY ALLOWANCE.											
Date of Award or other Action	Degree of Disablement	Nature of Award			Weekly Rate			No. of Children under 10	Period of Award		REMARKS: Note—This column is to be used for explanatory remarks where necessary, e.g., that an award is made or revised under Article 9, or as the result of an appeal to the Tribunal, or for increase of Pension
		Art. under which granted (and Warrant if necessary)	Whether Pension Gratuity or Weekly Allowance	Whether Permanent, Conditional or Final	Man	Wife	Child		From	To	
1.5.20.	30%	Art. 11/1	P.	C	16/-	•			2.6.20	31.5.21	
19.5.21	20	"	P	C	12/-				1.6.21	30.5.22	
3.5.22	40%		P	C.	16/-				4/4/22	1/4/23	
10.2.23	40%		P	C	16/-				4/4/23	1/4/24	

Extracts from Cecil Green's WW1 pension ledger (SB 36)
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Post-war life

After his discharge from the army, Harry returned to Farnhill. The family had moved from 11 Mary Street to 25 Starkey Lane, and Harry would live there for the next few years.

On 9th April 1921, Harry married Ethel Earnshaw of Steeton. The marriage was witnessed by, amongst others, Fred Hargreaves, who had probably trained with Harry in Bedford. Harry's occupation was recorded as being a Canal Bank Ranger.

1921 Marriage solemnized at Parish Church in the Parish of Steeton in the County of York

No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
237	April 9 th 1921	Harry Green	27	Single	Canal Bank Ranger	Farnhill Steeton	Charles Green	Farmer
	1921	Ethel Earnshaw	28	Spinster	Teacher	Steeton	Harry Earnshaw	Farmer

Married in the above Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Anglican Church by Wm. Kelly or after Marriage by me,

This Marriage was solemnized between us, Harry Green in the Presence of us, Harry Earnshaw Fred Hargreaves Wm. Kelly Wm. Green
Ethel Earnshaw

Harry Green – Ethel Earnshaw, marriage certificate
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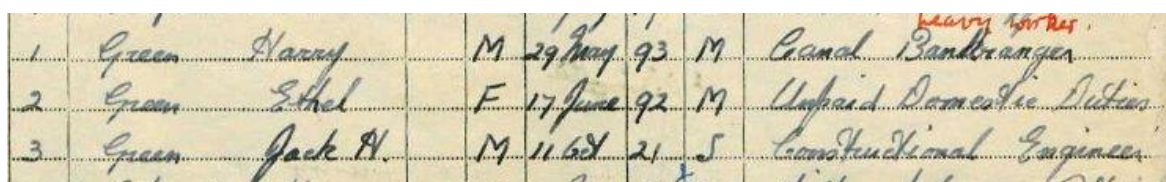
Although married, the 1921 census records Harry still living with his parents and siblings. He was employed as a boatman, working for the Leeds & Liverpool Canal Company.

The couple's first child, a son they called Jack Hamilton, was born on 11th October 1921.

By 1924, the family had left Farnhill and moved to 25 High Street, Steeton – close to Ethel's family who lived at number 47. They would live there for at least 10 years.

While living in Steeton, Harry and Ethel had two further children: a son, Allan, born in 1927 (died 1st January 1930); and a daughter, Margaret, born in 1930.

The whereabouts of the family between 1934 and the start of WW2, in 1939, are not known but the 1939 Register, created to allow the issuing of ration cards at the start of WW2, recorded the family living at Canal Cottage, Canal Road, Leeds. Presumably this house was somehow connected with Harry's job as a Canal Bank Ranger.



1	Green Harry	M	29 May 93	M	Canal Bank Ranger
2	Green Ethel	F	17 June 92	M	Unpaid Domestic Duties
3	Green Jack H.	M	11 Oct 21	S	Constructional Engineer

1939 Register entry for Canal Cottage, Canal Road, Leeds
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Note: The whereabouts of Margaret, Harry and Ethel's daughter, when the 1939 Register was compiled are not known.

On 23rd December 1943, Fred Hargreaves, who had witnessed the Green's marriage, married Eva Smith at Keighley Register Office. The witnesses included an "H. Green", who is likely to have been Harry.

Immediately after the end of WW2 the family seem to have moved back to Steeton and, until at least 1957, Ethel lived at Rookery Nook, School Street – with her father, who died in 1956. Harry's whereabouts, however, are more difficult to determine.

He appeared on the electoral roll at Rookery Nook in 1946, but after that was absent. However, in 1947 a Harry Green was registered at the White Lion Hotel, Kildwick, and another at "Avalon", Starkey Lane, Farnhill.

Beyond this, no further information is known about Harry Green.

Postscript

Ethel Green, Harry's wife, died in Steeton on the 30th March 1977, aged 84. She was buried with the couple's son, Allan, in Steeton cemetery. There is no indication that Harry was buried in the same plot or close-by.



Allan and Ethel Green's gravestone – Steeton cemetery

Jack and Margaret, Harry and Ethel's surviving children, married. Descendants may still be living in the local area.

Harry Green – a life in summary

Born: 29/5/1893, Farnhill
Baptised: 25/6/1893, Kildwick
Died: *unknown* (after 1947 ?)

Parents

Father: Charles Whiteoak Green; b. 20/8/1855, Farnhill; d. 21/1/1922, Farnhill
Mother: Janet (nee Beattie); b. 15/7/1862, Dumfries;
d. 8/4/1904, Farnhill; buried 11/4/1904, Kildwick
Married: 1882, Skipton (Registration district)

Siblings

Sarah Hannah; b. 5/9/1884, Farnhill; m. George Waterhouse, 20/8/1910, Keighley Parish Church
Ellen; b. 14/3/1886, Farnhill; d. 8/3/1936, Farnhill
John William; b. 22/7/1887, Farnhill; d. August/September 1918; buried 3/9/1918, Silsden
Joseph; b. 16/2/1889, Farnhill; d. 13/11/1916, Dunkirk
Lily; b. 16/3/1895, Farnhill; m. George Spencer, 1/10/1932, Kildwick
Charles; b. 28/8/1898, Farnhill; m. May Gallagher, 7/6/1924, Silsden; d. 28/2/1972, Ripon

WW1 service

Service period: 29/2/1916 to 29/11/1918 (invalided out)
Regt.: West Riding Regiment (Private, no. 267242)
Medals: British War Medal, Victory Medal, Silver War Badge
Home address: 11 Mary Street, later 25 Starkey Lane, Farnhill

Relationship to other volunteers

Joseph Green – brother
Charles Green – brother
Leo Spencer – Lily Green married Leo's father in 1932

Marriage

Wife: Ethel Earnshaw; b. 17/6/1892, Holmfirth; bapt. 24/7/1892, Holy Trinity Holmfirth;
d. 30/3/1977, Steeton
Date: 9/4/1921, Steeton

Children

Jack Hamilton; b. 11/10/1921, Keighley (Registration district);

m. Kathleen M. Shackleton, 1952, Worth Valley (Registration district);

d. 1987, Keighley (Registration district)

Allan; b. 1927, Keighley (Registration district); bapt. Steeton; d. 1/1/1930, Steeton

Margaret; b. 1930, Keighley (Registration district); bapt. Steeton;

m. Ronald Warriner, 28/3/1953, Steeton; d. 2005, Keighley (Registration district)

