

In memory of



Private Andrew Aitken

16th (Service) Battalion (2nd Glasgow) Highland Light Infantry Service No: 14989

Killed in Action on the 01/07/1916 at the Battle of Albert (opening phase of the Battles of the Somme), age 27. Son of Andrew Aitken (29/01/1857 - 13/02/1923) and Mary Leishman Aitken (30/10/1856 - 21/12/1943) of 66 North Square, Gartsherrie, Coatbridge. Andrew had 5 brothers also serving with the colours. James (Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders), Robert (Army Service Corps), Alexander (King's Own Royal Rifles), David (Royal Engineers), John (Royal Engineers). Andrew's elder brother Lance Corporal James Aitken of the 2nd Battalion Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders was Killed in Action on the 25/09/1915 on the opening day of the Battle of Loos. The 1901 Census - Address - 174 and 175 North Square, Coatbridge - Mary Aitken aged 44, James Aitken aged 22, Robert Aitken aged 20 (1881 - 03/02/1940), John Aitken aged 16, Catherine (Katie) Aitken aged 14, Andrew Aitken aged 12, Mary Aitken aged 10, David Aitken aged 8 (/02/1893 - 14/01/1922). Andrew's Pension was awarded to his sister Miss Mary Leishman Aitken on the 12/12/1916. Employment was Joiner with the Gartsherrie Ironworks.





Buried/remembered at Serre Road Cemetery No.1 (V.G.11), Pas de Calais, France.



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