

# James Harvey Armstrong



**Service Number:** 803226

**Rank:** Private

**Branch:** 135th Battalion

**Year Served:** 1916

**Summary:** The son of Mr William Armstrong of Strathroy, and a clerk, attested in A Company of the 135th Btn on the 28th of July 1916 at Strathroy. He, as the Strathroy Age phrased it, died on his way to the Great War. He succumbed to pneumonia in Halifax on the 28th of August 1916. His body was returned to Strathroy and a large funeral, attended by his work mates from Rochester NY, was held at his parent's home. He is also buried in Strathroy Cemetery.

## Biography

**Name:** James Harvey Armstrong

**Birth Date:** December 25, 1893

**Relatives:** Father - William Armstrong

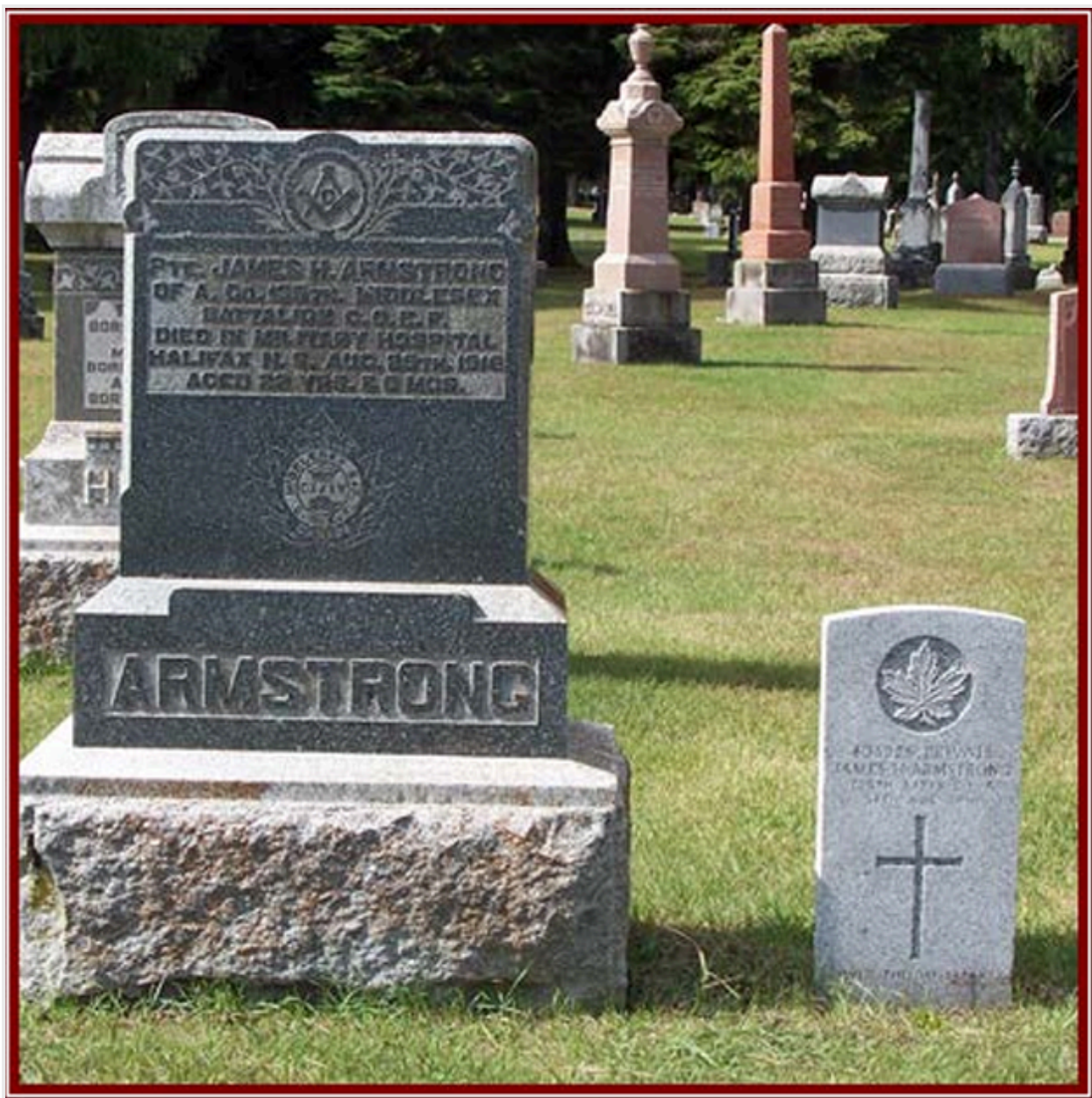
**Address:** Strathroy, ON

**Attestation Date:** July 28, 1916

**Death Date:** August 28, 1916

**Burial Site:** Strathroy Cemetery

**Images**



Service Record

<i><b>Date</b></i>	<i><b>Particulars</b></i>
<b>28 July 1916</b>	Attested in 135 <sup>th</sup> Btn at Strathroy Ontario Born 25 Dec 1893 - 22 years old, Strathroy On. Next of kin William Armstrong Strathroy ON, upholster salesman, no previous military experience 5 '7" tall, Fair Complexion with blue eyes and light brown hair. Presbyterian
<b>6 Aug 1916</b>	Makes out will leaving his estate to his mother
<b>21 Aug 1916</b>	To Station Hospital Halifax – pneumonia
<b>28 Aug 1916</b>	Died Station Hospital Halifax
<b>28 Aug 1916</b>	Casualty form – sent off strength deceased Medal card – M & D P& S to Father Wm Armstrong of Strathroy ON Memorial Cross – to mother Mrs. Wm Armstrong Strathroy ON

## Known Documentation

Attestation Paper:

135th O S Battalion, C.E.F.  
**ATTESTATION PAPER.**  
 CANADIAN OVER-SEAS EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.  
 QUESTIONS TO BE PUT BEFORE ATTESTATION.

1. What is your name? *James Harry Armstrong*  
 2. In what Town, Township or Parish, and in what County were you born? *Harwood Middlesex Co Ont*  
 3. What is the name of your next-of-kin? *William Armstrong*  
 4. What is the address of your next-of-kin? *Shelbury Ont*  
 5. What is the date of your birth? *Dec 26 1893*  
 6. What is your Trade or Calling? *Opheletic Locomotion*  
 7. Are you married? *No*  
 8. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated? *No*  
 9. Do you now belong to the Active Militia? *No*  
 10. Have you ever served in any Military Force? *No*  
 11. Do you understand the nature and terms of your engagement? *No*  
 12. Are you willing to be attached to serve in the Canadian Over-Sea Expeditionary Force?  
*James Harry Armstrong (Signature of Man)*  
*C. H. Dwyer Capt. (Signature of Witness)*

**DECLARATION TO BE MADE BY MAN ON ATTESTATION.**  
*James Harry Armstrong*, do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true, and that I am willing to fulfil the engagements by the now made, and I hereby engage and bind to serve in the Canadian Over-Sea Expeditionary Force, and to be attached to any arm of the service therein, for the term of one year, or during the war now existing between Great Britain and Germany should that war last longer than one year, and for six months after the termination of that war provided His Majesty should so long require my services, or until lawfully discharged.  
*James Harry Armstrong (Signature of Recruit)*  
*C. H. Dwyer Capt. (Signature of Witness)*  
 Date *July 28 1916*

**OATH TO BE TAKEN BY MAN ON ATTESTATION.**  
*James Harry Armstrong*, do make Oath, that I will be faithful and bear true Allegiance to His Majesty King George the Fifth, His Heirs and Successors, and that I will as in duty bound honestly and faithfully defend His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, in Person, Crown and Dignity, against all enemies, and will observe and obey all orders of His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, and of all the Generals and Officers of my arm. So help me God.  
*James Harry Armstrong (Signature of Recruit)*  
*C. H. Dwyer Capt. (Signature of Witness)*  
 Date *July 28 1916*

**CERTIFICATE OF MAGISTRATE.**  
 The Recruit above named was confirmed by me so that if he made any false answer to any of the above questions he would be liable to be punished as provided in the Army Act.  
 The above questions were then read to the Recruit in his presence.  
 I have taken care that he understands each question, and that his answer to each question has been duly entered as replied to, and the said Recruit has made and signed the declaration and taken the oath before me, at *Shelbury* this *28* day of *July* 1916.  
*A. R. Dwyer (Signature of Justice)*  
*B. R. Dwyer (Signature of Witness)*  
 I certify that the above is a true copy of the attestation of the above named Recruit.  
*B. R. Dwyer (Signature of Witness)*  
 (Approving Officer)

Description of James Harvey Remington Enlistment.

Age: <u>22</u> years <u>6</u> months. (To be forwarded according to the instructions given in the Regulations for Army Medical Services.)		Distinctive marks, and marks indicating congenital peculiarities or previous diseases. (None) (The Medical Officer has to certify that the recruit has none before, or will, receive the mark, and also refer to any previous service, except a sign to the effect that the instructions of the recruiting officer.)	
Height: <u>5' 7"</u> in. (Girth when fully expanded) <u>37"</u> in. Range of expansion: <u>4"</u> in.	Brown discolouration in apices of both arms		
Complexion: <u>Fair</u> Eyes: <u>Blue</u> Hair: <u>Light Brown</u>			
Country of England Presbyterian Wesleyan Episcopalian-Communicant Other: <u>Episcopalian</u> (Communicant or not as stated) Roman-Catholic Jew			

**CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION.**

I have examined the above-named recruit and find that he does not present any of the causes of rejection specified in the Regulations for Army Medical Services.

He can see at the required distance with either eye; his heart and lungs are healthy; he has the free use of his joints and limbs, and he declares that he is not subject to fits of any description.

I consider him fit for the Canadian Over-Sea Expeditionary Force.

Date: July 25 1916 Chas. Douglas Capt.  
 Place: Donaghue Barr C. S. R. T. & Co.  
 (Signatures "W" or "with") Medical Officer.

Note.—(A) The Medical Officer examines the recruit's teeth, he will fill in the foregoing Certificate only in the case of those who have been examined, and will signify date below the signature:—

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**CERTIFICATE OF OFFICER COMMANDING UNIT.**

James Harvey Remington having been fully approved and inspected by me this day, and his Name, Age, Date of Attestation, and every particular pertaining having been entered, I certify that I am satisfied with the correctness of this Attestation.

B. Peterson Lt. Col. (Signature of Officer)

This: July 29 1916

## Casualty Form:

**FBI in only—Unit, Number, Rank and Name.**  
**Casualty Form—Active Service.**

Unit, Regiment or Corps 135 Ptn  
 Regimental No. 803226 Rank Pte Name Armstrong J. R.  
 Enlisted (at) 28716 Terms of Service (a) Boys Service sections from (a) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of promotion to \_\_\_\_\_ Date of appointment \_\_\_\_\_ Numerical position on \_\_\_\_\_  
 present rank \_\_\_\_\_ to lance rank \_\_\_\_\_ roll of N. C. Co.  
 Extended \_\_\_\_\_ Re-engaged \_\_\_\_\_ Qualification (b) \_\_\_\_\_

Report		Place	Date	Remarks (taken from Army Form 10, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents)
Date	From where received			
<u>1945</u>	<u>Boys Deceased</u>	<u>Califor</u>	<u>288K HQ 649-A-1693</u>	<u>folio H.O.</u>

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## Other Documentation:

<https://recherche-collection-search.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/Home/Record?app=pffww&IdNumber=13055&ecopy=212873a>