

William Frederick Adair



Service Number: 802848

Rank: Private

Branch: 135th Battalion

War: World War 1

Year Served: 1916

Summary: William Frederick Adair listed himself as a farmer and his mother, Mrs M J Adair as next of kin. Fred attested in the 135th Btn on the 31st of January 1916 at Strathroy. He was 17 at the time. He died 21st June 1916 and is buried in Strathroy Cemetery. Curiously his headstone is not located at his gravesite, but at another location in the cemetery. An article in the London Free Press 21 Jun 1916 stated he died at the Carling Heights Camp hospital in London after contracting measles and pneumonia.

Biography

Name: William Frederick Adair

Birth Date: August 9, 1898

Relatives: Mother - Mary Jane Adair

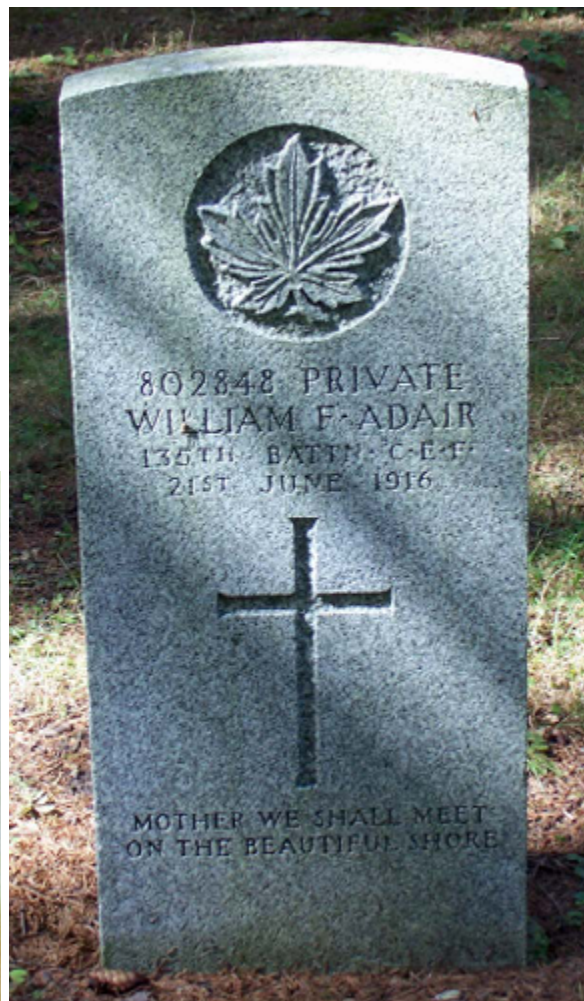
Address: Strathroy, ON

Attestation Date: January 31, 1916

Death Date: June 21, 1916

Burial Date: Strathroy Cemetery

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Service Record

| <i>Date</i> | <i>Particulars</i> |
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| 31 Jan 1916 | Attested at Strathroy in 135 th Btn Residence Strathroy ON, Born 9 Aug 1898, farmer, No previous military experience, medical clear, Next of kin Mrs. M J Adair of Strathroy |
| 4 May 1916 | Assigns \$10.00 per month of his pay to his widowed mother |
| 21 June 1916 | Died at London Ontario of pneumonia and Empyema right side |
| 22 Jun 1916 | Proceedings on Death – 17 years 5 mos, of age Dark complexion brown eyes, brown hair Farmer from Strathroy ON |
| 22 Jun 1916 | Casualty form - Died at Military hospital London ON 21 June 1916 |

Known Documentation

Attestation Paper:

ATTESTATION PAPER.

DUPLICATE

No. 807848

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CANADIAN OVER-SEAS EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.

QUESTIONS TO BE ANSWERED BEFORE ATTESTATION.

1. What is your surname? *Adair*
- 2a. What are your Christian names? *William Frederick*
- 1b. What is your present address? *Sandwich, Ont.*
3. In what Town, Township or Parish, and in what Country were you born? *Adelaide, P.E.I. Can.*
4. What is the name of your next-of-kin? *Mrs. H. J. Adair*
- 4a. What is the address of your next-of-kin? *Sandwich, Ont.*
5. What is the date of your birth? *9th Aug. 1898.*
6. What is your Trade or Calling? *Tramway*
7. Are you married? *No.*
8. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated and inoculated? *Yes*
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? *Yes*
12. Are you willing to be attested to serve in the CANADIAN OVER-SEAS EXPEDITIONARY FORCE? *Yes*

DECLARATION TO BE MADE BY MAN ON ATTESTATION.

I, *Wm. Frederick Adair*, do solemnly declare that the above are answers made by me to the above questions and that they are true, and that I am willing to fulfil the engagements by me now made, and I hereby engage and agree to serve in the Canadian Over-Sea Expeditionary Force, and to be attached to any unit 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 legally discharged.

Date *31 January 1916* *Wm. Frederick Adair* (Signature of Recruit)
H. J. Adair (Signature of Witness)

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY MAN ON ATTESTATION.

I, *Wm. Frederick Adair*, 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 set over me. So help me God.

Date *31 January 1916* *Wm. Frederick Adair* (Signature of Recruit)
H. J. Adair (Signature of Witness)

CERTIFICATE OF MAGISTRATE.

The Recruit above-named was questioned by me 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 my 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 *Sandwich, P.E.I.* day of *January* 1916.

H. J. Adair (Signature of Justice)

Description of William Frederick Adams on Enlistment.

Age 27 years 8 months
 Date of enlistment Jan 21 1916 at St. John's
 Address for service St. John's

Height 5 ft 6 in
 Weight 155 lbs
 Complexion dark
 Eyes blue
 Hair brun

Character of Physical
 Fractures X
 Mutilations
 Diseases Chronic
 Accidents
 Other (describe and explain)

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 has no eye or ear defects; his hearing and vision are healthy; he has the use of his joints and limbs, and he declares that he is not subject to any of the following:

I certify that Adams is fit for the Canadian Overseas Expeditionary Force.

Date Jan 21 1916 Place St. John's

R. B. Brown
 Medical Officer

CERTIFICATE OF OFFICER COMMANDING UNIT.

William Frederick Adams having been fully approved and accepted by me this day, and his Name, Age, Date of Enlistment, and every particular pertaining to him recorded, I certify that I am satisfied with the correctness of this Attestation.

R. B. Brown
 (Signature of Officer)

Date Jan 21 1916

Casualty Form:

