

# ATKINSON, JOHN LEONARD

## EARLY LIFE

May 7, 1896

Born in Nobleton, Ontario to Solomon George and Isabella Catherine (Sheardown) Atkinson.

1901 Census

Age 5

Lived in King, Ontario with Solomon Atkinson (head of house – father, age 42), also Isabella Atkinson (mother, age 38), Lillian (sister, age 15), Ethel Atkinson (sister, age 13), Eri Atkinson (brother, age 11), Annie Atkinson (sister, age 8), Laretta Atkinson (sister, age 7) and Wesley Atkinson (brother, age 2).

## MILITARY SERVICE

Mar 26, 1916

Attested into the 70<sup>th</sup> Battery, Canadian Over-Seas Expeditionary Force

Attestation  
Paper

- **Number:** 341199
- **Present address:** Schomberg, Ontario
- **Next of kin given:** Catherine Atkinson of R.R. #2. Schomberg, Ontario
- **Trade or Calling:** Farmer
- **Married:** No
- **Previous Military Experience:** No
- **Religion:** Methodist
- **Physical attributes:**
  - **Age:** 20 years, 10 months
  - **Height:** 5'8  $\frac{3}{4}$ ''
  - **Complexion:** Fair
  - **Eyes:** Right eye hazel, left eye grey
  - **Hair:** Fair
  - **Distinctive marks:** scar right shin, scar left shoulder, both eyes D20, hearing normal, large turbinate, throat is okay

Aug 14, 1919

Age 23

General John Leonard Atkinson was discharged because he was seen as medically unfit as a result of his pleurisy and influenza which had caused the partial loss of function of his right lung (which had collapsed). At the time of he was discharged, had a tattoo on his right forearm of an artillery badge. He was in the service for 2 years, 4 months and 5 days.

## AFTER THE WAR

Feb 28, 1922

Age 25

John Leonard Atkinson married Hazel Lucille Armstrong of Mono Township, Ontario, daughter of John William and Elizabeth Murphy Armstrong. At the time of the wedding, John Atkinson worked as a farmer. Together, they had seven children: Phyllis, Wesley, Evelyn, Harvey, Violet, Risdon and Roy Atkinson.

Mar 30, 1956

Age 59

John Leonard Atkinson died at his home in King Township, Ontario. He is buried in the Laurel Hill Cemetery in Bolton, Ontario.

MENTIONED IN NOBLETON TWEEDSMUIR HISTORY

*Women's Institute - Nobleton: Book 2 - War Records*

WARS.



WORLD WAR I  
1914--1918.



In World War I, there was one girl from the Nobleton district who went Overseas, Mary Agar. She spent three years in the Hospitals there. Two of the boys from this district were killed in action, Mathew Agar, and William Chamberlain. The boys who went Overseas from these parts were the following: Mathew Agar; Leonard Atkinson; Walter McCutcheon; Reuben Dobson; Albert Snider; Albert Hill; Lyle Stewart; Wesley Woods; Hugh Sheardown; William Chamberlain; Chris. Chamberlain; Loftus Jewitt; Fred Chapman; and Frank Chapman.

On the return of these boys, a celebration was held in Nobleton. During the day, a Field Day was held at Hills Farm with many in attendance. In the evening a banquet was held for Mary Agar and the returned boys and their parents in the Hall. Also in the evening, a concert was held in the old Skating Rink and watches were presented to the returned folks. Mr. Walter McCutcheon was spokesman for the boys.

Notes by  
Mr. Frank Chapman.

**Women's Institute – Nobleton Book 3: Atkinson Family**

John Leonard, better known as Leonard, was born May 7, 1896 in King Township and in 1914 he joined the armed services serving until 1918 with the Artillery in France where he suffered the loss of a lung. In 1922 he married Hazel Armstrong of Mono Township near Rosemont. They moved to Simcoe County for two years, then back to King Township lot 17, con. 11, then in 1944 lot 17, con. 10. He carried on mixed farming until his death in 1956. Hazel passed away September 1971. They had seven children; Phyllis, Wesley, Evelyn, Harvey, Violet, Risdon and Roy.

**Women's Institute – Nobleton Book 5: Tenth Line School**



TENTH LINE SCHOOL CLASS 1909

First row --Daisy Jewitt, Russell Chamberlain, Annie Cairns (teacher) Macel Drummond  
Second row--Henry Thompson, Walter Cherry, Wes Atkinson, Bill Cherry, Lyman Davis, Cecil Atkinson, Stokes Chamberlain, Sam Davis.  
Third row ---Ettie Atkinson, Lizzie Drummond, Stewart McCutcheon, Lulu Wallace, Erie Kaake, Andrew Kaake, Leonard Atkinson, Loftis Jewitt.  
Fourth row--Gladys Jewitt, Bill Davis, Annie Thompson, Mary Wilkie, Reub Chamberlain, Nort Wilkie, Lennox Cherry, Bill Thompson, Delbert Hawman.

IN THE NEWS

**Obituary**

The Toronto Star

Saturday, March 31, 1956 pg. 31

**ATKINSON, John Leonard**—On Friday, March 30, 1956, at his home, lot 17, 10th line, King-township, John Leonard Atkinson in his 60th year, beloved husband of Hazel Armstrong, and dear father of Phyllis (Mrs. Joe Kerr), Evelyn (Mrs. John Byrne), and Harvey of Bolton, Violet (Mrs. Gordon Troyer), Woodbridge, Risdon and Roy at home, and Wesley, deceased. Resting at his late home for funeral services in the home on Monday, April 2, at 2 o'clock. Interment Laurel Hill cemetery, Bolton.