

BOVAIR, ARTHUR

EARLY LIFE

Jun 15, 1896

Born in Eversley, Ontario to Thomas Peter and Elizabeth (Scott) Bovair. He was the younger brother of **Thomas Henry Bovair**.

1901 Census

Age 4

At the age 4, Arthur Bovair lived in King, Ontario with Thomas Bovair (head of house – father, age 38), Eliza Bovair (mother, age 42), Emma Bovair (sister, age 13), Thomas Bovair (brother, age 11), John Bovair (brother, age 8), Elsie Bovair (sister, age 6) and Jessie Bovair (sister, age 2).

1911 Census

Age 14

Arthur Bovair lived in King, Ontario with Thomas Bovair who was the head of house (father, age 48), Eliza Bovair (mother, age 52), Harry Bovair (brother, age 21), Scott Bovair (brother, age 18), Elsie Bovair (sister, age 16), and Jessie Bovair (sister, age 12).

MILITARY SERVICE

Oct 12, 1917

Drafted under the Military Service Act, 1917 into 1st Depot Battalion, 1st Central Ontario Regiment

**Attestation
Paper**

- **Number:** 3039121
- **Present address:** Eversley, Ontario
- **Next of kin given:** Mrs. Elizabeth Bovair (Mother) at R.R. #3 King, Ontario
- **Trade or Calling:** Farmer
- **Married:** No
- **Previous Military Experience:** No
- **Religion:** Presbyterian
- **Physical attributes:**
 - **Age:** 21 years
 - **Height:** 5'7 ½"
 - **Complexion:** Medium
 - **Eyes:** Blue
 - **Hair:** Fair
 - **Distinctive marks:** 1 vaccination, left arm

Aug 31, 1919

Age 23

Private Arthur Bovair was discharged because of demobilization.

AFTER THE WAR

Nov 25, 1920

Age 24

Arthur Bovair (age 24) married Florence Corene Cairns (age 25) of King, Ontario, daughter of William and Catherine (Shanks) Cairns. At the time of the marriage, the couple both worked as farmers.

1921 Census

Age 25

Lived in King, Ontario with Thomas Bovair (head of house – father, age 58), Eliza Bovair (mother, age 62), Harry Bovair (brother, age 31), Jessie Bovair (sister, age 22), Florence Bovair (wife, age 26), Jean Cairns (age 27), Murray Sider (labourer, age 17), Thomas O’Dell (labourer, age 43), Alexander Rennie (painter, age 55), John McCathy (labourer, age 48), William Boyd (labourer, age 20), W.E. Lollier (labourer, age 51), Joseph Ferguson (labourer, age 38), William Vernon (labourer, age 24), E.W. Shuter (labourer, age 42) and Thomas Steele (engineer, age 31).

1940 Voter List

Age 44

Lived in King, Ontario at R.R. 3, along with his wife Florence.

Nov 12, 1976

Age 80

Arthur died in Aurora, Ontario.

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Honour Roll 1914-1918

REMINISCENCES OF EVERSLEY, ONTARIO, King Township
by Alice A. Ferguson (1950)

On the walls of St Andrews Presbyterian Church at Eversley hang two Honour Rolls of the boys who took part in both Wars.. How well I remember we would meet every week to fill boxes of food and things for these boys, sew them up in cotton and send them off. Rev Robert Brydon was minister at this time with dear old Dr. Carmichael assisting. He had retired after 50 years of service to the Tawse Manse House next to the Church. For 50 years he had lived at Strange, in the house that the congregation had built for him when he came to St Andrews Church in 1860 as the assisting minister to Rev John Tawse whose health was failing.

The Sunday School was flourishing and the Young People's Society and the Church Services were well attended every Sunday. All members of the families would attend divine worship, sometimes two pews were allotted to one family.

1914-1918 Roll of Honour

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| Pte Harper F. Wells | Pte Henry S Ferguson |
| Pte Alex McDonald | Pte Fred Hope |
| Lieu Jas. T Jenkins | Pte Leonard Ferguson |
| Pte Melville Mitchell | Pte Leslie Hope |
| Corp T Harry Bovair | Pte Harvey Gellatly |
| Pte Septimus Ball | Pte J. Pearson Wells |
| Pte Norman Lloyd | Pte Cecil L. Wells |
| Pte Roger Gellatly | Pte Lorne Mitchell |
| Lieu Walter S Jenkins | Pte Arwood Cairns |
| Lieu Roy Wells | Pte Lindsey Ferguson |
| Pte Wm Cairns | Pte Arthur Bovair |
| Pte Alfred Hurst | |

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The farm was sold to Mr. Peter Bovair who married Eliza Scott. Their youngest son, Arthur, lives there now with his wife, a son Ross and his wife, while the second son Scott owned and worked the farm which backs to it, facing the second.