

# CAMPBELL, HAROLD JEROME



King Library

Harold on the left with Earl Campbell

## EARLY LIFE

**Feb 19, 1893**

Born in King, Ontario to Jacob Jerome and Martha (McMurchy) Campbell. He was the older brother of **Norman Earl Campbell** and **Archibald Albert Campbell**.

**1901 Census**

Age 8

Lived in King, Ontario with Jerome Campbell (head of house – father, age 45), Martha Campbell (mother, age 42), Colin Campbell (brother, age 24), Ruth Campbell (sister, age 22), Mary Campbell (sister, age 20), Muriel Campbell (sister, age 16), Martha Campbell (sister, age 15), Norman Campbell (brother, age 6), Archibald Campbell (brother, age 4) and Mary Campbell (sister, age 1).

**1911 Census**

Age 18

Lived in King, Ontario with Jerome Campbell (head of house – father, age 55), Martha Campbell (sister, age 24), Norman Campbell (brother, age 16), Archibald Campbell (brother, age 14), Mary Campbell (sister, age 10) and Flossie Campbell (sister, age 8).

## MILITARY SERVICE

**May 22, 1915**

Attested to the 14<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Canadian Over-seas Expeditionary Force

**Attestation  
Paper**

- **Number:** 404292
- **Next of kin given:** Mrs. J. Tantard of 284 Keewatin Avenue, Toronto, Ontario
- **Trade or Calling:** Jewellery Salesman
- **Married:** No
- **Previous Military Experience:** No
- **Religion:** Presbyterian
- **Physical attributes:**
  - **Age:** 22 years, 2 months
  - **Height:** 5'4 ½"
  - **Complexion:** Dark
  - **Eyes:** Blue
  - **Hair:** Black
  - **Distinctive marks:** Large scar on right leg

**Oct 30, 1915**

Age 22

Private Harold Campbell was hit by shrapnel in the right thigh.

**Mar 13, 1916**

Age 23

He was admitted for shellshock at the Canadian Convalescent Hospital at Ramsgate.

**Dec 6, 1916**

Age 23

Private Harold Campbell was discharged as he was no longer physically fit for war service. He continually struggled with shellshock and as a result he was always very nervous and had a hearing defect. When Private Harold Campbell was discharged he was missing 7 teeth. He took up a job as a salesman for Maclean's magazine following his return.

**AFTER THE WAR**

**Jun 30, 1918**

Age 25

Married Katy Irene Miller (age 19), daughter of John and Harriette Ann (Rumley) Miller of Meaford, Ontario. Together they had 5 children: Jean, Eleanor, Marlanne, Catherine and Roger Campbell.

**May 10, 1971**

Age 78

Harold died in Toronto, Ontario. He is buried in the King City Cemetery in King City, Ontario.

**MENTIONED IN THE EARL CAMPBELL STORY**

***Early Life***



Brothers Harold and Earl

Earl was not the only Campbell son to fight in the Great War.

On May 22, 1915 Earl's older brother [Harold](#), born February 19, 1893, joined the [Royal Canadian Dragoons](#) of Toronto at the age of 17. Although Harold was too short to be a "regular" he would be allowed to stay if he played the bugle. Undaunted, he said he could. In May of 1915 Harold enlisted in the [Van Doo's](#) and was sent overseas. He saw action in Belgium and sustained head and leg wounds from shrapnel and was sent back to Canada.

After his discharge, Harold took a job as a salesman for Maclean's magazine. He married Katie Irene Miller.

**MENTIONED IN EARL CAMPBELL'S LETTERS HOME**

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IN THE NEWS

Obituary

The Toronto Star

Wednesday, May 12, 1971 pg. 49

**CAMPBELL, Harold Jerome** (Member Branch 11 R.C.L.)--On Monday May 10 1971, Harold J. Campbell in his 79th year, beloved husband of Katy Miller, dear father of Jean (Mrs. J. Bates), Eleanor, Marlane (Mrs. P. LeBlanc) Catherine (Mrs. C. Shells) and Roger, dear brother of Archibald, Miss Merelda of King City and Floss (Mrs. H. Gould) of Schomberg and the late Earl Campbell, and Mrs. Pauline McLean, also loved by several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Resting at the Giffen-Mack Chapel, 2570 Danforth Ave. at Main St. after 6 p.m. Tuesday. Service Thursday 11 a.m. Interment King City Cemetery. Meaford papers please copy.