

GRAY, WILLIAM WALKER

EARLY LIFE

Jan 21, 1898

Born in Vaughan, Ontario to Alexander and Ellen (Sinclair) Gray.

1901 Census

Age 3

Lived in King, Ontario with Alexander Grey (head of house – father, age 49), Ellen Grey (mother, age 50), Christina Gray (sister, age 21), George Gray (brother, age 20) and Catherine Gray (sister, age 14).

Jul 24, 1918

**Attestation
Paper**

Attested to the 93rd Royal Canadian Dragoons, Canadian Expeditionary Force

- **Number:** 550861
- **Present address:** King, Ontario
- **Next of kin given:** Alex Gray (Father) in King, Ontario
- **Trade or calling:** Travelling Salesman
- **Married:** No
- **Previous military experience:** Yes – R.C.D. (Royal Canadian Dragoons) for 3 months
- **Religion:** Presbyterian
- **Physical attributes:**
 - **Age:** 20 years, 6 months
 - **Height:** 5'9 ½"
 - **Complexion:** Medium
 - **Eyes:** Blue
 - **Hair:** Brown
 - **Distinctive marks:** Scar on left leg, left varicocele deflective septum, each eye D20

Aug 16, 1918

Age 20

Arrived in Liverpool, England.

Mar 25, 1919

Age 21

Private William Gray was discharged because he was deemed medically unfit. He was diagnosed with albuminuria, where he had an impaired function of the urinary system.

AFTER THE WAR

Feb 21, 1921

Age 23

At age 23, William Gray married Helen Lucy Beatrice Cole (age 21), daughter of Wellington and Elizabeth May (O'Brien) Cole of Toronto, Ontario. They were married in Toronto, Ontario.

Dec 24, 1963

Age 65

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

MENTIONED IN EARL CAMPBELL'S LETTERS HOME

Letters Home: Messages from the Trenches

May 30, 1918 pg. 5

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IN THE NEWS

Wedding Announcement

The Toronto Star

Monday, February 21, 1921 pg. 8

GRAY—COLE.

At one o'clock to-day, St. Mark's Church, Cowan avenue, was the scene of the marriage of Miss Helen Beatrice Cole, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Cole, to Mr. W. W. Gray, of Laskey, Ont., the Rev. Mr. White officiating. The bride, who was escorted by her father, wore a gown of white barriennette satin, with overdress of flowered crepe de chine and white picture hat, and she carried a bridal bouquet of flowers. Miss Fern Hyndem attended as maid of honor, in apricot satin, with picture hat and bouquet of roses. Mr. Strachan Symington was best man, and the ushers were: Mr. James Gill, cousin of the bride, and Mr. Colin Gray, brother of the groom. Mr. and Mrs. Cole held a reception after the ceremony at their home, 101 O'Hara avenue, the latter wearing gold cloth and black charmeuse, a small black hat and corsage bouquet of violets, centred with a rose. Mr. and Mrs. Gray left later for a short wedding trip west, the bride going away in a fawn suit embroidered in black, a fawn hat with feathers, and otter furs.

Obituary

The Toronto Star

Thursday, December 26, 1963 pg. 36

GRAY, William W.—Passed away suddenly, Tuesday, Dec. 24, 1963. William W. Gray, 15 Bridesburg Dr., Rexdale, former salesman with Duke Bros., dear father of Malcolm, brother of Harriett Walker of Maple, and Catherine Boyd, Hamilton; grandfather of Marilyn, Karen and Bill Gray. Member of King City Masonic Lodge. Retting at Flynn's Funeral Residence, 1273 Weston Rd., Mount Dennis. Funeral Friday at 1 p.m. Interment King City Cemetery.