

# PROCTOR, GERSHOM CLEAVER

## EARLY LIFE

**Jan 23, 1892**

Born in Kettleby, Ontario to Wakefield Gershom and Minerva "Minnie" (Stokes) Proctor. He was the younger brother of **Howard Percival Proctor**.

**1901 Census**

Age 9

Lived in King Township, Ontario with Wakefield Proctor (head of house – father, age 46), Minnie Proctor (mother, age 42), Howard Proctor (brother, age 11) and Mary Stokes (maternal grandmother, age 67).

**1911 Census**

Age 19

Lived on Park Avenue in Newmarket, Ontario with Wakefield Proctor (head of house – father, age 56), Minnie Proctor (mother, age 52), Howard Proctor (brother, age 21), William Proctor (brother, age 9) and Frank Paxton (boarder, age 18).

## MILITARY SERVICE

**Jul 26, 1915**

Attested to the 74<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Canadian Over-seas Expeditionary Force

**Attestation  
Paper**

- **Number:** 135939
- **Present address:** Newmarket, Ontario
- **Next of kin given:** Minerva Proctor (Mother) in Newmarket, Ontario
- **Trade or calling:** Clerk
- **Married:** No
- **Previous military experience:** No
- **Religion:** Baptist
- **Physical attributes:**
  - **Age:** 23 years, 6 months
  - **Height:** 5'10"
  - **Complexion:** Fair
  - **Eyes:** Hazel
  - **Hair:** Brown

## AFTER THE WAR

**Dec 24, 1923**

Age 31

Married Eunice Emily Webb (age 22), daughter of John and Margaret (McQuillan) Webb. At the time of their wedding, Gershom worked as a salesman.

**May 18, 1957**

Age 65

Gershom died in Kettleby, Ontario. He is buried at Kettleby Cemetery in Kettleby, Ontario.

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*Women's Institute – Kettleby: Miscellaneous pg. 5*



**KETTLEBY BOYS PLAYING HOCKEY BACK OF THE STORE:** - Ira Clubine, William Proctor, Harvey Burling, Howard Proctor, Charles Davis, Fred Stephenson, George Stephenson, James Murray, Edward West, Marten Robinson, Thos. Burling, Rankin Hughey, James Ree, Wm. Ramsden, Fred Chappell, Pres. Dutcher, Townley Watson, Frank Paxton, Gerschom Proctor, Harold Murray, Lorne Stephenson and Lorne Bogart.

**IN THE NEWS**

**Soldiers' Banquet**

The Newmarket Era

Friday, April 25, 1919 pg. 7

The following soldiers were called to their feet and nearly all referred with gratitude to the ladies for the parcels which they received after which several gave incidents of interest in military life: Roland McGonigle, Harold McGonigle, Wm. Dixon, Carl Brodie, Sgt. Major Jewitt, Teddy Vale, Harvey McCordick, Pearson Hill, Wm. Robinson, Sgt. Woodhead, Wm. Andrews, Geo. West, Gerschom Proctor, Pte. Craddock, (Sr.) R. P. McTavish, Jack Gadsby, A. W. Johnson and Harry Kaiser.

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GUILD LIST OF BOYS OVERSEAS FROM KETTLEBY AREA.

Edward S. Williams ..Wounded.	S. Brown.....Killed.
S. J. Archibald.	G. Proctor.
W. M. Watson.....Wounded.	H. Proctor.
E. J. Watson.....Killed.	J. T. Jenkins.
L. Robb. ✓	Geo. Howitt.
Carl Grainger.	Harry Mount. ✓
L. Waldock. ✓	James Allen.
A. Burdette.	Geo. Jefferson.
D. Powell.	C. McKinley.
Rev. J. E. Gibson.	A. McKinley.
G. Anning.	Harold Cook.
A. Holmes.....Prisoner.	W. Woods.
Folten Fox.	E. Hutchins.
M. L. C. Mitchell.	