

# RIDDELL, WILLIAM ANDREW

## EARLY LIFE

Jan 26, 1889

Born in York County, Ontario to Robert and Eliza (Kerr) Riddell.

1891 Census

Age 2

Lived in Vaughan, Ontario with Robert Riddell (head of house – father, age 39), Eliza Riddell (mother, age 32), Isaac Riddell (brother, age 10), John Riddell (brother, age 8), Maggie Riddell (sister, age 7), Elizabeth Riddell (sister, age 5), Lulu Riddell (sister, 1 month), Isaac Riddell (paternal grandfather, age 79) and James Brown (boarder, age 21).

## MILITARY SERVICE

Jan 28, 1916

Attested to 47<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Canadian Over-seas Expeditionary Force

Attestation  
Paper

- **Number:** 316968
- **Present address:** 117 Galley Avenue, Toronto, Ontario
- **Next of kin given:** Eliza Riddell
- **Trade or calling:** Clerk
- **Married:** No
- **Previous military experience:** No
- **Religion:** Baptist
- **Physical attributes:**
  - **Age:** 27 years
  - **Height:** 6'1"
  - **Complexion:** Fresh
  - **Eyes:** Blue
  - **Hair:** Brown
  - **Distinctive marks:** Scar left side throat, three birthmarks on back

## AFTER THE WAR

Mar 4, 1927

Married Geraldine Smith (age 24), daughter of Francis and Mary Ann (Savage) Smith of Quebec.

Age 38

Jan 15, 1973

Passed away, he was buried at Winham Cemetery in Winham, Ontario. His wife, Geraldine predeceased in 1970. They never had any children. William Riddell worked in the United States and returned to Canada upon his retirement.

Age 83

## MENTIONED IN EARL CAMPBELL'S LETTERS HOME

*Letters Home: Messages from the Trenches*

Mar 13, 1919

Apr 3, 1919

IN THE NEWS

Obituary

The Globe and Mail

Tuesday, Jan 16, 1973 pg. 44

**RIDDELL, William Andrew**

Passed away on Monday, January 15, 1973, William Andrew Riddell, (retired from United States Fidelity and Guarantee and formerly of Wingham), beloved husband of the late Geraldine Lillian Smith, loved brother of Mrs. Margaret M. Wait, and Mrs. Harry Ford (Lulu). Resting at the Turner and Porter Yorke Chapel, 2357 Bloor St. West, at Windermere, near Jane subway, from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Tuesday. Complete Funeral Service in the Chapel 11 o'clock Wednesday morning.