

SHANKS, THOMAS HENRY

EARLY LIFE

Jun 6, 1894

Born in Kettleby, Ontario to Albert and Rebecca Lea (Somerville) Shanks. He was the older brother of Telfer Sterling Shanks.

1901 Census

Age 6

Lived in King Township, Ontario with Albert Shanks (head of house – father, age 36), Rebecca Shanks (mother, age 36), James Shanks (brother, age 10), Telfer Shanks (brother, age 4) and Orville Shanks (brother, age 2).

1911 Census

Age 16

Lived in Whitchurch, Ontario with Albert Shanks (head of house – father, age 46), Rebecca Shanks (mother, age 45), James Shanks (brother, age 10), Telfer Shanks (brother, age 14), Orville Shanks (brother, age 12), Elma Shanks (sister, age 9) and Albert Shanks (brother, age 5).

MILITARY SERVICE

Feb 20, 1918

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

**Attestation
Paper**

- **Number:** 3033859
- **Present address:** Kettleby, Ontario
- **Next of kin given:** Rebecca Shanks (Mother) in Kettleby, Ontario
- **Trade or calling:** Farmer
- **Married:** No
- **Previous military experience:** No
- **Religion:** Methodist
- **Physical attributes:**
 - **Age:** 23 years, 6 months
 - **Height:** 6'3"
 - **Complexion:** Medium
 - **Eyes:** Grey
 - **Hair:** Brown

AFTER THE WAR

Feb 16, 1921

Married Alita Maud Cook (age 27), daughter of Robert S. and Anna Louise (Clarkson) Cook of King Township, Ontario.

Age 26

1921 Census

Age 27

Lived in King Township, Ontario with Robert Cook (head of house – father-in-law, age 56), Anna Cook (mother-in-law, age 57), Ward Cook (brother-in-law, age 22), Alita Shanks (wife, age 26) and Marguerite McLennon (boarder, age 22).

Jul 12, 1977

Thomas died at York County Hospital. He is buried at Kettleby Cemetery in Kettleby, Ontario.

Age 83

IN THE NEWS

Obituary

Tuesday, July 12, 1977 pg. B6

SHANKS, Thomas Henry (Harry)—At York County Hospital, Newmarket, on Tuesday, July 12, 1977, Harry Shanks, of Pottageville, husband of the late Aleta Maud Cook, dear brother of Albert Shanks of Aurora. Friends may call at the Thompson Funeral Home, 29 Victoria St., Aurora. Service in the chapel on Thursday, July 14 at 1:30 p.m. Interment Kettleby Cemetery.

PHOTOS

The Shanks Brothers

Left to Right: Thomas (sitting in chair), James (standing), Telfer (centre) and Orville (chair).



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