# WATSON, WILLIAM MAURICE

# **EARLY LIFE**

Nov 9, 1890

Born in Kettleby, Ontario to Thomas Levi and Louisa (Foster) Watson. He was the older brother of *Ernest Townley Watson*.

1901 Census

Age 10

Lived in King, Ontario with Thomas Watson (head of house – father, age 36), Louisa Watson (mother, age 35), Ernest Watson (brother, age 9) and Olive Watson (sister, age 7).

# **MILITARY SERVICE**

Attestation Paper His attestation paper is not available.

Jan 1916

Age 25

Arrived home after having been gassed in St. Julien.

AFTER THE WAR

Married Jessie Hamilton Miles (age 27), daughter of Arthur Miles of Collingwood, Ontario. They had 4 children together: John, Elizabeth, William and Joan Watson.

William Maurice Watson died in Owen Sound, Ontario. He is buried in Greenwood Cemetery in Owen Sound, Ontario.

Sep 3, 1919

Age 28

Dec 27, 1968

Age 78

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# GUILD LIST OF BOYS OVERSEAS FROM KETTLEBY AREA.

S.Brown....Killed.
G.Proctor.
H.Proctor.
J.T.Jenkins.
Geo.Howitt.
Harry Mount.
James Allen.
Geo.Jefferson.
C.McKinley.
A.McKinley.
Harold Cook.
W.Woods.
E.Hutchins.

# IN THE NEWS

#### **Arrives Home**

The Globe and Mail

Tuesday, January 4, 1916 pg. 7

#### KETTLEBY SOLDIER HOME.

Aurora, Jan. 3.—(Special.) — Pte Maurice Watson, who was gassed at St. Julien, reached here to-day and was given a warm welcome by Mayor Baldwin, J. M. Walton and the overseas men of the 12th York Rangers with drum and bugle band. A procession was formed, the school children taking part. Ptc. Watson, whi is a son of Levi T. Watson of Kettleby, was later escorted home, where he was met by a party of farmers sons on horseback.

# **Marriage Announcement**

The Toronto Star

Saturday, September 6, 1919 pg. 12

#### WATSON-MILES.

The Church of the Redeemer, Teusday, was the scene of the marriage of Miss Jessie Hamilton Miles, daughter of the late Rev. Arthur Chipman Miles and Miles, St. Mary's street, to Mr. William Maurice Watson, both bride and groom being on the staff of the Bank of Commerce. The Rev. C. J. James took the service in the presence of the immediate friends and relatives. The bride, who was unattended was given away by her brother, Mr. Arthur Miles. She was wearing a navy blue suit with blue silk scarf, and blue hat of hatters plush with jet buckle and she carried sweet peas. Mr. Barnum was best man and after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Watson left for Muskoka. On their return they will reside at 62 St. Marys street. Among the gifts were a club bag and purse of gold from the staff of the Bank of Commerce.

#### **Obituary**

The Toronto Star

Saturday, December 28, 1968 pg. 33

WATSON, William Maurice—On December 26, 1968, after a lengthy iliness, in his 79th year. William Maurice Watson, beloved husband of the late Jessie Hamilton; dear father of John, Elizabeth (Mrs. W. Parrott), William and Joan (Mrs. F. Yule); also survived by thirteen grandchildren. Resting in St. Paul's Anglican Church, Lorne Park, from 1 o'clock Saturday until time of service, 3 p.m. Cremation. In Ileu of flowers, donations may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society.