



# WILLIS, GARNET

## EARLY LIFE

**Aug 25, 1895**

Born in King Township, Ontario to Joseph and Margaret Willis.

**1901 Census**

Age 5

Lived in Whitchurch, Ontario with Charles Richardson (head of house – uncle, age 54), Sarah Richardson (aunt, age 55), Elmer Richardson (cousin, age 21), Austin Richardson (cousin, age 18), Dalton Richardson (cousin, age 14).

**Dec 20, 1915**

**Attestation  
Paper**

Attested to 127<sup>th</sup> York Rangers, Canadian Over-seas Expeditionary Force

## MILITARY SERVICE

- **Number:** 778092
- **Present address:** Aurora, Ontario
- **Next of kin given:** Mrs. Sarah Richardson (Aunt) in Aurora, Ontario
- **Trade or calling:** Tanner
- **Married:** No
- **Previous military experience:** Yes – 12<sup>th</sup> Regiment York Rangers
- **Religion:** Methodist
- **Physical attributes:**
  - **Age:** 20 years, 4 months
  - **Height:** 5'2 ½"
  - **Complexion:** Ruddy
  - **Eyes:** Blue
  - **Hair:** Brown

## AFTER THE WAR

**Jun 18, 1919**

Age 23

Married Ethel Madill (age 22), daughter of Ebenezer and Martha (Campbell) Madill of Whitchurch, Ontario.

**Dec 27, 1920**

Age 25

Sapper Garnet Willis died in Aurora, Ontario. He died of lymphatic leukaemia. He is buried in **Aurora Cemetery** in Aurora, Ontario with military honours.

## IN THE NEWS

### **Garnet Willis Honoured**

The Toronto Star

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#### **Aurora Veteran Honored.**

Aurora, Dec. 29.—Garnet Willis, the young farmer who died here on Monday, was buried to-day with military honors. He was borne to the grave by comrades in the 127th York County Battalion.