

WOOD, HERBERT WESLEY

EARLY LIFE

Oct 4, 1895

Born in Schomberg, Ontario to Alfred and Angelina (Copperthorn) Wood.

1901 Census

Age 5

Lived in King, Ontario with Alfred Wood (head of house – father, age 40), Angelina Wood (mother, age 35), Herald Wood (brother, age 6), Jennie Wood (sister, age 2), Mary Ann Wood (paternal grandmother, age 82) and Jennie Wood (paternal aunt, age 36).

MILITARY SERVICE

Oct 18, 1917

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

**Attestation
Paper**

- **Number:** 3038473
- **Present address:** R.R. #1 Schomberg, Ontario
- **Next of kin given:** Mrs. Angelina Wood (Mother) in Schomberg, Ontario
- **Trade or calling:** Farmer
- **Married:** No
- **Previous military experience:** No
- **Religion:** Methodist
- **Physical attributes:**
 - **Age:** 22 years, 7 months
 - **Height:** 5'5 $\frac{3}{4}$ "
 - **Complexion:** Fair
 - **Eyes:** Blue
 - **Hair:** Light
 - **Distinctive marks:** Scar left shoulder, scar right kneecap, small scar between knuckle of 3rd and 4th finger on left hand.

AFTER THE WAR

1921 Census

Age 24

Lived in King Township, Ontario with Alfred Wood (head of house – father, age 60), Angelina Wood (mother, age 53), Wesley Wood (brother, age 26), Jennie Wood (sister, age 22), Iva Wood (sister, age 16), William Wood (paternal uncle, age 65).

Date Unknown

Married Alberta Adeline Burns, daughter of George and Ada Burns of Albion, Ontario.

Mar 20, 1948

Age 52

Herbert was killed when a ton of frozen corn became dislodged from the silo wall and crushed him to death. He was buried in the Schomberg Union Cemetery in Schomberg, Ontario.

MENTIONED IN NOBLETON TWEEDSMUIR HISTORY

Women's Institute - Nobleton: Book 2 - War Records

WARS.

WORLD WAR I
1914--1918.



In World War I, there was one girl from the Nobleton district who went Overseas, Mary Agar. She spent three years in the Hospitals there. Two of the boys from this district were killed in action, Mathew Agar, and William Chamberlain. The boys who went Overseas from these parts were the following: Mathew Agar; Leonard Atkinson; Walter McCutcheon; Reuben Dobson; Albert Snider; Albert Hill; Lyle Stewart; Wesley Woods; Hugh Sheardown; William Chamberlain; Chris. Chamberlain; Loftus Jewitt; Fred Chapman; and Frank Chapman.

On the return of these boys, a celebration was held in Nobleton. During the day, a Field Day was held at Hills Farm with many in attendance. In the evening a banquet was held for Mary Agar and the returned boys and their parents in the Hall. Also in the evening, a concert was held in the old Skating Rink and watches were presented to the returned folks. Mr. Walter McCutcheon was spokesman for the boys.

Notes by
Mr. Frank Chapman.

IN THE NEWS

The Aurora Banner

March 25, 1948 pg. 1

Nobleton Farmer Wesley Wood Killed

Wesley Wood, 52, successful farmer and stock breeder two miles north of Nobleton village was almost instantly killed late Saturday afternoon, when a ton of frozen corn became dislodged from a silo wall, crushing him beneath its weight, causing severe head and chest injuries. Death came from suffocation caused by pressure and shock, said Dr. M. K. Dillane, who thought an inquest would be unnecessary.

Mr. Wood had been removing silage to the second height shoot when the accident occurred. He was discovered by his son Jack, 13, who was attending stock at evening chores, and had called to his father for certain instructions. Failing to receive a reply, the boy who was aware his father had gone up into the silo, investigated, discovering the calamity, and immediately ran to the house nearby to inform his mother. The doctor was called and neighbors

were summoned. Five men were required to remove the column of frozen corn from the body. It was thought mild weather had loosened the silage causing it to free itself from the wall.

Born on his farm, son of the late Arthur Wood, deceased was a member of York County, Guernsey Club and attended the Ninth Line Presbyterian church near his home. He was highly respected and his untimely death came as a shock to a wide district of friends at Nobleton, Schomberg, Bolton, and neighbouring parts.

Largely attended, the funeral was held from the farm residence on Tuesday, the Rev. F. V. Abbott officiating. Interment was made in Schomberg Union cemetery. Besides his wife, the former Adeline Burns and son Jack, are two younger children, Iva, aged eight and Arthur, four.