



Chesley Azariah Snow
Newfoundland Overseas Forestry Unit
Regimental No. 2105
World War II

Born: 16 Sep 1910

Died: 30 Nov 1989

Place of Birth: Bay Roberts, Conception Bay, Newfoundland

Parents: Edward and Leila Zeila (nee Mercer) Snow

Chesley was the fifth (5th) child born to Parents Edward and Lelia Snow of Bay Roberts, Newfoundland.

The 1921 Newfoundland general census for Bay Roberts shows the following entries: Edward is 52, Lelia is also 52 and children, Gladys 23, John 21, Hughie R. 19, Edward A. 13, and Chesley A. 10 years old.

Official travel records of 16 July 1929, place Chesley on board the SS. Kyle out of St. John's bound for Boston. The ship's papers list Chesley Azariah of Bay Roberts as 18 years old and give his occupation as teacher.

Interestingly, the 1930 City Directory has him as a resident of Everett, Massachusetts and working as an ironworker.

By 1935, Chesley is a "lodger" living on Flat Islands in the Burin District of Newfoundland. He is 24 years old, single, and a clergyman of the Pentecostal Church.

1940 finds Azariah in Badger. He is married to Elsie Belle Simms of Beaumont, Green Bay, Newfoundland. They have a daughter Lois is 4, born there in 1941.

Here is a newspaper clipping from The Bay Roberts Guardian dated 08 July 1942.

Pastor A. Chesley Snow has resigned from the pastorate of Full Gospel Tabernacle, Corner Brook, and will be taking up his duties at Clarke's Beach Assembly this month. Pastor Snow with his wife and little daughter, Lois, will be staying here a few days with his mother, Mrs. Edward Snow, before going to Clarke's Beach.

It is during this time, early to mid-1940's that C.A. Snow of Bay Roberts (this is the listing as found in the Newfoundland Grand Banks website listing of NOFU World War II members) enlisted in the Newfoundland Overseas Forestry (NOFU), given

regimental number 2105 and spent some time in service overseas.

The 1945 General census finds the Snow family now living on Gower Street, St. John's. It is here, a second daughter, Joy, is born in October 1946.

In March 1947, the Snow family arrived in Vanceboro, Maine and are residents of Chelsea, Massachusetts in 1950. Azariah is working as a minister.

Note: Although born Chesley Azariah Snow or C.A. as noted in the NOFU official listing, the use of Chesley Azariah or Azariah Chesley is the same person, merely a reversal of names, not uncommon in the day.

Azariah passed away in 1989 in Grand Falls-Windsor and is buried in the interfaith cemetery there. Elise died in 2001 and is buried beside Azariah.

Interestingly, the headstone inscription is written A.C. Snow. Both husband and wife were pastors.