



**Chesley George Hann**  
**Royal Newfoundland Regiment**  
**(Newfoundland Overseas Forestry Unit)**  
**World War I**  
**Regimental No. 8406**

**Born:** 15 July 1889

**Place of Birth:** Lewisporte

**Parents:** Josiah and Mary Hann

Chesley enlisted in the Newfoundland Overseas Forestry Unit (NOFU) on 17 Oct 1917 at St. John's. His attestation papers provide the following information about Chesley:

- He was 26 years old
- Married
- Methodist
- Able to read and write
- Gave occupation as "Edgerman" or saw operator.

His service record contains the following entries:

1. With the forestry Battalion in Scotland 06 Dec 1917 to Jan 1919
2. Injured his side in a fall while logging.
3. Noted as disabled upon release.
4. Demobilized 30 Mar 1919
5. Had an allotment of 80 cents per pay period sent to his wife, Martha (nee Russell of Bay Roberts).

Chesley and Martha were married in March 1910 and were living in Bay Roberts following their marriage for a number of years.

Following his discharge from service, Chesley and family are found in the 1921 Newfoundland census living in Grand Falls. Chesley is now 31, Martha is 37 and they have a family of six (6) children, four girls and two boys.

By 1935, Chesley, Martha and family are now residents of Corner Brook, living on Central Street. The family consists of Chesley and Martha, seven (7) children and Martha's parents John and Elizabeth Russell.

The 1945 Newfoundland census shows Chesley 54 and Martha 61 still living in Corner Brook. Mrs. Russell (Martha's mother) is there with them. One son, Wilfred and his wife Mary (from Scotland) is part of the family unit and there's John Penney their grandson living with them. No other family members are mentioned.

Martha died in 1963 at the age of 80, and Chesley passed at 81 in 1970. They are buried in the United Church Cemetery in Corner Brook.