



John Frederick (Badcock) Babcock

United States Army

World War II

Born: 23 Jun 1920

Died: 08 Sep 1995

Place of Birth: Bay Roberts, Newfoundland

Parents: Nathan and Catherine (nee Smith)
Badcock

Although John was born in Newfoundland, he grew up in the United States.

Like a lot of Newfoundlander of the time, Nathan and wife Catherine moved to the United States in search of work and a better life. John was about two years old when they moved to the Boston area and made their home there. His brothers Willis and Nathan were born in Massachusetts. Their dad, Nathan, found work as a carpenter.

U.S. border crossing records show that Catherine, baby John and her father-in-law, Charles Babcock crossed into the United

States arriving in St. Albans, Vermont from St. John, New Brunswick in October 1922.

The 1930 United States Federal Census list the Babcock's as living in Boston. John is nine, Willis 4 and Nathan is one.

John married Margaret Hickman, a Nova Scotia girl, on April 25th, 1942, in Boston. Together they had one child, pictured below. John was employed at the Edward Hanrahan Albany Carpet Company.



John had received his draft card in July 1941. In December 1942 he enlisted in the Army. At that time, he was described in documentation as being 6' 1", weighing 170 lbs. with brown hair and blue eyes. He served from 11 December 1942 until discharged on 09 November 1945.

Margaret passed away in 1987 at the age of sixty-six. She and John had been married for 42 years. John died in 1995 at the age of 75 in Malden, Massachusetts.