

Kathleen (Wilcox) Bramston CWAC (Canadian Women's Army Corps) World War II

Born: 15 Sep 1920

Died: 03 Dec 2007

Place of Birth: Bay Roberts, Conception

Bay, Newfoundland

Parents: Archibald and Mary (nee French)

Wilcox

Born is 1920, Kathleen was one of twin girls, Jean being the other child. The Wilcox

family included parents (Archibald and Mary) and eight children in all.

Kathleen would enlist in the Canadian Women's Army Corps (not the Canadian Women's Air Corps as noted in the writeup below her photo) or CWAC in 1942 and served mainly in the Ottawa area. During her service, she was promoted to Corporal.



This insignia appears on the stone at her gravesite.



The CWAC was formed in August 1941 with its main function to fill support roles within the Canadian Army. Initially it was not formerly part of the army but that changed in May of 1942 when the unit was integrated into army. At first, the CWAC was restricted to support roles in Canada, but 1943 three companies were posted at London, with additional ones at Aldershot, England, followed by companies posted in Rome, Italy and Almost & Brussels, Belgium. The CWAC was officially disbanded in September 1946.

She would meet and marry Frederick Douglas Bramston, who himself was a military man, having served in the Royal Navy. He was British born. They were married in Ottawa on September 4th, 1948.

In 1962, they are found living in Notre-Dame-de-Grace, Montreal, Quebec.
Sometime following this, they move to
Calgary, Alberta. It is here in 2007, Kathleen
passed away. Frederick had died in
November 1998. The couple are buried in
Queens Park Cemetery, Calgary, Alberta.