



William Russell Brown

Canadian Army

World War II

Born: 07 October 1913

Died: 19 June 1976

Place of Birth: Shearstown, Conception Bay, Newfoundland

Parents: George and Margaret "Maggie" (nee Russell) Brown

William was the first child born to George and Maggie Brown, who had married the previous year, 1912. Three other siblings would follow, Edward, Mary, and George junior.

It is interesting to note that all three boys would eventually serve during World War II. George in the Royal Naval Reserve (Newfoundland) and subsequently the Royal Navy, Edward in the Royal Canadian Navy and William in the Canadian Army.

The 1921 Newfoundland general census for Shearstown, Newfoundland lists the family as follows: George is 27 and working as

a fisherman, Maggie is 26 and a stay-at-home mom, William is 7, Edward and Mary are listed as 3 years old and George is 1.

Sometime between this census and 1930, the Brown's moved to Saint John, New Brunswick,

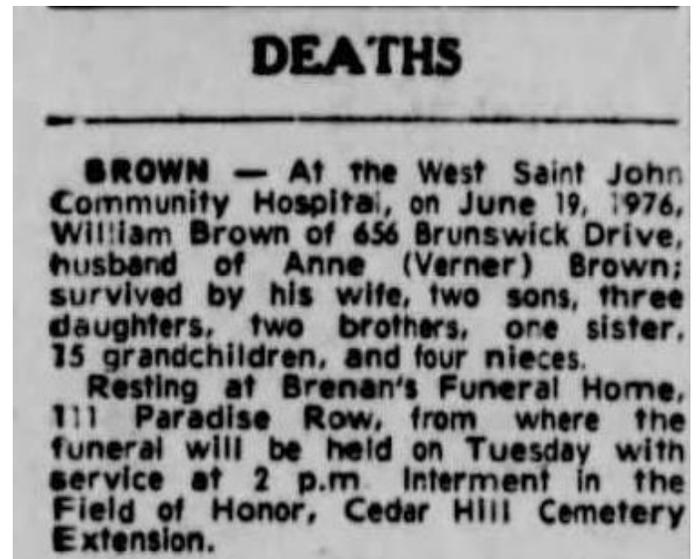
Canada, where Maggie died in September of that year, 1930, of tuberculosis at age 34, leaving George a single parent with four children.

The 1931 Canadian census for Saint John East, New Brunswick lists William at 17 and Edward at 16. There is no listing for any other member of the family.

A Marriage certificate dated March 7th, 1940, shows William marrying Ann Verner of Saint John and lists William's occupation as "soldier". This is the only document found to indicate that he served and since it is an official document, is taken at face value that he did. The Certificate is reproduced on the next page.

Anne and William would have a family of seven (7) children, four sons and three daughters. One child, Gary, would pass away an infant.

William passed away in June 1976 and according to his obituary is interred at the Field of Honour, Cedar Hill Cemetery Extension, Saint John, New Brunswick. Anne passed in May 2000 and is interred in the same cemetery.



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FORM C.-2.

PROVINCE OF NEW BRUNSWICK
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

OFFICIAL NOTICE OF MARRIAGE

REGISTERED No. 17968
(For use of Registrar General only)

Health District of City and County of Saint John Sub-Deputy Registrar area of City of Saint John

BRIDEGROOM

1. Full name Brown (Surname) William (Given name)
 2. Occupation Salesman
 3. Bachelor, Widower or Divorced Bachelor
 4. Age 24 5. Religious Denomination Church of England
 6. Residence Bay Roberts Newfoundland
 7. Place of birth Bay Roberts Newfoundland
 8. Name of father George Brown
 9. Place of birth of father Bay Roberts Newfoundland
 10. Maiden name of mother Margaret Russell
 11. Can bridegroom read? yes Write? yes

BRIDE

12. Full name Veener (Surname) Ann Margarets (Given name)
 13. Occupation None
 14. Spinster, Widow or Divorced Spinster
 15. Age 17 16. Religious Denomination Roman Catholic
 17. Residence Mount Pleasant Ave East St John St John Co.
 18. Place of birth East St John Saint John N.B.
 19. Name of father Ernest Veener
 20. Place of birth of father Saint John N.B.
 21. Maiden name of mother Mari Hamellon
 22. Can bride read? yes Write? yes

23. When married First day of March 1940
 24. Place of marriage St Marys Church Saint John N.B.
 25. By license or banns License 5505 (If by license, give number)

26. Signature of Groom William Brown
 Bride Ann Margaret Veener
 Name Ernest Veener Esq
 Address East St John N.B.
 27. Signatures of Witnesses Name Mrs. Ernest M. Leach
 Address East St. John N.B.

I certify the above stated particulars are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Clergyman Ed. C. V. Martin
 Address St. Marys Rectory, 100 St. John N.B.
 Religious Denomination Church of England in Canada

Registered No. 85 Filed at this office 5th day of March 1940
Stella K. Crawford
 Signature of Sub-Deputy Registrar

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