



William Skanes

Royal Newfoundland Regiment

Regimental No. 5918

World War I

Born: 02 March 1898

Died: 05 August 1966

Place of Birth: North River, Conception Bay, Newfoundland

Parents: Patrick and Susannah (Snow) Skanes

William joined the Royal Newfoundland Regiment in August 1918, rather late in the war as it was drawing close to the end.

William's enlistment papers describe him as being 20 years old, 5' 6 ½ " tall, weighing 136 lbs and having dark hair with blue eyes. He had an identifying mark recorded as a scar on his left knee. He was a miner by trade and Church of England by faith.

His service record is rather short since he served in the Regiment just 163 days until his discharge on 14 January 1919 when he was demobilized.

William's Service Record reads as follows:

1. 09 – 09 – 1918: Special duty home defence Port Aux Basques
2. 21 – 11 – 18: Returned to Headquarters at St. John's
3. 27 – 11 – 18: Admitted to barracks hospital
4. 14 – 01 – 1919: Discharged by Certificate # 462.

Following the war, William left Newfoundland and is found in Boston in May 1923. He declared his intention to seek naturalization, which he achieved in 1931.

On August 08, 1924, he married Sophie Mulley, (a girl from Black Head, Newfoundland) at Revere, Suffolk, Massachusetts. They had two (2) children, William jr. and Mabel Beryl.

The 1930 United States Federal Census lists William 32, Sophie 29, and William jr. as 4. They are living in Revere on Rand Street. William owns his home and is employed as an ironworker.

At the time of the next census in 1940, William is 42, Sophie 38, William jr. 14 and Mabel 3. William is now working as a rigger.

William passed away on August 5th 1966 in Malden, Middlesex County, Massachusetts and is buried in Woodlawn Cemetery in Everett, Massachusetts (see the below obituary notice). Sophie passed some time earlier in 1957 and is buried in the same cemetery as William.

SKANES—Of Malden, suddenly, Aug. 5, William of 153 Mills st., husband of the late Sophie (Mulley); father of William Jr. of Saugus, and Beryl M. Flurry of Malden. Also 7 grandchildren. Funeral services will be held at the Chapel of J. E. Henderson Co., 517 Broadway, Everett, Tuesday at 1 p.m. Friends may call at the Chapel Sunday 7-9 and Monday 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. Late member Local #25.