

Edgerton Wellington Byers 1882-1978

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Edgerton Wellington Byers, eleventh child of twelve of William Byers and Sarah Ann Francey was born in Bailieboro, Township of Cavan, near Peterborough Ontario on July 11, 1882. His siblings included,



- i. Robert John Byers (1863),
- ii. David Byers (1865),
- iii. William George Byers (1866),
- iv. James Byers (1868),
- v. Joseph Henry Byers (1870),
- vi. Sarah Byers (1872),
- vii. Mary Byers (1874),
- viii. Jane Florence Byers (1876),
- ix. Berta Maud Byers (1879),
- x. Charles Cameron Byers (1880-1881),
- xi. Lena (1886)

He married Emma Reichert in Waterloo on August 20, 1904. Her middle initial on the Marriage registry is given as H. but her name as next of Kin is given as Alberta on his attestation papers. She was born in Bridgeport, (part of modern Waterloo), Ontario, in 1880, daughter of William Reichert and Lydia Huff. They had three children,

- i. James Claude Byers b. 6 Nov. 1907 Rouleau, Saskatchewan, d. 10 Sep 1908 Rouleau, Sask.
- ii. Guy Reginald Byers b. 31 Jan 1911 Rouleau, Saskatchewan and died in 1911 Rouleau, Sask.
- iii. William Caryl Byers, b. 1 Sep. 1912 Rouleau, Saskatchewan, died Sept 01, 1990, Winnipeg, Manitoba

By the 1911 census Edgerton and Emma were living in Rouleau, Saskatchewan. Edgerton was working as a teacher. He enlisted February 1, 1916, in Moose Jaw and was posted to the 229th Battalion based in Moose Jaw. He was discharged May 7, 1917, due to "being surplus to requirements". By the 1921 Canada census Edgerton, Emma, Caryl and a niece Gertrude Byers were living in the hamlet of Moreland, Saskatchewan. His occupation is listed as a merchant of a general store.

He taught school in Bridgeport (Waterloo), Rouleau, and Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, Brandon, Manitoba and finally at the Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School in Kenora, Ontario. He served as Principal there from 1929 to 1940.

He served as a Councillor of Jeffrey Melick for two years, clerk for four years and then Reeve for eleven 1937- 1942; 1956-61; and in 1963.

He was President of Kenora Rotary Club in the year 1938-39 and subsequent a District Governor for District 550 for the year 1949-50.

Edgerton was a member of the Children's Aid Society, the Kenora Branch of the Canadian Legion, and the Kenora Agricultural Society. He was active in the First Presbyterian Church and Gideon Camp Kenora. In his early years he played hockey and was a member of the Kenora Lawn Bowling Club and Kenora Curling Club.

He passed away on October 1, 1978, in the Pinecrest Home for the Aged, Kenora, Edger and Emma Byers are buried in Lake of the Woods Cemetery in Kenora.

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