

WW1: Honouring Those Who Volunteered in October, 1916

In October 1916, only one community member volunteered to serve.

JOSEPH MARICLE ["Maricle" is taken directly from the personnel file of Joseph, as he signed with an "X"]

Regimental Number: 931593

Joseph was the son of Joseph W. & Susan (Smith) Maracle. According to the 1911 census, Joseph was born in May, 1865; but the date of birth on his attestation paper was the 29th of May, 1872.

He volunteered on the 23rd of October, 1916, in Hamilton, Ontario, with the No. 2 Construction Battalion.

From his military personnel file we learn that before the war he was a farmer in the Grimsby area. At the time Joseph volunteered, he had 3 years of military experience in the 49th Battalion.

His file indicates that he was originally with the No. 2 Construction Battalion in Truro, Nova Scotia. In January, 1917, he was transferred to the 256th Battalion in Halifax, Nova Scotia but that he never reported for duty. He was reported as "Absent without Leave" on the 6th of March, 1917, and a deserter. He was discharged on the 1st of April, 1917.

Joseph was first married to Lydia Smart on the 22nd of January, 1889 [*Archives of Ontario*]. Lydia died before September, 1894. He secondly married Elizabeth Maracle on the 5th of September, 1894 [*Archives of Ontario*]. Elizabeth died about 1899. He thirdly married Maggie Lickers, of Six Nations, about 1903. Maggie died in 1919. Joseph then married Annie Doreen on the 24th of June, 1920 [*Church Record*].

Joseph died on the 6th of October, 1936. His death was due to heart failure, arteriosclerosis and angina pectoris [*Archives of Ontario*]. He was buried on the 8th of October, 1936. There is a headstone at All Saints Cemetery.

Most of this information is from his military personnel file [RG 150, Accession 1992-93/166, Box 5921 - 35]. This file can be found at <http://www.bac-lac.gc.ca>. Other information has been taken from MBQ Records.