

World War I Veteran, Wilfred Hatt Passes

A local veteran of World War I, Wilfred "Bill" Hatt passed away in Bruce Peninsula and District Memorial Hospital Saturday night, in his 69th year. Mr. Hatt had been in rather poor health since his retirement in 1951, but his death was sudden, coming after a heart attack. He had been in hospital only since Thursday.

Born July 14, 1888, in Eastnor Township, he was a son of the late Joseph Richard Hatt and Emma Grant Hatt. He was the youngest of the family, and six brothers and two sisters prede-

ceased him. They were Patrick, Joseph, Frank, Edward, Charles, Michael, Helen, Mrs. John Noble, and Annie (Wyse) Denning.

Mr. Hatt enlisted at Dauphin, Man., during World War I, in the 226th Battalion, later transferring for overseas service, to the 160th (Bruce) Battalion, C.M.G.C. He was discharged at St. John, N.B., on April 22nd, 1919.

In 1920, he was married to Lena Victoria Rouse. In September, 1920, the couple moved to Wiarton, where they operated a grocery store on Frank St. for some years. Then Mr. Hatt took over the operation of Bayview Garage, which he ran until his retirement. He had a wide connection on the Bruce Peninsula, and was well liked by all. He was a strong Conservative and took an active interest in the party, serving as district Vice-President, and other offices in the county organization.

Surviving, besides his wife, are three daughters, Evelyn, Mrs. Jas. Palmer of Bervie; Mae, Mrs. C.H. Anderson, Wiarton; Eva, Mrs. Blake Matthews, Brantford; and two sons, Bruce of Wiarton, and Paddy, Grand Valley.

A funeral service was held on Tuesday afternoon in Trinity Anglican Church, conducted by the deceased's son-in-law, Rev. James A. Palmer. Evidence of the esteem in which he had been held was the large attendance, which filled the church to overflowing, and the profusion of floral tributes.

Pall-bearers were six nephews: Wilfred Hatt, Toronto, Mac Hatt, Joe Hatt, Roy Hatt, John Noble and Percy (Bob) Noble.

Interment was made in Bayview Cemetery.

Relatives and friends attended from London, Hamilton, Toronto, Brantford, Kitchener, Galt, Kincardine, Owen Sound, as well as sailors from all sections of the Great Lakes.

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