

ARCHIBALD, JAMES ANDERSON



Toronto Star

EARLY LIFE

Mar 6, 1896

Born in Schomberg, Ontario to Samuel James and Maria Lyons (White) Archibald.

1901 Census

Age 5

Lived in King, Ontario with Samuel Archibald (head of house – father, age 36), Maria Archibald (mother, age 29), William Archibald (brother, age 8), Sarah Archibald (sister, age 6), John Archibald (brother, age 3) and Charlie Archibald (brother, baby).

1911 Census

Age 15

Lived in in King, Ontario with Samuel Archibald (head of house – father, age 46), Maria Archibald (mother, age 39), William Archibald (brother, age 19), Sarah Archibald (sister, age 17), John Archibald (brother, age 15), Charles Archibald (brother, age 10), Maria Archibald (sister, age 7), Edward Archibald (brother, age 5), and Walter Archibald (brother, age 1).

MILITARY SERVICE

May 20, 1918

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**Attestation
Paper**

- **Number:** 3235012
- **Present address:** Schomberg, Ontario
- **Next of kin given:** Maria Archibald (Mother) in Schomberg, Ontario
- **Trade or calling:** Farmer
- **Married:** No
- **Previous military experience:** No
- **Religion:** Church of England
- **Physical attributes:**
 - **Age:** 22 years, 2 months
 - **Height:** 5'6"
 - **Complexion:** Fair
 - **Eyes:** Blue - green
 - **Hair:** Medium dark

Jul 11, 1919

Age 23

Private James Anderson Archibald was discharged because of demobilization. He served in France and Belgium.

1921 Census

Age 25

Jul 20, 1929

Age 33

AFTER THE WAR

Lived in King Township, Ontario with Samuel Archibald (head of house – father, age 56), Maria Archibald (mother, 47), William Archibald (brother, age 29), Sarah Archibald (sister, age 27), John Archibald (brother, age 23), Charles Archibald (brother, age 20), Marsha Archibald (sister, age 17), Edward Archibald (brother, age 15), Walter Archibald (brother, age 15), Berenice Archibald (sister, age 8), James Gould (cousin to Samuel, 81), Elizabeth Daroth (lodger, age 33), Kathleen Daroth (lodger, age 8) and Charles Daroth (lodger, age 6).

James and his brother John, were on their way to a party in King City, Ontario and while travelling down Eighth Concession Road when John lost control of the car and it flipped over. James had a fear of automobiles and this was only the second time that year he rode in one. James died as a result of the accident.

IN THE NEWS

Car Accident

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YOUNG FARMER KILLED WHEN AUTO OVERTURNS

James Archibald, 33, Victim of Accident in Which Brother Escapes Serious Injury

Special to The Star
Schomberg, July 22.—While on his way to a garden party in King City Saturday evening, James Archibald, 33, farmer, of King township, was fatally injured when the motor car in which he was riding turned completely over, pinning him underneath it. He died a few minutes later in the arms of his brother, Jack.



James Archibald Jack was driving a light touring car. When going south down a hill on the eighth concession road it is thought he may have lost control of the car momentarily in the loose gravel. The right front wheel snapped off at the hub and the car turned a half somersault.

Mrs. S. L. Armstrong, who lives on the eighth concession, was walking with her children up the other side of the hill when the accident happened. "The first thing I knew was when the horn started to blow and never stopped," she told The Star. "I sent my young boy to get his father and ran up to the car."

By the time she arrived on the scene Jack had crawled clear of the wreck. He was bleeding from a cut on his forehead. "Jim was pinned under the door of the car, which had caught him across the chest," said his brother. "I tried to pull him out, but his feet were caught."

Jack Archibald pulled a fence post and levered up the car, while Mrs. Armstrong, grasping the badly injured man, dragged him clear of the wreckage. "I didn't think he was alive," she said. "I had to turn my head the other way to prevent myself from fainting."

It was some time before help came and James Archibald died without speaking a word. "He just looked up into my face and then died," explained the distracted brother.

Coroner Dr. M. K. Dillane of Schomberg pronounced life extinct. He is of the opinion that the accident was unavoidable but an inquest will probably be held this week.

James Archibald had a horror of automobiles. Saturday marked only the second time this year in which he had entered one. His fear was possibly caused by a previous experience when riding with one of his sisters who was learning to drive. The car leaping out of the door.

"I think he was trying to jump out again," said his brother, "because the door was open and he was half out of the auto."

James served in the 15th battalion and passed through the war without any injury. He leaves a father and mother as well as a number of brothers and sisters.