



# CHAMBERLAIN, WILLIAM JAMES



For Those Who Served

## EARLY LIFE

**Jun 25, 1889**

Born in Toronto, Ontario to William John and Alice Ann (Robb) Chamberlain. He was the younger brother of *Christopher Isaac Chamberlain*.

**1901 Census**

Age 7

Lived in King, Ontario with William Chamberlain (head of house – father, age 41), Alice Chamberlain (mother, age 34), Annie Chamberlain (sister, age 15), John Chamberlain (brother, age 9), Christopher Chamberlain (brother, age 5), George Chamberlain (brother, age 1) and Duncan Bell (labourer).

## MILITARY SERVICE

**May 10, 1915**

**Attestation  
Paper**

Attested to the 46<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Canadian Over-seas Expeditionary Force

- **Number:** 427188
- **Present address:** Lloydtown, Ontario
- **Next of kin given:** William Chamberlain (Father) of Lloydtown, Ontario
- **Trade or Calling:** Farmer
- **Married:** No
- **Previous Military Experience:** No
- **Religion:** Presbyterian
- **Physical attributes:**
  - **Age:** 26 years
  - **Height:** 5'4 ½ "
  - **Complexion:** Dark
  - **Eyes:** Brown
  - **Hair:** Black

**Jun 17, 1917**

Age 28

Private William James Chamberlain died from his wounds. He is remembered at *Petit-Vimy British Cemetery* in Pas-de-Calais, France.

## MENTIONED IN NOBLETON TWEEDMSUIR HISTORY

### *Women's Institute – Nobleton: Book 2 – Century Farms*

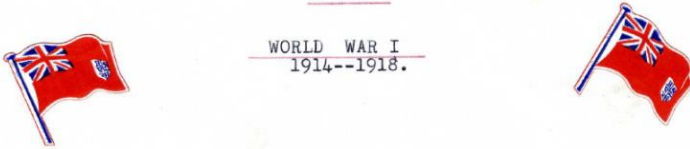
The farm was passed on to John and Jane's youngest son, William and in 1912 he built an addition to the house, making it into the 12-room home it is today.

William married Alice Robb and their children are Mrs. Chris Hodgins, Nobleton, Stokes, Mrs. Hilda Houseago, *AND CHRISTOPHER* Toronto and Reuben. Sons Bill and Russ have passed away, the former was killed in action in World War 1.

**Women's Institute – Nobleton: Book 2 – War Records**

WARS.

WORLD WAR I  
1914--1918.



In World War I, there was one girl from the Nobleton district who went Overseas, Mary Agar. She spent three years in the Hospitals there. Two of the boys from this district were killed in action, Mathew Agar, and William Chamberlain. The boys who went Overseas from these parts were the following: Mathew Agar; Leonard Atkinson; Walter McCutcheon; Reuben Dobson; Albert Snider; Albert Hill; Lyle Stewart; Wesley Woods; Hugh Sheardown; William Chamberlain; Chris. Chamberlain; Loftus Jewitt; Fred Chapman; and Frank Chapman.

On the return of these boys, a celebration was held in Nobleton. During the day, a Field Day was held at Hills Farm with many in attendance. In the evening a banquet was held for Mary Agar and the returned boys and their parents in the Hall. Also in the evening, a concert was held in the old Skating Rink and watches were presented to the returned folks. Mr. Walter McCutcheon was spokesman for the boys.

Notes by  
Mr. Frank Chapman.

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From *W. J. Chamberlain* *Nov 1917*

Batt. *46* - *90423188* Reg't. *A* Coy

Address reply to *Bramshoad camp*  
*Upshoot.*  
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**"PTE. W. J. CHAMBERLAIN"**

William J. Chamberlain was the second son of Wm. Chamberlain and Alice Robb of the 10th line, King township. When war broke out in 1914, Pte. Chamberlain had just finished the duties on his home-stead at Sewell, Manitoba. In answer to the call for men, he abandoned his interests there, enlisted with the 46th Battalion and went overseas with the first Contingent of the Canadian Army.

He was killed in France June 17, 1917 while in the front line of duty. He was numarried, 24 years of age and had spent two birth-days in the trenches.

*Women's Institute – Nobleton: Book 3 – Chamberlain Family*

In 1885 he and Alice Ann Robb were united in matrimony. They raised seven children - namely Annie, Russel, William, Christopher, Stokes, Reuben and Hilda.

William J., the third child of Will and Alice, enlisted in the Canadian Armed Forces at the age of 21 in 1914. He served his country well until 1917 when he gave his life.

PHOTOS

William Chamberlain is standing in the doorway

