

GILLHAM, MARK PEARSON



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EARLY LIFE

Jul 27, 1897

Born in King, Ontario to Mark and Matilda (Hollingshead) Gillham. He was the younger brother of *Harper Caufield Gillham* and cousin to *Harry Gillham* (their fathers were brothers).

1901 Census

Age 3

Lived in King, Ontario with Mark Gillham (head of house – father, age 42), Matilda Gillham (mother, age 38), Harper Gillham (brother, age 10), Stella Gillham (sister, age 9), Susannah Gillham (sister, age 6) and Mark Gillham (brother, age 3).

1911 Census

Age 13

Lived in King, Ontario with Mark Gillham (head of house – father, age 53), Matilda Gillham (mother, age 49), Harper Gillham (brother, age 20), Stella Gillham (sister, age 19), Susannah Gillham (sister, age 17)

MILITARY SERVICE

Oct 6, 1916

Attested to the Divisional Signal Co., Canadian Overseas Expeditionary Force

**Attestation
Paper**

- **Number:** 507386
- **Present address:** Aurora, Ontario
- **Next of kin given:** Matilda Gillham (Mother) in Aurora, Ontario
- **Trade or calling:** Storekeeper
- **Married:** No
- **Previous military experience:** No
- **Religion:** Church of England
- **Physical attributes:**
 - **Age:** 19 years
 - **Height:** 5'7 ½"
 - **Complexion:** Dark
 - **Eyes:** Brown
 - **Hair:** Dark Brown
 - **Distinctive marks:** Scar on right temple

Apr 11, 1917

Age 19

Departed Canada.

Apr 22, 1917

Age 19

Arrived in England.

Oct 22, 1918

Age 21

Gunshot wound on left wrist.

Mar 30, 1919

Age 21

Sapper Mark Gillham was discharged because of demobilization. He served with the 3rd Canadian Divisional Signal Co.

AFTER THE WAR

Jun 12, 1926

Age 28

Married Lillian Cairns (age 26) daughter of William and Catherine (Shanks) Cairns of King, Ontario. Marjorie's brother was **Arwood Cairns**, who was also a soldier in the war. At the time of their wedding, Mark worked as a painter and decorator.

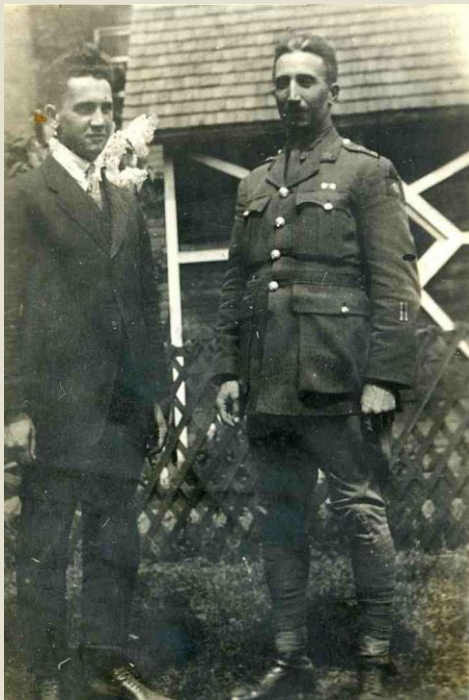
Oct 31, 1984

Age 87

Mark died in Three Rivers, St. Joseph, Michigan, United States.

PHOTOS

Mark (L) and Harper Gillham (R)



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Harper (L) and Mark (R)



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Mark and his father Mark



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Mark and his sisters Stella and Susannah



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From left to right: Kate Cairns, Marjorie Cairns Gillham, Matilda Gillham, Mark Pearson Gillham, Mark Gillham. Mark & Marjorie's wedding, Cairns home, 12 June 1926.



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Newlyweds Marjorie and Mark



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25th Wedding Anniversary



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