

LUCAS, FRANCIS

EARLY LIFE

Apr 30, 1898

Born in Downeyville, Ontario to Charles Houlihan and Mary (Connor) Lucas.

1911 Census

Age 13

Lived in Emily, Ontario with Charles Lucas (head of house – father, age 39), Mary Lucas (mother, age 41), Charles Lucas (brother, age 11), Margaret Lucas (sister, age 10), Kathleen Lucas (sister, age 8), James Lucas (brother, age 6), Genevieve Lucas (sister, age 4) and Veronica Lucas (sister, age 3).

MILITARY SERVICE

Feb 17, 1916

Attested to the 127th York Rangers, Overseas Battalion, Canadian Over-seas Expeditionary Force

**Attestation
Paper**

- **Number:** 778930
- **Present address:** King, Ontario
- **Next of kin given:** Charles H. Lucas (Father) in Downeyville, Ontario
- **Trade or calling:** Assistant Station Agent
- **Married:** No
- **Previous military experience:** Yes – 12th Regiment, York Rangers
- **Religion:** Roman Catholic
- **Physical attributes:**
 - **Age:** 18 years
 - **Height:** 5'8 ½"
 - **Complexion:** Fair
 - **Eyes:** Bluish brown
 - **Hair:** Light

Aug 21, 1916

Departed Canada through Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Age 18

Aug 30, 1916

Arrived in Liverpool, England.

Age 18

Jan 13, 1917

Landed in Havre, France.

Age 18

May 16, 1919

Sapper Lucas Francis was discharged because of demobilization. His proposed residence after discharge was Downeyville, Ontario.

Age 21

AFTER THE WAR

1921 Census

Age 22

Worked as a labourer and lived in Emily, Ontario. He lived with Charles Lucas (head of house – father, age 53), Mary Lucas (mother, age 54), Charles Lucas (brother, age 20), Kathleen Lucas (sister, age 18), James Lucas (brother, age 16), Genevieve Lucas (sister, age 14) and Veronica Lucas (sister, age 12).

Aug 30, 1921

Age 34

Francis Lucas died in Emily, Ontario, from septicaemia (blood poisoning). He had been sick for six months prior to his death.

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