

# ORR, JOHN ALBERT

## EARLY LIFE

**Apr 21, 1896**

Born in Laskay, Ontario to Robert John and Anne Bella (McKeown) Orr.

**1901 Census**

Age 4

Lived in Vaughan, Ontario with Robert Orr (head of house – father, age 50), Anne Orr (mother, age 43), Sarah Orr (sister, age 20), Emma Orr (sister, age 18), Richard Orr (brother, age 16), William Orr (brother, age 9), Elmer Orr (brother, age 7), Victor Orr (brother, age 2) and Vera Orr (sister, age 2).

## MILITARY SERVICE

**May 11, 1918**

Drafted under Military Service Act, 1917, 1<sup>st</sup> Depot Battalion, 1<sup>st</sup> Central Ontario Regiment

**Attestation  
Paper**

- **Number:** 3037397
- **Present address:** Maple, Ontario
- **Next of kin given:** Anne Orr (Mother) in Maple, Ontario
- **Trade or calling:** Farmer
- **Married:** No
- **Previous military experience:** No
- **Religion:** Presbyterian
- **Physical attributes:**
  - **Age:** 22 years
  - **Height:** 5'7 ½"
  - **Complexion:** Fair
  - **Eyes:** Blue
  - **Hair:** Fair

## AFTER THE WAR

**Mar 1, 1921**

Age 24

Married Coral Phillips (age 25), daughter of Philip and Jane (Dibb) Phillips of King, Ontario. They had 4 children together: Jean, Helen, Robert and Carl.

**1921 Census**

Age 25

Lived in Vaughan, Ontario with Coral Orr (wife, age 25), Bessie Rankin (roomer, age 25), Dorothy Silverthorne (roomer, age 16) and Thomas Crombie (farmhand, age 20).

**Jun 18, 1980**

Age 84

John died at his home in Newmarket, Ontario and was predeceased by his wife Coral. He is buried at Maple Cemetery in Maple, Ontario.

IN THE NEWS

**Obituary**

The Toronto Star

Friday, June 20, 1980 pg. C21

ORR, John A. (Retired employee of T. Eaton Co. Ltd., Member of the 19th Battalion WWI, Life member and Past President of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch No. 86, Willowdale) — At his home, Newmarket, Ontario on Wednesday, June 18, 1980, John A. Orr, in his 85th year, husband of the late Coral Phillips. Loving father of Jean, at home, Helen (Mrs. F. Warner) St. Catharines, Robert, Willowdale and Carl, Florida. Dear brother of William Orr, King City. Dearly loved grandfather of 9 grandchildren and 1 great-granddaughter. Friends may call at the Thomson Funeral Home, 29 Victoria St., Aurora. Service in the chapel Saturday, June 21 at 10 a.m. Interment Maple Cemetery. If desired donations to a charity of your choice would be appreciated.