

WW1: Honouring Those Who Volunteered in November, 1916

In November 1916, only one community member volunteered to serve.

**THOMAS HILL JR (who volunteered under the name THOMAS BRANT)
Regimental Number: 1027453**

Thomas was the son of Jane Brant & Thomas Hill Sr. According to his baptismal record, he was born on the 10th of February, 1903, but he was not baptized until 1916.

On his attestation paper Thomas Junior gave a birthdate of the 1st of March, 1899. A medical report from his military file later stated he was born in 1902.

Thomas Junior volunteered on the 6th of November, 1916, in Belleville, Ontario for the 235th Battalion of the Canadian Expeditionary Force.

According to his military personnel file, he was a farmer before he volunteered. He stated that his father was serving at the front in 1916. On one document he stated his next of kin was his grandmother Lydia Brant (his mother Jane had died in 1911).

His medical report stated that although he was only 15 years old, he was a “big strong boy, first class condition, apparent age about 18 years, in good health”.

Thomas Junior was discharged for being underage on the 21st of March, 1917.

His father, Thomas Hill Sr., served during World War One and was profiled in the newsletter from August, 2014. His brother, Jacob Green (who was also a son of Jane Brant), served during World War One as well and was profiled in the newsletter from February, 2016.

Thomas Hill Junior married Mabel Fish on the 13th of August, 1923, in Burlington, Halton County [AO].

They had four children:

Jennie May	born 1925
Thomas Jr.	born 1927
Evelyn Jean	born 1931
Roger Theodore	born 1935

Thomas Hill Junior died on the 30th of June, 1982 [MBQ Record].

Most of the information here is from his military personnel file [LAC RG 150, Accession 1992-93/166, Box 1020 - 20]. This file has been digitized and can be found at <http://www.bac-lac.gc.ca>. Other information has been taken from MBQ Records.