



BROWN, HAROLD JOSEPH



Toronto Star

EARLY LIFE

Apr 9, 1896

Born in Schomberg, Ontario to Joseph 'Josiah' and Priscilla (Coulter) Brown. He was the younger brother of **Vincent Brown** and **Stanley Charles Brown**.

1901 Census

Age 5

Lived in King, Ontario, Josiah Brown (head of house – father, age 47), Brown (mother, age 38), Mary Brown (sister, age 17), Willie Brown (brother, age 15), Vincent Brown (brother, age 12), Ethel Brown (sister, age 9), Stanley Brown (brother, age 7), Myrtle Brown (sister, age 3) and Gladys Brown (sister, age 1).

1911 Census

Age 15

Lived in King, Ontario with Joseph Brown (head of house – father, age 56), the other occupants of the house included: Priscilla Brown (mother, age 47), Ethel Brown (sister, age 19), Stanley Brown (brother, age 17), Myrtle Brown (sister, age 13), Gladys Brown (sister, age 11), Verna Brown (sister, age 7) and Byron Brown (brother, age 3).

MILITARY SERVICE

Jan 24, 1916

Attested to the 74th Battalion, Canadian Over-seas Expeditionary Force

**Attestation
Paper**

- **Number:** 136200
- **Next of kin given:** Priscilla Brown (Mother) in Schomberg, Ontario
- **Married:** No
- **Previous Military Experience:** No
- **Religion:** Wesleyan
- **Physical attributes:**
 - **Age:** 19
 - **Height:** 5'3"
 - **Complexion:** Fair
 - **Eyes:** Greenish-Blue
 - **Hair:** Dark Brown

Jun 7, 1916

Age 20

Private Harold Joseph Brown's will stated that: "the whole of my property and effects to Mrs. Jos. Brown, Schomberg, Ontario, Canada".

Sep 28, 1916

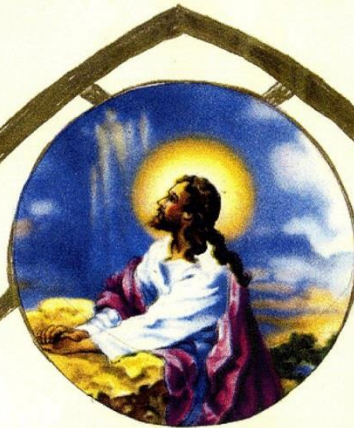
Age 20

Private Harold Joseph Brown (age 20) was killed in action. He is buried at the **Regina Trench Cemetery**, in Somme, France.

MENTIONED IN SCHOMBERG TWEEDSMUIR HISTORY

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Lest we Forget.



1914 - 1918

Lieut. Jack Sydie
Sgt. Major Chas. E. Woodroof
L.C. Jas. A. Ralston
L.C. Ewart Wickens
Pte. Harold J. Brown
Pte. Maxwell Doyle
Pte. William J. Doyle
Pte. Wilfred L. Doyle
Pte. Edward Douglas
Pte. John Ferguson
Pte. Thos. McMaster
Pte. Leslie D. Martin
Pte. Arthur Payne

1939 - 1945

- C.A.O. -
Sgt. Alan A. Wyatt
L.C. Ross S. Rutherford
L.C. A.B. Clifford Dalton
Tpr. Andrew Snedden
Gnr. Jos. P. Primeau
Pte. Thos. A. Duggan

- R.C.A.F. -

S.L. Harry L. Kay
F.L. William D. Pagan
Sgt. Mason A. Edwards



TO THE GLORY OF GOD
MEMORY OF THOSE
WHO DIED THAT

AND IN GRATEFUL
GREAT HEROES
WE MIGHT LIVE



MENTIONED IN SCHOMBERG AND ITS SCHOOL

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When the great European War broke as a bolt from the blue, in 1914, many of the young men in and around Schomberg signed up and went overseas to take part in maintaining the principle upheld by the allied nations of the world. Many of these returned but many made the supreme sacrifice.

As a memorial to these unreturning brave, a monument was erected in the Agricultural Grounds. On this monument are engraved the following names:

LIEUTENANT JACK SYDIE
SGT.-MAJOR CHARLES E. WOODROOF
LANCE-CORPORAL JAMES A. RALSTON
LANCE-CORPORAL EWART WICKENS
PRIVATE HAROLD JOS. BROWN
PRIVATE MAXWELL DOYLE
PRIVATE WILLIAM JOS. DOYLE
PRIVATE WILFRED LAURIER DOYLE
PRIVATE EDWARD DOUGLAS

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MRS. PRISCILLA BROWN, wife of the late Josiah Brown, one of the younger children of John R. Brown, lives on the north-west corner of lot 32, concession 8, King, almost directly opposite to the school.

Mrs. Brown was married to Mr. Brown in March, 1883. Previous to that time, her name was Priscilla Coulter, a daughter of William Coulter, who lived west of Laskay. Mr. and Mrs. Brown farmed the first five years of their married life on lot 32, concession 8, King. Then Mr. Brown built a house on the corner of the farm, sold the rest of the farm and began a barber business in the village. At his death, in 1922, his oldest son, William, took over the business, and since that time has looked after the home.

The family are as follows: Mrs. Leonard Hill (Mary), William, Vincent, Mrs. Austin (Ethel), Stanley, Harold, Mrs. Monkman (Myrtle), Gladys, Verna and Byron.

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Stanley, Vincent and Harold served overseas in the Great War (1914-1918), Harold making the supreme sacrifice at the Somme in 1916.

IN THE NEWS

Death Announcement

The Toronto Star

Tuesday, November 14, 1916 pg. 9

PTE. H. J. BROWN KILLED.

According to official word received by his father, Mr. Joseph Brown of Schomberg, Ont., Pte. Harold J. Brown was killed in action on September 28. Pte. Brown, who was 19 years old, enlisted with the 74th Battalion. He went overseas in March and went into the trenches in June with the C.M.R. Two of his brothers



Pte. H. J. Brown. Pte. V. E. Brown.

are on active service, V. E. Brown being now in the trenches with a draft of reinforcements furnished by the 54th Battalion to a Toronto regiment. The other brother, Stanley, enlisted with the 209th Battalion at Swift Current.

IN THE NEWS

Aurora War Memorial

The Aurora Banner

Friday, March 20, 1925

**Aurora
War Memorial**

The names given below are those of the fallen men of Aurora, King and Whitechurch, as ascertained up to the present time by the War Memorial Committee.

Will every reader of the Banner in Aurora, King and Whitechurch, please look carefully over the list and draw attention to any error in initials or spelling of name, or omission of any name, communicating with the Editor of the Banner or with J. G. McDonald, Secretary of the War Memorial Association, without delay.

The Whitechurch list is an official list that has been checked over and pronounced correct; but it is included in above so that any typographical error, if any, may be noticed and corrected.

Although some of the names on these lists may and do appear on some local memorials, it will not be too much honour to these men that their names should also appear on this larger memorial—which from its location, its great size and architecture, will be visited by thousands of motorists and visitors aside from the people of Aurora, King and Whitechurch.

Township of King.

Brown, Sherman
Brown, Harold
Clift, Russell
Doyle, Max
Doyle, Wilfred
Ferguson, John
Ferguson, Leonard
Green, Percy
Green, Roland
Harper, Roy
Howard, George
Little, Telford
McMaster, Thos.
Merchant, Wallace
Marshall, Aubrey
Barker, Russell
Routledge, John
Stewart, Harry
Stocks, Roy
Watson, Townley
Woodroof, Chas.