

# HURST, WILLIAM HENRY

## EARLY LIFE

**Apr 11, 1873**

Born in King, Ontario to Henry and Mary Ann (Robb) Hurst.

**1881 Census**

Age 8

Lived in Alliston, Ontario with Henry Hurst (head of house – father, age 36), Ellen Hurst (stepmother, age 23), George Hurst (brother, age 11), Lewis Hurst (half-brother, age 3), Frank Hurst (half-brother, age 1), Sarah Nelson (boarder, age 24) and Milton Ramsay (boarder, age 17). William’s mother had died in 1875.

**1891 Census**

Age 18

At age 18, William Hurst lived in Alliston, Ontario with Ellen Hurst (head of house – stepmother, age 34), George Hurst (brother, age 21), Lewis Hurst (brother, age 13), Frank Hurst (half-brother, age 11), Fred Hurst (half-brother, age 8), Rena Hurst (half-sister, age 6) and John Hurst (half-sister, age 5). William’s father had died in 1885.

**Jun 1, 1898**

Age 25

William Hurst (age 25) married Matilda ‘Tillie’ Helena Buchanan (age 26), daughter of Thomas and Jane (Brown) Buchanan of Truro, Nova Scotia.

**1901 Census**

Age 27

Worked as a banker and lived in Gore Bay, Ontario with Matilda Hurst (wife, age 27), Helena-Annie Hurst (daughter, 5 months), Henriette Buchanan (sister-in-law, age 20) and James Cummings (boarder, age 19).

**1911 Census**

Age 37

Lived in Gore Bay, Ontario with Matilda Hurst (wife, age 37), Helena-Annie Hurst (daughter, age 10) and Mattie Hurst (domestic, age 18).

## MILITARY SERVICE

**Apr 1, 1916**

Attested to the 227<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Captain (Officer) Canadian Over-seas Expeditionary Force

**Attestation  
Paper**

- **Number:** Capt.
- **Present Address:** 26 Herrick Street, Sault St. Marie, Ontario
- **Next of kin given:** Mrs. Matilda Hurst (Wife) in Gore Bay, Ontario
- **Trade or Calling:** Private Banker
- **Married:** Yes
- **Previous Military Experience:** 51<sup>st</sup> Rifles
- **Religion:** Presbyterian

**Nov 1, 1916**

Age 43

Departed Canada through Halifax, Nova Scotia.

**Nov 11, 1916**

Age 43

Arrived in Liverpool, England.

**May 19, 1920**

Age 47

Captain William Hurst was discharged because of demobilization. He served in Canada and England with the 227<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 8<sup>th</sup> Reserve Battalion and 2<sup>nd</sup> Central Ontario Regiment Depot.

## AFTER THE WAR

**1921 Census**

Age 47

Lived on Wellington Street in Alliston, Ontario with George Hurst (brother, age 50), Matilda Hurst (wife, age 47), Annie Hurst (daughter, age 20) and Helena-Annie Treacey (housekeeper, age 73).

**Sep 28, 1951**

Age 78

William died in Alliston, Ontario.

## IN THE NEWS

### **Marriage Announcement**

The Evening Star

Wednesday, June 1, 1898 pg. 1

#### **HURST—BUCHANAN.**

Miss Tilly Buchanan, daughter of Mr Thomas Buchanan, of Truro, guest of Mrs. George Johnston, Seaton street, was this afternoon married to Mr. W. H. Hurst, of Gore Bay. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Dr. Thomas, at Jarvis street Baptist church.

### **Obituary**

The Globe and Mail

Monday, October 1, 1951 pg. 28

**HURST, William Henry—At his residence, Alliston, on Friday, Sept. 28, 1951, William Henry Hurst, beloved father of Helena (Mrs. Harold M. Overell) of Hamilton. Funeral Monday, Oct. 1. Service at the home, 2 p.m. Interment Alliston.**

The Barrie Examiner

Monday, October 1, 1951 pg. 3

**HURST—At his home, Alliston, Friday, Sept. 28, 1951, William Henry Hurst, in his 79th year, beloved father of Mrs. Harold M. Overell (Helena), Hamilton, Ont. Interment Alliston, Oct. 1.**