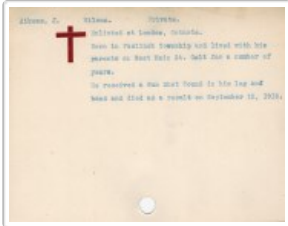


History in the Making



Aikens, James Wilson

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Part Of: Soldier Information Cards - World War One

Description Level: Item

Accession Number: WW1_A_017

Material Details: Cards

Physical Description: 20.6 cm (W) X 15.5 cm (H)
30.7 cm (W) X 25.5 cm (H) with mat/border

Language: English

Date Range: 1919-1921

Citation: Kitchener Public Library - Soldier Information Card Collection - World War One

Scope and Content:

A white index card containing the name, rank and military history of a soldier of Waterloo County. The card also bears a red cross.

Storage Location: SIC WW1 Box 1

Name Access: Aikens, James Wilson
Aikens, John Wilson
Aikens, J. Wilson
Aikens, John

Subject Access: Military life
Soldiers
World War One, 1914-1918
18th Battalion

Place: Contay, Picardie, France [Place of burial]
Galt, Ontario, Canada [Place of residence]
Puslinch, Ontario, Canada [Birthplace]
London, Ontario, Canada [Place of enlistment]

Geographic Access: Contay, Picardie, France
Galt, Ontario
Puslinch, Ontario
London, Ontario

Notes: Private James Wilson Aikens (Regimental/Service #54125), enlisted on December 7, 1914 in London, ON, with the 18th Battalion, Canadian Infantry (Western Ontario Regiment). He was born in Puslinch Township, Wellington County, Ontario on May 28, 1889, and is the son of Thomas H. and Adelaide E. (Paddock) Aikens of 2nd Concession in Puslinch, Ontario. At the time of his enlistment, he was not married and he worked as a lineman. His father, who at that time resided 849 Dundas Street in London, Ontario, was listed as his next of kin. He listed his religion as Presbyterian. James died on September 15, 1916, as a result of wounds he received in action at the Battle of the Somme. He was 27 years of age. Laid to rest at Contay British Cemetery in France. Grave reference II. B.12.

His burial record with the Commonwealth Graves Commission shows the name "John Aikens".

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Source Organization: Kitchener Public Library

Collection: Soldier Information Cards - World War One

Transcription:

Aikens, J. Wilson

Private.

Enlisted at London, Ontario.

Born in Puslinch Township and lived with his parents on West Main St. Galt for a number of years.

He received a gun shot wound in his leg and hand and died as a result on September 15, 1916.

Documents



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