



Lest We Forget

Wilmot Remembers  
World War I  
War Dead

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# Lieutenant Russell Williams

Death: 9 May 1917 Age: 25 years old

Military Service Number: 730525

Force: Canadian Infantry Unit: 19th Battalion

Buried or Commemorated at:

ECOIVRES MILITARY CEMETERY, MONT-ST. ELOI VI. H. 27. France

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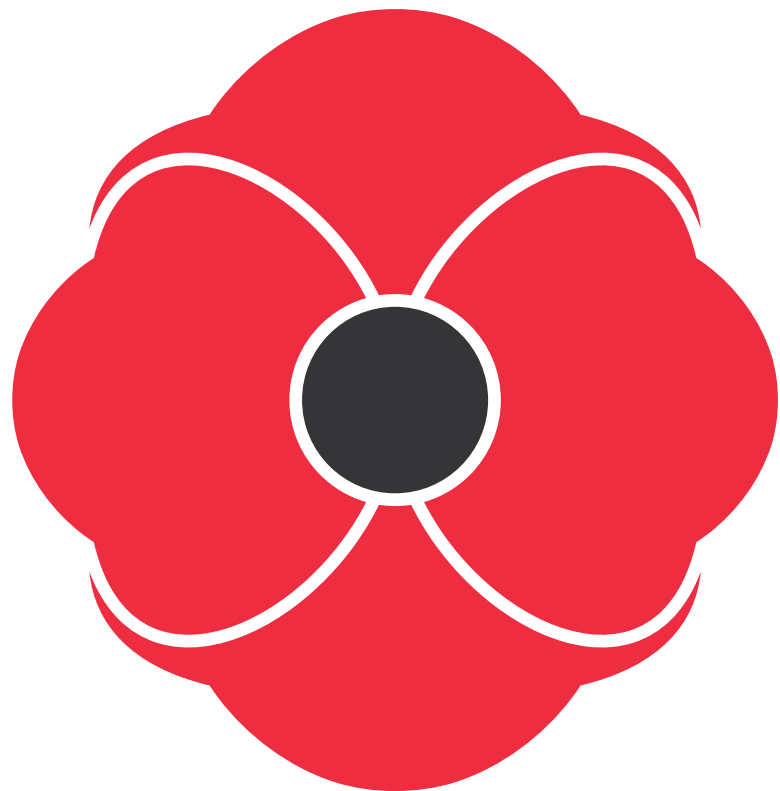
Born: 26 February 1892 Milverton, Ontario. Born Russell Wilhelm.

Enlisted: March 1916 with the Red Cross of the 111th Battalion changed his last name to Williams.

Family: Mr. & Mrs. Daniel S. Williams of New Hamburg.

Occupation: Teacher- Previous to enlisting he taught at schools in Wilmot Centre, Baden, and in Galt, Ontario.

After going through the battle of Vimy Ridge he fell a month later being instantly killed by a shell in an attack on enemy trenches.



# Corporal Leslie Ernest Sheppard M.M.

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Death: 28 August 1918 Age: 29 years old

Military Service Number: 57721

Force: Canadian Infantry Unit: 20th Battalion

Awarded: Military Medal (M.M.)

Buried or Commemorated at: VIS-EN-ARTOIS BRITISH CEMETERY,  
HAUCOURT I. B. 13. France

Additional Information:

Born: 12 July 1889 at Bedford, England

Enlisted: 11 November 1914 with the 20th Battalion

Family: Son of Henry James and Florence Mary Sheppard, of Buffalo, NY

Occupation: Electrician

He was killed in action when sending a message by flag from the Report Centre. He received a direct hit from an enemy shell.

*Please Note: his name is misspelled as "Shephard" on street sign*

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# Lance Corporal Elgin Earl Eby

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Death: 30 Sept 1918 Age: 23 years old

Military Service Number: 126708

Force: Canadian Infantry

Unit: 71st and 75th Battalions

Buried or Commemorated at:

CANTIMPRE CANADIAN CEMETERY, SAILLY A. 24. France

Additional Information:

Born: 18 November 1895 at Berlin (now Kitchener), Ontario.

Enlisted: 23 September 1915 in Woodstock

Lived in: New Hamburg, Ontario

Family: Son of Dilman Eby and Katharine Eby.

Occupation: Molder

He was killed in action near Sancourt.



# Private Charles Thompson Daniells

Death: 2 September 1918 Age: 23 years old

Military Service Number: 730434

Force: Canadian Infantry

Unit: "C" Coy. 4th Battalion.

Buried or Commemorated at: QUEANT ROAD CEMETERY, BUISSY

VIII. G. 13. France

Additional Information:

Born: 21 March 1897 at Haysville, Ontario

Enlisted: 27 January 1916 with the 111th Battalion of South Waterloo

Family: Son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas G. Daniells, of New Hamburg, Ontario.

Occupation: Woodcarver at furniture factory

While in England he was granted permission to married Constance Raigner.

He was killed in action by an enemy shell attack on Mount Sorrel.



# Private Herbert Edward Erbach

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Death: 9 April 1917 Age: 26 years old

Military Service Number: 730705

Force: Canadian Infantry

Unit: 75th Battalion

Buried or Commemorated at: CANADIAN CEMETERY NO.2,  
NEUVILLE-ST. VAAST 2. C. 16. France

Additional Information:

Born: 12 Apr 1890 Baden, Ontario

Enlisted: 28 March 1916 111th Battalion of South Waterloo at Baden

Family: Son of William Henry and Charlotte Erbach, of Baden.

Occupation: Salesman

During an attack at Vimy Ridge he leapt from a trench and was struck down by enemy shrapnel when going "over the top."



# Gunner Alvin Jacob Forler

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Death: 16 October 1918 Age: 23 years old

Military Service Number: 3132784

Force: Canadian Infantry

Unit: Canadian Field Artillery, transferred to the 85th Battalion

Buried or Commemorated at: BADEN (FAIRMONT) CEMETERY

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Additional Information:

Born: 6 January 1895 at Philipsburg, Ontario

Enlisted: 23 April 1918 with the 64th Depot Battery Canadian Field Artillery

Family: Son of John L. and Salome Forler of Baden.

Occupation: Mechanic

Admitted to military hospital in Coquitlam BC and died of Influenza complicated by bronco-pneumonia.



# Private Glen Robert Goebel

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Death: 21 October 1918 Age: 24 years old

Military Service Number: 730696

Force: Canadian Infantry

Unit: Canadian Field Artillery Runner Section 4th Battalion Canadian Headquarters.

Buried or Commemorated at: HANSON CHURCHYARD -FRANCE. East Boundry

Additional Information:

Born: 30 January 1894 at New Hamburg, Ontario

Enlisted: 21 March 1916 with the 111th Battalion of South Waterloo.

Family: Son of Mrs. F. Goebel of New Hamburg. Known as "Glennie."

Occupation: Clerk

He was standing in a doorway of the Battalion Orderly Room in the village of Hanson and was hit in the forehead by shrapnel from an enemy shell that exploded outside the door and was killed instantly.





# Private John Elmer Kaster

Death: 12 October 1918 Age: 22 years old

Military Service Number: 3136521

Force: Canadian Infantry

Unit: 4th (Reserve) Battalion

Buried or Commemorated at: PLYMOUTH (EFFORD) CEMETERY

Church C. 4807. United Kingdom

Additional Information:

Born: 6 October 1896

Drafted: 23 May 1918 with the Depot Battalion.

Family: Son of Samuel and Hannah Kaster of Petersburg. Known as "Elmer."

Occupation: Farmer

Died of acute broncho-pneumonia aboard the H.M.T. City of Cairo (British Passenger Ship)



# Private Wilfred Cecil Laschinger

Death: 11 April 1918 Age: 21 years old

Military Service Number: 730587

Force: Canadian Infantry

Unit: 111th Battalion of South Waterloo and went to France in September 1916.

Buried or Commemorated at: RIVERSIDE CEMETERY New Hamburg, Ontario

\*not listed on the War Graves Commission

Additional Information:

Born: 17 March 1897 at New Hamburg, Ontario

Enlisted: 6 March 1916 with 111th Battalion of South Waterloo

Family: Son of late Postmaster Jacob Laschinger of New Hamburg, Ontario.

Occupation: Student

Went to France in September 1916. Due to multiple and severe shrapnel wounds at Vimy Ridge, his left leg was amputated. He was transferred to different military hospitals and died at home in New Hamburg after an operation.



# Private Henry Lorne McFadyen

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Death: 10 November 1917 Age: 23 years old

Military Service Number: 730710

Force: Canadian Infantry (Western Ontario Regiment) Unit: 18th Battalion

Awarded: Distinguished Conduct Medal (D.C.M)

Buried or Commemorated at: TYNE COT CEMETERY I. C. 33. Belgium

Additional Information:

Born: 16 March 1894 at Hartley, Ontario

Enlisted: 25 March 1916 as a Private with the 111th Battalion of South Waterloo

Occupation: Teacher at Baden S.S.#13 School

He was awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal for devotion to duty as a stretcher-bearer. He was killed in action by enemy shell which exploded very close to him in the trenches South of Passchendaele.



# Private Ivan Bernard Marty

Death: 6 April 1917 at Vimy Ridge Age: 19 years old

Military Service Number: 730796

Force: Canadian Infantry

Unit: joined with the 111th Battalion to the 75th Battalion

Buried or Commemorated at: BRUAY COMMUNAL CEMETERY EXTENSION  
D. 18. France

Additional Information:

Born: 12 April 1897 New Hamburg, Ontario

Enlisted: 12 May 1916 with the 111th Battalion of South Waterloo

Family: Son of Dr. John and Mary Matilda Marty.

Occupation: First year Medical Student, University of Toronto, Ontario.

While doing duty as a stretcher bearer at the battle of Vimy Ridge on April 4, 1917 he received 3 shrapnel wounds in his left hip and died two day later.



# Private Albert Edward Merner

Death: 1 March 1917 Age: 19 years old

Military Service Number: 730100

Force: Canadian Infantry

Unit: enlisted with the 111th and was transferred to the 75th Battalion

Buried or Commemorated at:

BARLIN COMMUNAL CEMETERY EXTENSION I. F. 79. France

Additional Information:

Born: 20 June 1897 London, Ontario

Enlisted: 15 November 1915 with the 111th Battalion of South Waterloo

Family: Son of Edward Merner, New Hamburg.

Occupation: Shoemaker and wool carder

Killed in action.



# Private

## Walter William Perry M.M.

Death: 18 November 1917 Age: 23 years old

Military Service Number: 164164

Force: Canadian Infantry Unit: 75th Battalion

Awarded: Military Medal (M.M)

Buried or Commemorated at: YPRES (MENIN GATE) MEMORIAL

Panel 18 - 24 - 26 - 30. Belgium

Additional Information:

Born: 23 September 1896 Croydon, Surrey England

Enlisted: 31 August 1915

Family: Son of Walter William and Laura Perry; husband of Annie Miriam Perry.

Occupation: Farm Hand

Wounded at the battle of Vimy Ridge. He was later killed in action in the trenches of Passchendaele.



# Sapper

# George Hamel Schmitt

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Death: 27 September 1918 Age: 24 years old

Military Service Number: 3132449

Force: Canadian Engineers

Unit: 12th Battalion

Buried or Commemorated at:

QUARRY WOOD CEMETERY, SAINS-LES-MARQUION I. B. 2. France

Additional Information:

Born: 27 March 1894 Baden, Ontario

Enlisted: 15 March 1918 with the 12th Battalion

Family: Son of Jacob and Mary (Hammel) Schmitt.

Occupation: Butcher in Baden along with his brother.

Nearly two weeks before the war ended he was killed in action by an enemy shell exploding within a few feet of him.



Pte. Theodore Schuyler

# Private Theodore Schuler

Death: 3 June 1916 Age: 27 years old

Military Service Number: 603075

Force: Canadian Infantry Unit: 14th Battalion. Enlisted with 34th Battalion, transferred to the 23rd Battalion and then to the 14th Battalion.

Buried or Commemorated at: YPRES (MENIN GATE) MEMORIAL

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Additional Information:

Born: 12 November 1889 New Hamburg, Ontario

Enlisted: 24 August 1915 in Stratford with the 34th Battalion of Guelph.

Family: Son of Mr. and Mrs. John Schuler, New Hamburg, Ontario.

Occupation: Clerk

He was in France for about 3 weeks when he was reported missing on June 3, 1916.





# Private

# John Edward Spahr

Death: 5 December 1916 Age: 32 years old

Military Service Number: 199288

Force: Canadian Infantry Unit: 5th Battalion

Buried or Commemorated at: VILLERS STATION CEMETERY, VILLERS-AU-BOIS  
III. C. 3. France

Additional Information:

Born: 5 January 1884 in North Easthope, Ontario.

Enlisted: 10 April 1916 with the machine gun section of the 5th Battalion and was transferred to the 94th Battalion in England.

Family: Mrs. Clara Spahr of New Hamburg was his mother.

Occupation: Locomotive Engineer

Died of shrapnel wounds on his side and back.



# Private

# Nathaniel Stier

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Death: 10 August 1918 Age: 26 years old

Military Service Number: 727290

Force: Canadian Infantry

Unit: 38th Battalion

Buried or Commemorated at: VIMY MEMORIAL France

## Additional Information:

Born: 3 July 1892 at New Hamburg, Ontario.

Enlisted: 7 January 1916 with the 110th Battalion

Family: Parents Philip and Angeline (Eby) Stier of New Hamburg

Occupation: Trade hand in the furniture industry.

He was killed in action.



# Private John Strauch

Death: 26 July 1918 Age: 27 years old

Military Service Number: 410630 (listed under the name John Stroud)

Force: Canadian Expeditionary Force

Unit: 38th Battalion

Buried or Commemorated at: HAMPTON HILL (ST. JAMES) CHURCHYARD  
395. United Kingdom

Additional Information:

Born: 28 Sept 1889 New Hamburg, Ontario

Enlisted: 29 March 1915 under the name John Stroud

Family: Son of German immigrants Conrad and Catherina (Miller) Strauch.

Occupation: Electric plating

John suffered multiple wounds and eventually his health deteriorated and he died at the Kings Canadian Red Cross Special Hospital in England.



# Private

# Clinton Tye Walker

Death: 9 April 1917 Age: 29 years old

Military Service Number: 730777

Force: Canadian Machine Gun Corps Unit: 7th Battalion

Buried or Commemorated at: BOIS-CARRE BRITISH CEMETERY, THELUS  
V. A. 16. France

Additional Information:

Born: 21 October 1887 in Haysville, Ontario

Enlisted: 22 April 1916 with the 111th Battalion of South Waterloo

Family: He was the eldest son of Henry Walker and Frances Puddicombe (Tye) Walker. He was survived by a brother, Fred and three sisters Marjory, Mary Elizabeth and Dorothy.

Occupation: Farmer

He was killed in action at the battle of Vimy Ridge.



# Private

# Charles Douglas Hamlyn Yonge

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Death: 17 August 1917 Age: 30 years old

Military Service Number: 727779

Force: Canadian Infantry Unit: 38th Battalion

Buried or Commemorated at: VIMY MEMORIAL France

Additional Information:

Born: 2 April 1887 in England

Enlisted: 18 April 1916 at Stratford

Family: Son of the late Walter Scrymshire Vernon Yonge and Alexandrina Sara Ada Yonge, of Crofton, Hants, England.

Occupation: Moved to New Hamburg in June of 1903 at the age of 16 to work at Hahn Brass as a buffer and polisher before moving Stratford.

Killed in action.

*Please Note: his name is misspelled "Young" on cenotaph and street sign*

# World War I Memorial Locations in Wilmot

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**New Hamburg Cenotaph** (located beside the New Hamburg Library on Huron Street)

**Riverside Cemetery- New Hamburg** (located beside Bergey Court)

- Private Wilfred Cecil Laschinger

**Fairmount Cemetery -Baden** (located between Brewery and Foundry Streets)

- Private Alvin Jacob Forler

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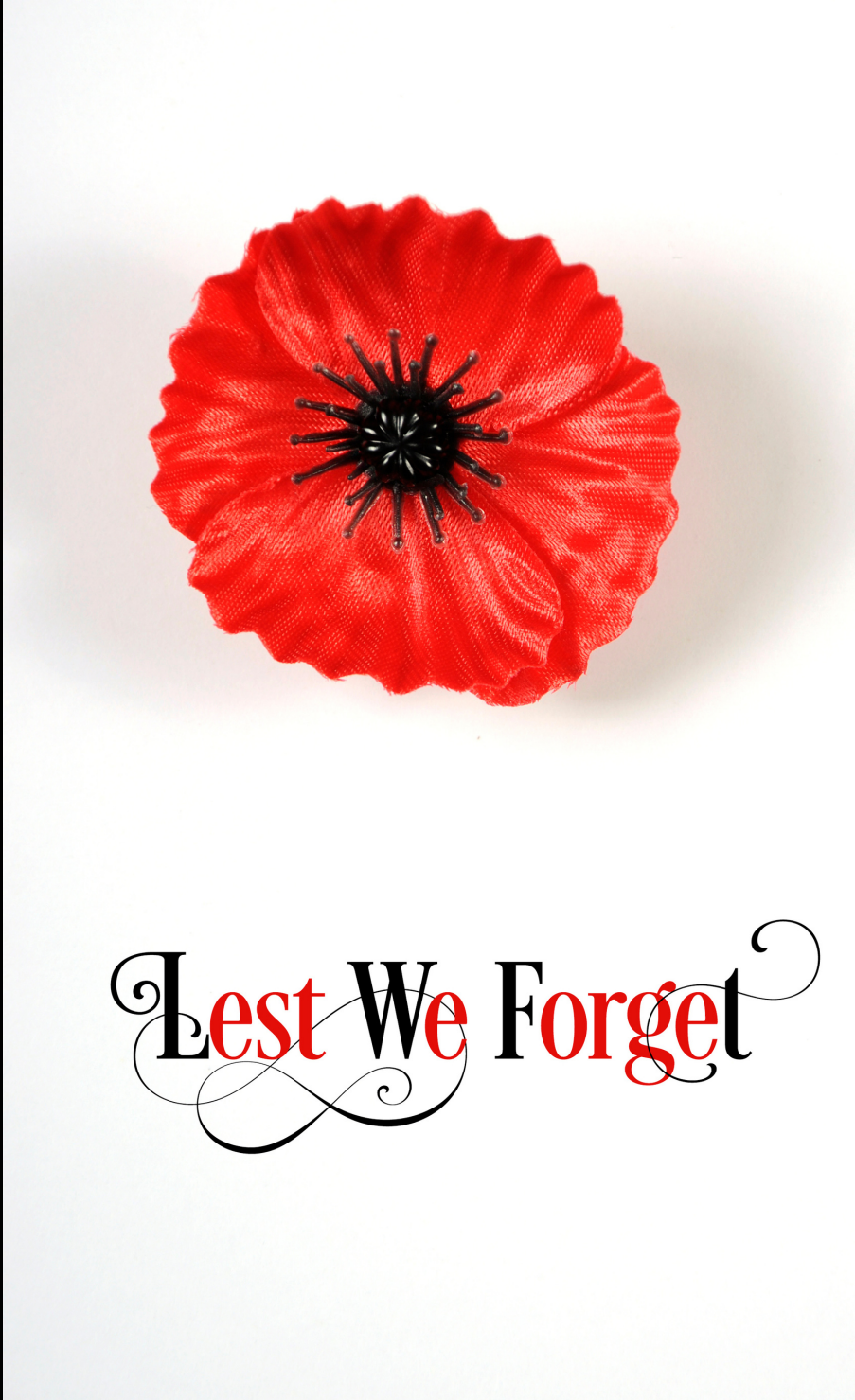
## Street Names in Wilmot

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- **Williams Street**- New Hamburg
- **Shephard\* Place** - New Hamburg
- \*Note: the street sign should read Sheppard.
- **Eby Crescent** - New Hamburg
- **Daniells Crescent** - New Hamburg
- **Erbach Crescent** - Baden
- **Forler Street** - Baden
- **Glen Goebel Court** - New Hamburg
- **Kaster Court** - New Hamburg
- **Laschinger Boulevard** - New Hamburg
- **McFadyen Street**- Baden

- **Marty Lane** - New Hamburg
- **Merner Place** - New Hamburg
- **Walter Perry Place** - New Hamburg
- **George Schmitt Court** - Baden
- **Theodore Schuler Boulevard** - New Hamburg
- **Spahr Lane** - New Hamburg
- **Stier Road** - New Hamburg
- **Strauch Avenue** - New Hamburg
- **Walker Road**- Wilmot Township
- **Charles Young\*** Avenue- New Hamburg

\*Note: the cenotaph and street sign should read Yonge



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