

Draft Notes for Charles Smith in Freshford Great War Heroic Dead.paw

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C Smith, Pte. 1st Canadian Infy. ¹

Charles Smith. ²

1878 Baptism at St Peter's Church, Freshford, Somerset on 11 Aug 1878 of **Charles**, Father John Smith Mother Jane, abode Pipehouse, Father's occupation Labourer. ³

1881 England Census shows William Smith age 67 General Laborer [sic] b. Bradford, Wilts living at Pipehouse, Freshford, Somerset with wife Mary age 66 Laundress b. Hinton Charterhouse, Somerset, son John mar. age 24 Stone Quarry Labourer b. Freshford, [his wife] daughter-in-law Jane age 23 b. Monkton Combe, grand daugh Annie age 16 General Serv (Domestic) b. Hinton Charterhouse and Grandson **Charles** age 2 b. Freshford. ⁴

1891 England Census shows John Smith mar. age 33 Quarryman Stone b. Freshford living at 1 Pipehouse, Freshford with wife Jane age 33 Laundress b. Calne, Wilts, and children **Charles** age 12 b. Freshford, Edith L age 7, Florence A age 4 all Scholars, and Wiiliam H age 10mo. all b. Pipehouse, Somt. also Arthur Burt boarder single age 24. Blacksmith b. Berwick S Johns, Wilts. ⁵

Canada

Note: It is not known when Charles emigrated to Canada. Typical records for a Charles or C Smith's passge and Canadian Census record are below.

1898 C Smith male age 19 Cattleman, British, arrived 12 Aug 1898 in "Laurentian" arriving Montreal, Quebec from Liverpool, England. ⁶ Note: the ship's passenger lists identifies 24 passengers as "cattlemen".

1901 Canadian census shows Charles Smith male white age 23 single b. 2 Feb 1878 in England domestic Canadian national, religion English Ch.; Farm Laborer; months employed 12; earnings from occupation \$225; can read; can wite; can speak English; can speak French [no]; mother tongue English; living at Ekfrid, ⁷ Middlesex (west/ouest), Ontario immigration year 1893 with Catharine Switzer age 67 and children Agnes age 38 and Benjamin age 26. Date of Census Apr 3rd. ⁸

John Smith Family

1858 Bap. of **John Smith** on 18 Apr 1858 at St Peter's Church, Freshford father William, Labourer, mother Mary. ⁹

1877 Marriage of **John Smith** and Phebe Jane Smith registered Bath. ¹⁰

Note: For 1901 and 1911 England Census records see William Henry Smith's notes.

1927 Death of **John Smith** age 69 registered Bath. ¹¹ Note: The only person of this name registered in Bath. No record of Jane's death has been traced.

First World War

Note: No record has been found for this Charles Smith in Canadian military attestation records - though some potential records had insufficient information to identify the man concerned.

The 1st Canadian Infantry Brigade was part of the 1st Canadian Division and was formed from Battalions recruited in Ontario. The brigade included the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Battalions ... Activities

included: training in England, and battles of Ypres, Regina Trench, Vimy Ridge, Fresnoy and Passchendaele.¹²

¹ Plaque on Freshford Village war memorial sited on the village Tynning.

² Alan Dodge, *Freshford - History of a Somerset Village* (2000; reprint, Freshford Manor Bath Somerset: Freshford Publications, 2000)

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⁴ 1881 England Census RG11/2050 Bradford on Avon, Bradford South Eastern 17 Folio 111 Page 12 Schedule 69.

⁵ 1891 England Census RG12/1930 Bath, Twerton 146 Folio 146 Page 12 Schedule 69.

⁶ Canadian Passenger Lists 1865-1935. Passenger Lists, 1865–1935. Library and Archives Canada, n.d. RG 76-C. Department of Employment and Immigration fonds. Library and Archives Canada Ottawa, Ontario, Canada. Roll: C-4542.

⁷ Township about 45km South West of London, Ontario.

⁸ Source Information: Ancestry.com. 1901 Census of Canada [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA. Original data: Library and Archives Canada. Census of Canada, 1901. Ottawa, Ontario, Canada. Ekfrid, Middlesex (west/ouest), Ontario Page 1 Family No. 2.

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¹⁰ England and Wales, FreeBMD, Marriage Index: 1837-1983 for Bath for 1877 Jul-Aug-Sep Vol 5c Page 939.

¹¹ Ancestry.com. England & Wales, Death Index: 1916-2005 for Bath for Jun 1927 Vol 5c Page 551.

¹² Canadian Expeditionary Force Study Group <http://cefresearch.ca/>