

Fred Kiesow Barr

Fred Barr was born in South St. Paul, Minnesota on February 28, 1896. His parents were William and Emma Barr, who were of Irish and German ancestry. He had two siblings, including an infant who died and a younger sister, Anna Emelia. At the age of 9, he lived in Inver Grove Township. At age 14, he worked on a horse farm. He also worked as a farm laborer in Cleveland, Montana prior to World War I.

Barr was registered in the draft on June 5, 1917. He enlisted on November 29, 1917. He served in the 115th Engineers A.E.F. Infantry of the U.S. Army. His rank was Private First Class. After training at Camp Seviert in South Carolina, his infantry departed New York on August 7, 1918 and traveled through Ireland, Scotland, and England before they reached Cherbourg, France on August 22. Barr served overseas until June of 1919. He was discharged honorably during demobilization and was mustered out of service on July 5, 1919.

Barr was married to Lillian M. Johnson on June 20, 1928. They lived in St. Paul. Lillian worked as a private maid. According to his WWII draft registration card, Barr worked as a farm laborer for the University of Minnesota. Lillian died in 1966. Barr died at the age of 86 on September 27, 1982. He was buried in South St. Paul's Oak Hill Cemetery.

Note:

DCHS has a World War I Army of occupation jacket worn by Fred Barr; it has a wheel patch on right shoulder, on left shoulder a blue patch with an orange circle and gold letter "A" , below is a red stripe and by the wrist a gold stripe, buttons have an eagle on them, collar buttons say "U.S." and inside coat collar has "F.K.B." winter coat. 77.205 [from DCHS catalog]

