

## Samuel Bongard

Samuel Bongard was born on October 14, 1894 in Maple Lake, Wright County, Minnesota. He was the son of Joseph Bongard of Holland and Anna Whey Bongard. His siblings were Anna, Abbie, Frasy, Hubert, Joseph and Alice. According to the 1940 census, Samuel completed the 4<sup>th</sup> grade.

Samuel registered for the draft on June 5, 1917. He lived in South St. Paul at the time and worked in construction at Stockyards Company #7. He enlisted in the Army on July 26, 1917 and trained at Camp Dodge, Iowa. He joined the 42nd Division (Rainbow Division, a Minnesota division). Samuel was in the Headquarters Company of the 151st Field Artillery Regiment, which was a machine gun battalion. The Regiment consisted of 5 officers and 263 men, all Minnesotans. He was a Private. Samuel departed Hoboken, New Jersey on the U.S.S. Agamemnon on October 31, 1917. The 151st Field Artillery Regiment returned from France on the U.S.S. Huntington. They arrived in Brooklyn, New York from Brest, France on April 26, 1919. Samuel mustered out of the service on May 19, 1919.

Samuel married Elizabeth K. Curt in 1925. According to the 1930 census, she was born in Germany and was 7 years younger than him. They had one child, Donald Peter Bongard, born in 1928. Samuel worked in produce at a meat market. At the time of the 1940 census, he was not employed, but he worked on a sewer project for the WPA. He earned \$584 for 9 weeks of work. He lived in North St. Paul. Samuel died on January 12, 1976 at the age of 81. He is buried at the General Lutheran Cemetery in South St. Paul.



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