

## **Grover Cleveland Duff**

Grover Cleveland Duff was born on October 25, 1888, in Hampton, Dakota County, MN. His father, William, was 38 years old when he was born, and his mother, Emma Jane Johnson, was 37. He had six brothers and five sisters. He lived with his parents in Hampton, Castle Rock Township, until about 1905. He worked as a farm laborer on his parent's farm. Grover began working for the Northern Pacific Railway Company about 1910. He worked as a Fireman, Bridgeman, and in Car Repair. In two years he transferred several times between Washington State, Minnesota and Montana. In 1912 Grover left the NPRC, and worked in Montana for several months for the Chicago-Milwaukee RR. He then returned to work for NPRC for three of the next four years, in Montana, Minnesota and North Dakota. One year he tried farming for himself.

In May of 1917, Grover was employed by the Oliver Mining company in Eveleth, St. Louis County, MN. A month later on 5 June, 1917, he signed his Draft Registration Form. He then enlisted three weeks later on 29 June, 1917 in Eveleth. He became a Private in the Army at the age of 28, serving in France with Company F in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Minnesota Infantry. He was mustered out on July 23, 1919.

Returning to civilian life, Grover was living in Stillwater, Washington County, MN in 1920, working with Locomotives again. In 1929, he lived in Minneapolis, Hennepin County, MN. For the next 12 years beginning around 1930, Grover was a resident in the Mental Hospital at the V.A. Hospital in St. Cloud, Stearns County, MN. After leaving the V.A. in 1942, he was a resident of the Windsor Hotel in Minot, ND. He was unemployed at that time. Grover then lived his last ten years of his life in Isle, Mille Lacs County, MN. Grover died on July 28, 1953, in Mille Lacs, Minnesota, at the age of 64 from a Cerebral Hemorrhage. He is buried at Fort Snelling National Cemetery in Minneapolis, MN.