

William John Dunkel

William John Dunkel was born on January 21, 1892, in Hastings, Dakota County, MN. His father, Michael, was 29 years old and his mother, Maria Halfin, was 33 when he was born. Both parents were German immigrants. He had 5 sisters.

He was 25 years old and living in Minneapolis, Hennepin County, MN, when he registered for the World War I draft on June 5, 1917. At this time he was employed as a Traffic worker with the C, B & I Railroad in Minneapolis. He enlisted on November 27, 1917 and obtained the rank of Sergeant Major Regimental. He served at Headquarters in Jefferson Barracks in Missouri. William was mustered out of the service on the 26th of December, 1918.

William was again living with his parents in 1920, while employed as a Stenographer with Whole Potato Company. He married Alice Keaney, about 1923, with whom he had one son, William J. Dunkel, Jr. They lived in Minneapolis. Alice died in 1937. In 1938, William married Cora Agatha McLaughlin in Hennepin County. By 1940, William was a Traffic Manager and part owner in Whole Potato Company. In 1942, William was living in Grand Forks, Grand Forks County, ND. William died on April 25, 1971, in Grand Forks, at the age of 79. He was buried there in the Memorial Park Cemetery.