



John William Kummer

John Kummer was born on August 4, 1889 in Vermillion, Minnesota to Jacob Kummer (1845-1921) and Katherine Reuter Kummer (1849-1913). Both parents were born in Luxembourg. John's father was a pioneer farmer in Vermillion. He was one of the founders of St John's Church and the director of the Vermillion Farmer's Elevator and Creamery. He also served as a Representative in the Minnesota State Legislature. John was one of 13 children. We could not find the information, but John learned the veterinarian trade and this was his profession when he married Estella Marie Dodds (1889-1989) on June 6, 1917 in Spring Valley, Minnesota. He registered for the draft just 13 days

later. He was inducted at Camp Greenleaf, Iowa on July 1, 1918 and trained there as a veterinarian from July until October. He was transferred to Camp Lee, Kansas for one month for overseas training and then became part of the 9th Veterinary Corps. When the war ended, he was transferred to the No.5 Veterinary Replacement Unit from October 31, 1918 until January 18, 1919. He was discharged as a 2nd Lieutenant on January 18th. He returned home to Hastings and had a veterinary business there for over 50 years. John and Estella had four children. He was past Captain of the Hastings National Guard.



John died on April 18, 1972 at the age of 82. He is buried at St Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Cemetery in Hastings, Minnesota.