



Charles Howard Leonard

Charles Leonard was born on May 25, 1888 in Burnsville, Minnesota to Francis Howard Leonard (1849-1936) born in Norfolk, Massachusetts and Sarah Busch Keyes Leonard (1856-1930) born in Wolf Island, Ontario, Canada. His parents were farmers. Few records could be located regarding Charles military service but we believe that he enlisted before the war, on December 21, 1913. He was assigned to the 16th Division, 21st Infantry. They protected the Arizona and California borders from Villista raids across the Mexican border. The regiment trained troops for fighting in France with the American Expeditionary forces during WWI. His WWI service dates are September 21, 1917 to January 17, 1919.

Charles returned home to his family's farm in Burnsville and in 1925, he married Louisa E Heldt (1901-1960). Charles inherited the 160 acre Burnsville farm and the couple lived there for the rest of their lives. They did not have children. He died on December 27, 1973 at the age of 85.

He is buried at Fort Snelling National Cemetery in Minneapolis, Minnesota.