

### Lawrence Thomas Oster

Lawrence Thomas Oster was born on April 20<sup>th</sup>, 1896 in Farmington, Minnesota to Peter August Oster and Hannah Oster. Lawrence was the third of eight children. By age 13, Lawrence was working for his father on the family farm in Castle Rock and continued to work there when until the time he registered for the draft on June 5<sup>th</sup>, 1917 at age 21.

Lawrence T. Oster was inducted into service on June 24<sup>th</sup>, 1918 and was a cook with the U.S. guards at Curtis Bay, Maryland.

At the time of 1920 Lawrence was single and living at home with his parents in Castle Rock. He had a job as a clerk in a law office. Lawrence married Justine V. Auge September 29<sup>th</sup>, 1920. Their children were Mary Ruth, Wilfred Lawrence, George Lloyd, Eileen Justine, Luella Anne, Paul Anthony, Helen Marie Anella, Lawrence, Jr, Justine Terese, Edwin Joseph, Rita Joan, Martin Leonard, Marvin Gregory, Anita Jane, and Monica Irene. By 1930 the family had moved to Eagan Township and Leonard was delivering the city newspaper on a rural route. Lawrence died on July 11, 1979 in Mendota, Minnesota and is buried at the Church of St. Peter Historic Cemetery in Mendota.

