Harold Hubert Bell

Harold Hubert Bell was born on April 9, 1892 in Faribault Minnesota to Hubert and Stella Warner. Both parents were born in the United States, Hubert in Wisconsin and Stella in Hastings Minnesota. He was the youngest of three children. In 1906 the family moved to Hastings and made this their permeant home.

Harold attended Hastings schools and he enlisted in the US Army prior to the war. The exact date could not be located. He was in Company I, stationed in Fort David A. Russell in Wyoming (also known as Fort Francis E. Warren). On April 30, 1912 he deserted and turned himself in at Fort Snelling in Minneapolis Minnesota on August 13, 1912. He served 6 months in confinement at Fort Snelling. The 1930 census did indicate that he served in WWI but records of this later service have been difficult to find. He did not complete the questionnaire and his pension was disallowed. At the time of the draft, he was living in Minneapolis but working for Wells Fargo as a messenger in Hastings.

Harold married Josephine Katherine Mullany from Hastings Minnesota on November 24, 1916. The couple had two children, Thomas Clark Bell and Lois Bell (Strum). The family moved around a lot and Harold worked in several professions including Photographer, Welder, Butter Maker and a Boiler Maker for the Railroad. He died at age 53 in St. Paul and he is buried at St Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Cemetery in Hastings.