Julius (John) William Dittman

Julius Dittman was born on October 8, 1894 in Eagan, Minnesota. His parents were Herman Dittman and Mary Groth. He had three siblings: William, Edward, and Theador. Prior to the war he worked as a farm laborer.

Dittman registered for the draft on June 5 (probably 1917). At the time, he lived in Rosemount, MN. Dittman claimed exemption from the draft because he had a disabled arm and his parents were dependent on his support. There is no evidence to suggest he served in the military during World War I.

After the war, Julius married Anita Clara Kahl. They had their first son, Elmer, in 1920, followed by a daughter, Ruth, and three more sons: Willmar, Raymond, and Gordon. He became a farmer for “General Farm”. In 1940, Dittman was still a farmer. He died in 1970 at the age of 76. He is buried at Willow River Cemetery in Hudson, Wisconsin.