(Arthur) Reuben Malm Biography

Arthur Reuben Malm was born on February 24, 1885 in Cannon Falls, Goodhue, Minnesota to Oscar Carlson "O.C." Viking Malm and Elizabeth Bryngelson. O.C. and Elizabeth had immigrated to Cannon Falls in 1883 from Sweden and moved their family to South St. Paul, Dakota, Minnesota by 1892. Oscar had a construction company and in the 1898 St. Paul City Directory, Ruben (how he spelled it) was listed as a laborer. By 1904 he was listed as a mason, which was true also for some of his brothers who worked for their father. In 1906 Ruben married Margaret Theilen (1888-1977) in St. Paul, Ramsey, Minnesota, the place of her birth. They had one daughter, Muriel Elizabeth (1906-2007). For a brief time, around 1910, the family moved to Spooner, Washburn Cty, Wisconsin where Margaret's mother had lived with her step-father. Her mother had died by that time and Ruben was listed as working on the farm of his step-father-in-law.

Ruben registered for the World War Draft on September 12, 1918, the same day as his brother, Oscar. At that time he and Margaret were living at 219 4th Avenue S., South St. Paul, Ramsey, Minnesota. Ruben's father had died prior to June 1917 so the brothers had moved on to other jobs. Ruben listed his occupation, at the time of his registration, as a scale counter at the South St. Paul Stockyards. At that time, along with Oscar, he served with the Minnesota National Guard, Company B, 5th Battalion of the Minnesota Home Guard. The company was mustered but lost a number of members to the selective draft. They were mobilized as necessary including service during a city street car strike. The troops also served as escorts to drafted boys during the war as they left for various army training camps.

After the war Ruben returned to the South St. Paul Stockyards as a yardman. He worked at the stockyards for the remainder of his career. By 1928 he had moved up to Superintendent. In 1930 he and Margaret were renting a house at 301 5th Avenue North in South St Paul and had as a lodger an unmarried public school teacher named Mildred Scott, age 32, while he was still employed at the stockyards.

Ruben died on February 26, 1972 in Mendota Heights, Dakota County, Minnesota, aged 87 years. He is buried in Acadia Park Cemetery in Mendota Heights, Dakota County, Minnesota.