

## Woodford Grady Rasnick

Woodford Grady Rasnick was born 07 July 1893 in Selton, Dickenson Co., Va., son of Joseph H. Rasnick and Ida Honaker. He married Susan Violet Sykes 22 December 1921 in Haysi, Dickenson Co., Va.

Woodford Grady was inducted into service on 21 September 1917 in Clintwood, Dickenson Co., Va., as a private in the infantry. His identification number was 1816262. He was assigned to Co. L, 317<sup>th</sup> Infantry, 80<sup>th</sup> Division at Camp Lee, Va. He remained at Camp Lee until 25 May 1918 when he was sent to Newport News, Va., to board the ship, the USS Mongolia. He shipped out on 26 May 1918 and arrived at Brest, France 8 June 1918. From Brest he proceeded to Calais, arriving 12 June 1918.

He first went into action at Artois Sector, 23 July 1918. He served there until 18 Aug 1918. He served in the Reserve Corps at St. Mihiel 12-16 September 1918. He was at Meuse Argonne 26 September through 12 October and again 1-6 November 1918. He was awarded the Victory Medal with three stars. He was not wounded or disabled.

He arrived back at Newport News, Va., on the ship the Nansemond on 1 June 1919 from Brest, France. He was discharged from Camp Lee, Va., on 10 June 1919 at the rank of Corporal.

He submitted an affidavit of his service on 28 January 1922 at Clinchco, Va. His brother, Charles Herman, also served during World War I.

Woodford taught in Dickenson Co., Va. He attended Lynchburg Business College and was bookkeeper for Clinchfield Coal and other firms. They lived at Clinchco and Clintwood. They moved to Oak Ridge, Tenn., to work in a defense plant during WWII, where he died suddenly before they were settled in their new home.

Woodford and Susan had six children: Mavis, Clifton, Ida Anna (who died young), Belva, Woodford Grady Jr., and Earl.