Place of birth:
Date of birth:
Home address:
Publications:

Biographical information

Walter Hobart Miller was author of "The Diary of a Yankee Doughboy in W.W.I.
He was born on a Farm June 11-1896 in the Most South East Corner of Corinna Maine Township. The Farms Southern Line was the 45th Parallel of Latitude. The 8th child of Charles and Matilda Miller. In 1900 his folks moved to Lowell Mass. where his father bought a Grocery Store. In 1905 when 9 yrs old his mother died, leaving a large family and his father sold the store and moved back to Corinna on the Old Millie Homestead which was just over the Exeter Town Line in the old Greenbrush neighborhood. He helped his father cut 4 Carloads of Christmas Trees for the Boston Market each year until and was known as the Christmas Tree King of Berwick County. In the summer raised Potatoes over
at 18 years of age went to work in Westbrook Me for the S.D. Warren Co. as Electricians helper, 1917.
Enlisted in the Army and went overseas with the American Expeditionary Forces. Walt kept a small Red diary and a small book of St. John. given him by the Y.M.C.A. in Portland, each day he made notations in the Diary. This was the source of his book, which he had published in 1975 in Portland, "The Diary" In 1930 he moved to Calif. where all his brothers and sisters had moved to, The Long Beach Calif. Earthquake on May 10-1933 caught him up and put him in the hospital for 2 months. At that time he own the Pasadena Electric Refrigeration Co. but sold out and moved his family to Longview Wash. to work as Lead man Electrician for the Weyerheuser Timber Co. After 20 yrs these he contracted health problems and was advised to moved to a dryer climate. so moved to Boron California where he worked as Lead man Electrician for the U.S. Borax Co. until his retirement. He is a Life member of the Masons having joined Warren-Philips Lodge in Cumm, Mills in 1919. He is also a Life member of the American Legion, a Past Commander of Post 62 in Westbrook Maine. A Life member of the Disabled American Veterans. He now runs Miller's Antique Shop in Boron Ca. with his son. He lives at 27084 City St. Boron Calif. 93516.
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