

Charles “Chas” Anderson

Charles was born on September 1st 1899 in Sweden, and was the eleventh of thirteen children of August (1859-1926) and Augusta (1864-1921) Anderson. His mother was Norwegian and his father Swedish. In March of 1918 he was 19 years old and employed as a butcher in Hastings when he registered for the WWI Draft.

Chas served in the American Expeditionary Forces, assigned to the 163rd Depot Brigade before being transferred to Company F, 33rd Engineers. He trained in Devens, Massachusetts before being sent to Brest, France in mid-1918. In early 1919 he received medical care at the Camp Hospital. By May of 1919 he had been promoted from Private to Wagoner and then to Sergeant. His older brother Edward served in WWI as well, as a Private in a Veterinary Hospital. Chas was mustered out of service in June of 1919.

After the war he returned to Dakota County. He lived with his sister Ida and her family and worked as a carpenter in Hastings. He and his younger brother LeRoy T Anderson both served in WWII. Chas died on June 29, 1962, and is buried at Fort Snelling National Cemetery in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

