

Carl Bloomstrand

Carl William Bloomstrand was born on February 21, 1895 in Nininger Township, Dakota County, Minnesota. His parents were John Bloomstrand and Hedda Johanson (noted also as Hattie or Sophia). The couple immigrated to Hastings from Sweden in 1888 with their two children at the time, Walter and Alma. In 1893, the Bloomstrands moved to Nininger. John worked as a stone mason. Carl had seven siblings: Walter, David, Albert, Helen, Alma, Anna, and Lillian.

Carl enlisted on June 4, 1917. He served with First Camp Dodge Detachment, Company A, 338th Infantry of the U.S. Army in France. Carl was wounded in the left thigh in the Argonne Forest battle. On March 26, 1919, Carl departed Brest, France on the U.S.S. Leviathan. His rank was Private. Carl was mustered out of the service on April 11, 1919.

After the war, Carl married Clara Baker, a secretary, on August 22, 1924 in Monmouth, Illinois. Then, the couple moved to Carl's acreage in Nininger Township near Hastings. He worked as a self-employed farm laborer. Clara died in late 1961 after a hip injury and a period of ill health. Carl died on December 4, 1981 and was buried at Lakeside Cemetery in Hastings, MN. He was 86 years old.



John & Hedda Bloomstrand Family photo

Back Row, L>R: Anna, David, Helen, Alma, Albert, Lillian.

Front Row: L>R: Carl, John, Hedda, Walter



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