Henry John “HJ” Burt

Henry John “HJ” Burt was born on February 4th, 1897 in Olivia, Minnesota. His parents were Edwin Burt, born in New York, and Anna Warner. Prior to his military service, Henry worked for Dr. Forsythe in South St. Paul.

Henry registered for the draft on June 5, 1918. He lived in St. Paul at the time. Henry served as Quartermaster Sergeant at Dunwoody Institute in Minneapolis.

Henry’s exact life events after his military service are somewhat muddled. In 1942, Henry was living in South St. Paul and working for Geo M Burt Co. He probably married Mildred Lucile Murphy on January 16, 1946 in Wayne, Nebraska, although his 1942 WWII draft card lists her as a relative. It’s possible they were dating at that time. However, his Find a Grave page (with the correct birthdate, in Kansas) lists his spouse as Cora Briggs Burt. (Mildred is buried next to a Henry Burt in Nebraska, although this gravestone does not have the correct birth year.) It is unclear if Henry married Cora later in life or if these are two separate Henry’s. Henry died November 19, 1980 and was buried at Gypsum Hill Cemetery in Salina, Kansas.

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