

Francis Richard Carson



Francis Richard Carson was born 18 July 1896 in Hastings, the son of William W. Carson (1869-1939), who in 1910 was a Hastings city policeman, and Helen Maether (1874-1947).

Francis enlisted 30 April 1918 at St. Paul, Minnesota and trained at Camp Upton, New York before shipping overseas. He first served with Company B of the the 52nd Engineers in France and later with the 141st Company, Transportation Corps. He was not injured during his service. He was discharged as a private on 12 July 1919 at Camp Grant, Illinois.

By 1920, he and his parents were living in St. Paul. After the War, Francis worked as a brakeman for the C. M. & So. P. Railway at Farmington, while living in St. Paul.

By 1929, Francis was living in Multnomah County, Oregon, where he married Pauline Arndt (1902-1933). But the marriage was annulled after a few months in January 1920, Pauline citing Francis' problems with alcohol. They had no children. By 1930, Francis was living in St. Louis, Missouri and working as a state highway civil engineer. In 1940 he was still following that profession in San Francisco. He died in Los Angeles, California on 19 May 1952 at age 55, and was brought home to Minnesota for burial at Fort Snelling National Cemetery.