

Ralph Thompson Chard

Ralph Chard was born on January 3, 1895 in Waterville, Minnesota to Arthur P Chard (1862-1933) born in England and Susan B Best Chard (1862-1948) born in Missouri. Arthur was an Episcopal Minister and he was the Pastor of the Hastings Episcopal Church in on June 5, 1917 when Ralph registered for the draft when he was 22 years old. He had an older brother, Harold Edward Chard that also served in WWI. Ralph enlisted on April 25, 1918 and he served as a First Lieutenant in the Regular Army until he was discharged on March 22, 1919. The only information we could find regarding Ralph's military service was provided by his family in 1919 in the Dakota County in the War Book.

Ralph married Margaret E Rood (1899-1970) on April 23, 1927 from Albert Lea, Minnesota. They settled there, living with her parents Oliver and Hilda Rood. Ralph worked for the Wilson & Company Meat Packing Company. He started as a bookkeeper and ended up as the Credit Manager. The couple had no children. Ralph died on June 12, 1966 at the age of 71 in Albert Lea and he is buried in the Lakewood Cemetery there.