

Henry Hanson

On March 25th, 1896, Henry Hanson was born in Northfield, Minnesota, and baptized at St. Peters Lutheran Church. His parents were Peter and Amelia Hanson of Denmark. Henry was one of five boys. His brothers were Andrew, Nels, August, and Emil. Nels died young before the 1910 US Census. In 1910, the family lived in the Township of Greenvale, Minnesota. Their mother Amelia died young, Peter remarried Marie by 1910, and by 1920 was married to Mary. Before joining the military, Henry worked as a farm laborer in Northfield, Minnesota.

Henry registered for the WWI Draft on June 5th, 1917. On December 14th, 1917, he enlisted into the Army Engineer Corps and joined Company "F" 25th Engineers as a Private. He sailed to France from Hoboken, New Jersey, on February 27th, 1918. He returned over a year later, on May 14th, 1919, on the USS Kaiserin Augusta Victoria as a Corporal Engineer. Henry was discharged from the military on June 9th, 1919.

After the war, Henry returned to his parent's house in Castle Rock, Minnesota, where he continued to work as a farm laborer. In 1922, he married Ida Berg in Winnipeg, Canada. They had two daughters together named Irene and Gloria. Six years after they married, in 1928, Ida died. After she died, Henry and his daughters lived with his parents. In 1934, six years after Ida passed, Henry married Genevieve Bergson in Minneapolis. They had two children together; a daughter named Patricia and a son named Robert.

By 1940, Henry was the owner of a gas station in Farmington, Minnesota. Genevieve died suddenly 14 years after their marriage in 1948. After she died, he moved to Minneapolis, where he stayed until 1961, when he moved to Phoenix, Arizona, where he lived for the rest of his life. Throughout his life, Henry worked as a Real Estate Salesman, was the Commander of the American Legion, and was a carpenter. He died at the Veteran's Hospital in Arizona from Arthritis on December 27th, 1963, at the age of 67. His funeral was held in Farmington, and he was buried in Oak Lawn Cemetery in Northfield, Minnesota.



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