Michael Hartman

Michael Hartman was born on June 16th, 1889, in Saint Paul, Minnesota. His parents were George and Mary (sometimes spelled Marie) Hartman. The family lived in West Saint Paul before moving to South Saint Paul around the year 1910. Michael's younger brother George also served in WWI. In 1910, Michael was 21 years old and working as a gardener. He registered for the WWI Draft on June 5th, 1917. His occupation then was working on a local farm that he was looking after, which he cited as a reason to be exempt from service.

Michael enlisted into the Army on February 26th, 1918. He joined the 44th Company 20th Engineers as a Private. He served in France and returned to the United States on the USS Rhode Island on June 23rd, 1919. His home contact was his father, George, with an address listed as RFD (rural free delivery) #1 Box 151, South Saint Paul, Minnesota. Michael was discharged from the Army on July 12th, 1919.

After returning from the war, Michael moved into his parent's house. His parents had moved to 144 West Morton Street in Saint Paul. He worked for some time as a clerk in a wholesale house. By 1930, he was no longer working but still living with his parents. In 1940, Michael was still living at his parent's house but was working as a real estate salesman. On his WWII Draft, he lists his job as being a freelance painter. By 1955, Michael married Lisetta, and they lived on Westchester Drive in West Saint Paul. Michael lived an extremely long life, dying at the age of 101 on April 13th, 1991. He is buried next to his wife in Fort Snelling National Cemetery.

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