Lloyd Snell was born on September 4, 1891 to Jay P Snell (1857-1917) and Flora Newell Snell (1857-1940) in Downing, Wisconsin. Lloyd’s grandfather fought in the Civil War for the First Wisconsin and was injured and disabled when he returned home. Lloyd’s father was a farmer. Both parents died in Wisconsin. By the time Lloyd was 23 years old, he moved from Wisconsin to South St Paul, Minnesota where he worked as a stenographer for the F.S. Page & Company.

It is here in South St Paul that he enlisted in the National Guard on May 25, 1917 and was assigned to Field Hospital Company No1. He trained at Camp Cody, New Mexico and left for France to work at Ambulance Company/Field Hospital No 135, 109th Sanitary Train, 34th Division on October 12, 1918 on the SS Baltic. They were originally assigned to the LeMans area of France, the War ended and they were sent home. He returned home on the SS Wilhelmina from Bordeaux, France arriving in Hoboken, New Jersey on January 19, 1919.

Lloyd returned to Minnesota following the War, lived in St Paul and was employed by Drovers Livestock and a Cattle Salesman. He roomed at different locations and never married. He died on April 17, 1975 at the age of 84. He is buried at Fort Snelling National Cemetery in Minneapolis, Minnesota.