

Gilbert Edmund Swanson

Gilbert Swanson was born in Welch, Minnesota on December 29, 1890 to John K Swanson (1845-1928) and Hannah Johnson Swanson (1851-1925). Both of his parents emigrated from Sweden. His father was a farmer and Gilbert also worked as a farm hand when he registered for the draft on June 5, 1917 in Welch.

He was 26 and single. He served in Company B, 139th Infantry, 35th Division and was released on May 22, 1919. It is not known if he served in France as no records can be found.

After the War, he returned to Welch and his parents' home. On November 23, 1927 he married Sarah Ann

Nilan, also born in Welch (1897-1959). The couple lived in East Hastings where for many years they operated a small grocery store on East 5th Street. After many years, they moved to Robinsdale and also moved their business. Gilbert died on November 5, 1958 at the age of 67. He is buried at Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Cemetery in Hastings, Minnesota.