

Veteran of the Week 8 (September 19<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> 2021)

Private 104642 Private Henderson George Baxter

3<sup>rd</sup> Pioneer (48<sup>th</sup>) Battalion

Canadian Expeditionary Force

First World War (WW1)

Private Henderson George Baxter of Waldeck, Saskatchewan was born on 29<sup>th</sup> of October 1881 at Six Mile Bridge, County Clare, Ireland. He Enlisted in the 68<sup>th</sup> Overseas Battalion on the 6<sup>th</sup> of August 1915 in Swift Current, Saskatchewan at the age of 33 years. Henderson was a farmer by trade. On the 4<sup>th</sup> of December 1915 he transferred to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Pioneer (48<sup>th</sup>) Battalion. Private Baxter arrived in England on the 5<sup>th</sup> of October 1915 and embarked to France on the 9<sup>th</sup> March 1916. He would be wounded fairly soon after arriving in theater as he was wounded on the 5<sup>th</sup> of June 1916 at the Battle of the Somme. He suffered a gunshot wound/ shrapnel wound to his left leg. Ultimately this wound would cause permanent disability as he would lose some function in his left leg, specifically his ankle and knee.

104642 Private Henderson George Baxter would be invalided back to Canada and discharged via medically unfit for service due to his wound. He would be discharged in Regina, Saskatchewan on the 21<sup>st</sup> March 1918. He returned home to his wife Myra Brenda Baskerville and their children. They would later move to British Columbia, where they would live the rest of their lives. While living in BC he worked as a Land Titles Clerk. He was predeceased by his wife Myra as she passed away on the 21<sup>st</sup> of February 1946 at age 62. Private Henderson George Baxter would himself pass away seven years later on the 28<sup>th</sup> of December 1953 at age 72 due to Toxemia at the Veterans Hospital in Saanich, BC. Both Henderson and his wife Myra are buried in the Sooke Harbour Cemetery in Sooke, B.C. He was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

This week we honour the service of 104642 Private Henderson George Baxter of Waldeck, Saskatchewan. Thank you for your service Private Baxter.