

Bio: Andrew Albert Burr

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The Burr family was living near the community of Upland in Franklin county Nebraska when their fifth child, Andrew Albert Burr was born on the first of November 1894. The parents, Alwyn Burr and his wife Hilda Ekdahl must have been working hard to carve out a life for themselves and their young family. They would add three more daughters to the family, for a total of eight children. Descendants of the family recall very tough times for the family in Nebraska. Andrew probably attended local schools as census records indicate that he completed the eighth grade.

In 1917 or 1918 Andrew Burr signed up for the draft, and set out for service in WWI. Read more about his time in France in the blog post linked to his database entry. Andrew Burr was demobilized in August of 1919 and arrived back in the US, at Hoboken New Jersey, on the first of September 1919.

Following his time in France, he resided with his family in Nebraska as he is recorded with them in the 1920 census. But, shortly after the census he followed his older brother Edward E Burr to Wyoming where, in 1921, they both secured property for homesteading near the town of Rozet in Campbell county Wyoming. Edward's family records that he actually took up his property in 1917 and he does appear in the 1920 census of Campbell county Wyoming.

A blurb in the Gillette News for 17 September 1920 reports:

Edward and Andrew Burr are entertaining their father from Upland Nebraska. This is Mr Burr's first visit to Wyoming and he is very much impressed with the country.

The Burr brothers took up farming and ranching together, near Rozet, over the next several decades.

Andrew Albert Burr married Tessie Pearl Garrett in April of 1922. The marriage is registered at Gillette, in Campbell county Wyoming. They were the parents of four surviving children - Wayne D Burr, Clifford Garrett Burr, Elsie Josephine Burr, and Pauline Burr.

In June of 1931 Andrew A Burr, age 36, was admitted to the veterans home or hospital at Hot Spring South Dakota. His condition was given as chronic appendicitis. Hospital records indicate that he was there for one year, being discharged in June of 1932. The "domestic history" section of his records gives a few further details: Andrew A Burr; born 1 Nov 1894 at Upland Nebraska; age thirty-six; five feet, seven inches; ruddy complexion; brown eyes; light hair; can read and write, protestant; farmer; resides in Rozet Wyoming; married to Tessie Burr, (United States National Homes for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, 1866-1938; FamilySearch database).

Obituaries for Andrew Burr and Tessie Garrett Burr:

Andrew Burr, Sheridan Wyoming - Andrew A Burr, 77, of Sheridan, died Sunday in the Veteran's Administration Hospital at Sheridan. He had been admitted after a stroke on December 28. He was born Nov 1, 1894, in Upland Nebraska, a son of Mr and Mrs Alwyn E Burr. After World War I service, he moved to Rozet in 1920, and ranched and drove a school bus. He married Tessie Garrett on April 20, 1922 in Gillette. They moved to Sheridan in August 1946, and he operated a truck garden until retiring in 1968. Mr Burr was a charter member of World War I Barracks 3393, and a member of the Sheridan VFW Post. Survivors include the widow; a son Wayne D of Powell; two daughters Mrs Ronald Germann of Sheridan, and Mrs Tom Green of Roosevelt Utah; 11 grandchildren; three stepgrandchildren, and four sisters. Funeral services will be at 9:30 am Thursday in Ferris Funeral Home. Burial will be 11:30 am Thursday in Custer Battlefield National Cemetery in Montana.
[source] Billings Gazette (Billings Montana); 19 January 1972.

Tessie Burr, Sheridan Wyoming - Tessie Burr, 79, died Monday at Eventide Nursing Home where she had lived since 1973. Born in Greenfield Missouri, a daughter of Winslow and Susie Garrett, she came to Rozet in 1916 with her parents. On April 20, 1922 she married Andrew Burr in Gillett. They lived on a ranch near Rozet until moving to Sheridan in August 1946. Mr Burr died January 16 1972. She was a member of the VFW Auxillary. Survivors include a son, Wayne of Newcastle, two daughters, Mrs Ronald (Elsie) Germann and Pauline Green of Mount Vernon Illinois; a brother Wayne of Spokane Washington; a sister Irene Williams of Gillette; 14 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. Graveside services will be 11 am Wednesday at Custer Battlefield National Cemetery. Henne Funeral Home is in charge.
[source] Billings Gazette (Billings Montana), 19 December 1983; from the Montana Memory Project.

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