

Earl Barrett, World War I soldier

Around 1919, the Kansas State Historical Society and the American Legion solicited biographical information from returning veterans (primarily members of the 35th and 89th infantry divisions) and the families of those who died in service, notably from the Gold Star Mothers. Each veteran or family member was asked to provide letters, photographs, a biography, and military records. This file contains information on Earl Barrett, Medical Replacement Unit #47. Earl died from pneumonia on October 6, 1918.

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Downs, Kans

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Downs, Kansas.
Kansas State Historical Society: Jan. 23, 1919.

In accordance with your request for a picture and sketch of the life of Earl Barrett I am sending you the following which I am afraid you will find somewhat incomplete but perhaps it will give you the information you wish.

Earl Barrett was born in Osborne County, Kansas June 16, 1892 and died somewhere over sea (I do not know the exact place) Oct. 6, 1918 of Broncho-Pneumonia.

His father died when he was about five years old and he went to live with his grandmother in Bethany township for

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twelve years. When seventeen years of age he moved to Ross township where he was engaged in farming until called to the service of his country.

He united with the Evangelical church in March 1917.
He was married to Miss Ethel Bowers July 12, 1918.

Before going into the national army he belonged for some time to Co. A of the State Guards of Kansas.

He was called into service at Fort Riley July 22 and sailed from Camp Merritt N. J. with Med. Repl. Unit #47 Sept. 19.

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up to the present time I have been
unable to learn any particulars
concerning his death. I do not even
know in what country he died.

Should there be any further information
you desire I will be glad to give it.

Respectfully yours,

Mrs. Ethel Barrett.

P.S. as I have no photograph of him
alone, I am sending you this one. I am
sorry that I did not have a separate
picture of him but perhaps you can use
this one.

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Mrs. Ethel Barrett,
Dunn,
Kansas.



Gypsum, Ks.
Sept 18-19

Dear Sir:-

I sent you a photograph
of my brother Earl Barrett
and also a sketch of his
life.

I asked you to besure
and return the photograph
and I have not heard
from you yet.

Has been four or five
months since I sent
the picture.

Will send postage for the
return of it if necessary.

Address Mrs. Ben Prather
Gypsum
Kans.



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September 22, 1919

Mrs. Ben Prather,
Gypsum, Kansas.

Dear Madam:-

I received your favor of the 18th inst., concerning the return of the photograph of your brother Earl Barnett. I enclose you herewith card which will show you the difficulties under which we labor here in regard to these photographs. There are so many of them that if we had them all copied it would cost probably \$2500 and we have not the money. It will be some time before we can return photographs. It will have to be determined by the legislature what we will do concerning the copying of these photographs. Your request for the return of the photograph will be complied with but it may be some time before it can be done.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary



Re: Earl Barrett, return to us.

1. Name of deceased soldier: Earl Barrett
Date of Birth June 26, 1892

Place of Birth - Downs,
Ashorne County, Kans.

2. Service Record:

Private, Med. Repl. Unit #47

3. Names & Nationality of Parents:

Alice Barrett - U.S.
Mr. & Mrs. Will Barrett
Wm. Barrett - U.S.

4. If married, give name of wife and children:

Earl John Barrett (child)
Ethel Barrett (wife)

5. Special mention of parental ancestors
who participated in any of the wars in
which our country has engaged.

over.



any other facts that would be of
interest.

Please send photo - also your address
(street, etc.) so it can be returned
direct to you.

Photo (Sent under separate cover)
to be returned to Mrs. John M. Slothower

Downs, Kansas

\$1.50 Jan 1923

\$1.00 " Feb 1923

\$2.50 Total