Urbain Tourond, Métis veteran, Canadian military

Urbain was the youngest child of the marriage of Virginie Fisher and David Tourond. Urbain was born 12 Nov 1890 [1,5]. He never knew his father since David Tourond died on 11 September 1890 [2].

Urbain never married and lived with his mother Virginie and step-father Leon Hamelin until he enlisted in the Canadian army in March of 1916 [3]. His Service Number was 1009752. Urbain's unit was the Canadian Infantry (Saskatchewan Regiment), and his Division was the 46th Bn. Private Urbain Tourond died in battle on October 26, 1917. He has no known grave but he is memorialized in the Menin Gate (Ypres) Memorial Cemetery in Belgium [4].

Urbain was the young brother of Marie Tourond and Alexandrine Tourond. Urbain was a grandson of George Fisher, Emilie Boyer, Joseph Tourond, and Josephte Tourond (Paul). Urbain was a granduncle of Stephen, Alexander, and Anthony Hardy.

[1]   Canada Census 1901, http://data2.collectionscanada.gc.ca/1901/z/z004/pdf/z000180498.pdf

[2]   Morin, Gail, *Métis Families*, volume 5, page 235.

[3]   Urbain Tourond, Attestation Paper, Canadian Expeditionary Force, Library and Archives Canada, http://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/military-heritage/first-world-war/first-world-war-1914-1918-cef/Pages/item.aspx?IdNumber=270482

[4]   Canadian Virtual War Memorial webpage for Urbain Tourond, http://www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/collections/virtualmem/detail/1596658

[5]   The birthdate of Urbain Tourond, recorded in [3] and [4] above as Nov 12 1891, is incorrect. The 1891 Canada Census enumerates Urbain as being, or will be, 1 year old in 1891, which supports the birthdate given in [1] of Nov 12 1890. http://data2.collectionscanada.gc.ca/1891/pdf/30953_148228-00594.pdf

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