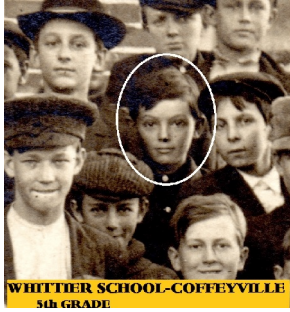


## CARRELL HUDELSON AKA CARL, aka CAL

He was born Carrell William Hudelson on 20 January, 1895 at Sedan, Chautaugua County, Kansas, the second child of Levi Hudelson [1862-1930] and Selma Anderson [1871-1964]. Bessie Ruth, his older sister b. 1894.

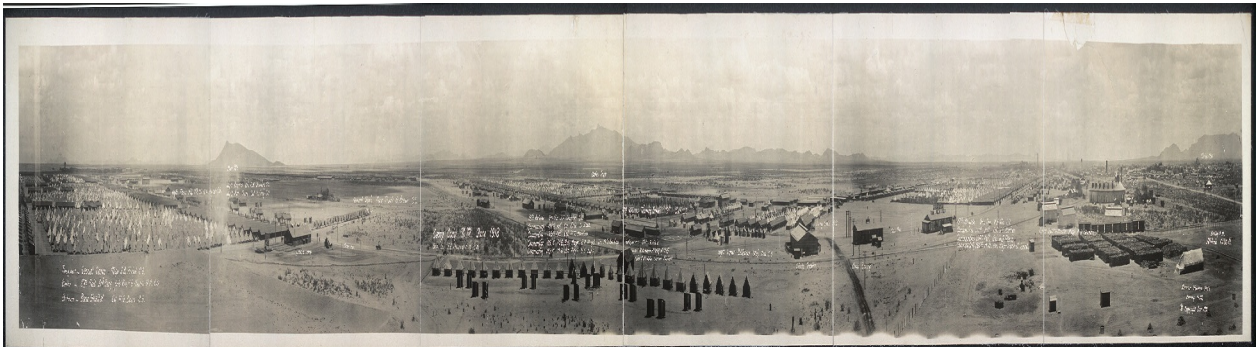


Moving to Coffeyville after his mother separated from her husband in 1902, they lived at #12 E. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Both Attended Public Schools in Coffeyville.

1913- After Graduating High School, he went to Miles city Montana for the summer of his 18<sup>th</sup> year where he worked as a cow puncher on a ranch. There is evidence he was in Red Wing Minnesota in the summer of 1914. It is unclear why he went to Minn. Or to Montana for that matter. A homestead was established in the Powder River, MT valley but apparently little used, being sold in the 1960's. Cal, or Carl as he was known by then, was noted as being a "crack shot" throughout the area, having downed a prairie dog at 100 yards with his .45 pistol [It was a lucky shot, he said, but he allowed the embellished stories be told]



WWI was under way by then, and it was in Red Wing MN where Carl enlisted to serve in the Allied Expeditionary Force on July 10, 1917. He wanted to enlist into the horse cavalry, but since by 1917 it became apparent that horses were incompatible with machine guns and trenches, thus, after Basic training at Camp Cody NM, Sept, 1917, he was assigned to Batt. B, 125 field artillery, 3<sup>rd</sup> trench mortar batt.. And shipped to France June 29, 1918.



Camp Cody, New Mexico

Served in the following campaigns:

Chataux Thierry, [Part of the larger battle of the Marne/Belleau Wood campaign [July 18-Aug 6, 1918.] U.S. and French forces pushed back against German forces.

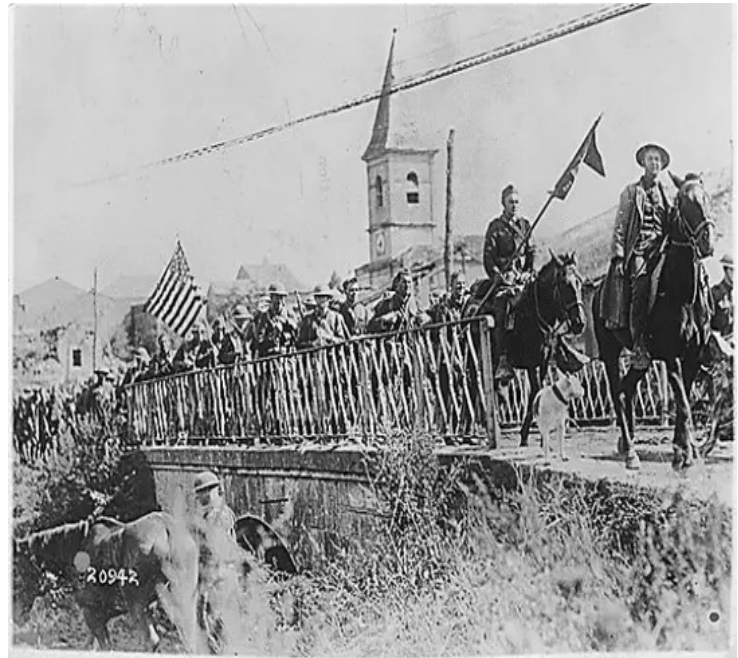
St. Michel, Sept 10-14, 1918.

1<sup>st</sup> and only offensive launched by the United States Army in WW1 without any other Allied participation.

**Meuse Argonne, Sept. 30-Oct 25, 1918, where he received severe wounds, Resulting in the amputation of his right leg.**

**Received: Bronze Star, French Memorial award, Purple Heart.**

**The Meuse-Argonne Offensive [24 Sept, 1918-11 Nov, 1918] was a huge offensive involving 1.2 million American soldiers , resulting in 28,000 German battle deaths and costing 26,277 American lives, the largest and costliest operation of WW1 for the American Expeditionary Force (AEF). To date the Meuse-Argonne remains the deadliest single battle in American military history.**



Americans returning from the St. Michel Front

**As unfortune would dictate, had he made it for 3 more weeks , Germany would surrender on 11 Nov.,1918.**

**Spending considerable time in Hospitals, returned to the U.S. 26 April, 1919 being discharged from the Army Hospital at Ft. Sheridan, Ill on 13 December, 1919, with travel to Fort Snelling, MN Veterans Hospital, for further rehab. He was fitted with a prosthesis, undetectable by anybody and since he didn't advertise it, it is doubtful any of his future buddies were aware.**

**An interesting side note : Carl was reported dead by the Kansas State Historical society on March 13, 1919.**

**While at the hospital, Carl wrote and received several letters from his sister, Bessie, but apparently never mentioned the severity of his wounds, which reflects the stoicism of his character manifested throughout his life.**

**Carl was in Coffeyville Ks, visiting his mother until Jan 1, 1920 when he left to go to his Homestead in Powder River Valley, Montana working as a rancher where he remained until Jan 16, 1921, when he returned to Red Wing MN, attending the U.S. Veterans Bureau Training facility enrolled in Business School and learned bookkeeping, business management and clerical.**



**There is evidence of his Membership in the American Legion in Red Wing in 1921**

**He established residence in Hibbing Minn, on 18 November, 1922 at 401 Howard St. Hibbing was on the move at that time.**

Literally moving the whole town 4 miles south to its present location from what is now called North Hibbing, to what was called at that time, "Alice". Vacated except a few streets and sidewalks as a remembrance of the old town.

2 houses being moved

The mining company was constructing,



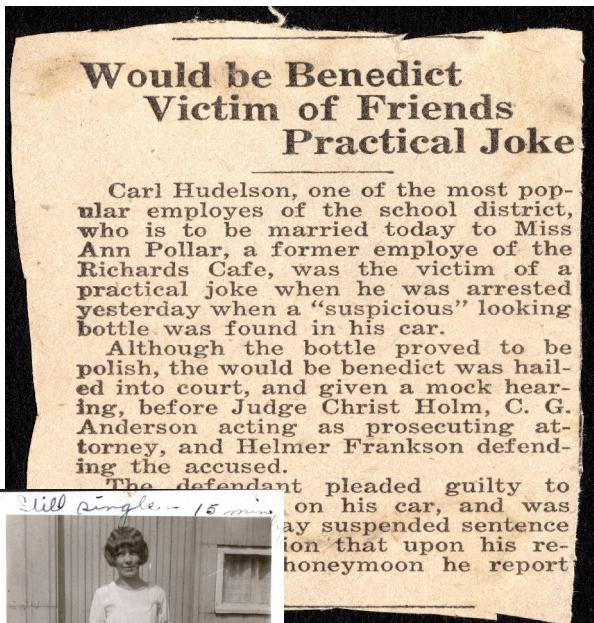
Iron Mine in 1920

among other buildings, a new school, which would contain all classes from kindergarten through 2 years of College, including a steam and electrical generation plant, three gymnasiums, swimming pool, theatrical auditorium mechanical shops, an indoor running track-a



monumental project. Carl obtained employment as Clerk/Bookkeeper for the Transportation Dept of the new Independent School District No. 27 at Hibbing Minn.[ The largest school district in the state], Eventually became the Chief Manager of all transportation resources for the district, supervising the drivers, mechanics, purchasing all the busses and cars, hiring, etc., where he retired after putting in his 40+ years.

Meeting Miss Helen Pollar, they married on 31 July,1926 at Eveleth Minnesota,



setting up permanent residence at 2019 11<sup>th</sup> Ave East, in Hibbing MN.

They had 2 children: William Franklyn [9/11/1927-4/20/1980] and Curt Warren[ 6/8/1938- ]

**The marriage deteriorated over the years and eventually led to divorce in 1949 [approx].**

**During this time, Carl began purchasing land on Balsam lake, an isolated lakefront in Itasca county, bulldozing the access road, improving the landscape and building a log cabin- using only hand tools and his trusty 1938 Buick coupe for pulling logs.**



**Over the next few years he began purchasing additional adjoining land. Planting hundreds of seedling pine trees, the original access trail now a county road, the cabin replaced with a new house, , and eventually becoming the Hudelson Compound. The remaining surrounding land has now been built up, so it is now the showpiece of Balsam Lake.**

**He belonged to several service organizations; Elks, VFW, DAV, for example as well as rising to a 32 deg Mason, as he was well respected in Hibbing.**

**Having Poor circulation in his legs and an ulcerated toe, Carl was confined to a wheelchair during his final years-from 1972. It must have been tough on this dynamic man, not being able to enjoy the outdoor activities of his beloved Balsam Camp that made up a great portion of his life. He passed away 11 June, 1974 after contracting an infection in the amputated leg stump, and spreading throughout his body.**

**So, you could say that he died of a WWI war wound.**