

Leslie Ernest Bentley

DOB – 16<sup>th</sup> August 1895

### **Brief Life History of Leslie Ernest**

When Leslie Ernest BENTLEY was born on 16 August 1895, in London, England, United Kingdom, his father, William Henry BENTLEY, was 36 and his mother, Susan Minnie JACOMB, was 31. He lived in Winton, Hampshire, England, United Kingdom in 1901. He died on 14 September 1922, in Saint John, St. John, New Brunswick, Canada, at the age of 27, and was buried in Fernhill Cemetery, Saint John, St. John, New Brunswick, Canada. <https://ancestors.familysearch.org/en/GQBL-3KC/leslie-ernest-bentley-1895-1922>

Leslie travelled to Canada on 30<sup>th</sup> April 1909.

Leslie died on 14<sup>th</sup> September 1922 aged just 27, from damaged lungs due to WWI gassings, at the U.S. Public Health Service Hospital at New Haven, Connecticut, even though he lived in Canada. The hospital was set up as a replacement hospital to provide for discharged sick and disabled soldiers. He died as a result of his war service and was discharged from the forces on 16<sup>th</sup> September 1919 after serving for 2 years 7 months in France and 2 years 6 months in the British Isles. On leaving his service he had grown two and a half inches in height, weighed 150lbs and had gained a Maple Leaf and Canada tattoo on his right forearm.

[https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/182506940/leslie-ernest-bentley?fbclid=IwY2xjawQCtZxleHRuA2FlbQIxMABicmlkETBKUHpSM0w0cENINFJlbWJvc3J0YwZhcHBfaWQQMjlyMDM5MTc4ODIwMDg5MgABHqalNABtfhCsoSC2lsvq3QPBS08TGCp03k5AxXpBVP54T1NbxBQssULe6F8H\\_aem\\_JT2ZHgo50mcc4AoDD3mNKg](https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/182506940/leslie-ernest-bentley?fbclid=IwY2xjawQCtZxleHRuA2FlbQIxMABicmlkETBKUHpSM0w0cENINFJlbWJvc3J0YwZhcHBfaWQQMjlyMDM5MTc4ODIwMDg5MgABHqalNABtfhCsoSC2lsvq3QPBS08TGCp03k5AxXpBVP54T1NbxBQssULe6F8H_aem_JT2ZHgo50mcc4AoDD3mNKg)

<https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=24789022887397381&set=p.24789022887397381&type=3>

To add to Leslie's story we can advise that his mother's name was Minnie and he had a sister named May. Both of them were living in Bournemouth whilst Leslie was living in Talbot Manor Boys Home. They had moved from London to be near him.

When Leslie emigrated to Canada, both his mother and his sister, followed him and set up home in Montreal.

When Leslie died, they both returned to Bournemouth, but his mother got restless and returned to Canada in 1923. His sister eventually married in 1935.

Leslie's biological parents' surnames are recorded as follows –

His father – Bentley

His mother – Jacomb

This information was researched from St Marks Church Newsletters, written by Carol Medicott (Archivist) in 2014.

Information also obtained from the British Home Children Registry.