Wellington County Museum and Archives
Helpful Hints Series

The Wellington County Remembers Database

What is the Wellington County Remembers database?

The Wellington County Remembers database is an extension of the annual exhibit that takes place on the Museum front lawn each November. 503 markers, with the names of the fallen soldiers from Wellington County, are placed on the Museum front lawn to honour their sacrifice. This database brings the names on the markers to life through photographs, letters, attestation papers, and service records.

Finding the database

Let's start with how to find the database on our website.

- In your web browser, navigate to the Wellington County Museum and Archives website, at *wcma.wellington.ca*.
- Next, hover over "Collections and Research" at the top of the page, then click "Search our collections".
- Scroll down to see a list of our online databases.
- The fifth one is "Wellington County Remembers". Click on the button to expand this option.
- This will take you to the Wellington County Remembers database.

How to search the database

When the page loads you will notice that the table is already fully populated with the names and information of all the soldiers.

- By default, the table is in alphabetical order by last name. You can click any column heading to re-sort the data, except for the "Photos" and "Soldier Details" columns.
- The table headings are:
  - "Surname"
  - "Given Name"
  - "Middle Name(s)"

- "Town," which lists the town and township where the soldier lived
- "Cenotaph(s)," which tells you which cenotaph each soldier is commemorated on
- "Conflict," the war they perished in
- "Cemetery," where they were buried
- "Photo," if there is a photograph of the listed solider (there may be none, or more than one)
- "Soldier Details," where you may find additional photographs, attestation papers, vital statistics, census records, and other available information.

Note: These files are not keyword searchable. Each soldier will have different records associated with their name. For some, we may have a large number of records, while for others we may have few or even none.

You can browse all the data, or use these tools to narrow the results.

- If you know the last name of the soldier you are looking for, above the table are the letters A through Z. Click any of these to filter for only the surnames beginning with that letter. Use the Reset button to return to viewing all results.

  For example, if I'm looking for a soldier named Tait, I'll click "T" and the first result is Peter Tait of Fergus, who fought in World War I.

- If I click the "Details" button for Peter Tait, a large photograph of Peter comes up. When I scroll down it will show me all the available data on this soldier, including statistics like date of death, force, unit, rank, and even occupation. Not all fields have been filled in because we might not have access to that information.

- Underneath this information is a list of digital records, which are shown in blue text. You can click any of these to download a PDF of the corresponding record. These are records from the WCMA collection where Peter Tait is mentioned, listed, or pictured. Additional records from government sources may also be included, like attestation paperwork, which is time period dependent. The first part of the file title is where the record was sourced from. Except for his Service Record, all Peter Tait's records are all from the WCMA.

- If I click "WCMA Childhood photo, 1933" it will download a PDF file, which I can open to see a photograph of Peter Tait from 1933.

Close the pop-up window to return to the main database page.

We'd love to hear from you if you have questions or need further assistance. Good luck with your research! We hope to see you soon at the Wellington County Museum and Archives.

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