

Timeline

- 1861: Birth of Lucy Stronach daughter of James Alexander & Sarah (COTES) STRONACH born 30 Dec 1861 at Burton on Trent, Staffordshire
- 1885: Birth Roy deVere Knight Stronach, illegitimate son of Lucy 24 Feb 1885 at Islington, London
- 1890: Marriage of Lucy Stronach at Edinburgh, Scotland to Charles Ceghorn Stott
- 1891: Death of Lucy (Stronach) Stott at Edinburgh, Scotland
- 1891: Lucy's son Roy deVere Knight Stronach alias George Stronach with his grandmother Sarah at Leeds
- 1896: Roy De Vere Knight in a reformatory at Leeds Released to the Army from there 1901
See image below
- 1914: Roy now using name George Stronach - Attestation Papers have correct date of birth, wrong place
Spent 9 years with Yorkshire Regiment, including 5 years in South Africa, 3 years in India
Occupation given as a musician on the WW1 CEF attestation papers.
- 1915: Roy deVere Stronach now using name George married Rose Lee at Elham, Kent
- 1916: George Stronach, son of George and Rose born 12 Feb 1916 at Folkstone Kent
No further sightings for mother Rose nee Lee.
- 1921: Roy deVere using name George Edward Stronach married Gertrude at Brentford, Middlesex
Gertrude Florence Chapman, nee Brewer went to Australia with surviving daughter Virginia in ?
- 1922; Viriginia Edith Florence Stronach, daughter of George & Gertrude born 21 Jul 1922 at Brentford, Middlesex
- 1923: Roy alias George Stronach (1885-1953) exits to the USA. Marriage annulled
- 1924: Patricia Joan Stronach, daughter of George and Gertrude born Brentford, Middlesex.
- 1927: Patricia Joan Stronach died Brentford, Middlesex.
- 1927: George born 1916 son of George Stronach, is sent to West Australia under child emigration scheme
- 1942: Roy alias George Stronach at San Pedro California, USA. Draft card issued.
Has him born Shelburn, Indiana. Birth date 24 Feb 1885. Working for steamship companies
- 1945: George junior (1915-1975) married Hilda Rachel Hope Perth, West Australia
- 1948: David George Stronach, son of George jnr & Hilda born Perth West Australia
- 1953: Roy alias George Stronach (1885-1953) died in California
- 1975: George Stronach orn 1916, husband of Hilda died South Perth West Australia
- 2017: David George Stronach born 1948 died Coodanup, Mandurah, West Australia

No. 1610 Admitted May 22 1896
Name Knight Roy De Vere Date of Birth Feb. 20 1886
Height Weight 10

Legitimacy or not Legitimate
Religion Church of England

Standard on Admission
Name of Parent, or Parents Richard & Lucy Knight Both dead.
~~Grandmother~~ Grandmother Sarah Starnock (widow)
Residence 107 Burley Lodge Road.
Aunt Elizabeth Droughton (widow)
Very Respectable.

Offence Found destitute.
Where and when Committed Leeds City Police Ct 22nd May 96
By whom Committed G. M. Atkinson Esq.
Sentence: until 16 Years of Age
Expiration of Term of Detention
Committed under 14th Section of Industrial Schools Act, 1869
Committed under Sub-section 1 of 125th Section of Elementary Education Act, 1876
School order Sub-section of Section 11

Previous Character Beyond control. Getting money under false pretences.
Irregular attendance at School. Kept out. Qualified by City, 1894.
Date of Licence Date of final Discharge Feb. 9 1892 Army.
Character while on Licence

What Standard passed last Examination () when held
Character in School

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ATTESTATION PAPER.

No. ✓

Folio. ✓

CANADIAN OVER-SEAS EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.

QUESTIONS TO BE PUT BEFORE ATTESTATION.

(ANSWERS)

1. What is your name? *George Branch*
2. In what Town, Township or Parish, and in what Country were you born? *Great Tateshire Eng*
3. What is the name of your next-of-kin? *Mr J. Branch*
4. What is the address of your next-of-kin? *14 Eastman Place Leeds Yorks*
5. What is the date of your birth? *Feb 24 - 1885 Eng*
6. What is your Trade or Calling? *Magician*
7. Are you married? *No*
8. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated? *No*
9. Do you now belong to the Active Militia? *Yes*
10. Have you ever served in any Military Forces? *Yes*
1st Battalion Royal Fusiliers 2nd
South Africa 1900
11. Do you understand the nature and terms of your engagement? *Yes*
12. Are you willing to be attested to serve in the CANADIAN OVER-SEAS EXPEDITIONARY FORCE? *Yes*

George Branch (Signature of Man).
W. W. Winstanley (Signature of Witness).

DECLARATION TO BE MADE BY MAN ON ATTESTATION.

George Branch do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true, and that I am willing to fulfil the engagements by me now made, and I hereby engage and agree to serve in the Canadian Over-Seas Expeditionary Force, and to be attached to any arm of the service therein, for the term of one year, or during the war now existing between Great Britain and Germany should that war last longer than one year, and for six months after the termination of that war provided His Majesty should so long require my services, or until legally discharged.

Date *Nov 11th* 1914. *George Branch* (Signature of Recruit).
W. W. Winstanley (Signature of Witness).

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY MAN ON ATTESTATION.

George Branch do make Oath, that I will be faithful and bear true Allegiance to His Majesty King George the Fifth, His Heirs and Successors, and that I will as in duty bound honestly and faithfully defend His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, in Person, Crown and Dignity, against all enemies, and will observe and obey all orders of His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, and of all the Generals and Officers set over me. So help me God.

Date *Nov 11th* 1914. *George Branch* (Signature of Recruit).
W. W. Winstanley (Signature of Witness).

CERTIFICATE OF MAGISTRATE.

The Recruit above-named was cautioned by me that if he made any false answer to any of the above questions he would be liable to be punished as provided in the Army Act.

The above questions were then read to the Recruit in my presence. I have taken care that he understands each question, and that his answer to each question has been duly entered as required, and the said Recruit has made and signed the declaration and taken the oath before me, at *Leeds* this *11th* day of *Nov* 1914.

W. W. Winstanley (Signature of Justice)

I certify that the above is a true copy of the Attestation of the above-named Recruit.

W. W. Winstanley (Approving Officer)