

Biography of John Francis Hilt

JOHN FRANCIS HILT, was a member of Company H of the 1st Idaho Volunteer Infantry in the Spanish American War from May 1898 to August 1899. He served as a waggoner. Hilt was born on March 20, 1878 in Stockton, Rooks, Kansas to John Thomas and Ruhamah Jane (Laddasaw) Hilt. After the war, Hilt had been listed in the 1900 census in Idaho City as a boarder in () working as a teamster in the local mining district. It wasn't certain when Hilt had started to work for the U.S. Forest Service, but he had remained with them until 1914. He had served in Lowman, Idaho and Port Angeles, Washington. Hilt had fought fires in the Clear Creek - Deadwood Divide in Idaho on August 1906. Hilt was commended for his "superb action" in this fire.



On October 13, 1904, John F. Hilt married Miss Minta Nora McDougall in Boise, Ada, Idaho. Minta was born on June 6, 1881 in Brant, Saginaw, Michigan to Allen William and Ida (Mitchelson) McDougall. In this union, the Hilt family had four children, three boys and one girl.

These were their children:

1. Allen John HILT, born December 10, 1905 in Boise, Ada, Idaho. He married in 1928 to Vivian Ethel THOMPSON. They had four children. He died February 28, 1966 in Port Angeles, Clallham, Washington. He was buried in the Mt. Angeles Cemetery in Port Angeles, Clallham, Washington.
2. Dowell Milton HILT, born March 8, 1908 in Boise, Ada, Idaho. He married May 8, 1936 to Beverly Elaine DEANE. They had three children. He died November 17, 1999 in Port Angeles, Clallham, Washington. He was buried in the Mt. Angeles Cemetery in Port Angeles, Clallham, Washington.
3. Mabel Ida HILT, born June 19, 1919 in Port Angeles, Clallham, Washington. She married September 25, 1941 to Frances Terrance "Scud" DEANE. They had four children. She died June 10, 2010 in Port Angeles, Clallham, Washington. She buried in the Oceanview Cemetery in Port Angeles, Clallham, Washington.
4. Melvin Samuel HILT, born June 19, 1919 in Port Angeles, Clallham, Washington. He married August 24, 1943 to Vera Nadine HAMLIN. They had two children. He drowned March 19, 1983 in the Queen River of Jefferson county, Washington. He was buried in Port Angeles, Clallham, Washington.

After the birth of his second son, Dowell Milton in 1908, John Hilt left Idaho to Piedmont Precinct, where an aunt had lived with her spouse, Mr. and Mrs. Evan (Orrie) Epperson in Eden Valley. It was unclear for his motive to leave behind his wife and two young sons.

However, Minta took her two sons, Allen and Dowell to move back to Chesaning, Michigan.

When he moved to Port Angeles, Washington sometime before 1910, he worked for Chris Magenroth in the Elwah District. He lived in a tent in the area at the present day Ranger Station near Griff Creek. The 1910 census stated that Hilt was in the Piedmont Precinct of the Olympic National Forest. There was one fire prior to 1914, Hilt fought in this fire called Sol Duc Burn, however, he had to ride a horse onto the Snider Ridge.

When John Hilt left the U.S. Forest Service in 1914. He started to work at various jobs in Port Angeles. His first job was at Peen Garage as a machinist. Later he worked at Charles Nelson Mill as a boilerman. Then he worked at the Washington Motor Coach as their mechanic and bus driver, whenever there were shortage of drivers on the Port Angeles-Seattle route. His final employment was working as a watchman and fire-stoker at the Port Angeles Western R.R. until he retired.

Minta Hilt had died on April 4, 1924 in Port Angeles. She was buried in the Oceanview Cemetery in Port Angeles. Shortly after his wife's death, Hilt remarried on May 12, 1926 in Portland, Multnomah, Oregon to Eva May Clark, but this union lasted less than three years in a divorce. Nevertheless, Hilt had followed his first wife in death nearly 29 years later on October 4, 1953 in Seattle, King, Washington. He was buried in the Oceanview Cemetery in the Veteran Section.

Records of John Francis Hilt

1880 UNITED STATES FEDERAL CENSUS

Name: John F. Hilt

Home in 1880: Iowa, Rooks, Kansas

Age/Estimated Birth Year: 1/abt 1879

Birthplace: Kansas

Relation to Head of Household: Son

Father's name: John Hilt

Father's birthplace: Kentucky

Mother's name: Jane Hilt

Mother's birthplace: Indiana

Marital Status: Single

Race: White

Gender: Male

Household Members (Name/Age): John Hilt/37; Jane Hilt/36; George Hilt/13; Annie Hilt/11; Edgar Hilt/5; Joseph Hilt/5; John F. Hilt/1; Rosana Hilt/56; Samuel Hilt/21

Source Citation: Year: 1880; Census Place: Iowa, Rooks, Kansas; Roll: 395; Family History Film: 1254395; Page: 474B; Enumeration District: 269; Image: 0375.

[Ancestry.com] (*fee-based site*)

1900 UNITED STATES FEDERAL CENSUS

Name: John F. Hilt

Home in 1900: Moore Creek [Idaho City], Boise, Idaho

Age/Birth Date: 23/Mar 1877

Birthplace: Kansas

Race: White

Gender: Male

Relationship to head-of-house: Boarder

Marital Status: Single

Occupation: Teamster

Household Members (Name/Age): Harry E. Mitts/24; Edith E. Mitts/17; Georgia E.

Mitts/7/12; John F. Hilt/23

Source Citation: Year: 1900; Census Place: Moore Creek, Boise, Idaho; Roll: T623_232;

Page: 9B; Enumeration District: 30. [Ancestry.com] (*fee-based site*)

IDAHO MARRIAGES, 1842-1996

Name: John F. Hilt

Gender: Male

Spouse: Ninta Mcdougall

Spouse Gender: Female

Marriage Date: Oct 13, 1904

Marriage Location: Boise, Ada Co., Idaho

Source Citation: This record can be found in the marriage book at the County Courthouse located in Ada Co., ID in Volume 6 on Page 97. [Ancestry.com] (*fee-based site*)

1910 UNITED STATES FEDERAL CENSUS

Name: John F. Hilt

Home in 1910: Piedmont, Clallam, Washington

Age/Estimate Birth Year: 33/abt 1877

Birthplace: Kansas

Relation to Head of House: Boarder

Marital Status: Single [Married]

Race: White

Gender: Male

Occupation: Fireman/Locomotive

Household Members (Name/Age): John F. Hilt/33

Source Citation: Year: 1910; Census Place: Piedmont, Clallam, Washington; Roll:

T624_1654; Page: 5B; Enumeration District: 0040; Image: 740; FHL Number: 1375667.

[Ancestry.com] (*fee-based site*)

Name: [Minta] Hilt

Age/Estimated Birth Year: 29/abt 1881

Birthplace: Michigan

Relation to Head of House: Housekeeper

Home in 1910: Beaver, Crawford, Michigan

Marital Status: Widowed (Married)

Race: White

Gender: Female Household Membe

rs (Name/Age): John Hanna/63; Freda Camp/18; John Hanna Jr./15; [Minta] Hilt/29; Allen Hilt/4; Dowell Hilt/2

Researcher's Note: *Apparently John and Minta were separated in 1910. His status was single and her status was widowed. However, John and Minta were back together approximately 1918 when John registered for the WWI Draft and prior to his twins being born in 1919.*

Source Citation: Year: 1910; Census Place: Beaver, Crawford, Michigan; Roll: T624_636; Page: 4B; Enumeration District: 0084; Image: 510; FHL Number: 1374649. [Ancestry.com] (*fee-based site*)

WWI DRAFT REGISTRATION CARDS, 1917-1918

Name: John F. Hilt

County: Clallam

State: Washington

Birth Date: 20 Mar 1878

Race: White

Age: 41

Occupation: Machinist

Height/Build: Short/Medium

Color of Eyes/Hair: Brown/Sandy

Date of Registration: 12 Sep 1918

Source Citation: Registration Location: Clallam County, Washington; Roll: 1991535; Draft Board: 0. [Ancestry.com] (*fee-based site*)

1920 UNITED STATES FEDERAL CENSUS

Name: John F. Hilt

Home in 1920: Port Angeles, Clallam, Washington

Age/Estimated Birth Year: 41/abt 1879

Birthplace: Kansas

Relation to Head of House: Self (Head)

Spouse's Name: Mint[a] Hilt

Marital Status: Married

Race: White

Sex: Male

Occupation: Machinist/General

Household Members (Name/Age): John F. Hilt/41; Mint[a] Hilt/39; Allen J. Hilt/14; Dowell M. Hilt/11; Ida M. Hilt/6/12; Melvin S. Hilt/6/12

Source Citation: Year: 1920; Census Place: Port Angeles, Clallam, Washington; Roll: T625_1921; Page: 6A; Enumeration District: 19; Image: 859. [Ancestry.com] (*fee-based site*)

CIVIL WAR PENSION INDEX: GENERAL INDEX TO PENSION FILES, 1861-1934

Name: John F. Hilt
Service: Co. H, 1st Idaho Infantry
State Filed: Washington
Date Filed: 12 Jun 1926
Application/Certificate Nos.: 1543440/R4-8-37
Source Information: . [Ancestry.com] (*fee-based site*)

1930 UNITED STATES FEDERAL CENSUS

Name: John F. Hilt
Home in 1930: Port Angeles, Clallam, Washington
Age/Estimated Birth Year: 52/abt 1878
Birthplace: Kansas
Relation to Head of House: Head
Race: White
Occupation: Stressfitter/Sawmill
Military Service: Spanish American
Household Members (Name/Age): John F. Hilt/52
Source Citation: Year: 1930; Census Place: Port Angeles, Clallam, Washington; Roll: 2486; Page: 20A; Enumeration District: 28; Image: 408.0. [Ancestry.com] (*fee-based site*)

U.S. WWII DRAFT REGISTRATION CARDS, 1942

Name: John F Hilt
Birth Date: 20 Mar 1878
Birth Place: Stockton, Kansas
Residence: Port Angeles, Washington
Race: White
Age: 64
Employment: Port Angeles Western R.R.
Height/Build: 5'8"/175
Color of Eyes/Hair: Brown/Brown
Date of Registration: 24 Apr 1942
Source Citation: World War II Draft Reg. Cards, 1942, Rec. Group No.: 147; Archive No.: 563992; Box No.: 87. [Ancestry.com] (*fee-based site*)

WASHINGTON DEATH INDEX, 1940-1996

Name: John F. Hilt
Date of Death: 4 Oct 1953
Place of Death: Seattle
Age/Estimated Birth Year: 75/abt 1878
Gender: Male
Certificate: 17790
Source Citation: Washington Death Index, 1940-1996, Cert. No.: 17790; Name: John F. Hilt. [Ancestry.com] (*fee-based site*)

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