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Elgin County Archives Acquires Rodney Branch 525, Royal Canadian Legion Photographs

The Elgin County Archives has acquired a significant collection of First World War soldier portrait photographs from Rodney Branch 525, Royal Canadian Legion. The donation was made on behalf of the Legion by First Vice-President Bob Adamson.

The photographs were originally displayed at the Rodney Legion and at the Town Hall in Clachan, Ontario, and for many years formed the core of the Legion's archive of historic records. Archives staff has prepared the collection for permanent storage and has digitized the images for publication on its website at <http://www.elgin-county.on.ca/ElginCounty/CulturalServices/Archives/default.php>. Selected images from the collection have been posted on the Archives' flickr site at <http://www.flickr.com/photos/elgincountyarchives/sets/72157623746835310/>.

The photographs represent a unique and important resource documenting the First World War service of the men and women of the Village of Rodney and the West Elgin region.



Bob Adamson, left, with Archivist Stephen Francom



Pte. George Searle, 400576;
Born Rodney, 10/04/1889;
Enlisted St. Thomas, 01/23/1915
Killed in France, 1917