

VAN PELT, OTTO WILSON “DICK”

Birth

January 18, 1893 in Weldon, Iowa

Death

April 29, 1971 at his home in Leon, Iowa



Cause of Death

Cemetery Lot

Buried on Lot 130
Lot was sold to George Clarke on May 10, 1942

Father

John A. VanPelt

Mother

Sarah Watsabaugh
Her name on Iowa births on ancestry gives her last name as Watchbaugh
The 1925 census gives it as Watsbull

Marriage

Otto W. (Dick) Van Pelt to Kathryn Louisa Clarke on March 5, 1918.

Return of marriage for the county of Polk for the year ending June 30, 1918
77-212
License No. 39242

Otto W. Van Pelt
Residence: Norwalk, Iowa
Occupation: Farming
Age next birthday: 26
1st marriage
Place of birth: Wheldon
Father: John Van Pelt
Mother: Sarah Wanotsbaugh

Married

March 5, 1918

Polk Co., Iowa

Katherine Clarke

Residence: Norwalk, Iowa

Age next birthday: 21

1st marriage

Place of birth: Norwalk, Iowa

Father: George Clarke

Mother: Bessie Kirk

Witnesses: C. L. Van Pelt and Mrs. Lizzie Swisher

Minister: E. R. Astley

Census

1900 – Linn Twp., Warren Co., IA; ED 138; Page 9; June 20, 1900

Dwelling 190; Family 192

VanPelt, John	49	farmer - married 18 years Born October 1850	OH	OH	OH
Elizabeth	35	5 children; 5 living Born September 1864	IN	OH	IN
Lilly	15	Born September 1884	IN	OH	IN
Charles	13	Born May 1887	IN	OH	IN
Pearl	12	Born February 1888	IN	OH	IN
Rose	09	Born September 1890	IA	OH	IN
Otto	07	Born January 1893	IA	OH	IN

1905 –

1910 – Linn Twp., Warren Co., IA; ED212; Page 12A; May 5, 1910

Dwelling 171; Family 172

VanPelt, John A.	60	WD - farmer	OH	TN	PA
Pearl	22	Grand Niece	IN	IN	IN
Charles L.	22	son-farm labor	IA	OH	IN
Rose	19		IA	OH	IN
Otto	17	farm labor at home	IA	OH	IN

1915 – Norwalk, Warren Co., IA; Post Office, Norwalk, Iowa

Card #282

Van Pelt, Otto	22		IA	OH	IN
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1920 – Linn Twp., Warren Co., IA; ED218; Page 11B; January 29, 1920

Dwelling 283; Family 285

Van Pelt, Ott W.	27	farmer, grain & stock	IA	OH	IN
Kathrine	22		IA	ENG	IA

1925 – Linn Twp., Warren Co., IA; Book 78

VanPelt, O. W.	32	IA	Father, John A. VanPelt, born in IL, age 75
			Mother, Sarah Watsbull, born in IL
			John and Sarah were married in Illinois
Catherine	27	IA	Father, Geo. Clark, born in ENG
			Mother, Bessie Kirk, born in IA, age 59
			George and Bessie were married in Des Moines, IA
Dorothy May	03	IA	Father, O. W. VanPelt, born in IA
			Mother, Catherine Clark, born in IA
Geo. Henry	01	IA	Father, O. W. VanPelt, born in IA
			Mother, Catherine Clark, born in IA

1930 - Linn Twp., Warren Co., IA; ED 18; Page 6B; April 21, 1930
 Dwelling 18; Family 18

Van Pelt, Otto W.	37	farmer	IA	OH	IN
Kathryn L.	32		IA	ENG	IA
Dorothy M.	08		IA	IA	IA
George H.	06		IA	IA	IA
Clyde J.	04 4/12		IA	IA	IA
C. Earl	01 4/12		IA	IA	IA

1940 – Decatur Twp., Decatur Co., IA; ED27-7; Page 5B; May 6, 1940
 #92 – Line 50

Van Pelt, Otto W.	47	Farmer – Same place	IA
Kathern	41		IA
George	16		IA
Clyde	14		IA
John	12		IA

Whoever made the index could not understand the name. Otto is in the index as:
 Pitt, Atta W. Van. When you go to the census it doesn't seem that hard to read. In order to find
 it one must type in Pitt, Atta W. Van. I was lucky to find it.

WWI Draft Card Registration
 Registration date: June 9, 1917
 Linn Twp., Warren Co., Iowa
 No 60

Ott Wilson Vanpelt
 Age; 24
 Residence: Norwalk, Iowa
 Date of birth: January 18, 1893
 Place of birth: Weldon, Iowa

Occupation: farmer
Single
Person dependent on you: Father blind
Height: Tall
Build: Slender
Color of eyes: Brown
Color of hair: Dark

WWII Draft Card Registration
Date of Registration: April 27, 1942
Leon, Decatur Co., Iowa
Serial No 365

Otto Wilson Van Pelt
Residence: Decatur, Decatur Co., Iowa
Age: 49
Place of birth: Weldon, Decatur, Iowa
Date of birth: January 18, 1893
Place he can be reached: Kathryn Van Pelt, Decatur, Iowa
Height: 6 Foot
Weight: 160
Complexion: Ruddy
Color of eyes: Brown
Color of hair: Gray

Funeral Home

Deaths

[The Leon Journal-Reporter, Thursday, May 6, 1971, Page 2]

VanPelt, Otto W. "Dick", 78, died at his home in Leon April 29. Services were held May 3, with the Rev. Leonard Fugate officiating. Burial was in Orilla Cemetery.

[The Leon Journal-Reporter, Thursday, May 6, 1971, Page 2]

Otto Wilson VanPelt, the youngest son of John and Sarah Watsabaugh VanPelt, was born January 18, 1893 at Weldon, Iowa and died at the family home in Leon April 29, 1971 at the age of 78 years, 3 months and 12 days.

He was united in marriage to Kathryn Louisa Clarke on March 5, 1918. To this union five children were born: Dorothy Mae Brolin, Leon; George Henry, Palmdale, Calif., Clyde James, Des Moines; Charles Earl, Cainsville, MO.; and John Alfred, Des Moines.

Surviving besides his widow and five children are four daughters-in-law: Melba, Elaine, Norma and Dorothy Ann VanPelt and one son-in-law, Louis Brolin; seven granddaughters; six

grandsons; and three great-grandchildren; sister Lillie Smith, Rockwell City, Iowa; other nieces, nephews and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, sisters Rose and Pearl; brother Charley; and granddaughter Heidi.

Dick was engaged in farming in Warren and Decatur counties but in later years he operated a Recreation Hall.