

Frank S. Tipple

Newfoundland Overseas Forestry Unit

NOFU

Service No. 2150

World War II

Born: 30 Apr 1917

Died: 08 Apr 1985

Place of Birth: Bonavista

Parents: Harold and Elizabeth (nee Marks) Tipple

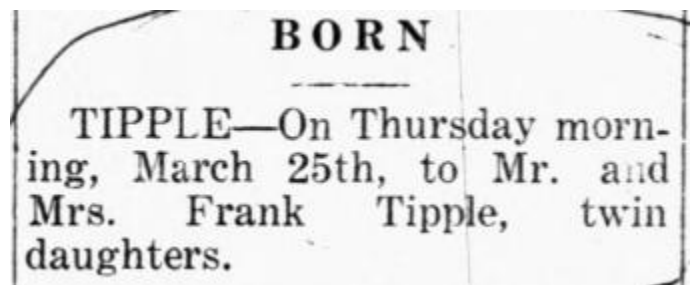
According to record, Elizabeth and Harold were married on July 23rd, 1912. She died at the age of twenty-six (26) on May 21st, 1918, and is buried in St. Stephen's Anglican Church Cemetery at Sandy Point in the St. George's area of the West coast of Newfoundland. She had three (3) children, Edward, Melida, and Frank.

The 1921 Newfoundland general census shows that Harold, now, 28, is married to Mina Jane (nee Pepper), age 23 of Bay Roberts. There is one child listed as living with them in this census, Melida age 8. Frank is four (4) and living with his grandparents, Albert, and Alice Tipple, in Whitbourne, Newfoundland.

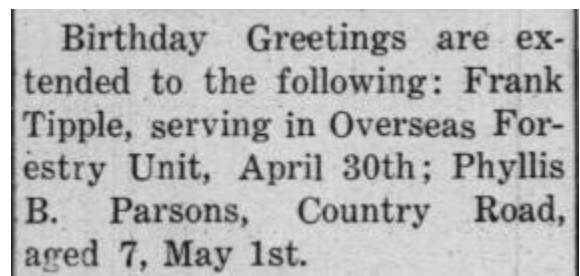
At the time of the next general census in 1935, the Tipple family is living in Shearstown, Conception Bay. Harold is 43, Mina is 36, Frank is 18, Raymond is 12, Olive 7 and Clayton 1.

Frank married Grace Deeing of Shearstown on October 13th, 1936, at St. Matthew's Anglican Church, Bay Roberts. They would make their home in Bay Roberts on Station Road. Together they raised a family there. The 1945 census lists Frank at 28, Grace 26, Vera & Delia, twin girls, at age 8 and Henry at 7.

The Bay Roberts Guardian - 27 March 1937



The Bay Roberts Guardian - 27 April 1940



According to this newspaper clipping from the Bay Roberts Guardian (below), Frank enlisted in the Newfoundland Overseas Forestry Unit (NOFU) sometime in February of 1940.

The Newfoundland Overseas Forestry Unit was a civilian workforce of skilled Newfoundlanders sent to Scotland during World War II to supply timber critical to Britain's war effort.

The Bay Roberts Guardian - 26 July 1941

A reception was held in the Public Building here on Tuesday night in honor of Donald Hambling of the R.C.A.F., who is home on leave, after completing his training in Canada, and Frank Tipple, who just returned from England after serving for eighteen months in the Nfld. Overseas Forestry Unit. Capt. John Parsons, President of the N.P.A. presided. Mr. E. V. all ably acted as Master of Ceremonies. Short speeches were made by the following: Rev. H. Torrville, Rev. J. L. Reynolds, Messrs. Samuel Dawe, John Ploughman, W. E. Mercer and Beth Mercer. Don Hambling gave a brief description of life in training for the air force. Miss R. F. Parsons, President of the W.P.A. made the presentations.

The Tipple family was comprised of not just one set of twin girls (Vera & Delia) but two, as noted in this newspaper article. The much younger twin girls, Marilyn and Linda, were flower girls at their older sister's wedding.

From The Daily News
17 August 1956

Wedding Bells

BAY ROBERTS—St. Matthew's Anglican Church, was the scene of a very pretty wedding on Saturday July 21st., when Vera Elizabeth, Twin daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tipple of this town, was united in the bonds of Holy Matrimony to Airman First Class Joseph Tate, son of Mrs. Elms Hughes, and the late Claude Tate of Richmond, California. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Canon T. E. Loder, rector of Holy Redemer Church, Spaniard's Bay.

The bride looked radiantly beautiful in a ballerina length gown of white nylon net over satin, with matching balero, and shoulder length veil held in place by a coronet of Pearls, and carrying a bouquet of red and white carnation and fern, as she entered the Church on the arm of her father, to the strains of Wagner's Bridal Chorus, played by her twin sister Delia, and her cousin Miss Olga Fradsham, of St. John's, they were gowned in ice blue gowns, with matching headbands, and carried bouquets of multi-colored carnations and fern.

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The groom was ably supported by airman First Class Chuck Henry of Ohio and Arthur Thomas of St. John's.

During the ceremony the Hymn "Lead us Heavenly Father lead us," was sung by the congregation, and during the signing of the register "O Perfect Love, all human hearts transcending."

After the ceremony the bridal party motored to Harbour Grace, returning to the home of the bride's parents where a delicious supper was served.

The bride's mother was dressed in a blue flowered street length dress with white accessories, and silver fox fur.

The happy couple has since taken up residence at 41 Cornwall Crescent St. John's. Best wishes are extended for their future happiness.

Frank passed away on April 8th, 1985, and is buried in St. Matthew's Anglican Cemetery at Bay Roberts.