

## **ROACH, HARRY DE WITT**

### Birth

August 11, 1888 in Madison Co., Iowa

### Death

April 10, 1929 at Iowa Methodist  
Hospital, Des Moines, Polk Co., Iowa



### Standard Certificate of Death

Iowa

077-12509

Registered No. 503

Harry Dewitt Roach

Residence: Near Cumming, Iowa

Date of birth: August 11, 1888

Place of birth: Cumming, Iowa

Date of death: April 10, 1929

Age: 40yr 7mo 29da

Cause of death: Contusion of skull and face accident,  
breaking of fast revolving grindstone

Father: John A. Roach, born in Iowa

Mother: Eldora Tilton, born in Iowa

Wife: Gladys Roach

Informer: John A. Roach, Cumming, Iowa

Place of burial: Orilla, Iowa

Date of burial: April 15, 1929

Funeral Home:

Dunn's, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. Neff, director



### Cause of Death

An emery wheel broke and hit him in  
the head

### Cemetery Lot

Buried on Lot 72

Lot was sold to H. D. Roach on

August 26, 1920

### Father

John A. Roach

Mother

Eldora Ellen Tilton

Marriage

Harry DeWitt Roach to Gladys J. Morris on February 11, 1920 at Truro, Iowa

Return of marriage in the county of Madison for the year ending June 30, 1920  
61-42

Harry D. Roach

Residence: Cumming, Iowa

Occupation: Farmer

Age: 32

Place of birth: Cumming, Iowa

1<sup>st</sup> marriage

Father: John A. Roach

Mother: Edna Ellen Tilton – which isn't correct. It should be Eldora Ellen Tilton

Married

February 11, 1920

Truro, Iowa

Gladys J. Morris

Residence: Truro, Iowa

Place of birth: Indianola, Iowa

Age: 28

1<sup>st</sup> marriage

Father: Frank Morris

Mother: Mahala B. Arnold

Witnesses: Edith Miller and C. A. Roach

Minister: John F. Arnold

Census

1895 – Lee Twp., Madison Co., IA; Page 303

Dwelling 12; Family 12

Roach, John A.	32	Henry Co., IA
Eldora	26	WarrenCo., IA
Charles A.	08	Madison Co., IA
Harry D.	06	Madison Co., IA
Mable	02	MadisonCo., IA

Wm.	25		Henry Co., IA		
Hopkins, Taylor	42		PA		

1900 – Lee Twp., Madison Co., IA; ED27; Page 3; June 6, 1900

Dwelling 36; Family 36

Roach, John A.	37	farmer - married 14 years	IA	OH	OH
		Born January 1863			
Eldora E.	31	6 children, 5 living	IA	OH	OH
		Born December 1868			
Charles A.	13	Born December 1886	IA	IA	IA
Harry D.	10	Born August 1888	IA	IA	IA
Mable E.	07	Born August 1892	IA	IA	IA
John A.	04	Born May 1896	IA	IA	IA
Carl	02	Born October 1897	IA	IA	IA
Hulane, Fred L.	29	servant - Born June 1870	IL	—	—

1905 –

1910 – Lee Twp., Madison Co., IA; ED29; Page 3A; April 22, 1910

Dwelling 40; Family 40

Roach, John	47	farmer – married 24 years	IA	VA	OH
Eldora	41	9 children	IA	OH	OH
Harry	21		IA	IA	IA
Mabel	17		IA	IA	IA
John A.	13		IA	IA	IA
Carl L.	12		IA	IA	IA
Alice A.	09		IA	IA	IA
Edith A.	06		IA	IA	IA
Glady E.	04		IA	IA	IA

1915 – Cumming, Lee Twp., Madison Co., IA; Card #256;

Roach, Harry De Witt 26

1920 – Lee Twp., Madison Co., IA; ED 30; Page 3B; January 14, 1920

Dwelling 41; Family 42

Roach, John A.	56	farmer	IA	VA	OH
Eldora E.	51		IA	OH	OH
Alice	18		IA	IA	IA
Carl	22		IA	IA	IA
Harry D.	31		IA	IA	IA
Edith A.	15		IA	IA	IA
Gladys E.	14		IA	IA	IA

1925 – Lee Twp., Madison Co., IA; Book 31

Roach, Harry	36		IA		
		Father, J. A. Roach, born in IA			
		Mother, Eldora Tilton, born in IA			

Gladys	32	IA	Father, Frank S. Morris, born in IA
			Mother, Mahalay Arnold, born in IA
Harlan	03	IA	Father, H. D. Roach, born in IA
			Mother, Gladys Morris, born in IA
Belle	01	IA	Father, H. D. Roach, born in IA
			Mother, Gladys Morris, born in IA

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WWI Draft Card Registration  
 June 5, 1917  
 No. 45  
 Lee Twp., Madison Co., Iowa

Harry DeWitt Roach  
 Residence, Cumming, Iowa  
 Age: 28  
 Date of birth: August 11, 1888  
 Place of birth: Madison Co., Iowa  
 Occupation: Farmer  
 Height: Tall  
 Build: Slender  
 Color of eyes: Blue  
 Color of hair: Dark

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Dunn's Funeral Home Records

Harry Dewitt Roach – residence was Cumming, Iowa; born August 11, 1888; died April 10, 1929 at Methodist Hospital; age 40years, 7 months, 29 days; father was John A. Roach, born in Iowa; mother was Eldora Tilton, born in Iowa; wife was Gladys Roach; he was a farmer; cause of death was contusion of skull-face (accident); place of burial was Pleasant Ridge Cemetery at Orilla, Iowa on April 14, 1929; the funeral was at M. E. Church, Cumming, Iowa; Physician was William Carpenter.

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Obituary

[Winterset Madisonian, Thursday, April 18, 1929]  
 North Lee, April 16, Special. ----

The news of the death of Harry Roach on last Thursday, came as a shock to the people of this community. Mr. Roach was sharpening a spade on an emery wheel that was being run with a Ford motor. The wheel broke and a piece of it struck him on the head and rendered him unconscious. He was taken to Des Moines to a hospital and lived only a few hours. The funeral was held on Sunday afternoon at the Methodist church in Cumming. Burial was at the Orilla cemetery. He leaves a wife and three small children.

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[The Des Moines Tribune – Capital, Thursday, April 11, 1929]

Harry D. Roach, 41, of Booneville, Iowa, whose head was badly gashed Wednesday afternoon when an emery wheel broke and struck him, died at Iowa Methodist hospital at 11:25 p.m. Wednesday.

According to information obtained by Dr. William Carpenter, Polk County coroner, Roach was working with the emery wheel on his farm. The injured man was brought here in a Des Moines ambulance.

The body was at Dunn's funeral home Thursday, awaiting arrival of relatives from Booneville.

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#### Misc.

The following is information provided by John Alvin Roach. He said that the wheel that broke was a Grind Stone. They had it hooked up to a Model T. wheel and was spinning it too fast and it broke.

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#### Military

He died April 10, 1929; Was a private in WWI; Served with 349 Iowa Infantry, 88<sup>th</sup> Division; buried in PleasantRidgeCemetery, Orilla, Linn Twp., Warren Co., Iowa.

Application for a Military Headstone  
47746

Harry Dewitt Roach  
Rank: Private  
Company: L  
Regiment: 349 Infantry  
Birth: August 11, 1888  
Death: April 10, 1929  
Name of cemetery: Orillia, Orillia, Iowa  
Division: 88<sup>th</sup>, Iowa  
To be shipped to: Gladys J. Roach, Booneville, Iowa