

Washington Island Military Archives

Fred Owen Dale

Born: 1909

Died: 1979

Period of Service: WW II

Sources: Cemetery 421 S
Daughter Linda



In 1930 Fred Owen Dale was 21 years old and joined the Illinois National Guard as there was not active war at the time. He was sent to Camp Grant, Rockford, IL to the 22nd Field Artillery Batter F. He had been an active sportsman and consequently excelled in shooting and horsemanship. He won several sharpshooting medals and was chosen to be the battery's official bronco buster. He was quickly promoted to Sergeant. His Camp Grant service was over in August, 1930. He was married in June of 1931 to Lillian Jeanette Schultz and had three children, Forest 1932, Fredric 1940, and Linda 1942. He moved to Washington permanently in 1947 after having fished here for many years at Engelson's Sunset Resort. He came home one day and told his wife he had just purchased a fishing lodge on Washington Island – Vi and Bill's Fishing Lodge on West Harbor, later renamed Cedar Lodge.

He was employed twice by the US Coast Guard –once in 1949 to clear brush from right-of-way Coast Guard Telephone Line #19014 on Plum Island and Washington Island; the second time in 1950 as Flotilla Training Officer, Flotilla 25-05, 9th Coast Guard District for one year.

He and Lillian and Linda lived on Washington Island until they sold the Cedar Lodge in 1969. (Forest had died in 1940.) Fred and Lillian lived in Arizona and then California until Fred's death in 1979 at the age of 70. He is buried in the East Channel at his favorite fishing hole and also the Island Cemetery.