

Summit Historical Minute

World War I Veterans in Summit

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Hi my name is Eamon and in honor of the upcoming Veteran's Day I will be talking about the veterans of world war 1 in summit. In 1915 the population of Summit was 9136 people. Approximately 613 men and woman went off to war in WW1. That made up about 7% of summit's population.

Right after World War 1 an American Legion-Sponsored Soldiers memorial committee raised 60000 dollars in donations to those who served. The committee decided that with this money they would create the Angel of Peace memorial.

This Bronze winged Angel that was placed in the village green in 1926 still stands in the green today, to honor those summit citizens who fought and died for America and Freedom in world war one.

The statue has the names of the 15 summit citizens who gave their lives for their country in world war one, including medal of honor winner Thomas O'shea, whose medal still presides in the Carter House.

The statue reads, "To honor the men who gave their lives in the World War. " In my opinion it has done a good job doing that. Thank you