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[**Memorable Manitobans**](http://www.mhs.mb.ca/docs/people/index.shtml)**: John Worthy Battershill (1885-1963)**

Engineer.

Born at Birmingham, England on 18 June 1885, he came to Canada in 1888 and spent his childhood in the Point Douglas area of [Winnipeg](http://www.mhs.mb.ca/docs/municipalities/winnipeg.shtml), attending [Norquay School](http://www.mhs.mb.ca/docs/sites/norquayschoolwinnipeg.shtml). He apprenticed at the [Vulcan Iron Works](http://www.mhs.mb.ca/docs/sites/vulcanironworks.shtml) from 1900 to 1906 then worked as a draftsman in the City Engineer’s Office to 1914 where he helped [Eustace S. Estlin](http://www.mhs.mb.ca/docs/people/estlin_es.shtml) to design several grain elevators to be built around Manitoba. During these years, he studied engineering and received formal qualification from the Engineering Institute of Canada. In 1914, he was hired by the [RM of East Kildonan](http://www.mhs.mb.ca/docs/municipalities/eastkildonan.shtml) to become its first engineer, responsible for designing and building sewers and other infrastructure. He held the position until retirement in 1961. On 24 June 1914, he married Marjorie Jane Andrews (1891-1954), daughter of [George W. Andrews](http://www.mhs.mb.ca/docs/people/andrews_gw.shtml), at [St. Luke’s Anglican Church](http://www.mhs.mb.ca/docs/sites/stlukesanglicanwinnipeg.shtml) in Winnipeg, and they had three sons: John Worthy Frank Battershill (1916-?), [George William Battershill](http://www.mhs.mb.ca/docs/people/battershill_gw.shtml), and James Henry Battershill (1925-?). He was a member of the Engineering Institute of Canada, [Association of Professional Engineers of Manitoba](http://www.mhs.mb.ca/docs/organization/apegm.shtml) (President, 1946), and [Masons](http://www.mhs.mb.ca/docs/organization/afam.shtml). A life-long interest in shooting began in 1905 when he joined the 90th Regiment, winning many awards for riflery. He died at the [Winnipeg General Hospital](http://www.mhs.mb.ca/docs/sites/winnipeggeneralhospital.shtml) on 21 July 1963 and was buried in the [St. James Cemetery](http://www.mhs.mb.ca/docs/sites/stjamescemetery.shtml).

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