WWI Snapshot: Hildur Sorensen, 1886-1960

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Hildur Sorensen was born in Southport in 1886. His parents, Oscar and Mary, immigrated separately from Denmark, married and by 1880 had settled in South-

port.
Surfman Sorensen's NC
World War I Service Card
shows he joined the Coast
Guard in 1916, but a 1905
Register of Civil, Military
and Naval Service in Ancestry shows it may have been
earlier. Earlier military service is not always included
in the WWI Service Cards.

An article published in "Legion Notes" on page 2 of Annapolis Capital on Sept. 17, 1942, lists his length of service in the Coast Guard at that time as 33 years. His obituary states that he served in both World War I and World War II and retired from the Coast Guard. Hildur eventually moved to Fort Lauderdale, Fla., where he died on Nov. 1, 1960.

the Nov. 2, 1960, edition of the Fort Lauderdale News, Fla., provides more information about Sorensen, who had 13 grandchildren and a direct connection to Brunswick County.

Hildur Sorensen obituary

Services for Hildur Sorensen, 74, of 1405 SW 19th St., who died yesterday at Broward General Hospital, will be held in Baltimore, Md. Born in Southport, N.C., he came here six years ago from Baltimore. A member of the Southwest Baptist Church, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. & A.M. of Beaufort, S.C., he was retired from the Coast Guard and was a veteran of World Wars I and II.

Surviving is his widow, Olive; two sons, Bryan, Greensboro, N.C., Robert, Newport News, Va.; three daughters, Mrs. Charles Collinson, Ft. Lauderdale, Mrs. Rudy York, Mrs. Leonard Wade, both of Baltimore; one brother and 13 grand-children.

Friends may call at the Fannin Funeral Home between 3-10 p.m. today.

(source: Fort Lauderdale News, Nov. 2, 1960, p. 12) Hildur Sorensen was laid to rest in Glen Burnie, Md.

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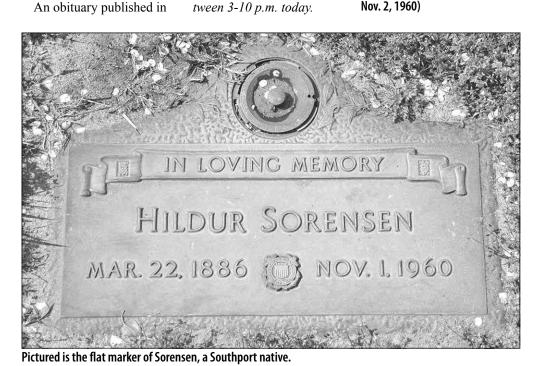
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Service Number U.S COAST GUARD Name SORENSEN-HILDUR En XXXX COAST GUARD STATION-193 Date 8-5-16 ***** Age at Entrance 30 YR. 5 MO. Town SOUTHPORT NORTH CAROLINA COAST GUARD STATION 1 YR-7 MO-6 DAYS SURFMAN 1 YR .- 7 MO. 193 6 DAYS Remarks: Rating at Discharge Place Inactive Duty

Hildur Sorensen North Carolina Service Card