

JOHN L. GRAY

U. S. Army Private, Company "D" 111th Infantry, 28th Division

Fell From Billet and Died on January 25, 1919 in France

Compiled by Linda Cunningham Fluharty.

TWO Marshall County men named John Gray died during World War I. This man is honored on the Marshall County Service Dead Memorial at the courthouse in Moundsville. John Wilford Gray is not.

From *In the Service of Their County, Marshall County, West Virginia*, by Linda Cunningham Fluharty, 2019 (not for sale):

JOHN L. GRAY - U. S. Army, Private, Company D 111th Infantry, 28th Division. Death notice in Moundsville *Echo* states, "Killed in France on January 25, 1919 after falling from his billet." The same is reported in the West Virginia Adjutant General's *Revised List of Deceased Soldiers, World War*, January 1, 1922. He is buried at Mt. Rose Cemetery, Moundsville. In his WWI Draft Registration, he stated he was born on April 19, 1891 in Marshall County. He lived at 211 Tomlinson Avenue, Moundsville, and was employed as a laborer at Fostoria Glass Company. His parents were William Gray and Jennie Boston, residents of Moundsville in the 1910 census with children, Ella, Celia, John and George.

Form 1 REGISTRATION CARD 2389 No. 154		REGISTRAR'S REPORT 47-1-17-A	
1	Name in full <u>John Gray</u> (Given name) (Family name) <u>26</u> Age in yrs.	1	Tall, medium, or short (specify which)? <u>Medium</u> Slender, medium, or stout (which)? <u>Slender</u>
2	Home address <u>211 Tomlinson Ave Moundsville W Va</u> (Street) (City) (State)	2	Color of eyes? <u>Gray</u> Color of hair? <u>Dark</u> Bald? <u>No</u>
3	Date of birth <u>April 19 1891</u> (Day) (Month) (Year)	3	Has person lost arm, leg, hand, foot, or both eyes, or is he otherwise disabled (specify)? <u>No</u>
4	Are you (1) a natural born citizen, (2) a naturalized citizen, (3) an alien, (4) or have you declared your intention (specify which)?	I certify that my answers are true, that the person registered has read his own answers, that I have witnessed his signature, and that all of his answers of which I have knowledge are true, except as follows:	
5	Where were you born? <u>Marshall Co W Va</u> (Town) (State) (Nation)	Signature of registrar: <u>S. O. Dismore</u> <u>Edmund Kingle</u>	
6	If not a citizen, of what country are you a citizen or subject?	Precinct	
7	What is your present trade, occupation, or office? <u>Laborer</u> <u>10</u>	City or County	<u>Moundsville W Va</u>
8	By whom employed? <u>Fostoria Glass Co</u>	State	<u>W Va</u>
9	Where employed? <u>Moundsville W Va</u>		<u>6-5-17</u> (Date of registration)
10	Have you a father, mother, wife, child under 12, or a sister or brother under 12, solely dependent on you for support (specify which)? <u>father</u>	Signature: <u>Charles E. Harrison</u>	
11	Married or single (which)? <u>Single</u> Race (specify which)? <u>Caucasian</u>		
12	What military service have you had? Rank <u>Private</u> branch <u>111th Infantry</u> years <u>1</u> Nation or State <u>USA</u>		
Do you claim exemption from draft (specify grounds)? <u>X</u>			
I affirm that I have verified above answers and that they are true.			
Signature of registrant: <u>John Gray</u>			

Wheeling Intelligencer, 13 Feb 1919

Local Boy Dead.

John Gray, well known local boy, is dead in France. A telegram was received by his mother, Mrs. Jennie Gray of 21 Tomlinson avenue, stating that he fell from his billet January 25 and sustained injuries which caused his death. He left here in May for Camp Lee and had been in France several months. Before leaving to join the army he was employed at the Fostoria glass factory. Besides his mother, one brother and two sisters survive.

Wheeling Intelligencer, 7 July 1921

Body to Arrive.

Word has been received in the city by Mrs. Jennie Gray, stating that the body of her son, Private John Gray, who was killed in action in the late world war will arrive at the Hoboken, N. J., pier on July 15. The remains will at once be shipped to this city and should reach here on or about July 17. It is probable that the American Legion men will conduct a military funeral over the remains.

GRAY JOHN

Pvt Co D 111th Inf

603 2nd St Moundsville W Va

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Died 1/25/19

Born 4/19/91

Enl 5/26/18

Dls 1/25/19

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