

**GEORGE SKITARELICH - U. S. Army Private, Company G 26th Infantry
DIED OF WOUNDS**

By Linda Cunningham Fluharty.

<p>EVENING STAR, Washington, DC March 18, 1918</p>	<p>STAUNTON DAILY LEADER (Va.) Sept 11, 1918</p>
<p>SLIGHTLY WOUNDED. HIRSH, Harold M., first lieutenant. BROWN, Willard Bion, sergeant. DE BRUYN, Roy, corporal. GRIFFITH, Robert H., corporal. GURSKI, John, corporal. HALLA, Stephen J., corporal. MURRAY, James J., corporal. THOMAS, Wilbur, bugler.</p>	<p>Wounded Severely Sergt. Clyde W. Champe, Claremont, Va. Corp. Bernard Roberts, Montgomery, W. Va. Corp. Joel D. Thacker, Orrix, Va. Corp. Charles Chapman, Gen. Del. Richmond, Va. Private John L. Cross, P. O., Box 217, Smithfield, W. Va. Private George Skitarelich, Boggs Run Wheeling, W. Va.</p>
<p>PRIVATES. BELL, Elmer J. BOATMAN, Asa E. COOPER, John W. DE LONG, Earl P. DOWD, Richard E. FEDURUK, John. FENNELL, Robert C. FROST, Lloyd W. GATWOOD, Millard F. GOTCH, John J. HALL, Clyde W. HARTMAN, Edgar A. HILL, Oscar J. JOHNSON, Zola T. JONES, James D. LEWIS, Frank. LUEDEKING, Carl C. MILLER, William H. PATTY, Clifford D. PELKEY, Arthur B. RADANOVICH, Steve. RIDDLE, Vernon L. SKITARELICH, George. TAYLOR, Owen L. THORIA, Thomas J. UNGER, Charles A. VAN OYEN, August. WENNER, William. WHITE, Frank J. WHITE, James J.</p>	<p>EVENING STAR, Washington, DC July 10, 1919</p> <p>KILLED IN ACTION.</p> <p>SERGEANTS: RISSET, John H., Chicago, Ill. SMITH, Clifton A., Utica, Miss.</p> <p>CORPORAL: CARLSON, Gustorf E., Middletown, Conn.</p> <p>PRIVATES: CAMPBELL, Harry J., Troy, N. Y. ECKWEILER, Robert James, Notch, Pa. KING, Charles W., Manly, Iowa. NEW, George W., Isle of Wight, England. MULLINEN, Manley, Nicholson, Pa. QUINN, George W., Charlotte, N. Y. SAVAGE, Jeremiah L., Lawrence, Mass. WEBB, Russell R., Coshocton, Ohio.</p> <p>DIED OF WOUNDS.</p> <p>PRIVATES: TRABERT, Charles W., Pittsburgh, Pa. BAZILUK, Kalistrat, Hegewisch, Ill. SKITARELICH, George, Wheeling, W. Va. WOOD, Claud S., Brookville, Ohio.</p> <p>DIED FROM ACCIDENT AND OTHER CAUSES.</p>

Boggs Run, Marshall County, was a Wheeling Post Office address until the 1950s.

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11, 1918: "Wounded Severely, Private George Skitarelich, Boggs Run, Wheeling, W.Va."
- *Evening Star*, Washington, DC, July 10, 1919: "Died of Wounds: George Skiterelech,
Wheeling, W.Va." *United States, World War I American Expeditionary Forces Deaths,
1917-1919*: "George Skitarelich, Pvt. Co G 26 Inf. Date of Death Oct 6, 1918." - Possibly,
this George was a son of Benedict and Frances (Cerlyenko) Skiterelech(h), who emigrated
from the former Yugoslavia in the early 1900s. Regardless of this soldier's specific
relationship to the family on Boggs Run, the Skiterelechs lived there for decades after the
war. Since they didn't immigrate until circa 1900-1910, there are very few records of
this immigrant family before World War I. - The West Virginia Adjutant General's
Revised List of Deceased Soldiers, World War, January 1, 1922, includes "George
Skitarelich, Benwood," as one who died of wounds. He is also listed in the *West Virginia
Blue Book*, 1919, as "severely wounded" and "died of wounds." In the *West Virginia Blue
Book*, 1923, he is listed as "Died of Wounds."