

OHIO COUNTY SPANISH INFLUENZA DEATHS – MEDICAL

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MARGARET ANDERSON – At age 25, died Oct. 25, 1918 at Ohio Valley General Hospital of Lobar Pneumonia related to Influenza. According to her death record, she was a nurse, age 25, born in Sweden on Oct. 26, 1893. She was a resident of Echo Point, Wheeling. The physician stated that she had contracted the disease at Atlantic City. Her remains were sent to New York City. Jesse Speidel, Echo Point, provided the information for her death record; she might have been a private nurse for the family. Buried at All Faiths Cemetery, Middle Village, Queens County, New York. Her name is engraved on the tombstone of the Anger family.

HELEN M. COONEY – Student nurse at Wheeling Hospital. At age 18, she died Oct. 22, 1918. - *Daily Intelligencer* (Wheeling), Oct. 23, 1918: “Miss Helen Cooney. – Miss Helen Cooney, aged 18, a pupil nurse at the North Wheeling hospital, died last night at 11:55 at that institution of pneumonia, which developed from Spanish Influenza. – Miss Cooney began her training at the hospital June 2nd of this year and was getting along with her chosen work in an excellent way; she was stricken about a week ago and gradually got worse until the end came last night. Miss Cooney was a resident of this city and is survived by one brother whose whereabouts is unknown at the present.” - *Daily Intelligencer* (Wheeling), Oct. 25, 1918: “Funeral for Miss Cooley [error: Cooney]. – Funeral services were held yesterday afternoon in the North Wheeling hospital for Miss Helen Cooley, a nurse in that institution, Tuesday, of Spanish Influenza, which developed into pneumonia. Miss Cooley was born and reared in the Cumberland, Md. section and had been connected with the local hospital for some time. Interment was private in Mount Calvary.” - Helen was the daughter of John Cooney and Mary G. “Maude” (Love) Cooney. Mr. Cooney died in 1912 and his obituary states that “Mr. Cooney leaves a widow who is an invalid in a hospital in Weston, W. Va. and three children: two of the children, Helen and John, ages 10 and 7 respectively are at a school in Wheeling. The youngest child, Margaret, aged 5, makes her home with her grandmother...”

CORRINE McCARTHY GODFREY – (Also spelled as Corinne) Per obituary, she graduated from the City Hospital (OVGH) School of Nursing in 1906. A native of Wooster, Ohio, she died in Canada on Oct. 11, 1918 after caring for Spanish Influenza patients. *Daily Intelligencer* (Wheeling), Oct. 23, 1918: “Mrs. Corrine M. Godfrey. The sad news of the death of Mrs. Corrine McCarthy Godfrey, wife of Dr. W. E. Godfrey, will be received with sincere regret by many local friends. Mrs. Godfrey passed away at the City hospital at Hamilton, Canada October 11. Having been a nurse by profession, Mrs. Godfrey was engaged in caring for those suffering with Spanish influenza in Montreal, while that city was suffering with the epidemic, and during her untiring efforts to the afflicted she contracted the disease. She was taken to the hospital in Hamilton, where her husband is an attending physician, and although everything possible was done for her recovery, she passed away after an illness of only a few days. Mrs. Godfrey will be remembered by innumerable friends in this section, especially among the doctors, nurses and others of the medical profession. She was a member of the graduating class of the old City hospital in 1906. After her graduation she left for the west, where she resided for some time and where her marriage to Dr. Godfrey was solemnized. She returned to this city and spent two years

at post-graduate work.” – Corrine McCarthy was the daughter of Thomas F. McCarthy and Ida Mae Murphy. According to the 1900 census of Wooster, Wayne County, Ohio, Corrine had a twin sister, Idena, both born in July 1882. Idena married Lee Wilson and they resided in North Dakota. At age 24, “Corinne” married William Henry Godfrey on May 18, 1907 in Westhope, Bottineau, North Dakota. According to Corinne’s engagement announcement, the marriage was to take place at her sister’s home. William Henry Godfrey was “Harry” in the announcement. They had one son, William Harry Godfrey, born in North Dakota in 1912.

RUTH GROVES – Student nurse OVGH. At age 23, died Oct. 22, 1918. *Daily Intelligencer* (Wheeling), Oct. 23, 1918: “Miss Groves of Bethesda – Following an illness of Spanish Influenza and pneumonia since Friday, Miss Ruth Groves, of Bethesda, O., nurse in training at the Ohio Valley General hospital, died in that institution yesterday morning at 8 o’clock. – Miss Groves was born in the Bethesda community 23 years ago and was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Orban Groves. She had been taking a training course at the hospital for the past six months. She leaves besides her parents, three brothers and three sisters. The body was taken to her old home where funeral services will be held and interment made.”

BLANCHE HEIL – Student nurse at Ohio Valley General Hospital. At age 28, she died of pneumonia May 18, 1918 shortly before graduation. Her diploma was presented to her family. This was probably not Spanish Flu.

HAZEL HERCULES - *Daily Intelligencer* (Wheeling), Dec. 4, 1918: Martins Ferry - “Funeral Services. The remains of the late Hazel Hercules, a nurse at the local hospital, who passed away Sunday morning following a brief illness, will be laid to rest this afternoon at 1 o’clock. Funeral services will be held at the family home on Jacob street, Wheeling. Interment will take place at Mount Zion cemetery, Wheeling.” - Born in 1893, she was the daughter of William E. Hercules and Sarah L. Green

ANNA McCLATCHEY – Died at home in Wheeling on Nov. 16, 1918. *Daily Intelligencer* (Wheeling), Nov. 20, 1918: “McClatchey Funeral Today. – This morning at 10 o’clock from the Mendel Chapel at 1212 Chapline street, funeral services will be held for Misses Anna E. and Jane R. McClatchey, both daughters of Mrs. Catherine and the late James McClatchey, who passed away within a few hours of each other, both having succumbed to influenza, followed by pneumonia. The Rev. W. H. Fields, pastor of the First Christian church, and the Rev. Ira G. McCreary of the Second Presbyterian church, will be in charge of the services. Interment will be in Mount Wood cemetery. – The death of Miss Anna McClatchey, aged 32, occurred Saturday night at 9:30 o’clock, and Miss Jane McClatchey, aged 27 years, passed away at 6:30 Sunday morning. The former was a member of the First Christian Church. She was prominent in the nursing profession, and until a week ago was engaged at the Davis Memorial hospital at Elkins, W.Va. The latter was quite active as a member of the Second United Presbyterian church. She was a popular saleswoman at the George E. Stifel Company.”

CATHERINE KINDLEBERGER REUFF – Per death record, she was the Matron at Ohio Valley General Hospital. At age 55, she was a widow and died of Pneumonia-Influenza on Nov. 29, 1918 at the hospital. She was the daughter of Samuel and Henrietta (Smith) Kindleberger, both born in Germany, and she was the widow of John Reuff. Catherine is buried at Peninsula Cemetery, Wheeling. - *Daily Intelligencer* (Wheeling), Dec. 2, 1918: “Reuff Funeral Services. The funeral of Mrs. Katherine Kindleberger Reuff was held yesterday from the residence of her sister, Mrs.

Theodore Warner, at Stop 10, East Twenty-Ninth street, followed by interment in Peninsula cemetery. Mrs. Reuff was the widow of the late John Reuff, and had been ill but a few days prior to her death. Mrs. Reuff was well known throughout the local district, having for some time been a member of the nursing staff of the Ohio Valley General hospital. She was affiliated with a number of prominent local organizations. She leaves sisters, namely Mesdames: T. Warner, Edward Kuntz, William Kaufman, Orville Snodgrass and E. A. Moore all of this city and William Landers of Riverview---, and Herman in service abroad.”

ELIZABETH/EMMA WOODVILLE – A student nurse at Wheeling Hospital, she died Oct. 26, 1918. She was the daughter of James and Bessie (Frederick) Woodville. - *Daily Intelligencer* (Wheeling), Oct. 25, 1918: “Several nurses in the North Wheeling hospital are suffering with Spanish influenza or pneumonia, contracted while discharging their faithful duties to the many patients suffering with the malady who are in the institution. Among those who are ill... Miss Elizabeth Woodville, who was reported to be seriously ill late last night. She is a student nurse and has been at the hospital for several months. Her home is in Virginia...” - *Daily Intelligencer* (Wheeling), Oct. 26, 1918: “Student Nurse Dies in Wheeling Hospital. Miss Elizabeth Woodville, aged 18 years, of near Norfolk, Va., a student nurse, died in the North Wheeling hospital shortly before 2 o'clock this morning of Spanish influenza and pneumonia. She had been ill a week. She entered the hospital to take training about four months ago. She leaves her parents, in Virginia, and two sisters, graduate nurses of Norfolk, Va., and another sister, Sister Margaret of St. Joseph's convent, this city.”

LILLIAN WRIGHT – She was a nurse, possibly a student, at Reynolds Memorial Hospital, Glen Dale. - *Daily Intelligencer* (Wheeling), Dec. 2, 1918: “Miss Lillian Wright. Miss Lillian Wright, aged 19 years, highly esteemed young lady of 1600 Warwood Avenue, Warwood, and a nurse at the Reynolds Memorial hospital, Glendale, died yesterday in that institution of influenza-pneumonia, following a brief illness. She leaves besides her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Wright, five brothers and three sisters: “Jack” Wright in the English army, Bert, Ernest, George and Frank Wright, of this community, Mrs. J. A. Thumm, of Pittsburgh, Misses Maud and Flora Wright, at home. Funeral arrangements will be completed today.” – According to the 1910 census of Ohio County, Lillian “Lily,” 10, was born in England. Her father, James Wright, a Tailor, immigrated in 1907. Lily's mother was Alice Skeels. She is supposedly buried at Greenwood Cemetery, Wheeling.

ALICE M. YOUNG – City Hospital (OVGH) - U. S. Army Nurse Corps - On October 4, 1918, 2nd Lieutenant Alice M. Young died at Camp Sevier, Greenville, South Carolina, of Pneumonia related to Spanish Influenza. She is listed as a World War I veteran in *A Half Century of Nursing in West Virginia, 1907-1957*, by Donovan H. Bond, 1957. She was a 1906 graduate of the City Hospital, later renamed Ohio Valley General Hospital, School of Nursing. Alice became a Registered Nurse in in West Virginia, License #18. Born on August 21, 1877 in Monroe County, Ohio, she was the daughter of Benjamin Franklin Young and Elizabeth Jane Penn of New Matamoras, Ohio. Alice's sister, Jessie Penn Young Baird, the wife of Dr. Reed McColloch Baird, lived in Wheeling. Alice, Jessie and other family members are buried at New Matamoras Cemetery, Washington County, Ohio.

DR. LEECH KEY CRACRAFT - *Daily Intelligencer* (Wheeling), Nov. 29, 1918: “Funeral for Dr. Leech Cracraft. Thanksgiving morning at 10:30 o'clock in the family home at Elm Grove, private funeral services were conducted for Dr. Leech Key Cracraft, one of the most prominent young physicians and citizens of this community and a commissioned captain in the United States

Army. The services were attended by only intimate friends and relatives of the family and representative members of the Ohio County Medical Society, Wheeling lodge, No. 28, BPO Elks, Fort Henry Club and the Country club. Dr. Cracraft was laid at rest in his military uniform at Stone Church cemetery. The floral tribute was large and most beautiful. The Rev. J. M. Potter of Vance memorial (Presbyterian) church, officiated. The pallbearers were personal friends of Dr. Cracraft and members of the Ohio County Medical Society, namely Doctors D. Bigger Best, Frank LeMoyné Hupp, Jobert J. Reed, Jacob Schwinn, John T. Thornton, R. M. Baird, Eugene A. Hildreth, III, and Dr. Harry Wilson, of Martins Ferry. – Dr. Cracraft was the son of Dr. W. A. and Mary (Key) Cracraft. He passed away in the family home Tuesday evening, following an illness of eight days of Spanish influenza, and pneumonia fever. He was aged 36 years and was one of the most beloved men in this community. [Numerous newspaper articles about this man.]

MARY ZIPFEL – A Laundress, in charge of the laundry at Wheeling Hospital, died at the hospital of Spanish Influenza complications on Oct. 20, 1918. She was the daughter of Joseph Zipfel and Frances Wheeler, both born in Germany. She is buried at Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Wheeling. *Daily Intelligencer* (Wheeling), Oct. 23, 1918: “Funeral for Mrs. [Miss] Zipfel Thursday. Funeral services for Miss Mary Zipfel, manager at the North Wheeling hospital who died in the institution Monday night after a brief illness will be held in the hospital tomorrow morning at 9:30 o’clock, with interment in Mount Calvary. The priest of the hospital will officiate. Miss Zipfel was never married. Miss Zipfel, who was aged 50 years had lived in the community practically all her life. She was a devout Catholic, and had been in the employ of the hospital for many years. She leaves a mother, residing on Coal street, and two sisters, one a student at Mt. de Chantal, and two brothers, one by the name of Andrew Zipfel, all of this community.