

ROBERT FRANK DAVIS

Private, Company "C" 51st Infantry

Died of Pneumonia, Camp Oglethorpe, Georgia, October 5, 1918

Compiled by Linda Cunningham Fluharty.

Born in Wheeling on February 28, 1892, he was the son of William F. Davis and Mary Elizabeth Dailer, both born in West Virginia. The family is found at 1204 Jacob Street, Wheeling in the 1910 census, at which time the father was a Glass Worker. The Davis children at home were William, Richard, George, Robert, Loretta and Mollie. Robert was a "Laborer, Mattress factory."

Form 1 3524 REGISTRATION CARD		No. 44
1	Name in full <i>Robert Frank Davis</i>	Age, in yrs. <i>25</i>
2	Home address <i>1208 Jacob St. W. Va.</i>	
3	Date of birth <i>Feb 28 1892</i>	
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>Natural Born</i>	
5	Where were you born? <i>W. Va. U.S.A.</i>	
6	If not a citizen, of what country are you a citizen or subject? <i>America</i>	
7	What is your present trade, occupation, or office? <i>Machine Operator</i>	
8	By whom employed? <i>J. L. Stifel Collier</i>	
9	Where employed? <i>21</i>	
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)? <i>Parents</i>	
11	Married or single (which)? <i>Single</i> Race (specify which)? <i>Caucasian</i>	
12	What military service have you had? Rank <i>no</i> ; branch years ; Nation or State	
12	Do you claim exemption from draft (specify grounds)?	
I affirm that I have verified above answers and that they are true.		
1601 <i>Robert Frank Davis</i> (Signature or mark)		

47-1-32-A REGISTRAR'S REPORT	
1	Tall, medium, or short (specify which)? <i>Short</i> Slender, medium, or stout (which)? <i>medium</i>
2	Color of eyes? <i>Blue</i> Color of hair? <i>Black</i> Bald? <i>no</i>
3	Has person lost arm, leg, hand, foot, or both eyes, or is he otherwise disabled (specify)? <i>no</i>
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:	
<i>John H. Heinlein</i> (Signature of Registrar)	
Precinct	<i>6 Clay</i>
City or County	<i>W. Va. Ohio Co</i>
State	<i>W. Va.</i>
	<i>June 5</i> (Date of registration)

DAVIS, ROBERT FRANK	Xc-	50 832
Pvt. Co. C, 51st Inf.	K-	
Wheeling, W. Va., 1205 Lind	N-	
Sn. 420 588	Died 10-5-18	H-
Born 1-28-92		I 42 758
Enl. 5-13-18	Dis. 10-5-18	V-
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VA FORM 3-7202a Existing stocks of V.A. Form 7202a, Jan. 1947, will be used. MASTER INDEX CARD 16-56777-1 gpc		

His birth month is misstated on this Veterans' Administration Master Index Card.

The West Virginia Death Record indicates that Robert died from Hypostatic Pneumonia. His is buried at Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Wheeling.

Wheeling Intelligencer, 11 Oct 1918

Robert F. Davis.

Another Wheeling boy has given up his life while in the service of his country. Word was received here yesterday announcing the death of Robert F. Davis, aged 28 years, son of Mr. and Mrs. William F. Davis. He passed away last Saturday in the hospital at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., following an illness since last April. He left Wheeling with a contingent of soldiers in March and shortly after arrival at camp was stricken ill. He was born and reared in this city, and had many friends in this community. Mr. Davis was a member of St. Joseph's cathedral. The body arrived here yesterday morning and was taken to the family home, 32 Thirteenth street, where funeral services will be held this afternoon at 2.30 o'clock with interment in Mt. Calvary.

Mr. Davis leaves, besides his parents, three brothers, William F., Richard and George V. Davis also two sisters, Mrs. Joseph Maxwell and Miss Mollie Davis, all of this city.