

## LOUIS/LEWIS DAVIS

Private, Company "E" 301<sup>st</sup> Water Tank Tr.

Died October 6/7, 1918 En Route to France; remains returned in 1920

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His obituary contains some errors, but Louis L. Davis was born about 1896 to John Store Davis and Florence A. [Anne/Anna] Wilson, married in Ohio County on October 30, 1890. According to his West Virginia Death Certificate, Louis/Lewis died of Pneumonia in England on October 7, 1918, while on his way to France as a U. S. Army soldier. He is buried at Stone Church Cemetery, Elm Grove.

The siblings of Louis/Lewis, found in the 1900 census, were Nellie, Foster and Grace.

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**OBITUARY**

**PRIVATE DAVIS'  
FUNERAL TODAY**

**LAST RITES FOR ELM GROVE SOLDIER WHO DIED ON WAY TO EUROPE.**

Wheeling Post No. 1 American Legion  
To Attend Service at Elm Grove.

Brief, impressive funeral services will mark the last rites for the late Louis F. Davis, popular young man of Elm Grove, who died on October 6, 1918, while on his way to France as a private in the United States army. The funeral will be held this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Stone church cemetery at Elm Grove. The Rev. L. B. Lewellyn, pastor of the Stone Presbyterian church, will officiate. Interment will be made in the family burial plot at Stone church cemetery.

The pallbearers are friends of the deceased and are as follows: Lester Crow, Alfred Davis, Hanson, Holmes, Harry Ridgely, Boyd Garrison and G. Fitzsimmons.

A large delegation of members of Post No. 1 American Legion, of this city will attend the services, which will be conducted along military lines. All the ex-service men are requested to meet at Crider Bro's undertaking chapel at Elm Grove, attired in their uniforms.

The deceased was well known in this district and is survived by his sister, Mrs. Birney Fisher of Warwood and several other relatives. He was born at Elm Grove and was twenty-five years of age.

Young Davis enlisted in the United States army and left for Camp Meade on July 24, 1918. On September 28, 1918, he left the United States for France and contracted pneumonia while on the boat. He died on October 6. On October 22, he was laid to rest in Overton cemetery at Liverpool, England, following a short service conducted by the Red Cross. His body remained there until several weeks ago when one of the U. S. steamers brought a large number of bodies back to this country, arriving at New York harbor last Sunday.

In accordance with the request of a number of friends of the deceased Mayor Thomas Thorne has requested the business men of Elm Grove to close their places of business from 2:30 until 4 o'clock, while the funeral is being held, as a tribute to the deceased soldier.