LEO SYLVESTER FEIST

U. S. Army Private 1st Class, Ordinance Detachment, 18th Field Artillery

Died July 15, 1918 of Wounds; buried Aisne-Marne American Cemetery, France

Compiled by Linda Cunningham Fluharty.

Leo Sylvester Feist was born in Wheeling on November 1, 1894. He was the son of George M. Feist and Elizabeth Bonner, married in Jefferson County, Ohio in 1873.

The 1900 census of Wheeling finds the George M. Feist family on Market Street, Wheeling. Mr. Feist was a Stogie Maker. Mrs. Feist had given birth to 8 children, all still living. The children at home in 1900 were Fredericka, 19, Matthew, 15, Elizabeth, 13, George, 11, John, 7, and Leo, 5.

George M. Feist died in Wheeling on December 14, 1908. He is buried at Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Wheeling.

By the time of the 1910 census, Mrs. Feist had moved to Steubenville, Jefferson County, Ohio. Living with her were John H., 18, and Leo, 15.

No World War I Draft Registration was found for Leo, but his obituary states that he enlisted at Pittsburgh in May 1917. He had been in France for 7 months when he was killed.

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Leo's mother died in 1925 and she is buried near the father at Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Wheeling. Leo's name is on the grave stone of his parents, apparently as a memorial, since he is buried in France.