

# JAMES ROBERT FITZGERALD

Private, Company "G" 317<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment

Killed in Action August 1, 1918 in France

Compiled by Linda Cunningham Fluharty.

James Robert Fitzgerald, born in Wheeling, Ohio County, on January 28, 1895, was the son of James B. Fitzgerald and Anna Peltz, both born in Ohio, and married in Wheeling on June 12, 1890.

At the time of the 1900 census of Ohio County, James and Anna Fitzgerald, married 10 years, resided in Triadelphia District with two sons, William, 7, born in October 1892, and James, 5, born in January 1895. Mr. Fitzgerald was a Day Laborer. A daughter, Mary Irene, their oldest child, had died at age 2 years & 7 months.

In 1910, Annie Fitzgerald, a widow, lived on Keys Avenue, Triadelphia District, with her two sons, William, 17, and James, 15. The father had died January 4, 1902, according to the Fitzgerald Monument at Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Wheeling. It is not known why his name is scratched out in the West Virginia death records. A news article, dated January 6, 1902, indicates his funeral was held on January 7.



Form 1 986708 REGISTRATION CARD No. 18	47.1.21.A REGISTRAR'S REPORT
1 Name in full: <u>James Robert Fitzgerald</u> <small>(Given name) (Family name)</small>	1 Tall, medium, or short (specify which)? <u>Medium</u> <small>Slender, medium, or stout (which)?</small> <u>stout</u>
2 Home address: <u>55 Marshall Ave Elm Grove, W. Va.</u> <small>(No.) (Street) (City) (State)</small>	2 Color of eyes? <u>Brown</u> Color of hair? <u>Dr. Brown</u> Bald? <u>no</u>
3 Date of birth: <u>Jan 28 1895</u> <small>(Month) (Day) (Year)</small>	3 Has person lost arm, leg, hand, foot, or both eyes, or is he otherwise disabled (specify)? <u>no</u>
4 Are you (1) a natural-born citizen, (2) a naturalized citizen, (3) an alien, (4) or have you declared your intention (specify which)? <u>Yes Natural Born</u>	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:
5 Where were you born? <u>Wheeling, W. Va. U.S.A.</u> <small>(Town) (State) (Nation)</small>	
6 If not a citizen, of what country are you a citizen or subject?	<u>V. F. Metzger</u> <small>(Signature of registrar)</small>
7 What is your present trade, occupation, or office? <u>Laborer</u>	
8 By whom employed? <u>City &amp; Suburban Gas Co.</u> Where employed? <u>Elm Grove</u>	Princt 9
9 Have you a father, mother, wife, child under 12, or a sister or brother under 12, solely dependent on you for support (specify which)? <u>Mother partly dependent</u>	City or County <u>Ohio</u>
10 Married or single (which)? <u>single</u> Race (specify which)? <u>Caucasian</u>	State <u>West Va.</u> <u>6/5/17</u> <small>(Date of registration)</small>
11 What military service have you had? <u>None</u> years: _____ Nation or State: _____	
12 Do you claim exemption from draft (specify grounds)? <u>Public Utility Service</u> <u>partly support of mother</u> I affirm that I have verified above answers and that they are true.	
711 <u>James Robert Fitzgerald</u> <small>(Signature of registrant)</small>	

When James R. Fitzgerald shipped out from Norfolk, Virginia to go overseas, his emergency contact was his mother, Mrs. Ann Fitzgerald, 55 Marshall Avenue, Elm Grove, Wheeling, West Virginia.

Early news articles misstate the soldier's mother's name as "Mary" and his regiment as the 314<sup>th</sup> Infantry.

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## PATTERSON BOY IS KILLED IN ACTION WITH 314TH ARTILLERY

**JAMES FITZGERALD IS KILLED IN  
FIGHT AGAINST 'MUNS ON  
FRENCH BATTLEFIELD.**

**As First Information Of West Virginia  
Boys Being In Action, Was  
Well Known.**

Mrs. Mary Fitzgerald, of Patterson, Elm Grove, received a telegram late last evening from Major McCann telling of the death of her son James Jr., in action in the recent big drive against the Germans on the French battlefield and the news is a great shock to the host of friends.

James Fitzgerald left here March 15, going to Camp Lee and was stationed there being trained and serving with the 314th Field artillery. He was one of the most popular young men of the pike section and before entering the service was an employe of the West Virginia Traction and Electric Company.

Mr. Fitzgerald was very popular in the pike section. He is survived by his mother and one brother William of Elm Grove.

The news of Mr. Fitzgerald's being killed in action denotes that the 314th is in action now and there are many Wheeling boys, practically every drafted man from this vicinity in this division. It will probably mean there are more casualties among Wheeling and Ohio county boys.

The remains of James Robert Fitzgerald were returned to the United States and he was buried at Mt. Calvary Cemetery in August 1921.

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The mother of the soldier, Anna Peltz Fitzgerald, an invalid, died on June 20, 1923.

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## Mrs. Anna Fitzgerald of Elm Grove, Dies

Mrs. Anna Fitzgerald, 57 years old, of No. 55 Marshall avenue, Elm Grove, died yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at her home. She had been an invalid for the past 10 years. Death is attributed to paralysis.

Mrs. Fitzgerald was born and reared in Bridgeport, O. She resided at Elm Grove for the past 25 years. Her husband preceded here in death many years ago.

Although confined to her bed with illness during the World war Mrs. Fitzgerald approved of her son, James, enlisting in the army. Several months before the signing of the armistice he paid the supreme sacrifice.

Surviving her is one son, William, at home. Also two sisters, Mary Clemens of Bridgeport and Lina Lintzuber of Cincinnati; and two brothers, Jefferson Peltz of Maynard, O., and George of Morgantown.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday morning at 8:30 o'clock from her late residence. Requiem high mass will be celebrated at 9 o'clock at the St. Vincent's church. Interment Mt. Calvary cemetery.