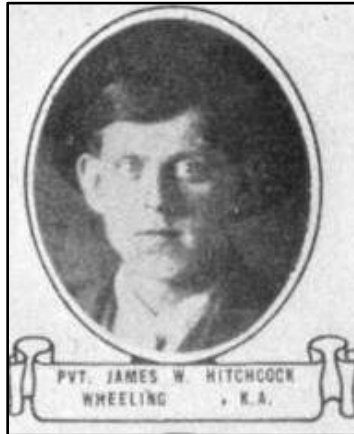


# JAMES WILSON HITCHCOCK

26<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, 1<sup>st</sup> Division

K.I.A. October 13, 1918; buried Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, France

Compiled by Linda Cunningham Fluharty



James Wilson Hitchcock, born in Wheeling on June 7, 1888, was the son of William Perry Hitchcock and Eleanorah Wilson. At the time of the 1900 census, the family lived on 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Wheeling, and James, 11, was employed as a packer in a glass house. In 1910, James, 22, still living with his parents and siblings, possibly on Wetzel Street, was employed as a "tinner at corrugating works." The father died in 1910.

When James registered for the draft in 1917, he stated he was single. He also spelled his middle name as Willson.

Form 3050 REGISTRATION CARD No. 41		47-1-82-A	
1	Name in full <i>James Willson Hitchcock</i> Age in years <i>28</i>	REGISTRAR'S REPORT	
2	Home address <i>196-18 St. Wheeling W. Va</i>	1	Tall, medium, or short (specify which)? <i>Tall</i> Slender, medium, or stout (specify which)? <i>Slender</i>
3	Date of birth <i>June 7 1888</i>	2	Color of eyes? <i>Blue</i> Color of hair? <i>Dark brown</i> <i>No</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 citizen</i>	3	Has person lost arm, leg, hand, foot, or both eyes, or is he otherwise disabled (specify)? <i>No</i>
5	Where were you born? <i>Wheeling West Va America</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:	
6	If not a citizen, of what country are you a citizen or subject? <i>American</i>	<i>John H. Henry</i> (Signature of registrar)	
7	What is your present trade, occupation, or office? <i>Laborer</i>	Precinct <i>8</i>	
8	By whom employed? <i>Raymond Packing Plant</i>	City or County <i>Ohio</i>	
9	Where employed? <i>Wheeling</i>	State <i>West Va</i>	Date of registration <i>June 5</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>None</i>		
11	Married or single (which)? <i>Single</i> Race (specify which)? <i>Caucasian</i>		
12	What military service have you had? Rank <i>None</i> branch <i>None</i> years <i>None</i> Nation or State <i>None</i>		
Do you claim exemption from draft (specify ground)?			
I affirm that I have verified above answers and that they are true.			
<i>James Willson Hitchcock</i> (Signature of registrant)			

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*Wheeling Intelligencer*, January 28, 1919: "Word has been received by Mrs. E. Hitchcock of East Wheeling that her son, Private James Hitchcock, has been severely wounded in action. He was with the Thirty-sixth [26<sup>th</sup>] Infantry of the First Division and left in May 1918 for Camp Lee, where he received his training. No details other than that he was wounded were received."

**Daily Intelligencer, 18 Feb 1919**

**Killed in Action.**

**Privates:**  
**Colella, Vincenzo, New Castle, Pa.**  
**Hitchcock, James W., Wheeling, W. Va.**  
**Katz, Joseph, Cleveland, O.**

Sara Elnora Barnes Evans Hitchcock, born 1888, died on February 27, 1927 of Pulmonary Tuberculosis. Her death record indicates that she was the widow of James W. Hitchcock; she had been previously married to Samuel Evans. In the 1920 census, Sara E. Evans, 31, resided on 18<sup>th</sup> Street in Wheeling, with her mother, Jennie E. Barnes, and three daughters, Helen, Florence and Jessie, all with the surname Hitchcock. A marriage record is not found but Sara and James W. Hitchcock had these three daughters. — Sara is buried at Peninsula Cemetery.