

ROBERT CLARK IRWIN

U. S. Army Private, Chemical Warfare Service

Died of Influenza at U.S. A. General Hospital in Bronx, New York on January 9, 1919

Compiled by Linda Cunningham Fluharty.

Born in Wheeling on June 9, 1895, Robert Clark Irwin was the son of Wylie Irwin and Margaret "Josephine" McCabe, married in Wheeling on June 1, 1892. The family lived in Triadelphia, Ohio County, in 1900, and Mr. Irwin was employed as a clerk. His wife had given birth to two children and both were living. They were Robert, 5, and Margaret, 2. Josephine's parents, Robert and Margaret McCabe, and two of Josephine's siblings, were also in the home. Wylie and Margaret Josephine Irwin had another son, William W. Irwin, in 1901.

Robert Clark Irwin was single when he registered for the World War I Draft on June 5, 1917. On January 22, 1918, in Brooke County, he married Margaret Katherine Henning, the daughter of Charles Henning and Sophia Wiedebusch. [Biography of Charles H. Henning](#)

Form 1 541 REGISTRATION CARD		47-1-21-A REGISTRAR'S REPORT	
1	Name <i>Robert Clark Irwin</i>	1	Tall, medium, or short (specify which)? <i>Tall</i> Slender, medium, or stout (which)? <i>Slender</i>
2	Home address (No.) <i>Stratton Springs Hotel Wooddale Va</i> (City) <i>Wooddale Va</i> (State)	2	Color of eyes? <i>Blue</i> Color of hair? <i>Light Brown - Bald</i>
3	Date of birth <i>June 9th 1895</i>	3	Has person lost arm, leg, hand, foot, or both eyes, or is he otherwise disabled (specify)? <i>None</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>	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? <i>Wheeling W. Va</i> (Town) <i>W. Va.</i> (State)	<i>Harry A. Grabe</i> (Signature of registrar)	
6	If not a citizen, of what country are you a citizen or subject?	Precinct <i>2</i>	
7	What is your present trade, occupation, or office? <i>Inspector. Dev's Engineers</i>	City or County <i>Ohio</i>	
8	By whom employed? <i>United States Engineers</i>	State <i>W. Va.</i>	<i>June 5th 1917</i> (Date of registration)
9	Where employed? <i>Wheeling District</i>	TRIADELPHIA DIST.	
10	Have you a father, mother, wife, child under 12, or sister or brother under 12, solely dependent on you for support (specify which)? <i>No</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 _____ years _____ Nation or State _____		
Do you claim exemption from draft (specify grounds)?			
I affirm that I have verified above answers and that they are true.			
<i>R. C. Irwin</i> (Signature of registrant)			

Wheeling Intelligencer, 13 Jan 1919

Irwin Obsequies.

Funeral services for Sergeant Robert Irwin, son of Mr and Mrs Wylie Irwin of the Out-the-Pike, who died last Thursday in a base hospital in New York city, were held Saturday afternoon at the residence of his aunt, Miss Kate Wiedebusch, on Jacob street. Rev. R. E. L. Strider, rector of St. Matthew's church, officiated, the services being private. Interment was made in Greenwood cemetery. The pallbearers were George K. Wheat, Jack Wright, Edwin Bowie, Dewey Quarrier, Robert Reed and Wilson Grubb.

Robert died on January 9, 1919 and he was buried at Greenwood Cemetery.

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Robert's widow, Margaret Irwin, was living with her grandmother, Mina Wiedebush, on Eoff Street, Wheeling, at the time of the 1920 census.

Daily Intelligencer, 24 June 1919
Mrs. Mina Weidebusch and daughter, Miss Kate, Mrs. Sophia Henning, Mrs Marguerite Irwin, Mrs. M. Baer and Miss Louise Bolte, all of Wheeling, visited at the home of C. H. Behrens on Thursday.

On January 16, 1921, Mrs. Margaret Irwin married Arthur Ebbert in Pittsburgh. They had one child, Arthur, Jr., in 1922. They were living in Triadelphia, Ohio County, in the 1940 census, and Arthur, Sr. was Vice President of a coal company. – When Margaret's mother, Sophia Wiedebusch Henning, died in 1965, her obituary says her daughter, Mrs. Arthur Ebbert, lived in Hamden, Connecticut. They were in Connecticut because their son, Arthur Ebbert, Jr., was a prominent figure at Yale University. According to his obituary, he rose to become professor emeritus of medicine and he was widely regarded as the "soul of the medical school" during the more than three decades in which he served there. He died on June 7, 2012 in Hamden, Connecticut. He was an only child and never married.