

WILLIAM LESTER MIKELS

Private, Headquarters Troop 11 Division

Died of Spanish Influenza/Pneumonia, Camp Meade, Maryland, October 5, 1918

Compiled by Linda Cunningham Fluharty.

Born in West Alexander County, Pennsylvania, on May 12, 1887, William was the son of Walter Mikels and Martha "Jennie/Jane" Holliday.

The family is found in the 1900 census of Buffalo, Brooke County, West Virginia, with their children, John, David, William, Samuel, Alvin and Mary. Walter and Jane were still at that location in 1910; children at home were Mary, Frank and Sam.

They apparently moved to Riley Hill Road, Ohio County, before William registered for the World War I Draft in 1917. The remaining family was still at that location in 1920.

Form 1 350 REGISTRATION CARD		No. 6
1	Name in full <i>William Lester Mikels</i>	Age, in yrs. <i>30</i>
2	Home address <i>Wheeling, R.D. #1, Box 449, W. Va.</i>	
3	Date of birth <i>May 12 1887</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</i>	
5	Where were you born? <i>West Alexander Penna. U.S.A.</i>	
6	If not a citizen, of what country are you a citizen or subject? <i>Citizen</i>	
7	What is your present trade, occupation, or office? <i>Farmer</i>	
8	By whom employed? <i>Self</i>	
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)? <i>Widow</i>	
10	Married or single (which)? <i>Single</i> Race (specify which)? <i>Caucasian</i>	
11	What military service have you had? <i>None</i> branch _____ years _____ Nation or State _____	
12	Do you claim exemption from draft (specify grounds)? _____	
I affirm that I have verified above answers and that they are true.		
161 <i>William L. Mikels</i>		

47-1-21-A REGISTRAR'S REPORT	
1	Tall, medium, or short (specify which)? <i>Tall</i> Slender, medium, or stout (which)? <i>Slender</i>
2	Color of eyes? <i>Blue</i> Color of hair? <i>Red</i> Bald? <i>No</i>
3	Has person lost arm, leg, hand, foot, or both (yes, or is he otherwise disabled (specify)?) <i>No</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:	
<i>W. Mikels</i> (Signature of registrar)	
Precinct <i>4</i>	
City or County <i>Warwood W. Va.</i>	
State _____ Date of registration <i>6-5-1907</i>	

Revised list of deceased soldiers, World War, January 1, 1922, West Virginia, William L. Mikels died of Influenza. He is buried at Short Creek Cemetery, Ohio County.

Wheeling Intelligencer, 11 Oct 1918

Funeral for W. L. Mikels.

The funeral for William L. Mikels, aged 32, son of Walter and Jennie Mikels, who died in Camp Meade, Md., was held yesterday afternoon in the family home, Riley Hill, near Warwood. Interment was in Short Creek cemetery.

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PARENTS OBITUARIES

<p><i>Wheeling Intelligencer</i>, 3 Dec 1937</p> <h2 style="text-align: center;">MIKELS OBESEQUIES SUNDAY AFTERNOON</h2> <p style="text-align: center;">MRS MARTHA H. MIKELS, 70, DIED THURSDAY AT HOME</p> <p>Obsequies will be conducted Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock at her late home at Short Creek for Mrs Martha Holliday Mikels, 79, wife of Walter H Mikels and life resident of the Wheeling vicinity, who died Thursday morning at 9 30 o'clock at her home.</p> <p>Dr W H McKinney pastor of the First Christian church, will officiate and interment is to follow in Short Creek cemetery</p> <p>Mrs Mikels had been in ill health for the past three years</p> <p>Mrs Mikels was born at West Liberty August 6 1858, a daughter of David and Martha Miller Holliday She was united in marriage to Mr Mikels, September 17, 1875, and since that time had made her home at Short Creek She was a member of the Christian church</p> <p>Surviving are her husband Walter M Mikels one daughter Mrs Mary Patterson of Wellsburg five sons John David, Alvy and Frank Mikels all of Short Creek Samuel Mikels of Morgantown, W Va seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren A son William Mikels was killed in action during the World war in 1918.</p> <p>The body is to be returned to the late home today by the Kepner funeral service</p>	<p><i>Wheeling Intelligencer</i>, 9 Feb 1943</p> <p>Walter Milton Mikels, farmer of Short Creek, W. Va., died in Ohio Valley General hospital on Monday morning at 11 o'clock. Ill for a long time, he had been in Wheeling hospital for a year and ten days ago was removed to the OVG hospital. He was in his 91st year.</p> <p>Deceased was born in Ohio county on September 28, 1852, a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Mikels. He was a Methodist by faith and his wife, Mrs. Martha Holliday Mikels died in 1937.</p> <p>Surviving is a daughter, Mrs. Homer Patterson of Wellsburg, five sons: John, Dave and Alvie Mikels all of Short Creek, Sam Mikels of Morgantown, and Frank Mikels of Willow Grove, O., a brother, Wm. Mikels of Dayton and nine grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren.</p> <p>The remains will remain at the Kepner funeral home until Thursday afternoon when the body will be removed to the Short Creek church, where services will be held at 2 o'clock. Rev. B. R. James will officiate, burial will be in Short Creek cemetery.</p>
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