

FULTON JACKSON MYERS

U. S. Army Private Battery "B" 351st Field Artillery

Died of Accidental Gunshot Wound at Camp Meade, Maryland on May 22, 1918

Compiled by Linda Cunningham Fluharty.

Born on November 24, 1892 in Cumberland, Allegany County, Maryland, Fulton was the son of Jacob Myers and Maria, who was also called "Jennie." At the time of the 1900 census, the family resided at 17 Wallace Street, Cumberland. Mr. Myers was a Laborer and Mrs. Myers had given birth to 13 children, with 11 still living. The children in the home were Robert, 18, Rosco, 16, Bernard, 14, Wallace, 12, Fulton, 8, Clara, 7, and Fanny, 3.

In 1910, still on Wallace Street, Mr. Myers was a "Cleaner, Houses." He and his wife had been married for 38 years and she had given birth to 13 children, with 11 still living. Children in the home were Ross, 26, Berna, 25, Wallace, 21, Fulton, 19, Clara, 17, and Jennie, 13.

When Fulton registered for the World War I Draft, he lived on Eoff Street, Wheeling, and worked at the McClure Hotel. He entered the U. S. Army from Wheeling.

| Form 1 2878 REGISTRATION CARD | | No. 24 | |
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| 1 | Name in full <i>Fulton Jackson Myers</i> <small>(Given name) (Family name)</small> | Age, in yrs. <i>25</i> | |
| 2 | Home address <i>1025 Eoff St Wheeling W Va</i> <small>(No.) (Street) (City) (State)</small> | | |
| 3 | Date of birth <i>Nov 24 1891</i> <small>(Month) (Day) (Year)</small> | | |
| 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</i> | | |
| 5 | Where were you born? <i>Cumberland W Va</i> <small>(Town) (State) (Nation)</small> | | |
| 6 | If not a citizen, of what country are you a citizen or subject? | | |
| 7 | What is your present trade, occupation, or office? <i>Capt 3rd Comp</i> | | |
| 8 | By whom employed? <i>McClure Hotel Co</i> | | |
| 9 | Where employed? <i>121 Mt Wheeling W Va</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>none</i> | | |
| 10 | Married or single (which)? <i>single</i> Race (specify which)? <i>African</i> | | |
| 11 | What military service have you had? Rank <i>School Train</i> | | |
| 12 | Do you claim exemption from draft (specify grounds)? | | |
| I affirm that I have verified above answers and that they are true. | | | |
| <i>3023</i> | | <i>Fulton Myers</i> <small>(Signature or mark)</small> | |
| <i>3025</i> | | | |

| 47-1-32-A REGISTRAR'S REPORT | |
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| 1 | Tall, medium, or short (specify which)? <i>Medium</i> Slender, medium, or stout (which)? <i>stout</i> |
| 2 | Color of eyes? <i>brown</i> Color of hair? <i>black</i> Bald? <i>no</i> |
| 3 | Has person lost arm, leg, hand, foot, or both eyes, 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>George J. DeC</i> <small>(Signature of registrar)</small> | |
| Precinct | <i>Clay 3</i> |
| City or County | <i>Ohio Co</i> |
| State | <i>W. Va.</i> |
| <i>June 5 1917</i> <small>(Date of registration)</small> | |

**Fulton J. Myers, (colored) pvt., 17
Wallace street, Batt. B, 351 Field
Artillery. Died of gunshot wounds,
(accident), 5-22-18, Camp Meade,
Md.**

COLORED TROOPER WAS ACCIDENTALLY SHOT

Army Rifle in Hands of Comrade Goes Off, Killing Fulton J. Myers.

The body of Private J. Myers, colored, who died at Camp Meade, where he was in training as a member of a colored regiment was brought to Cumberland last midnight and taken to the home of his father, Jacob L. Myers, 17 Wallace street. The funeral will take place at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon. Rev. F. S. Dennis, pastor of Metropolitan A. M. E. Church, will officiate. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery. The pallbearers will be Deneen Banks, Henry Harris, Albert Bromery, Ernest Combs, Walter Edwards and Nelson Denson.

It has been learned that Private Myers, who enlisted in the service at Wheeling, W. Va., was accidentally shot by a comrade Wednesday which resulted in his death. According to information received from Camp Meade Private Myers with other members of his company was cleaning his rifle preparatory to going to the range for target practice, when a gun in the hands of a fellow private sitting beside him was accidentally discharged, the bullet entering Myers' body at a vital spot.

Private Myers is survived by his mother and father, and the following brothers and sisters: Jacob M. Myers and Robert G. Myers, this city; Mrs. H. E. Yonkers, New York City; Mrs. D. M. Jones, Hopkinsville, Ky.; H. W. Myers, Chicago, Ill.; B. F. Myers, Hollidaysburg, Pa.; Mrs. P. A. Brooks and Miss Clara Myers, Hollidaysburg, Pa.; Mrs. P. A. Brooks, and Miss Clara Myers, this city.

MILITARY BURIAL FOR FULTON MYERS

The funeral of Fulton J. Myers, colored, who died at Camp Meade, last week following accidental shooting by a comrade, was held this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the home of his father, Jacob L. Myers, 17 Wallace street. Rev. F. S. Dennis, pastor of the Metropolitan A. M. E. Church, officiated. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery. The funeral was conducted with military honors. The First Western Maryland Band led the cortege. The casket was covered with an American flag. Taps sounded at the grave.

The pallbearers were: Duncan Banks, Henry Harris, Albert Bromery, Ernest Combs, Walter Edwards and Nelson Denson.

TAPS SOUNDED FOR COLORED TROOPER

Private Fulton J. Myers, colored, son of Jacob L. Myers, was given a military burial yesterday afternoon. The cortege was led by the First Western Maryland band. Chief Judge A. Hunter Boyd, Lloyd L. Shaffer, Clerk of the Court, and Senator Geo. Louis Eppler were in attendance. The services were conducted by Rev. F. S. Dennis, pastor of the Metropolitan African Methodist Episcopal Church.

A military salute of three volleys was fired in Rose Hill Cemetery by six United States soldiers, following the lowering of the casket. They were Sergeant Joseph Fradiska, assistant bandmaster, 313th Infantry; Anthony J. Ryan, Harry W. Whetzel and Private First Class Mitt Seely, of the local recruiting station; Private William Marein, 313th Infantry, Camp Meade, and a visiting soldier of the Medical Corps. Taps were sounded by Sergeant Fradiska. The coffin was draped with an American flag.

The Fulton Myers Post 153 American Legion, named for this young man, is located on North Mechanic Street, Cumberland, Maryland.

MYERS FULTON JACKSON

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