

**OHIO COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA NURSES  
IN SERVICE TO THEIR COUNTRY**

**WORLD WAR I**

**&**

**Medical Personnel Who Died of Spanish Influenza**

Researched and Compiled by Linda Cunningham Fluharty.

*Dedicated to my friend, Paula Merritt McDonald, a graduate of the Ohio Valley  
General Hospital School of Nursing.*

Photos of Wheeling Hospital nurses provided by  
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# OHIO COUNTY NURSES IN SERVICE TO THEIR COUNTRY WORLD WAR I 1917-1919

NOTE: There are errors & conflicts in the records & news articles.  
Not all of the Red Cross Nurses served on active duty in the Army or Navy, but most did.  
In some cases, specific service can't be established due to lack of records.

## THE RED CROSS IN WORLD WAR I

[Source: <https://www.redcross.org/content/dam/redcross/National/history-wwi.pdf>]

**Nursing Service (1909).** Already established as an important branch of the Red Cross before the war, the Nursing Service greatly expanded with the coming of hostilities. Its principal task became to provide trained nurses for the U.S. Army and Navy. **The Service enrolled 23,822 Red Cross nurses during the war. Of these, 19,931 were assigned to active duty with the Army, Navy, U.S. Public Health Service, and the Red Cross overseas.** The Red Cross also enrolled and trained nurses' aides to help make up for the shortage of nurses on the home front due to the war effort. Many Red Cross nurses and nurses' aides were enlisted in the battle against the influenza pandemic of 1918.

**Hospital Service (1916).** Many of the Red Cross nurses and well over 2,000 nurse's aides, physicians, and dietitians served in military and veterans' hospitals. The Hospital Service also secured trained medical and psychiatric social workers to help veterans with recoveries and to assist them make the adjustment back to civilian life that many found difficult to accomplish.

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**EDITH LOUISE ARMSTRONG** - Married name RICHARDS - U. S. Army Nurse Corps - Edith graduated in 1916 from the Ohio Valley General Hospital School of Nursing and became a Registered Nurse in West Virginia, License #488. She is listed as a World War I veteran in *A Half Century of Nursing in West Virginia, 1907-1957*, by Donovan H. Bond, 1957. Born on August 16, 1895, in Armstrong Mills, Belmont County, Ohio, she was the daughter of Elihu B. Armstrong and Mary Hannah Lindsay. She married Earle Franklin Richards, a U. S. Army Lieutenant, probably overseas. She was released from active duty in Paris, France, and her husband, also discharged, was already en route to the United States. On May 16, 1919, she applied for a passport to return

to the U. S. She stated: "I have never had a passport. I came abroad as a Nurse with the U. S. Army.... I last left the United States on June 12, 1918, arriving at France via England where I am now released from the American Expeditionary Forces and en route to the U. S." - From *Ohio Soldiers in WWI, 1917-1918*: "Edith L. Armstrong, Armstrong Mills, O. Born Armstrong Mills, O. August 16, 1894 [as written]. Nurse May 3, 1918 from CL. Base Hospital Camp Meade Medical Department to --; Base Hospital 43 to --; Evacuation Hospital 1 to --; Evacuation Hospital 37 to discharge. American Expeditionary Forces June 11, 1918 to discharge. Reserve nurse relieved from active-duty May 12, 1919; not discharged." - She died on September 2, 1976 in Purcellville, Loudoun County, Virginia. Her World War I service is stated on her death record.



### **MARY ELIZABETH ARMSTRONG -**

U. S. Army Nurse Corps - Mary Elizabeth graduated from the Wheeling Hospital School of Nursing in 1915 and became a Registered Nurse in West Virginia, License #384. Her home location was Dallas, West Virginia, according to a news article about the 1915 graduation. At the time of the 1910 census, the family

lived on Beham-Majorsville Road, at the Pennsylvania-West Virginia border, in West Finley Township, Washington County, Pennsylvania. She is listed as a World War I veteran in *A Half Century of Nursing in West Virginia, 1907-1957*, by Donovan H. Bond, 1957. She was born in February 1894, the daughter of James William Armstrong and Hannah Viola Ritchea. The father died in 1910 and Hannah Armstrong remarried. - Newspaper articles in September and October 1918 state that nurses, Mary Armstrong and Elizabeth Nicklin, were assigned to the Base Hospital #12, Biltmore, Asheville, North Carolina. Of the two, it is known that Mary Elizabeth was transferred to a hospital base in the Philippine Islands where, according to her obituary, she was stationed for more than a year before her health began failing..." Elizabeth Nicklin died of Pulmonary Tuberculosis in 1922. Mary Elizabeth Armstrong had also contracted a lung ailment, probably Tuberculosis, and she was sent from the Philippines to the base hospital

at Camp Kearney, San Diego, California. Transport records indicate that Second Lieutenant Mary E. Armstrong, Army Nurse Corps, sailed from the Philippines to San Francisco in September 1922; she was still in service at that time. The *West Virginia Legislative Hand Book and Manual and Official Register, 1923*, does not mention her postwar service in the Philippines: "General Hospital 12 to August 29, 1919; Camp Hospital Camp Dodge, Iowa, to discharge." Mary E. Armstrong made a will on June 27, 1925 and died on August 16, 1925 at Camp Kearney. She had made a provision in her will for a donation to the County Home in

The Washington Reporter - Aug 24, 1925

### **Miss Mary E. Armstrong, Government Nurse, Dies at Camp Kearney, San Diego**

Elm Grove, Aug. 25.—Mary E. Armstrong, 31, formerly of Sand Hill, near Elm Grove, died Sunday, August 16, at a hospital base in Camp Kearney, San Diego, Cal., according to word received by her mother, Mrs. Hannah Armstrong Plants, of Sand Hill. The body arrived here yesterday and was taken to the family home.

Funeral services will be held at 1 o'clock Tuesday afternoon at the home followed by brief services at 2 o'clock in the Dallas Methodist Episcopal church. Rev. Frank Hockenberry, pastor of the Dallas church, will officiate. Interment will be in Dallas cemetery.

Miss Armstrong was a graduate nurse of the North Wheeling hospital and served overseas during the World war. The government later transferred her to a hospital base in the Philippine Islands where she was stationed more than a year before her health began failing. An ailment of the lungs necessitated a change of climate and Miss Armstrong returned to the Western coast and located in San Diego.

Miss Armstrong is survived by her mother and three sisters, Mrs. Alice White, of Washington; Mrs. Myrtle Plants, of Valley Grove; and Miss Flossie, at home; four brothers, William, Elias, Earl and Wylie all at home.

Wheeling for the care of tubercular children. One obituary indicates she was "born at Sand Hill" and "was in the employ of the government at the time of her death." She is buried at Mt. View Cemetery, Dallas, Marshall County, West Virginia.

**HARRIET REED BARRY** – Red Cross Nurse - Harriet graduated in 1906 from the City Hospital (subsequently Ohio Valley General Hospital) School of Nursing and became a Registered Nurse in West Virginia, License #17. Her sister, Mary Lee Barry, graduated the same year. Harriet is listed as a World War I veteran in *A Half Century of Nursing in West Virginia, 1907-1957*, by Donovan H. Bond, 1957. *Daily Intelligencer*, Wheeling, March 16, 1918: "Miss Harriet Barry, of the Old City Hospital, to Do Special Red Cross Duty at Camp Lee. Miss Harriet Reed Barry, R. N., of this city has been called into active service for special duty with the American Red Cross for duty in the Sanitary Zones around the cantonments through the country. Miss Barry is the first young lady from this city to be called into service and probably the first from this state. Miss Barry is a graduate nurse from the old City Hospital, now the Ohio Valley General Hospital. She was of the class of 1906. For several years after graduating she stayed in the city, but about five years ago went away from here. About a year ago she came back to this city and since has been a public helping nurse for the Metropolitan Life Insurance company." - Born on June 23, 1875 in West Alexander, Washington County, Pennsylvania, she was the daughter of Civil War veteran, William Augustus Barry, and Sarah Martha Reed. Harriet was residing in Elm Grove with her sister, Jane Darrah, when she died of a heart attack there on April 17, 1943. She is buried at West Alexander Cemetery, Washington County. Her service in World War I is stated on her death record.

**ELIZABETH HUGHES BEALL** - U. S. Army Nurse Corps WWI and U. S. Navy Nurse Corps, 1920-1937 - Born in Wheeling on January 7, 1877, Elizabeth graduated from the Allegheny General Hospital School of Nursing, Pittsburgh, in 1903. When she entered the service, she was a resident of Wilkinsburg, Allegheny County, which entitled her to apply for Veterans Compensation in that state. She was living in Washington, D. C. when she applied in 1934. She stated she had served on active duty in the Army Nurse Corps from July 25, 1918 to September 11, 1919. *West Virginia Legislative Hand Book and Manual and Official Register*, 1923: "Base Hospital, Camp Lee, Va., to discharge." - In May 1920, she joined the Navy and served in the Navy Nurse Corps before retiring as an Ensign in February 1937. Elizabeth was the daughter of Grafton Asbury Beall and Martha Matilda Dunlevy, married in Wheeling, Ohio County, in 1865. At the time of the 1940 census, Elizabeth and her sister, Bertha Beall, were living in Ojai, Ventura County, California, with their sister, Marie, and her husband, George Kramer, an Avocado Farmer. Elizabeth died on July 9, 1976 and is buried at Nordhoff Cemetery in Ojai. Although she was actually in the Army Nurse Corps during World War I, her gravestone is inscribed, "Nurse Navy Nurse Corps World War I."

**MARY ELIZABETH "MAMIE" BALL BOONE** - She is listed as a graduate of the Ohio Valley General Hospital School of Nursing, formerly City Hospital, who served during World War I. However, she died August 22, 1918 during an operation at Parkersburg City Hospital just prior to entering the service. The book, *A Half Century of Nursing in West Virginia, 1907-1957*, by Donovan H. Bond, 1957, indicates that she graduated and received her West Virginia nursing license, #722, in 1919, but she was deceased in 1918. Mary was born on March 24, 1873 in Wirt County, West Virginia, to Barnett F. Ball and Rebecca Guthrie. She married Dr. Edgar

Leslie Boone on May 4, 1906 in Parkersburg, Wood County. Mary is buried at Ball Cemetery, Elizabeth, Wirt County, West Virginia. Dr. Boone died of Chronic Nephritis in 1924. Mary's obituary states that Mary had sisters who were also nurses. At a glance, one was Anna L. Ball, a graduate of the City Hospital School of Nursing, who became registered in 1900, West Virginia License #79.

**Mrs. Alta Lee Trapp BELLEFONTE** — Mrs. Alta Lee Trapp, 89, a resident of Centre Crest County Home, in Bellefonte, died Sunday, June 18, at 9:45 a.m.  
Born Aug. 24, 1888, at Welcome, W. Va., she was the daughter of the late Cassius Clay and Frances (Rhini) Bowman.  
She was married in 1921 to Harry Trapp who preceded her in death in 1969. She is survived by one son Charles H. of Pleasant Gap and two grandchildren.  
One brother and one sister also preceded her in death.  
She was of the Roman Catholic faith, a retired registered nurse, life member of John Ashly Dennis Post 437 American Legion, Philipsburg and also served with the U.S. Army Nurse Corps, during World War I.  
Services will be held from the Dahlgren Funeral Home in Philipsburg Wednesday at 9 a.m. with Monsignor Paul D. Panza officiating. Interment will be in the Philipsburg Cemetery with military graveside services.  
There will be no public visitation.  
The family suggests memorial contributions to the heart fund.

**ALTA LEE BOWMAN** - Married name TRAPP - U. S. Army Nurse Corps - She graduated from Wheeling Hospital School of Nursing in 1913 and became a Registered Nurse in West Virginia, License #305. She is listed as a World War I veteran in *A Half Century of Nursing in West Virginia, 1907-1957*, by Donovan H. Bond, 1957. She was born in Welcome, Marshall County, West Virginia on August 24, 1888 to Cassius Charles (name variations) Bowman and Frances "Fannie" Rine. Per Marshall County birth records, she was born August 31. - By 1900, the Bowman family had moved to Steubenville, Ohio. A news article, dated October 2, 1918, states that Wheeling Hospital nurse, Alta Bowman, was in training at Camp Meade, Maryland. The *West Virginia Legislative Hand Book and Manual and Official Register, 1923*, states she was at Camp Meade to discharge. In 1920, she was living with her parents in Steubenville. The *United States, Veterans Administration Master Index, 1917-1940*, states that she served on active duty from August 1, 1918 to June 6, 1919. She attended the Wheeling Hospital Alumni Reunion in June 1920. She married Harry Trapp in 1921, and they had a son, Charles Carl Trapp, on March 26, 1922 in Johnstown, Pennsylvania, per the son's obituary, 1981. In the 1930 census of Johnstown, the son was "Carl H." Alta Lee Trapp, married, was a nurse at Wheeling Hospital at the time of the 1940 census. The record indicates she lived in Johnstown in 1935. According to *U.S., World War II Cadet Nursing Corps Card Files, 1942-1948*, she was enrolled in a post-graduate program, and also participated in the U.S., World War II Cadet Nursing Corps. She died in June 1978 and is buried at Philipsburg Cemetery, Centre County, Pennsylvania. Her husband died in 1969.



**CATHERINE MAGDALENE BRODERICK** - U. S. Army Nurse Corps - She graduated from Wheeling Hospital School of Nursing in 1915 and became a Registered Nurse in West Virginia, License #404. Her hometown, Midland, Maryland, as well as her middle name, are stated in a news article about the 1915 graduates. She was "Somewhere in France," per *Daily Intelligencer* article, October 2, 1918, that names thirteen Wheeling Hospital nurses on active duty. This article was the only clue that she had served; her name was missing from other lists. *Veterans Affairs BIRLS Death File* indicates she was born on January 23, 1893 and she died on January 26, 1988. She enlisted in the Army Nurse Corps on April 29, 1918 and she was released on August 1, 1919. *Maryland Military Men, 1917-1918*:

"Catherine M. Broderick, born January 23, 1893, Midland, Maryland. Army Nurse Corps Reserves 5/3/18 nurse, Base Hosp Camp Gordon Ga.; Mobile Station 8/25/18; 21 ARC Military Hosp 9/14/18; 7 Evacuation Hospital 10/8/18; Demobilization Station 6/19/19, Relieved 8/1/19, Overseas 9/14/18 to 6/19/19, Meuse-Argonne. Catherine was the daughter of William F. Broderick, a former judge of the Allegany County, Maryland Orphans Court, and his wife, Isabella Agatha Thompson. When William died in 1922, his obituary states that Catherine was a nurse at Mercy Hospital, Pittsburgh. She died at Aspinwall, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, likely in the Veterans Hospital there. She is buried at Saint Michael's Cemetery, Frostburg, Allegany County, Maryland. Her gravestone memorializes her World War I service.



**ANNA MARIE BURKE** - U. S. Army Nurse Corps - She graduated from Wheeling Hospital School of Nursing in 1908 and became a Registered Nurse in West Virginia, License #8. She is listed as a World War I veteran in *A Half Century of Nursing in West Virginia, 1907-1957*, by Donovan H. Bond, 1957. She is also named in a news article, dated October 10, 1918, that lists the nurses leaving for Camp Meade, Maryland on that date. The *West Virginia Legislative Hand Book and Manual and Official Register, 1923*, states that she served at Camp Meade to discharge. Born on January 28, 1885 in Keyser, Mineral County, West Virginia, Anna

was the daughter of Patrick Francis Burke, a Railroad Conductor, and Annie Kelly. The mother died in Benwood, Marshall County, in 1890. At the time of the 1900 and 1910 census enumerations, Patrick lived in McMechen, Marshall County, with his children, Nellie/Ella, Anna, Elizabeth, Stephen, Katherine and Patrick. Elizabeth Cecelia Burke graduated from the school of nursing at Wheeling Hospital in the class of 1906, West Virginia License #24. Anna Burke was still a resident of McMechen when she died on April 13, 1964. She is buried at Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Wheeling. Her service in World War I is reflected on her death certificate.

**JUANITA MAUDE CLEMENS** - Married name TILLEY - U. S. Army Nurse Corps - She graduated in 1916 [1917 per news article, dated May 1917] from the Ohio Valley General Hospital School of Nursing and became a Registered Nurse in West Virginia, License #568. She is listed as a World War I veteran in *A Half Century of Nursing in West Virginia, 1907-1957*, by Donovan H. Bond, 1957. Born in Parnassus, Pennsylvania on October 3, 1892, she was the daughter of William M. Clemens and Elizabeth Jane Grimes. According to *Pennsylvania, WWI Veterans Service and Compensation Files, 1917-1919, 1934-1948*, she enlisted at Wheeling and was called for active duty from the Casual List on April 1, 1918. She served with Base Hospital #2, principally at Ft. Bliss, Texas, until "honorably discharged (relieved from active duty) on March 24, 1920." She was a resident of El Paso, Texas at the time she applied for the pension in 1934. She married Eugene F. Tilley on November 18, 1920, and they lived in El Paso. In 1940, her sister, Veturia Clemens, also a nurse (per death record), lived with Juanita's family in El Paso. Juanita later lived in Santa Rosa, California, where she died on March 22, 1976. She is buried at Santa Rosa Memorial Park.

**HAZEL JANE CLOW** - Married name HEADLEY - U. S. Army Nurse Corps - Hazel graduated in 1916 [1917 per news article, dated May 1917] from the Ohio Valley General Hospital School of Nursing and became a Registered Nurse in West Virginia, License #588. She is listed as a

World War I veteran in *A Half Century of Nursing in West Virginia, 1907-1957*, by Donovan H. Bond, 1957. According to *U.S., Headstone Applications for Military Veterans, 1925-1963*, Hazel enlisted December 1, 1917 and was discharged May 31, 1919. Army Transport records indicate she served overseas in England and France. *West Virginia Legislative Hand Book and Manual and Official Register, 1923*: "Foreign Service. Base Hospital, Camp Bowie, Texas, to August 13, 1918; Mobile Station, New York City, to September 2, 1918; Base Hospital No. 67 to April 13, 1919; Demobilization Station, New York City, to discharge." She was born on May 5, 1894 in Warren, Ohio, to David Haines Clow and Lou Anna Deary. The family lived in Pittsburgh in 1900 but later moved to the Wheeling area. Hazel Jane was a resident of Warwood, Ohio County, when she married Holland C. Headley, a Civil Engineer, on July 3, 1919 in Wheeling. They had at least two children, Holland Neal and Betty Lou. Hazel Jane died on August 29, 1957 and is buried at East Greenbush Cemetery, Rensselaer County, New York.

**LILLIAN CYPLES** - Married name WOOD - U. S. Army Nurse Corps - Lillian graduated from the Ohio Valley General Hospital School of Nursing in 1918 [1917 per news article, dated May 1917], and became a Registered Nurse in West Virginia, License #720. She is listed as a World War I veteran in *A Half Century of Nursing in West Virginia, 1907-1957*, by Donovan H. Bond, 1957. At the time of the 1920 census, Lillian was an officer, stationed at the Military Hospital in Manhattan, New York. From *Ohio Soldiers in WWI, 1917-1918*: "Lill M. Cycles, Nurse, 712 W. Washington St., Martins Ferry, O. - Born Martins Ferry, O. April 22, 1895. Nurse October 3, 1918 from Casual List. General Hospital November 8 to 18, 1918; Ellis Island NY to December 18, 1918; Deb Hospital 3 to discharge. Reserve nurse relieved from active duty August 12, 1919; not discharged." - She was the daughter of Benjamin Cycles and Annie Wilson, both born in England. Lill's older sister, Nell J., graduated from the Ohio Valley Hospital School of Nursing in 1916. Lill married George F. Wood and they were residents of Toledo, Ohio in 1930 & 1940. She died May 23, 1983; last known residence, Scottsdale, Arizona.



**MARGARET THERESA DAILEY** - Military service unknown. She graduated from Wheeling Hospital School of Nursing in 1903 - the first class to graduate - and became a Registered Nurse in West Virginia, License #120. Margaret Dailey is named in *A Half Century of Nursing in West Virginia, 1907-1957*, by Donovan H. Bond, 1957, as a Wheeling Hospital nurse who served during World War I. Margaret Dailey, Nurse, is also found in the Wheeling City Directories for 1903, 1909, 1911. A Wheeling news article, dated 1911, states that Miss Margaret Dailey, of Johnstown, Pennsylvania, was a patient in Wheeling Hospital and would soon be able to go home. Margaret Dailey of Johnstown is also named in news articles, dated 1950, about the 50th anniversary of the school of nursing at Wheeling Hospital, which began in 1900 and graduated the first class in 1903. - Nurse Margaret Dailey from Johnstown, Cambria County, is found in the 1930 census, employed as a nurse at the City of Pittsburgh Tuberculosis Hospital. In 1940, "Margaret T. Dailey" was a nurse at the Pennsylvania State Sanatorium for Tuberculosis No. 2 in Cambria County, Pennsylvania. Her mother's obituary incorrectly states she is "Margaret H." She was born on March 22, 1878 in Johnstown, the daughter of James Dailey and Margaret Collins.

She died on October 2, 1967 and she is buried at Grandview Cemetery, Westmont, Cambria County.



**JOSEPHINE CATHERINE DETERMAN** - U. S. Army Nurse Corps - She graduated from Wheeling Hospital School of Nursing in 1915 and became a Registered Nurse in West Virginia, License #353. She is listed as a World War I veteran in *A Half Century of Nursing in West Virginia, 1907-1957*, by Donovan H. Bond, 1957. *West Virginia Legislative Hand Book and Manual and Official Register, 1923*: "Base Hospital, Camp Meade, Md., to December 3, 1918; General Hospital No. 2. to discharge." According to *U.S., Headstone Applications for Military Veterans, 1925-1963*, she enlisted at Wheeling on October 10, 1918 and served until honorably discharged on May 5, 1920. Born on November 25, 1873, Josephine was the daughter of Bernard Determan

and Catharine Brown; the mother died in 1877. Josephine died at Wheeling Hospital on November 18, 1943. Her service in World War I is stated on her death record. She is buried at Saint Clara, Doddridge County, West Virginia. Josephine's sister, Mary Elizabeth Determan, married name Severin, was the mother of World War I nurse, Julia Anna Severin. Josephine's sister, Clara Determan, married name Droppleman, was the mother of World I nurse, Elizabeth Droppleman. - All three women graduated in the 1915 Wheeling Hospital nursing class.



**ELIZABETH CATHERINE DROPPLEMAN - SISTER MARY JOAN DROPPLEMAN** - U. S. Army Nurse Corps - She graduated from Wheeling Hospital School of Nursing in 1915 and became a Registered Nurse in West Virginia, License #377. She is listed as a World War I veteran in *A Half Century of Nursing in West Virginia, 1907-1957*, by Donovan H. Bond, 1957. *West Virginia Legislative Hand Book and Manual and Official Register, 1923*: "Base Hospital, Camp Meade, Md., to December 3, 1918; General Hospital No. 2 to discharge." Born on August 17, 1893 at Saint Clara, Doddridge County, West Virginia, she was the daughter of Anthony Herman Doppleman and Clara Catherine Determan. Clara Determan Droppleman was the sister of Josephine

Determan, and the aunt of Julia Anna Severin, both of whom also graduated in the 1915 nursing class. According to her obituary, "she took the habit of the Sisters of St. Joseph and in 1927 pronounced her final vows. She was a nursing sister at Wheeling Hospital until 1931. When she was transferred to St. Mary's Hospital, Clarksburg." She died in Baltimore, Maryland on March 2, 1935, and she is buried at Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Wheeling. Obituary: "She was a Red Cross nurse at Camp Meade and Ft. McHenry during the World War."

**BLANCHE VIOLA DURBIN** - U. S. Army Nurse Corps - Blanche graduated from the City Hospital (subsequently Ohio Valley General Hospital) School of Nursing in 1904, and became a Registered Nurse in West Virginia, License #107. She is listed as a World War I veteran in *A Half Century of Nursing in West Virginia, 1907-1957*, by Donovan H. Bond, 1957. In 1912, City Hospital was re-named Ohio Valley General Hospital. - *West Virginia Legislative Hand Book and Manual and Official Register, 1923*: "Blanche Viola Durbin: Address, Cameron. Base



*Wheeling Intelligencer*, 21 Aug 1948

### - Miss Blanche Durbin

Miss Blanche V. Durbin, 68, native of Wind Ridge, Pa., died Wednesday night in Deshon Veterans Administration hospital at Butler, Pa. She was a charter member of the Cameron Christian church.

Deceased graduated from the Ohio Valley General Hospital School of Nursing in 1904, was an Army nurse in World War One. Later she served at various Veterans Administration hospitals and for 19 years was at Aspinwall, retiring in 1944.

Surviving are a brother, Walter G Durbin of Sinton, Tex., and a sister, Mrs. Merle Gosney of Steubenville.

Burial will be made in Arlington National cemetery at Arlington, Va.

Hospital, Camp Sevier, S. C., to February 15, 1919; General Hospital No. 6 to February 2, 1920; Camp Benning, Ga., to discharge." - Blanche was born on December 14, 1879 at Wind Ridge, Greene County, Pennsylvania, to Andrew J. Durbin and Mary Elizabeth Cooper. She lived in Cameron in 1900, 1910, 1920, 1930... and Cameron was her "Usual Residence" at the time of her death. In 1900, Blanche was a Music Teacher; siblings in the home were Alonzo, Bernice, Merlie, Lester D., and Walter. - Marine Corps Gunnery Sergeant Lester "Delno" Durbin was Killed in Action on July 19, 1918 in France. Blanche died of Parkinson's Disease on August 18, 1948 at the Veterans Hospital in Butler County, Pennsylvania. - Until her retirement in 1944, due to ill health, she had been supervisor of nurses for nine years at the Aspinwall Veterans' Hospital, Pittsburgh. - Blanche and her brother, Lester "Delno," are interred at Arlington National Cemetery. "BLANCHE VIOLA DURBIN

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**CECELIA AGNES FINNERTY** - U. S. Army Nurse Corps - She graduated from Wheeling Hospital School of Nursing in 1914 and became a Registered Nurse in West Virginia, License #292. She is listed as a World War I veteran in *A Half Century of Nursing in West Virginia, 1907-1957*, by Donovan H. Bond, 1957. *West Virginia Legislative Hand Book and Manual and Official Register*, 1923: "Base Hospital, Camp Meade, Md., to

December 3, 1918; General Hospital No. 2 to May 27, 1920; Raritan Arsenal, N.J., to January, 1921; Walter Reed General hospital, Washington, D.C., to discharge." According to a news article, she was critically ill with Spanish Influenza at Camp Meade in October 1918. Born in Wheeling on April 1, 1894, she was the daughter of Patrick Joseph Finnerty and Matilda Laue. She died July 19, 1960 and is buried at Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Wheeling. Her grave marker: "2d LT. ARMY NURSE CORPS WORLD WAR I."

*Wheeling Intelligencer*, 26 June 1973

**FRIEDHOF**, Miss Mary Catherine, R.N., of 90 Fourteenth St., Wheeling, died Monday at Ohio Valley General Hospital, Wheeling. She was born in Wheeling, daughter of the late August and Margaret Leek Friedhof. She was a member of St Joseph Cathedral, a veteran of World War I in the Army Nurse Corp, received her nursing degree from the Mercy Hospital, Canton, Ohio, a member of American Legion Post 1. Surviving are one sister, Ruth Ann at home several cousins. Friends received at Altmeyer Funeral Home 1400 Eoff St., Wheeling 24 and 79 p m Tuesday and Wednesday - Mass of Christian Burial Thursday at 9 30 a m at St Joseph's Cathedral Interment in Mt Calvary Cemetery Rosary devotions Wednesday at 7 30 p m

**MARY CATHERINE FRIEDHOF** - U. S. Army Nurse Corps - Mary graduated from the Mercy Hospital School of Nursing in Canton, Ohio. *West Virginia Legislative Hand Book and Manual and Official Register*, 1923: "Foreign Service. General Hospital No. 13 to November 1918; Base Hospital No. 136 to June 1919; Demobilization Station, New York City, to discharge." The *U.S., Department of Veterans Affairs BIRLS Death File, 1850-2010* indicates she enlisted on July 10, 1918 and was released on July 29, 1919. It states she was born on June 20, 1892 and died on June 25, 1973. The Social Security Death Index, and her delayed birth record, state her birth year as 1891. In 1940, she was a staff nurse at the Veterans' Hospital in Aspinwall, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania. Born in Wheeling, she was the

daughter of August Friedhof and Margaret Leek. Mary and her parents are buried at Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Wheeling. Her service during World War I is stated on her Death Certificate.

**ELIZABETH DEVILLE GILLESPIE** - Married name STEWART - U. S. Army Nurse Corps - She graduated from the City Hospital (subsequently Ohio Valley General Hospital) School of Nursing in 1907, and became a Registered Nurse in West Virginia, License #107. She is listed as a World War I veteran in *A Half Century of Nursing in West Virginia, 1907-1957*, by Donovan H. Bond, 1957. Born on February 27, 1885 in Wheeling, she was the daughter of Robert Humes Gillespie and Elizabeth Deville. *West Virginia Legislative Hand Book and Manual and Official Register*, 1923: "Base Hospital, Camp McClellan, Ala. to February 27, 1919; General Hospital No. 6 to discharge." *Daily Intelligencer*, Wheeling, November 6, 1919: "Announcement. Mrs. Elizabeth Gillespie announces the marriage of her daughter Elizabeth Deville to Charles Stewart, U. S. Army, Atlanta, Georgia, Wednesday, November 5, 1919. At Home After December First Fort McPherson, Ga. The above announcement will be of much interest locally. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Elizabeth Gillespie of No. 1213 Baltimore street. She is a graduate of Wheeling high school and also of the Ohio Valley General hospital. For two years she has been in the U. S. Service stationed at Fort McPherson, where her husband is also located. Neither one has been discharged and they will make their home there for the present." - They were living in Georgia in 1930, at which time Charles was a Drug Store Pharmacist. In 1940, they lived in Robertson County, Tennessee; Charles was a Pharmacist and Elizabeth was a Public Health Nurse. She died in Nashville, Tennessee on November 13, 1949 and she's buried at Stewart Cemetery, Dexter, Calloway County, Kentucky.

**JESSIE LEE HAIR** - U. S. Army Nurse Corps - Jessie graduated from the Reynolds Memorial Hospital School of Nursing, Glen Dale, West Virginia, in 1913, and became a Registered Nurse in West Virginia, License #241. - She is named in *A Half Century of Nursing in West Virginia, 1907-1957*, by Donovan H. Bond, 1957, as a graduate of the Reynolds Memorial Hospital School of Nursing who served in World War I. - The *U.S., Department of Veterans Affairs BIRLS Death File, 1850-2010*, lists Jessie Hair, born May 27, 1880, as having enlisted on November 12, 1918, and discharged on December 31, 1918. - *West Virginia Legislative Hand Book and Manual and Official Register*, 1923: "Jessie Lee Hair: Address, Wheeling. Base Hospital, Camp Wheeler, Ga., to discharge." - She was born on May 7, 1880 to (Calvin) James Hair and Eudora Dunlap. The family went to Nebraska and is found there in 1885. In 1900, they were living on 16th Street, Wheeling, and Jessie's siblings were Maud, Grace, John, Charles and Clyde. In 1910, they lived at South Huron Street, Wheeling Island. The father died of Influenza in January 1919, which might have curtailed Jessie's army service in WWI; he had been sick for 45 days before his death. - In 1920, Jessie, a School Nurse, lived with her widowed mother and her sister, Grace, on Virginia Street, Wheeling Island. The mother died in 1929. In 1940, Jessie L. Hair lived on South Front Street, Wheeling Island, and was employed as a School Nurse. - She died on August 24, 1972; last residence, Claysville, Washington County, Pennsylvania. Her sister, Grace, had also lived in Claysville and she died in 1965. They are both buried at West Alexander Cemetery, West Alexander, Pennsylvania.

**MARY CATHERINE HANLEY** - U. S. Army Nurse Corps - She graduated from Wheeling Hospital School of Nursing in 1913 and became a Registered Nurse in West Virginia, License #249. She is listed as a World War I veteran in *A Half Century of Nursing in West Virginia, 1907-1957*, by Donovan H. Bond, 1957. *West Virginia Legislative Hand Book and Manual and Official Register, 1923*: "Foreign Service. Camp Mills, N.Y., to December 20, 1917; Camp Meade, Md., to July 10, 1918; Mobile Station, New York, to July 30, 1918; Base Hospital No. 38 to September, 1918; Base Hospital 115 to April 15, 1919; Demobilization Station, New York, to discharge." She was born on January 20, 1891 in Parkersburg, Wood County, West Virginia, to John Patrick Hanley and Bertha Dugan. She died on February 19, 1962 at St. Joseph's Hospital, Parkersburg, and is buried at Mount Carmel Cemetery, Parkersburg. *U.S., Headstone Applications for Military Veterans, 1925-196*: "Enlistment date October 9, 1917. Discharge date May 11, 1919." Her death record indicates she was a Registered Nurse at a Veterans Hospital and had served in World War I. Her gravestone also reflects her WWI service in the Army Nurse Corps.

**CHARLOTTE J. HASSIG** - U. S. Army Nurse Corps - Charlotte graduated from the Ohio Valley General Hospital School of Nursing in 1916 [1917 per news article, dated May 1917], and became a Registered Nurse in West Virginia, License #564. She is listed as a World War I veteran in *A Half Century of Nursing in West Virginia, 1907-1957*, by Donovan H. Bond, 1957. Transport records indicate that Reserve Nurse, Charlotte J. Hassig, left New York on June 12, 1918, and returned from Brest, France in July 20, 1919. Her emergency contact was her brother, Charles Hassig, New Martinsville. *West Virginia Legislative Hand Book and Manual and Official Register, 1923*: "Foreign Service. Camp Mills, N.Y., to December 20, 1917; Camp Upton, N.Y., to May 20, 1918; Mobile Station, New York City, to June 11, 1918; Base Hospital 43 to July 14, 1918; Base Hospital 202 to July 20, 1919; Demobilization Station, New York City, to discharge." Born in Tyler County on January 29, 1880, Charlotte was the daughter of Jacob Hassig, who died in 1913, and Rebecca Smith, whose death occurred two years earlier. Her sister, Delia Rebecca Hassig, the wife of John Fuchs, lived in Wheeling. In 1920, Charlotte was Superintendent of a Day Nursery on Eoff Street, Wheeling. In 1930, she was a nurse at Ohio Valley Hospital, and by 1940, at age 60, she was a Private Duty Nurse in Warwood. Charlotte died of pneumonia in New Martinsville, at the age of 86. She is buried at Mount Zion Cemetery, New Martinsville.

**ELSIE L. HENERY** - U. S. Army Nurse Corps or Red Cross - She graduated from the City Hospital (subsequently Ohio Valley General Hospital) School of Nursing in 1907, and became a Registered Nurse in West Virginia, License #4. She is listed as a World War I veteran in *A Half Century of Nursing in West Virginia, 1907-1957*, by Donovan H. Bond, 1957. She was from Morgan County, Ohio, born on November 23, 1879, to Charles L. Henery and Alice McCarty. In the 1900 census, Elsie was a teacher. By 1910, she was a Trained Nurse and lived with her family in Ohio. The father, a farmer, died in Ohio in 1915. In the 1920 census, Elsie and her mother, Alice, were residents of Ottawa County, Kansas, and Elsie was a County Health Nurse (Red Cross). A year earlier, she and another nurse in Ottawa County had been awarded Victory Medals for their service during the World War I. The article states that Elsie had served overseas in base hospitals. By 1930, Alice and her mother were in Emporia, Kansas, and Alice was the Lyon County Health Nurse. A news article indicates that she was the "county Red Cross Nurse until July 1, 1937." In 1940, Elsie's age is stated as 61, and her

mother was 83; Elsie was apparently no longer working. They lived in a home with Alice's sister, Celeste, in Saline, Salina County, Kansas. The mother died in 1941. *The Gazette*, Emporia, Kansas, June 15, 1960: "Miss Elsie L. Henery, Bentonville, Ark., who was the city school nurse many years ago, died Monday in a nursing home at Bentonville after a long sickness. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday in Bentonville. Miss Henery, who was born in 1878 in Stockport, Ohio, was a veteran of World War I."

**BERTHA MAE HOWARD** - Married name HACKETT - U. S. Army Nurse Corps - Bertha graduated from the Ohio Valley General Hospital School of Nursing in 1916, and became a Registered Nurse in West Virginia, License #463. She is listed as a World War I veteran in *A Half Century of Nursing in West Virginia, 1907-1957*, by Donovan H. Bond, 1957. From the roster of *A History of United States Army Base Hospital No. 36 (Detroit College of Medicine and Surgery Unit) organized at Detroit, Michigan, April 11th, 1917*: "Miss Bertha M. Howard, born Baltimore, Md., of American parentage. Graduate Ohio Valley Genl. Hospital, Wheeling, W. Va. Post Graduate New York Polyclinic Hospital, New York City. Private and Institutional nursing. California." - Transport records indicate she left on a ship from New York City, carrying nurses from Base Hospital #36, on October 27, 1917. She returned to Hoboken, New Jersey, from Brest, France, on March 11, 1919. Her emergency contact was her father, Edward E. Howard, Hughesville, Charles County, Maryland; her mother was his second wife, Julia Ferell. According to the *United States, Veterans Administration Master Index, 1917-1940*, she was born on February 4, 1893, enlisted September 5, 1917, and was discharged on April 21, 1919. In January 1920, Bertha was located at a Public Health Service Hospital in New York City. Later that year, Bertha applied for a passport to travel to Preston, Cuba. She stated she was born on February 4, 1895 in Hughesville, Maryland. She married U. S. Army 2nd Lieutenant Russell Graham Hackett, and their son, Russell, Jr. was born in Oregon in 1925. Russell, Jr. served in World War II and died in a boating accident in 1947. Bertha became "Betty" - Betty M. Howard on her son's death record - and she died November 25, 1982 in San Mateo County, California. Her gravestone at Golden Gate National Cemetery states her name as "Betty J." and her birth date as February 4, 1896. Her WWI service is not mentioned.



**NORETTA CHLOE HOWARD** - Married name ARMBRECHT - Noretta Chloe Howard graduated from Philadelphia School Central, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in 1914 and became a Registered Nurse in West Virginia, License #419. She was born in Marshall County, West Virginia on October 24, 1891, the daughter of Edwin Lee Howard and Nancy Jane Blake, residents of Triadelphia District, Ohio County, at the time of the 1900 census. Chloe served as a nurse during World War I, from September 12, 1918 until discharge on April 20, 1919. *West Virginia Legislative Hand Book and Manual and Official Register, 1923*: "Base Hospital, Camp Wadsworth, S.C., to discharge." Chloe married Edward Louis Armbricht, M. D., a widower, on January 10, 1933. He died at age 65 on July 10, 1935 and is buried at Greenwood Cemetery, Wheeling. She moved to Stockton, California and lived

there for 49 years, until her death on May 27, 1986. She is buried in Mt. View Cemetery, Dallas, Marshall County, West Virginia.

**ANGELA MARY JEPSON** - U. S. Army Nurse Corps - "Angela Mary" on her birth record - graduated from the School of Nursing at Providence Hospital, Washington, D. C., in May 1917. *Daily Intelligencer*, February 6, 1918: "Miss Angela Jepson of Edgewood received her appointment as a Red Cross nurse from headquarters at Washington Monday and left last evening to join the Red Cross auxiliary at Camp Meade, Md. Miss Jepson is a graduate of St. Joseph's academy, Province [sic] hospital, Washington, D.C....." *West Virginia Legislative Hand Book and Manual and Official Register*, 1923: "Foreign Service. Base Hospital, Camp Shelby, Miss., to May 16, 1918; Mobile Station, New York, to June 19, 1918; American Red Cross Military Hospital 2 to February, 1919; Base Hospital 110 to March 1919; Base Hospital 69 to May 22, 1919; Demobilization Station, New York, to discharge." *Daily Intelligencer*, March 24, 1919: "Mrs. Floyd [Sarah E. Jepson] will leave tomorrow for New York City, where she will meet her sister, Miss Angela Jepson, of this city, who has been in government service in France. Miss Jepson will return on the *Imperator*, arriving on Monday, after an absence of eighteen months, during which time she has been nursing in Paris hospitals, and in the convalescent hospitals at Savenay." - Angela was born in Wheeling on October 31, 1890 to James Jepson and Elizabeth Nuttall. The father died of Cholera in 1891. One of Angela's sisters became a nun, and her brother, John, was a priest. At the time of Rev. John Jepson's death in 1951, Angela was a resident of Palo Alta, California. She moved to Pittsburgh where her sister, Sarah Floyd lived. Angela "Tankie" Jepson died on July 5, 1974, and she is buried at Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Wheeling.



**LORETTA ISABELLE JOHNSTON** - Married name GITTINS - U. S. Army Nurse Corps - She graduated from Wheeling Hospital School of Nursing in 1915 and became a Registered Nurse in West Virginia, License #378. She is listed as a World War I veteran in *A Half Century of Nursing in West Virginia, 1907-1957*, by Donovan H. Bond, 1957. Per a news article about the 1915 graduates, her middle name was Isabelle, and her hometown is stated as Rogers, Arkansas. *West Virginia Legislative Hand Book and Manual and Official Register*, 1923: "Lakewood, N.J., to February 12, 1918; Camp McArthur, Texas, to January 9, 1919; Debarkation Hospital 5, to May 14, 1919; Walter Reed Hospital to discharge." Loretta Johnston, R. N. wrote a lengthy article that was published in *The American Journal of Nursing*, Vol. 18, No. 8 (May, 1918): "Within the camp was an officer's training school, demobilization facility, and an infantry replacement and training camp, as well as a hospital, administrative offices, and a tent camp." She described it as "very pleasing to the eye" and a "pleasant place for [the] sick and convalescent soldiers." *The United States, Veterans Administration Master Index, 1917-1940*: "Loretta Isabelle Johnston Gittins, born June 22, 1892; enlisted 2-1-1918; discharged 8-20-1919." A news article in *The Miami News*, 1946, indicates she was specially trained to work with polio victims in Miami, Florida. Loretta I. Johnston and Arthur Gittins applied for a marriage license in Manhattan New York on June 9, 1938. Arthur, a veteran of World War I, died in 1954 in Miami, Florida. She died February 9, 1978, and she is buried at Olive Branch Cemetery, Portsmouth, Portsmouth City, Virginia.

**JESSICA ANGIE KEATING** - Married name MAURER - U. S. Army Nurse Corps - Jessica graduated from the Ohio Valley General Hospital School of Nursing, probably about

1913/1914. She is listed as a World War I veteran in *A Half Century of Nursing in West Virginia, 1907-1957*, by Donovan H. Bond, 1957. A news article indicates she had received some type of nursing education in 1910 in Michigan, related to psychiatric facility. She was born in Michigan on September 17, 1891 to John Lillis Keating, born in Ireland, and Marian Rifenbery, born in Michigan. In 1900, her siblings were Edna, Frederick and Margaret. - *West Virginia Legislative Hand Book and Manual and Official Register*, 1923: "Foreign Service. General Hospital 1, New York, to October 27, 1917; Base Hospital 36 to September 12, 1918; Evacuation Hospital 9 to October 10, 1918; Base Hospital 36 to ---; Evacuation Hospital 27 to August, 1919; Base Hospital A. F. in G. to April 1919; General Hospital 41, Fox Hills, N. Y. To discharge." From the roster of *A History of United States Army Base Hospital No. 36 (Detroit College of Medicine and Surgery Unit) organized at Detroit, Michigan, April 11th, 1917*: "Miss Jessica A. Keating, born Belding, Mich., of Irish and American parentage. Graduate Ohio Valley General Hospital, Wheeling, W. Va. Anesthetist Ohio Valley General Hospital, Wheeling, W. Va., Institutional nursing, U. S. V. Hospital No. 76, Laywood, Ill." - *Bay City Times*, Michigan, September 17, 1919: "Miss Frances Bennett, formerly social editor of the *Times Tribune*, and for two years a Red Cross nurse in France and Germany... writing to a friend: "Evacuation Hospital 27, of Coblenz, Germany has been relieved and the regular army will take over the hospital. The last big Red Cross train brought its load of sick and wounded soldiers on to Brest, and Evac. Hospital 27 is no more. Among the Red Cross nurses on duty with me till the last of the fighters boarded the train, were Miss LaValle and Miss Jessica Keating of Saginaw, and Miss Ersa Carroll of Flint..." - According to the *Veterans Affairs BIRLS Death File*, Jessica was released from active duty on June 1, 1920. She may have continued to work with the Red Cross because after the war, she traveled back and forth to the Panama Canal Zone numerous times, as late as 1955. In any case, she worked as a nurse in Panama for decades and eventually married Ludwig Albert Maurer, who had been in WWI and worked as a Locks Operator in Panama. He died in 1970 in Florida, where they had lived for nine years, according to his death notice. Jessica died on February 7, 1987 in Marquette, Michigan. She and her husband are buried at Hillsboro Memorial Cemetery, Brandon, Hillsborough County, Florida.

**WILHELMINE LOUISE KOCHERT** – Red Cross Nurse & Army Nurse Corps - She graduated from the City Hospital (subsequently the Ohio Valley General Hospital) School of Nursing in 1909, and became a Registered Nurse in West Virginia, License #44. She is listed as a World War I veteran in *A Half Century of Nursing in West Virginia, 1907-1957*, by Donovan H. Bond, 1957. Born on July 5, 1886 in West Virginia, she was the daughter of Phillip Kochert, born in Bavaria, and Minnie Hess, residents of Wheeling in 1910. *West Virginia Legislative Hand Book and Manual and Official Register*, 1923: "General Hospital No. 6 to discharge." A number of news articles refer to her service in the Red Cross in 1915-1916. One is in the *Wheeling Intelligencer*, dated January 28, 1960: "She joined the Red Cross in 1913 and went overseas in May 1915 to relieve nurses who had been there since the war broke out in 1915 ...she remembers the winter spent in Russian Ural Mountains... remembers the heavy underclothing, the tights, aviator's cap, fur coat and black sheepskin she wore during the four months she tramped over the steppes... In Vienna she was awarded the Silver Medal of Honor with a war decoration by the Archduke of Austria. After duty in Austria, she went to Russia to work with German civil prisoners of war and to do her public health nursing. From Russia Miss Kochert came back to the United States to do public health nursing in southern West Virginia.

When the Red Cross beckoned again in 1918, she went to Fort McPherson, Ga., as an Army reserve Nurse for eight months. Since then, the busy nurse has served as secretary-treasurer of the West Virginia State Nurses' Association, was the first editor of the "Weather Vane," the state nurses' bulletin, and has taught home nursing and first aid courses for the Red Cross. For 14 years she was nurse at West Liberty State college before her retirement in 1951." Not mentioned is that in 1930 she was a public-school Nurse in Marion County, West Virginia. - Prior to her service in the Reserve Nurse Corps in 1918, Miss Kochert was the subject of an FBI investigation, as a possible German sympathizer. The FBI had been contacted by the Red Cross Head of Nursing Services because Miss Kochert had written a letter in 1915 and "applied for foreign service and expressed a preference for service in Germany, where she had cousins." A lengthy investigation ensued and after no pro-German sympathies were discovered, she was assigned to Fort McPherson, Georgia. She was on active duty from September 16, 1918 until she was discharged on May 9, 1919. She continued her affiliation with the Red Cross for the remainder of her life. She died of cancer on March 8, 1968 and is buried at Greenwood Cemetery, Wheeling. Her gravestone states "Army Nurse Corps, World War I."

**ELLA BURLEY LINDSEY** - Married name SCHWOB - U. S. Army Nurse Corps - In 1916 [1917 per news article, dated May 1917], Ella B. Lindsay (as spelled) graduated from the Ohio Valley General Hospital School of Nursing, Wheeling, and became a Registered Nurse in West Virginia, License #638. She is listed as a World War I veteran in *A Half Century of Nursing in West Virginia, 1907-1957*, by Donovan H. Bond, 1957. The *U.S., Department of Veterans Affairs BIRLS Death File, 1850-2010* indicates she served in the U. S. Army from April 1, 1918, until her release on March 24, 1920. According to the book, *History of Marshall County*, by Scott Powell, 1925, she served at El Paso, Texas. - *West Virginia Legislative Hand Book and Manual and Official Register*, 1923: "Ella B. Lindsey: Address, Wheeling. Base Hospital 2, Ft. Worth, Texas to discharge." - Ella was born on October 20, 1887 to John K. Lindsey and Blassa A. Martin, married in Marshall County in 1883. At the time of the 1900 census of Marshall County, Ella B., 12, lived on Roberts Ridge with her parents and siblings, Blair, Ruth, Vinton, Robert, Benjamin and Mary V. In 1930, Ella lived with her parents and brother, Vinton, on Roberts Ridge; she was a Registered Nurse. - In Washington, Pennsylvania, on October 20, 1933, Ella B. married Charles C. Schwob, a widower from Moundsville. His first wife, Gertrude Cockayne, had died in 1932. Mr. Schwob died in 1956. Ella died December 18, 1978, and she is buried at Mt. Rose Cemetery, Moundsville. Her name on her gravestone says "Ella Burley Schwob." Her middle name was Burley and her maiden name was Lindsey.

**KATHERINE J. MANNIX** - U. S. Army Nurse Corps - She graduated from Wheeling Hospital School of Nursing in 1907 and became a Registered Nurse in West Virginia, License #9. She is listed as a World War I veteran in *A Half Century of Nursing in West Virginia, 1907-1957*, by Donovan H. Bond, 1957. In 1910, she lived in Triadelphia and was a nurse for a private family (Wickham). *West Virginia Legislative Hand Book and Manual and Official Register*, 1923: "Address: Hinton, West Virginia. Camp Hospital, Douglas, Arizona, to discharge." A *Daily Intelligencer* news article, dated February 7, 1917, names her as a Wheeling Red Cross nurse subject to being drafted for duty. A news article, dated October 2, 1918, states she was serving at the U. S. Army Hospital in Douglas, Arizona. According to her gravestone at Arlington National Cemetery, she was born on December 18, 1866 and she died on December

31, 1960; "NURSE MED DEPT WORLD WAR I." She made her will in 1949 in Boone County, West Virginia, while living in Washington, D. C.; it was probated in Boone County in 1961. The *U.S. National Cemetery Interment Control Form*, with birth year penciled in as 1876, might indicate that Katherine, like many others, understated her age at enlistment in order to serve during the war. She was the daughter of Irish immigrant, Patrick Menaix, as spelled when he served in the 4th West Virginia Infantry and the 8th Missouri Infantry during the Civil War, beginning in July 1861. Her mother was Anna Casey, whose marriage to Patrick took place in Kanawha County in 1865. The mother died in 1898 and the father died in the Old Soldiers' Home in Dayton, Ohio in 1911.

**CATHERINE T. MARONEY** - Married name ROBINS - U. S. Army Nurse Corps - She graduated from Wheeling Hospital School of Nursing in 1916 and became a Registered Nurse in West Virginia, License #580. She is listed as a World War I veteran in *A Half Century of Nursing in West Virginia, 1907-1957*, by Donovan H. Bond, 1957. At least two of her sisters, Rose Esther and Sister Bertille Maroney, graduated from the Wheeling Hospital School of Nursing. *West Virginia Legislative Hand Book and Manual and Official Register, 1923*: "Base Hospital, Camp Meade, Md., to discharge." Catherine was born in Oakland, Garrett County, Maryland on August 9, 1896 to John Maroney and Mary Faherty. She married George V. Robins in

20 Feb 1961  
**MRS. WILLIAM BROWNING**  
OAKLAND — Mrs. Rose Esther Browning, 66, died Saturday evening in Garrett County Memorial Hospital where she had been a patient one day.  
A lifelong resident of Oakland, Mrs. Browning was a daughter of the late John and Mary (Faherty) Maroney and was the widow of William R. Browning.  
She was a registered nurse and graduated from Wheeling (W.Va.) Hospital in 1914. During World War I she served with the Army Nurse Corps.  
Mrs. Browning was a member of St. Peter's Catholic Church and the Sodality of the church. She also was a member of the Historical Society and the Civic Club.  
Survivors include a brother, John Maroney, of here, and five sisters, Miss Bridget Maroney, of here; Sister Mary Bertille, Wheeling; Mrs. Catherine Robins, New York City, and Misses Agnes and Monica Maroney, both of Clarksburg, W.Va.  
The body is at the Minnich Funeral Home where the family will receive friends from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m.  
A requiem mass will be celebrated Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. at St. Peter's Church by Rev. Michael Carney, pastor. Burial will be in Oakland Cemetery.  
The rosary will be recited at the funeral home tomorrow at 7:30 p.m.

Manhattan, New York, on June 24, 1926. Her death occurred in June 1972, and she is buried at Cedar Grove Cemetery, Flushing, Queens County, New York.

**ROSE "ESTHER" MARONEY** - Married name BROWNING - U. S. Army Nurse Corps - She graduated from Wheeling Hospital School of Nursing in 1914 and became a Registered Nurse in West Virginia, License #274. She is listed as a World War I veteran in *A Half Century of Nursing in West Virginia, 1907-1957*, by Donovan H. Bond, 1957. At least two sisters, Catherine and Sister Bertille Maroney, also graduated from the Wheeling Hospital School of Nursing. *West Virginia Legislative Hand Book and Manual and Official Register, 1923*: "Base Hospital, Camp Meade, Md., to discharge." She was born in July 1894 in Oakland, Maryland, the daughter of John Maroney and Mary Faherty. She married William Richard Browning, about 1943, and he died in Oakland, Garrett County, Maryland in 1951. She died on February 18, 1961 and is buried at Oakland Cemetery.



**Wheeling Intelligencer, 22 Dec 1959**

**WOODFIN, Mary Elizabeth,** of 138 N. Twenty first St., Warwood,, died Monday in the Wheeling Hospital. She was born in Wheeling, March 3, 1897, a daughter of Charles and Annie Wild Marsh and was of the Episcopal faith. She graduated from the School of Nursing at the Reynolds Memorial Hospital in 1918 and served in the U S Army Nurse Corps at Camp Lee, Va after her graduation. For a number of years she has served as office nurse for Dr Sammons and Dr Lyons in Wheeling. She was a member of American Legion Post No 1. Surviving are one daughter, Mrs Ruth Fedczak Howard of Warwood, one son, Charles C of Wheeling, nine grandchildren, two sisters, Mrs Ethel Wolfe of Wheeling and Mrs Alice Rosenberg of Tyas kin, Md; and three brothers, Dr J W Marsh and Harold C Marsh of Wheeling and Norman of San Francisco. Friends will be received at the Bodey Funeral Home where services will be held Thursday at 10:30 a.m. with Rev. Arthur Prichard officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery.

**MARY ELIZABETH MARSH** - U. S. Army Nurse Corps - She graduated from the Reynolds Memorial Hospital School of Nursing in 1918, and became a Registered Nurse in West Virginia, License #734. According to *History of Marshall County*, by Scott Powell, 1925, she served at Camp Lee, Virginia. She is named in *A Half Century of Nursing in West Virginia, 1907-1957*, by Donovan H. Bond, 1957, as a graduate of the Reynolds Memorial Hospital School of Nursing who served in World War I. - *West Virginia Legislative Hand Book and Manual and Official Register*, 1923: "Mary E. Marsh: Residence, Warwood. Base Hospital, Camp Lee, Va., to October 25, 1919; General Hospital 2, Ft. McHenry, Md., to discharge." - Mary Elizabeth was born on March 3, 1897 in Wheeling, and was the daughter of Charles Marsh and Annie Wild, both born in England. The family was living on Linden Avenue, Moundsville, at the time of the 1910 census. On July 11, 1920, Mary married George F. Woodfin in Buncombe, North Carolina. In 1930, Mary Elizabeth, divorced, lived with her two children and her widowed mother in Wheeling. She was employed as a nurse in a doctor's office. - She died on December 2, 1959 and she is buried at Greenwood Cemetery, Wheeling. According to the application for a government headstone, she enlisted on November 6, 1918 and was honorably discharged on August 25, 1920. (The stone on her grave is not a government marker.)



**ROSEMARY McELWEE** - U. S. Army Nurse Corps - She graduated from Wheeling Hospital School of Nursing in 1915 and became a Registered Nurse in West Virginia, License #356. She is listed as a World War I veteran in *A Half Century of Nursing in West Virginia, 1907-1957*, by Donovan H. Bond, 1957. A news article about the 1915 graduation states her home as Butler, Pennsylvania. *West Virginia Legislative Hand Book and Manual and Official Register*, 1923: "Base Hospital, Camp Meade, Md., to December 3, 1918; General Hospital No. 2 to discharge." Born in Butler on February 26, 1890, she was the daughter of Daniel McElwee and Mary McDevitt; the father died in 1891, the mother in 1900. Rosemary died of Bronchopneumonia, related to Influenza, at Wheeling Hospital on March 8, 1932. She is buried

at St. Joseph's Cemetery, North Oakland, Butler County, Pennsylvania. From her obituary: She was the president of the Wheeling Hospital Alumnae Association at the time of her death, which occurred five days after she became ill. She had lived in North Wheeling for twenty years. She served from 1918 to 1920 with the Army Nurse Corps at Camp Meade and Fort McHenry, and was a member of the Wheeling Post American Legion.

**MARTHA DOMINICA McGINNIS** - U. S. Army Nurse Corps - She graduated from Wheeling Hospital School of Nursing in 1910 and became a Registered Nurse in West Virginia, License #85. She is listed as a World War I veteran in *A Half Century of Nursing in West Virginia, 1907-1957*, by Donovan H. Bond, 1957. *Ohio Soldiers in WWI, 1917-1918*: "Born April 4, 1880, Steubenville, Ohio. Nurse October 1, 1918 from CL. Base Hospital Camp Meade to December 3, 1918. Fort McHenry Maryland to April 27, 1919. Reserve nurse relieved from active duty April 27, 1919; not discharged." Martha was the daughter of Irish immigrants, Michael McGinnis and Mary Finnerty, who died in 1904 and 1902, respectively. Martha died on December 19, 1951 and is buried at Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Steubenville, Ohio, where her parents and other family members are interred. Her grave marker reflects her service in the Army Nurse Corps.

**LULA AGNES McMAHON** - U. S. Army Nurse Corps - She graduated from Wheeling Hospital School of Nursing in 1907 and became a Registered Nurse in West Virginia, License #45. She is listed as a World War I veteran in *A Half Century of Nursing in West Virginia, 1907-1957*, by Donovan H. Bond, 1957. *West Virginia Legislative Hand Book and Manual and Official Register, 1923*: "U. S. Base Hospital, Camp Meade, Md., to December 4, 1918; General Hospital No. 2 to discharge." Born in Ohio on December 3, 1884, she was the daughter of Joseph Ross McMahon and Anna Frances Sutton. The family was residing on Wheeling Island when the father, Joseph, died very suddenly of a heart attack on August 5, 1907, the same year Lula graduated. Her mother, from Providence, Rhode Island, had died earlier, date unknown. In 1930, Lula was employed as a nurse for a Life Insurance company in Wheeling. She lived in Wheeling with her sister, Amelia, who died in 1951, and their brother, Attorney Frank Aloysius McMahon, who died in 1956. Other siblings were John "Edward", Mamie (Mrs. Isaac Frank Dougherty), and Stella Pauline (Mrs. Wilford McGinty). Lula died on March 6, 1971 and she is buried at Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Wheeling, where her father and some siblings are also interred.

**ELIZABETH HANDLAN MacVEIGH** - U. S. Army Nurse Corps - Graduated from a nursing school in St. Louis, Missouri. *Mexico Ledger* (Missouri), October 18, 1906: "Miss Elizabeth McVeigh is the guest of her mother this week. Miss McVeigh has been in St. Louis the past summer in training to become a trained nurse." *West Virginia Legislative Hand Book and Manual and Official Register, 1923*: "Address, Wheeling. Base Hospital, Camp Wheeler, Ga., to discharge." According to a news article in the *Evening Star*, May 1, 1944, "Elizabeth Handlan MacVeigh was the first woman in Maryland to join an American Legion post in Maryland. She was a Red Cross nurse during the World War." Born on April 5, 1888 in Saint Paul, Minnesota, she was the daughter of Peter P. MacVeigh and Carrie Lee Handlan. The family lived in St. Louis, Missouri in 1910. *Mexico Weekly Ledger* (Missouri), August 4, 1915: "Miss Elizabeth McVeigh left Wednesday for Wheeling, W.Va." The father didn't die until 1933 but in 1920, Elizabeth lived with her mother and siblings on Chapline Street, Wheeling, with her mother's brother, Joseph Handlan. By 1924, Joseph Handlan had relocated to Moundsville and Elizabeth resided in his home. She died in Glen Dale, Marshall County, on April 2, 1950, and is buried at Greenwood Cemetery, Wheeling. Her gravestone memorializes her service in World War I. According to *U.S., Headstone Applications for Military Veterans, 1925-1963*, she enlisted on November 2, 1918 and she was discharged on February 9, 1919. - Elizabeth's maternal grandfather was prominent Wheeling entrepreneur, John Handlan.

**CATHERINE ELIZABETH MORIARTY** - U. S. Army Nurse Corps - She is listed as a World War I veteran in *A Half Century of Nursing in West Virginia, 1907-1957*, by Donovan H. Bond, 1957. *West Virginia Legislative Hand Book and Manual and Official Register, 1923*: "Address, Wellsburg. U. S. Base Hospital, Camp Meade, Md., to December 3, 1918; General Hospital No. 2 to discharge." The *United States, Veterans Administration Master Index, 1917-1940*: "Catherine Elizabeth Moriarty. Enlisted October 10, 1918; discharged July 13, 1919; died January 18, 1954." Catherine Moriarty, born in West Virginia in September 1875, per 1900 census, is not listed as a West Virginia licensed nurse. However, she was employed as a nurse at Wheeling Hospital, probably before a license was mandatory. In 1900, she lived with her family in Point Pleasant, Mason County, West Virginia. In 1904, she is named in articles from that community stating that she was a nurse at North Wheeling Hospital. She is also named in a list of the Wheeling Hospital School of Nursing Alumni. In 1907, the father, Michael L. Moriarty, accepted a position in Wellsburg, Brooke County, and the family moved there. In 1910, Catherine was a nurse for a private family; siblings were Michael, John and Regina. - The mother, the former Mary Elizabeth Kirby, died before the census of Wellsburg in 1920. The widowed father, Catherine, Michael, and Regina (married name Duggan; widowed in 1926) moved to Stark County, Ohio, where John Moriarty had been working as a mill executive. He died there suddenly in 1928, at age 40, but the rest of the family stayed in Stark County. The father died there in 1935. In 1940, Catherine was a Private Nurse, and lived with Regina Duggan's family and their brother, Michael. Catherine Moriarty died January 18, 1954. - The father, Michael L. Moriarty, Catherine, John, Michael, Regina and her husband, are all buried at Calvary Cemetery, Massillon, Stark County. John's obituary mentions another sibling, Sister Mary Lucille, in Wheeling.

**MARY FRANCES NICHOLSON** Married name McINTOSH - U. S. Army Nurse Corps - Mary graduated from the Ohio Valley General Hospital School of Nursing in 1917, and became a Registered Nurse in West Virginia, License #669. She is listed as a World War I veteran in *A Half Century of Nursing in West Virginia, 1907-1957*, by Donovan H. Bond, 1957. *West Virginia Legislative Hand Book and Manual and Official Register, 1923*: "Base Hospital, Camp Hancock, to February 22, 1919; Camp Tyler to discharge." Born on May 16, 1890 in Ohio County (per marriage record), she was the daughter of Columbus Nicholson and Leona Whitzel/Whytzell, residents of Calhoun County in 1900 and 1910. *Daily Intelligencer, Wheeling, July 18, 1916*: "Miss Mary Nicholson, nurse at the Ohio Valley General hospital, is spending her vacation with her parents in Calhoun County." She married James Lyall McIntosh, born in Connecticut, in Wood County on January 28, 1920. In 1930 and 1940 they lived in Wood County but they later moved to Detroit. She died on May 1, 1964 in Detroit; her husband died there on May 8, 1968. Her gravestone reflects her service in the Army Nurse Corps. His states he served in the Medical Department during World War I; he was a Dental Technician. They are buried at Evergreen Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Parkersburg, Wood County, West Virginia.

**ELIZABETH MARY NICKLIN** - Married name RYAN - U. S. Army Nurse Corps - She graduated from Wheeling Hospital School of Nursing in 1916 and became a Registered Nurse in West Virginia, License #481. She is listed as a World War I veteran in *A Half Century of Nursing in West Virginia, 1907-1957*, by Donovan H. Bond, 1957. Newspaper articles in September and October 1918 state that Wheeling Hospital nurses, Mary Armstrong and Elizabeth Nicklin, were assigned to the Base Hospital #12, Biltmore, Asheville, North Carolina. That aspect of



her service is not mentioned in *West Virginia Legislative Hand Book and Manual and Official Register, 1923*: "General Hospital No. 2 to discharge." Elizabeth was born on November 29, 1896 in Longston, Staffordshire, England. Her parents were Arthur Nicklin and Mary Eliza Johnson; the mother died in 1900 in England. Mr. Nicklin left England with a new wife and Elizabeth, and moved to Trenton, New Jersey. Elizabeth married Dr. Charles A. Ryan and was living in Dayton, Ohio after her marriage, about mid-1919. Her obituary states she had been ill for about a year and a half prior to her death. Her death record states cause of death as Pulmonary Tuberculosis. She died on January 19, 1922 at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Dayton, and was buried at Calvary Cemetery, Kettering, Montgomery County, Ohio, on January 20. - Fellow nurse, Mary Elizabeth Armstrong, also died of a lung ailment, probably Tuberculosis.

**CATHERINE "ELIZABETH" NIGGEMYER** - Married name WINKLER - U. S. Army Nurse



Corps - She graduated from Wheeling Hospital School of Nursing in 1916 and became a Registered Nurse in West Virginia, License #466. She is listed as a World War I veteran in *A Half Century of Nursing in West Virginia, 1907-1957*, by Donovan H. Bond, 1957. *West Virginia Legislative Hand Book and Manual and Official Register, 1923*: "Base Hospital, Camp Weaver, to January 24, 1919; General Hospital No. 6 to discharge." In the 1900 census of Wheeling, the Niggemyer family lived at 3825 Wetzel Street, Wheeling. In the record, Catherine Elizabeth was "Elizabeth" born in October 1891. Her father, August, a cigar maker, was born in Germany, and her mother, Elizabeth Smith, was born in West Virginia. Children in the home in 1900, in addition to (Catherine) Elizabeth, were Gertrude, Mary, Frank, Joseph, August, Bernard and Angela.

During the war, a photo was published in the newspaper of the four Niggemyer siblings who were serving in the war. Catherine married Charles Francis Winkler, born in Michigan, and they were residing in Beaumont, Jefferson County, Texas, at the time of the 1920 census. No occupation is stated for Catherine; Charles was a "Wholly disabled soldier." Texas World I records indicate he was "severely wounded October 12, 1918, and was "100% disabled" when discharged as an Army Corporal on July 5, 1919. Catherine's father died in 1921. The occupants of the Niggemyer home at 3825 Wetzel Street in the 1930 were Elizabeth, a Hospital nurse, and her mother, Catherine. Probably the names were reversed. The mother died in 1932. In the 1940 census, Catherine was Catherine E. Winkler, at which time she lived in Wheeling with a son, James F. Winkler, age 18. She was employed as a Registered Nurse in a hospital; husband, Charles, is not mentioned. Her next-door neighbor was Nurse Cecelia Finnerty, a 1914 graduate of the school of nursing at Wheeling Hospital, and also a war veteran. For reasons unknown, Catherine's son, James F. [Francis] Winkler, age 8, was a resident of the St. Alphonsus Orphanage in Wheeling in 1930. James was a resident of Wheeling when he began his service in the army during World War II, 1940-1945, and then he moved to Humboldt, Yavapai County, Arizona, where he worked as a storekeeper. At some

point, Catherine also moved to Arizona. The sale of a home to Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Winkler, occurred in 1945, and Catherine is named as the wife of Charles F. Winkler in City Directories of Phoenix in the 1950s. Charles Winkler died in 1968, and his obituary names his wife, Catherine, and son, James F. It also states Charles had moved to Arizona from Wheeling about 45 years earlier. His grave marker indicates he served in World War I from Arizona. Catherine died on January 9, 1980, and she is buried at Sunwest Cemetery, El Mirage (Mesa), Maricopa County, Arizona. Her grave marker reads: "CATHERINE E. WINKLER NURSE ARMY NURSE CORPS WORLD WAR I - 1890-1980." Son, James F. Winkler, died in 1992.

**BERTHA ELIZABETH RAPPOLD** - Married name SCOTT - U. S. Army Nurse Corps - She graduated from Wheeling Hospital School of Nursing in 1908 and became a Registered Nurse in West Virginia, License #10. She is listed as a World War I veteran in *A Half Century of Nursing in West Virginia, 1907-1957*, by Donovan H. Bond, 1957. *West Virginia Legislative Hand Book and Manual and Official Register*, 1923: "Base Hospital, Camp Meade, Md., to discharge." Born on February 28, 1884 in Fayette County, West Virginia, she was the daughter of Joseph Edward Rappold and Anna Elizabeth Zwilling. Bertha married James K. Scott on October 15, 1918 in Cabell County, West Virginia. She died on April 15, 1970 and is buried at Woodmere Memorial Park, Huntington, Cabell County. Her grave marker states her service in World War I.

**CLARA JANE ROSS** - American Red Cross - U. S. Army Nurse Corps (presumably) - Clara and her sister, Luella, graduated from the City Hospital (subsequently the Ohio Valley General Hospital) School of Nursing; Clara graduated in 1902. Clara became a Registered Nurse, West Virginia License #90. She is listed as a World War I veteran in *A Half Century of Nursing in West Virginia, 1907-1957*, by Donovan H. Bond, 1957. Clara and Luella were daughters of Civil War veteran, Milton Ross, and Matilda Rockhold, who moved to Wirt County, West Virginia from Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania about 1875. Clara was born on April 18, 1875 and she died in Wheeling on December 27, 1960. She is buried near her family at Knights of Pythias Cemetery, Wirt County. A North Carolina news article, dated April 1919, indicates that Clara was hired by the Red Cross as public health nurse for Edgecombe County. *Charlotte Observer*, October 20, 1921: Miss Clara Ross a native of West Virginia and at present working in Edgecombe county as a representative of the state board of health, has been appointed supervising nurse of the city health department... The incoming supervising nurse is a graduate of Ohio Valley General hospital. For three years she was night supervisor in courses in public health nursing at Teachers' college, Columbia university, New York city. Miss Ross has also held responsible positions as supervisor of school nurses at Wheeling, W.Va., and as supervising nurse of the United States public health service, stationed at Muscle Shoals. She has been county nurse at Edgecombe county during the past two years." The assignment at Muscle Shoals, Alabama was related to U. S. Army operations. *Annual Report of the Surgeon General of the Public Health Service of the United States*, 1918: "The Muscle Shoals sanitary district, established in March, 1918... The essential reason for the conduct of operations in this district lay in the fact that the Ordnance Department of the Army was rushing to completion two large nitrate plants for the manufacture of explosives. In addition, the Engineering Corps of the Army was building a large dam across the Tennessee River for the purpose of securing hydroelectric power. Sanitary work was carried out in cooperation with State and local health authorities, and the officer in charge given local status." She was

the City Health Supervisor in Charlotte, North Carolina for many years and was there at the time of the 1940 census.



**LUELLA L. ROSS** - U. S. Army Nurse Corps - Luella and her sister, Clara, graduated from the City Hospital (subsequently the Ohio Valley General Hospital) School of Nursing in 1902, according to the list from the West Virginia Board of Examiners of Nurses. However, a news article in the *Wheeling Intelligencer*, dated March 2, 1908, Luella graduated in the class of 1907. Luella became a Registered Nurse in West Virginia, License #21. She is listed as a World War I veteran in *A Half Century of Nursing in West Virginia, 1907-1957*, by Donovan H. Bond, 1957. Luella was born on May 11, 1877 and she died on January 7, 1975. She is buried near her family at Knights of Pythias Cemetery, Wirt County. Luella was on active duty from October 5, 1917 until July 16, 1919. *West Virginia Legislative Hand Book and Manual and Official Register*, 1923: "Foreign Service. General Hospital, Garden City, L. I. New York, to September, 1918; Base Hospital, Camp Upton, to October, 1918; Mobile Station, New York to November, 1918; Base Hospital 93 to June, 1919; Demobilization Station, New York, to discharge." - Published Biography: *West Virginians of 1934-1935*. Published by *The Wheeling Intelligencer* - "Luella L. Ross, Wheeling - Miss Ross is supervising nurse of the Wheeling Schools. She took nurses' training in the Ohio Valley General Hospital and public health training at Columbia Univ., New York and is active in all local and state nurses' organizations. Affiliated with national and international organizations. Came to West Va. from Westmoreland Co., Penna. At the age of two years, with her parents, Matilda Rockhold and Milton Ross. She is a member of the Presbyterian Church; served with the American Red Cross in Belgium in 1915 and with the Army Nurse Corps in the States and Overseas in 1917-19."

**MABEL PEARL RUCKMAN** - Married name KENT - Mabel graduated from the Ohio Valley General Hospital School of Nursing in 1918, and became a Registered Nurse in West Virginia, License #729. She is listed as a World War I veteran in *A Half Century of Nursing in West Virginia, 1907-1957*, by Donovan H. Bond, 1957. Born in Pleasants County, West Virginia on March 24, 1894/96, Mabel was the daughter of Charles Ward Ruckman, Sr. and Sarah Virginia West, both born in Wetzel County. According to *Veterans Affairs BIRLS Death File*, Mabel served on active duty from September 28, 1918 to August 29, 1919. *West Virginia Legislative Hand Book and Manual and Official Register*, 1923: "Base Hospital, Camp Lee, to December 1918; Debarkation Hospital 51 to April 1919; General Hospital 43 to discharge." She and Eugene W. Kent applied for a license to marry on April 17, 1933 in Yuma, Arizona. Eugene Wallace Kent (name per pension application) died August 10, 1961. At the time of Mabel's sister Mary Ann's death in 1966, Mrs. Mabel Kent was living in St. Marys, Pleasants County. Mabel died April 30, 1992 at Torrance, Los Angeles County, California.

**LEONA ESTELLE NORRIS SAVAGE** - A widow at time of graduation. Second married name WILLIAMSON - U. S. Army Nurse Corps - She graduated from Wheeling Hospital School of Nursing in 1914 and became a Registered Nurse in West Virginia, License #256. She is listed as a World War I veteran in *A Half Century of Nursing in West Virginia, 1907-1957*, by Donovan H. Bond, 1957. *West Virginia Legislative Hand Book and Manual and Official Register*,

1923: "Base Hospital, Camp Meade, Md., to December 4, 1918; General Hospital No. 2 to May 21, 1919; Walter Reed General Hospital, D.C., to discharge." Her sister was Myrtle Sara Norris, a 1916 graduate of the City Hospital, Sistersville, and also an army veteran. Leona Norris was born in Nevada in October 14, 1879 to Warren Norris and Olivia Durse, residents of Belpre, Washington County, Ohio, at the time of the 1900 census; siblings were Myrtle S. and James W. On September 4, 1900, in Washington County, Ohio, Leona married William T. Savage, a Merchant in Parkersburg. In 1910, William was a Rent Collector. He died in 1911 and is buried at Riverview Cemetery, Parkersburg. Leona then pursued a nursing career. In the 1920 census, she was an army nurse at Fort McHenry, U.S.A. General Hospital No. 2. She married Ernest W. Williamson, a widowed Manager of Peoples Natural Gas Company. He was born in West Virginia and had previously been a Superintendent at the Hope Natural Gas Company in West Virginia. Following their marriage, they resided in Mt. Lebanon, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania in 1930 and 1940. They were featured in a news story about traveling in a motor home, a novel concept in the 1930s. They moved to Sarasota, Florida, and Ernest died there on October 6, 1953; he is buried in Parkersburg. Leona died November 24, 1954 in Bradenton, Manatee County, Florida. Her obituary indicates that her body was removed to Parkersburg but her burial location is not known; both husbands are buried in Parkersburg. An additional note in the 'City Trailer Park News' section of the *Sarasota Herald-Tribune*: "Mrs. Leona Norris Williamson, better known as "Sandy" to her hundreds of Trailer Park friends, is dead. Loved and honored by all who knew her, she has been a resident of the park for 18 years. She was born October 14, 1879 in Nebraska [It was Nevada.], and since 1936 has claimed Sarasota as her home." [They wintered there while living in Pittsburgh.]

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**SCHWINN, Miss Margaret**, 82, formerly of Warwood, died Tuesday at 12:15 a.m. at Peterson Place. She was born May 1, 1890, in Wheeling, daughter of Dr. James and Margaret Schwinn. She was a retired registered nurse; a member of the Wheeling Poetry Club; member of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, member of the Women's Auxiliary of the VFW, served as an Army nurse during World War I. Surviving are a brother, Charles Schwinn, Elm Grove; three sisters, Mrs. Rose Plummer, Mrs. A. R. Todd, both of Warwood, Mrs. Helen Rodebaugh, Toledo, O. Friends received at McCoy Funeral Home, 44 Fifteenth St., Wednesday 2-4, 7-9 p.m., where services will be held, Thursday at 10:30 a.m. with the Rev. Peyton R. Williams officiating interment in Greenwood Cemetery.

**MARGARET ELSILEE SCHWINN** - U. S. Army Nurse Corps - She graduated from the City Hospital (subsequently the Ohio Valley General Hospital) School of Nursing in 1912, and became a Registered Nurse in West Virginia, License #192. She is listed as a World War I veteran in *A Half Century of Nursing in West Virginia, 1907-1957*, by Donovan H. Bond, 1957. Per *U.S., Department of Veterans Affairs BIRLS Death File, 1850-2010*, Margaret was born on May 1, 1890 and she died on May 9, 1972. She was on active duty with the army from October 10, 1918 to December 19, 1919. A Wheeling news article, dated August 1918, names Margaret Schwinn as a Red Cross Nurse involved with recruiting student nurses. *West Virginia Legislative Hand Book and Manual and Official Register, 1923*: "Post Hospital, Langley Field, Va., January 2, 1919; General Hospital 19 to discharge." She was the daughter of Dr. Jacob/James Schwinn, Physician & Surgeon, and Margaretha Wegmueller, both born in Switzerland. She is buried at Greenwood Cemetery, Wheeling, where her parents and other family members are buried.

**RUTH MARION SCOTT** - U. S. Army Nurse Corps - She graduated from the City Hospital (subsequently the Ohio Valley General Hospital) School of Nursing in 1909, and became a Registered Nurse in West Virginia, License #50. She is listed as a World War I veteran in A

*Half Century of Nursing in West Virginia, 1907-1957*, by Donovan H. Bond, 1957. The book also notes that she died in January 1950; the date was actually December 31, 1949, per death record. *West Virginia Legislative Hand Book and Manual and Official Register*, 1923: "General Hospital 22 to discharge." Born December 24, 1884, in Bridgeport, Ohio, she was the daughter of Samson Scott and Anna Ketchum. In 1930, Ruth, a Private Nurse, lived with her sister, Jessie Bates Scott, on Eoff Street, Wheeling. In 1940, they lived on Market Street. Jessie worked for the City Treasurer's office, and she died on January 26, 1949. Ruth died on December 31, 1949. They are buried at Greenwood Cemetery. Ruth's World War I service is noted on her death record.

**CLAIRICE DOROTHY SEABRIGHT** - Married name RUSSELL - U. S. Navy Nurse Corps - She graduated from the Ohio Valley General Hospital School of Nursing in 1916, and became a Registered Nurse in West Virginia, License #593. She is listed as a World War I veteran in *A Half Century of Nursing in West Virginia, 1907-1957*, by Donovan H. Bond, 1957. *Ohio Soldiers in WWI, 1917-1918*: "Bridgeport, Ohio. Appointed Nurse, Bridgeport October 15, 1918.

Born Blaine, Ohio April 11, 1893. Naval Hospital Philadelphia, Pa 16 October 16, 1918 to November 11, 1918. Nurse 27 days. Resigned July 24, 1920. Naval Hospital Great Lakes Ill. Nurse. Called to active duty October 15, 1918." - Clairice, sometimes spelled Clarice, was the daughter of Lawrence Seabright and Margaret Anderson. She married James Garfield Russell, born in Monticello, Mississippi, on December 22, 1923 in Belmont County, Ohio. In 1928, they had a son, Lawrence Alexander Russell. At age two, he died of a fractured skull sustained in a car accident. He is buried at Union Cemetery, St. Clairsville. A daughter, born in 1932, died in Wheeling in 1935. At the time of the 1940 census, James, a Civil Engineer, and Clarice, lived in Monticello, Mississippi with children, James, Jr. and Gertrude. - *Tampa Bay Times*, St. Petersburg, Florida, February 6, 1949: "Mrs. Clairice D. Russell, a native of St. Clairsville, O., and a member of the Women's Cottage for three years, is the new member assistant matron. A World War I veteran, she served in the Navy Nurse Corps for 22 months and was stationed in Pennsylvania, New York and Illinois. Retired Nurse Russell is a graduate of Ohio Valley General Hospital, Wheeling, W. Va., and engaged in nursing in Wheeling and in public health assignments at Belmont County Hospital, Ohio. She is a member of American Legion Post No. 159." "Women's Cottage," part of a Veterans Administration Facility, was for women veterans requiring domiciliary care. She resigned from that position in June 1950, but she was a resident of the facility at the time of her death. - James Russell, Sr. died on July 27, 1965, and he is buried at Carmel Baptist Church Cemetery Monticello, Lawrence County, Mississippi. Clairice died on September 11, 1965. She is buried at Cycadia Cemetery, Tarpon Springs, Pinellas County, Florida. Her U. S. Navy service, World War I, is memorialized on her gravestone.

*Wheeling Intelligencer*, 2 Jan 1950

## Ruth M. Scott, World War I Nurse, Stricken

Miss Ruth M. Scott, R. N., a member of the Army Nurses' Corps in World War I, and a resident of 1106 Chapline st., died Saturday afternoon at 1:20 o'clock in the OVG hospital. In failing health some time, she had been a patient in the hospital but one day.

Miss Scott was born in Bridgeport, O., a daughter of Samson and Anna Ketchum Scott. After completing her education in the Bridgeport schools she entered nurses' training in the old City Hospital in Wheeling. She had practiced nursing since the completion of her training.

A member of the Army Nurses' Corps in World War I, Miss Scott was stationed at Camp Lee, Virginia during the first world conflict. She was a member of St. Luke's Episcopal Church.

A niece and three nephews survive

Services will be held in the parlors of the McCoy Funeral Home Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock, with the Rev. Carroll Thorn, rector of St. Luke's Episcopal Church, officiating. Interment will be made in Greenwood cemetery.





**JULIA ANNA SEVERIN** - Married name MAFFLEY - U. S. Army Nurse Corps - She graduated from Wheeling Hospital School of Nursing in 1915 and became a Registered Nurse in West Virginia, License #405. She is listed as a World War I veteran in *A Half Century of Nursing in West Virginia, 1907-1957*, by Donovan H. Bond, 1957. She was the niece of World War I nurse, Josephine Determan, who graduated the same year. And she was the cousin of Elizabeth Droppleman, also in the 1915 class and a

World War I nurse. *West Virginia Legislative Hand Book and Manual and Official Register, 1923*: "Base Hospital, Camp Meade, Md., to discharge." Born on November 27, 1894, in Saint Clara, Doddridge County, West Virginia, she was the daughter of John Henry Severin and Mary Elizabeth Determan. She married Fred C. Maffley from Allegany County, Maryland. Her death occurred at the Baker Veterans' Center in Berkeley County, West Virginia on June 15, 1950. Her death record reflects her service in World War I and states she served from October 10, 1918 to December 17, 1918. She is buried at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Cemetery, Cumberland, Allegany County, Maryland.

*Cumberland Evening Times, 16 June 1950*

**Mrs. Julia Maffley**

Mrs. Julia Maffley, 55, wife of Fred Charles Maffley, 515 Marshall Street, died last night in the Newton D. Baker Hospital, Martinsburg, W. Va. She was an army nurse in World War I.

A native of Doddridge County, W. Va., she was the daughter of Henry Severin and Elizabeth Determan Severin. In addition to her husband, she is survived by the following brothers and sisters:

Edward Severin, New Milton, W. Va.; Joseph Severin, Tombstone, Ariz.; Mary Tierney, Weston, W. Va.; Sister Mary Mildred, St. Joseph's Convent, Wheeling, W. Va., and Mrs. Agnes Wampack, Mt. Angel, Ore.

The body will remain at Stein's Funeral Home. A requiem mass will be held Monday morning at 9 o'clock at St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, with interment in the church cemetery.

**NELLE MARIE SHERZINGER** - U. S. Navy Nurse Corps - She is named in *"A Half Century of Nursing in West Virginia, 1907-1957,"* by Donovan H. Bond, 1957, as a nurse from Wheeling Hospital who served during World War I. She is Nellie Schirtzinger in the 1900 census of Columbus, Ohio. She is Patrinella M. Schirtzinger in the 1910 census, at which time her occupation was Hospital Nurse. The 1913 Wheeling City Directory names Nellie Sherzinger as a nurse at Wheeling Hospital. She was probably a student nurse, having come to Wheeling for formal training. Nelle Marie Sherzinger graduated from Wheeling Hospital School of Nursing in 1914 and became a Registered Nurse in West Virginia, License #268. Nellie M. Sherzinger, Nurse, United States Navy, is named in a transport record as a passenger leaving from San Francisco for Guam on May 5, 1916. *American Journal of Nursing*, July 1916: "Nelle M. Sherzinger to Guam." *American Women in World War I*, by Lettie Gavin, 2011, wrote: "**The first Navy nurse to die in the service** was Nellie M. Sherzinger of Columbus, Ohio, who was serving at a training school for native women on Guam. Miss Sherzinger was interred with full military honors on Guam, August 29, 1916." *American Journal of Nursing*, Dec. 1916: "It is with deep sorrow that the item among the death notices, announcing the death of Nellie M. Sherzinger, is submitted to the Journal. Although a young nurse in the Corps, Miss Sherzinger had endeared herself to all her associates and her loss is deeply felt by her co-workers in Guam and at her former station, Annapolis, Md. Miss Sherzinger's death is the first since the Nurse Corps was established in May, 1908." "By request of the chief nurse of the Navy Nurse Corps, we quote the following extract from the *Guam News Letter*: The whole naval establishment and foreign colony in Guam were deeply shocked by the death on August third at the Naval Hospital, of Nelle M. Sherzinger, Navy Nurse Corps. Miss Sherzinger

had been ill but a few days before being admitted to the hospital on July twenty-sixth. On July thirtieth, her condition not improving, an operation was performed. Transfusion of blood was resorted to on August second but it gave only temporary relief and she breathed her last at 4.45 the next morning. The funeral services were held in the Catholic Church on August 4. She was interred with full military honors in the little Naval Cemetery of Agana. All officers attached to the station, the officers of the *Cormoran*, the Navy Nurses, the enlisted personnel of the Navy and Marine Corps, and many civilians marched in the funeral procession. Miss Sherzinger was a graduate of the Wheeling General Hospital, Wheeling, West Virginia, and was appointed to the Navy Nurse Corps from Columbus on April 27, 1915. Her short life in Guam, having arrived May 29, 1916, was a happy one and all who knew her loved her for her light smile and thoughtful kindness." - Born on September 7, 1884 in Columbus, Ohio, Nellie Sherzinger was the daughter of Jacob Schirtzinger and Theresa Liebold. In the 1900 census of Columbus, Nellie's siblings were Harry, Connie [Conrad], Albert, Mary and Teresa. Although she was initially buried in Guam, her remains were re-interred at Mount Calvary Cemetery, Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio. Her grave marker: "DAUGHTER NELLIE M. SCHIRTZINGER 1884-1916 NURSE, UNITED STATES NAVY." Her mother died in 1917.

*Wheeling Intelligencer*, 22 Sep 1959

**STRINGER, Miss Cornelia Tilton**  
Kiddy of the Stone House, Rayland, died early Monday morning in her home. She was born Jan. 11, 1877, a daughter of the late William H. and Alzira Hutton Stringer. She is survived by a sister, Miss Edith Stringer, and two brothers, Ben and George Stringer, all of Rayland. She was a member of the Rayland Presbyterian Church. She belonged to the first class of nurses to graduate from the Ohio Valley General Hospital, Wheeling. She spent 27 years as a public health nurse for the Wheeling public schools. She was a member of the West Virginia State Nurses Association, and a veteran of the Nurses Corps of World War I. Friends may call at the family residence. Services will be held there at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday. The Rev. David Mellon will officiate. Interment in Hopewell Cemetery.

**CORNELIA TILTON STRINGER** - U. S. Army Nurse Corps - She graduated from the Ohio Valley General Hospital School of Nursing in 1915, and became a Registered Nurse in West Virginia, License #395. She is listed as a World War I veteran in *A Half Century of Nursing in West Virginia, 1907-1957*, by Donovan H. Bond, 1957. Born on January 11, 1877 (military record says 1878), in Rayland, Ohio, she was the daughter of William Stringer and Alzira E. Hutton, married in Belmont County, Ohio in 1862, and residents of Rayland, Jefferson County. The mother died in 1910, and the father died in 1915. After the war, Cornelia continued to live with members of her family in Rayland, Ohio, but she attended college at the University of Michigan and studied Public Health Nursing in the School of Education. She was employed as a School Nurse in 1930, and in the 1940 census, "Kitty" Stringer was employed by "Public Health Service at Ohio County, W.Va. Public Schools." Her obituary states she "spent 27 years as a public health nurse for the Wheeling schools. She was also a veteran of the Nurse Corps of World War One." According to *U.S.*,

*Headstone Applications for Military Veterans, 1925-1963*, Cornelia served as a Reserve Nurse from April 1, 1918 to August 3, 1919. She was stationed at Base Hospital, Camp Kearney, California. Cornelia died on September 21, 1959 and is buried at Hopewell Methodist Cemetery, Rayland, Ohio.

**GERTRUDE L. VOELLINGER** - U. S. Army Nurse Corps - Gertrude graduated from the St. Francis Hospital School of Nursing, Pittsburgh, in 1913. She is named in a 1922 history of the Pittsburgh Red Cross as a St. Francis nurse graduate who was "in active service with the American Expeditionary Forces and in the United States." From 1918 to 1920, she served as a reserve Army Nurse during World War I. She later worked at Veterans' hospitals. Born in Wheeling, Ohio County, West Virginia, on May 28, 1881, Gertrude was the daughter of John Philip Voellinger and Gertrude Neidert. On May 23, 1945, at the Veterans' Hospital in Dayton, Ohio, Gertrude Voellinger died. She is buried at Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Wheeling.

<i>Wheeling Intelligencer, 25 May 1945</i>	
<h2>Miss Voellinger Dies at Dayton</h2>	
<p>Miss Gertrude L. Voellinger, R N retired U S Army nurse who saw service overseas in World War I, died early Thursday morning in the U S veterans hospital in Dayton, Ohio</p> <p>Ill since last December Miss Voellinger had been a patient in the hospital at Dayton for the past seven weeks</p> <p>Miss Voellinger was born in this city, a daughter of Phillip and Gertrude Neidert Voellinger, and was educated in the Catholic schools.</p> <p>A graduate of St Francis hospital school of nursing in Pittsburgh, Pa., Miss Voellinger was for a time connected with the nursing staff at Wheeling hospital</p> <p>Miss Voellinger served in the U. S. Army Nurses Corps during the First World war, being sent overseas twice. After the close of</p>	<p>the war she entered government hospital work and was stationed at the U S. veterans hospital at Oteen, N C., for many years. Retiring in 1941, she returned to Wheeling to make her home at that time</p> <p>Miss Voellinger was a member of St Alphonse Catholic church and of the Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality and the Purgatorian societies of that parish. She also was a member of Wheeling post No. 1, American Legion, and of Court Carroll No. 299, Catholic Daughters of America.</p> <p>Her residence was at 2310 Chapline st.</p> <p>Surviving are three sisters, Mrs. Alphonse Stahl of Wheeling, Mrs. Anthony Strauss of Pittsburgh, Pa., Miss Margaret Voellinger, at home, four brothers, Frank W., Louis P., Charles H. and Edward J. Voellinger, all of Wheeling; seven nephews and three nieces.</p> <p>The body was taken to the Alt-meyer funeral home upon arrival in Wheeling Thursday night. Arrangements for the funeral have not been completed.</p>

**LUCILE AGNES WEST** - Married name ROHOW - She graduated from Wheeling Hospital School of Nursing in 1914 and became a Registered Nurse in West Virginia, License #306. She is listed as a World War I veteran in *A Half Century of Nursing in West Virginia, 1907-1957*, by Donovan H. Bond, 1957. *West Virginia Legislative Hand Book and Manual and Official Register, 1923*: "Base Hospital, Camp Meade, Md., to discharge." A news article in October 1917 also reflects this service. "Lucile A. West" is found in the 1917 Wheeling City Directory as a nurse for Dr. W. S. Fulton. *Daily Intelligencer*, February 10, 1919: "Miss Lucille West is spending a 15-day furlough in this city with her parents. Miss West is a graduate of the North Wheeling hospital and is stationed at Camp Meade, Md." *Journal of the American Medical Association, Volume 73*, 1919: "Marriage. Fred Merton Rohow, Ashland, Wisconsin, to Miss Lucile Agnes West of Wheeling, W. Va., at Chicago, November 11." *The American Journal of Nursing*, Vol. 20, Oct. 1919: "On November 11, at Chicago, Lucile Agnes West, to Fred M. Rohow, M.D. Miss West was an army nurse, on duty at Camp Meade." She was born in Louisville, Kentucky on February 2, 1894. She died on September 11, 1981 and she and her husband, who died in 1963, are buried at Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery, San Diego, California. Dr. Rohow served as a Captain in the Navy during World War I and World War II. His obituary states, "Capt. Fred Merton Rohow, 72, senior medical officer on the U.S.S. Oklahoma when she was destroyed at Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941.... Dr. Rohow retired from the Navy in 1945 after 25 years' service... Injured in the first U. S. action of World War II, Dr. Rohow was hospitalized a year before returning to active duty. He then became commanding officer of the Navy's School of Tropic Medicine at Treasure Island, Calif." When Lucile's death occurred, her service was unremembered. Her obituary states that she was born in Kentucky, came to San Diego County 46 years earlier, and was a homemaker.

*The Intelligencer*, 6 Feb 1986  
**Helen Shive**

SHIVE, Helen M. Williams, 94, of Colerain, formerly of Eoff Street, Wheeling, died Wednesday in Peterson Hospital, Wheeling. She was a retired registered nurse. She was an Army Nurse Corp veteran of World War I. She was preceded in death by a son, Elmer K., a sister, Blanche M. Cusack. Surviving are two sisters, Mrs. Everett (Grace) Gould, with whom she resided, Gladys M. Hedger of Martins Ferry, several nieces and nephews. Friends received at Heslop Funeral Home, Martins Ferry, 7-9 p.m. today, 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Friday. Arrangements are incomplete.

Margaret A. McMillan/McMillen, residents of Kittanning, Armstrong County, Pennsylvania in 1900. In the 1910 census, Helen was listed as a nurse, living with her family in Martins Ferry, Ohio; she would have been a student at that time. She had three younger sisters, Grace, Blanche and Gladys. In the 1917 Wheeling City Directory, Helen M., a nurse, and sister, Blanche, a telephone operator, lived at S. Huron St., Wheeling Island. Helen married Elmer K. Shive and they lived in Philadelphia. In 1930, Elmer was a Salesman and Helen was employed as a Department Store Saleslady. Helen's parents were residing at the same address in Philadelphia when the father died in 1939; he's buried in Martins Ferry. Helen and her husband, Elmer, were separated when Elmer, born August 7, 1887, died in 1948 at the U. S. Marine Hospital in Norfolk, Virginia. Apparently, Helen moved back to the Wheeling area at some point, and she died at Peterson Hospital, Wheeling, on February 5, 1986. A year earlier she was honored by the American Legion Post #5 in McMechen for having been a 60-year member.

*Wheeling Intelligencer*, 24 Oct 1938

**MISS ANNABEL WYNTERS, R. N., SUGGUMBS  
SUDDENLY SUNDAY MORNING AT HER HOME**

**SERVED AS CAMP SUPERVISOR OF NURSING DURING WORLD WAR**

Miss Annabel Wynters, R. N., a resident of Wheeling for 32 years and supervisor of nurses at Camps Upton and Mills, Long Island, New York, during the World War, died suddenly Sunday morning at 6:45 o'clock at her residence, 35 Thirteenth street.

Miss Wynters had been in failing health but her death, due to a heart condition, was quite sudden.

Deceased was born at Sand Hill, W. Va., a daughter of Isaac D. and Hannah Heatherington Wynters. She was graduated from the nurses training school of the Ohio

Valley General hospital in 1910, and had practiced here for a number of years. Miss Wynters was a member of the Sand Hill M. E. church.

Surviving are three sisters, Miss Mary E. Wynters of Cleveland, O., Mrs. Jane Watson of Columbus, O., Mrs. Daisy Anderson of West Alexander, Pa., and two brothers, Albert D. Wynters of Elm Grove and Nelson Wynters of Warren, Ohio.

The body was removed to the Kepner funeral home where services will be held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Dr. Arthur J. Jackson, minister of the Fourth Street M. E. church, will officiate. Interment will be in Greenwood cemetery.

**HELEN MARIE WILLIAMS** - Married name SHIVE - U. S. Army Nurse Corps - She graduated in 1912 from the City Hospital (subsequently Ohio Valley General Hospital) School of Nursing, and became a Registered Nurse in West Virginia, License #172. She is listed as a World War I veteran in *A Half Century of Nursing in West Virginia, 1907-1957*, by Donovan H. Bond, 1957. A news article states she took her nursing exam in June 1912. According to the *Veterans Affairs BIRLS Death File*, she served in World War I from September 3, 1918 to March 15, 1919. *West Virginia Legislative Hand Book and Manual and Official Register, 1923*: "Base Hospital, Camp Meade, Md., to discharge." Born on August 13, 1891 in Ohio, she was the daughter of John D. Williams, a carpenter, and

**ANNA BELL WYNTERS** - (also WINTERS) - U. S. Army Nurse Corps - She graduated in 1910/1911 from the City Hospital (subsequently Ohio Valley General Hospital) School of Nursing, and became a Registered Nurse in West Virginia, License #135. She is listed as a World War I veteran in *A Half Century of Nursing in West Virginia, 1907-1957*, by Donovan H. Bond, 1957. *West Virginia Legislative Hand Book and Manual and Official Register, 1923*: "Annabel Wynters: Address, Reading. Camp Hospital, Camp Mills, N.Y., to December 20, 1917; Camp Upton, N.Y., to discharge." - Annabel was born on

September 13, 1870, per birth record, in Sand Hill, Marshall County, to Isaac Davis Winters and Hannah Rebecca Heatherington. Isaac was a 2nd Lieutenant in the 15th West Virginia Infantry during the Civil War. Hannah inherited her grandfather's farm in Sand Hill and they lived there and raised their family. Hannah died in 1895, leaving the following children: Richard, Mary Eliza, John Edward, Annabel, Elizabeth Jane, Albert Davis, George Nelson, Daisy Mae, and June Heatherington. - Annabel lived in Wheeling and died there suddenly on Sunday, October 23, 1938. She is buried at Greenwood Cemetery, Wheeling.

**Wheeling Intelligencer, 8 Oct 1918**  
**Funeral for Miss Alice M. Young.**  
 Last night funeral services were conducted in the home of her sister, Mrs. R. M. Baird, Twelfth street, for Miss Alice M. Young, R. N., of this city, who died of Spanish influenza at Camp Sevier, S. C. Friday, while serving her country. The Rev. Dr. Jacob Birthingam of St. Luke's Protestant Episcopal church officiated at the services, which were attended only by intimate friends of the family and near relatives, in compliance with the local health authorities that all funerals be as private as possible owing to the epidemic. The body will be taken over the Baltimore & Ohio this morning at 6:30 o'clock to New Matamoras, O., for interment.

**ALICE M. YOUNG** - U. S. Army Nurse Corps - On October 4, 1918, 2nd Lieutenant Alice M. Young died at Camp Sevier, Greenville, South Carolina, of Pneumonia related to Spanish Influenza. She is listed as a World War I veteran in *A Half Century of Nursing in West Virginia, 1907-1957*, by Donovan H. Bond, 1957. She was a 1906 graduate of the City Hospital, later renamed Ohio Valley General Hospital, School of Nursing. Alice became a Registered Nurse in West Virginia, License #18. Born on August 21, 1877 in Monroe County, Ohio, she was the daughter of Benjamin Franklin Young and Elizabeth Jane Penn of New Matamoras, Ohio. Alice's sister, Jessie Penn Young

Baird, the wife of Dr. Reed McColloch Baird, lived in Wheeling. Alice, Jessie and other family members are buried at New Matamoras Cemetery, Washington County, Ohio.

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### WHEELING MEDICAL PERSONNEL WHO DIED OF SPANISH FLU (or died in that time period)

**Wheeling Intelligencer, 22 Oct 1918**  
**Funeral for Mr. Ackerman.**  
 Private funeral services were held yesterday morning for Maximilian Joseph Ackerman, aged 23 years, son of Dr. and Mrs. Gregory Ackerman, who died Wednesday of pneumonia, superinduced by Spanish influenza. The services were conducted at the family home, South Chapline street where his death occurred, and were in charge of the Rev. Father Bonaventure of St. Alphonsus' church, of which congregation Mr Ackerman was a devout member. Interment was in Mount Calvary.

**MAXMILLIAM JOSEPH ACKERMAN** - Died October 16, 1918 of "Croupis Pneumonia (Double) related to Spanish Influenza. He was a Medical Student. *Wheeling Intelligencer*, October 15, 1918: "WHEELING DOCTOR IS ILL OF SPANISH INFLUENZA - Dr. Max Ackerman is seriously ill of Spanish Influenza and pneumonia at his home on South Chapline street and his many friends are very alarmed at his condition. He has been at school in the east and a short time ago went to the West Virginia

University at Morgantown, where he spent a few weeks and a few days ago, or after coming home, he contracted the dreaded Spanish influenza. His many friends here will one and all hope for a speedy recovery." - Born on October 8, 1895, he was the son of Gregory Ackerman and Mary Elizabeth Sickler. He is buried at Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Wheeling.

**MARGARET ANDERSON** - At age 25, died October 25, 1918 at Ohio Valley General Hospital of Lobar Pneumonia related to Influenza. According to her death record, she was a nurse, age

25, born in Sweden on October 26, 1893. She was a resident of Echo Point, Wheeling. The physician stated that she had contracted the disease at Atlantic City. Her remains were sent to New York City. Jesse Speidel, Echo Point, provided the information for her death record. Buried at All Faiths Cemetery, Middle Village, Queens County, New York. Her name is engraved on the tombstone of the Anger family. It seems likely that she worked for the Speidel family in Wheeling.

**HELEN M. COONEY** – Student nurse at Wheeling Hospital. At age 18, she died Oct. 22, 1918. - *Daily Intelligencer* (Wheeling), Oct. 23, 1918: "Miss Helen Cooney. – Miss Helen Cooney, aged 18, a pupil nurse at the North Wheeling hospital, died last night at 11:55 at that institution of pneumonia, which developed from Spanish Influenza. – Miss Cooney began her training at the hospital June 2<sup>nd</sup> of this year and was getting along with her chosen work in an excellent way; she was stricken about a week ago and gradually got worse until the end came last night. Miss Cooney was a resident of this city and is survived by one brother whose whereabouts is unknown at the present." - *Daily Intelligencer* (Wheeling), Oct. 25, 1918: "Funeral for Miss Cooley [sic]. – Funeral services were held yesterday afternoon in the North Wheeling hospital for Miss Helen Cooley [error: Cooney], a nurse in that institution, Tuesday, of Spanish Influenza, which developed into pneumonia. Miss Cooley [sic] was born and reared in the Cumberland, Md. section and had been connected with the local hospital for some time. Interment was private in Mount Calvary." Helen was the daughter of John Cooney and Mary G "Maude" (Love) Cooney. Mr. Cooney died in 1912 and his obituary states that "Mr. Cooney leaves a widow who is an invalid in a hospital in Weston, W. Va. and three children: two of the children, Helen and John, ages 10 and 7 respectively are at a school in Wheeling. The youngest child, Margaret, aged 5, makes her home with her grandmother..."

**DR. LEECH KEY CRACRAFT** - *Daily Intelligencer* (Wheeling), Nov. 29, 1918: "Funeral for Dr. Leech Cracraft. Thanksgiving morning at 10:30 o'clock in the family home at Elm Grove, private funeral services were conducted for Dr. Leech Key Cracraft, one of the most prominent young physicians and citizens of this community and a commissioned captain in the United States Army. The services were attended by only intimate friends and relatives of the family and representative members of the Ohio County Medical Society, Wheeling lodge, No. 28, BPO Elks, Fort Henry Club and the Country club. Dr. Cracraft was laid at rest in his military uniform at Stone Church cemetery. The floral tribute was large and most beautiful. The Rev. J. M. Potter of Vance memorial (Presbyterian) church, officiated. The pallbearers were personal friends of Dr. Cracraft and members of the Ohio County Medical Society, namely Doctors D. Bigger Best, Frank LeMoyne Hupp, Jobert J. Reed, Jacob Schwinn, John T. Thornton, R. M. Baird, Eugene A. Hildreth, III, and Dr. Harry Wilson, of Martins Ferry. – Dr. Cracraft was the son of Dr. W. A. and Mary (Key) Cracraft. He passed away in the family home Tuesday evening, following an illness of eight days of Spanish influenza, and pneumonia fever. He was aged 36 years and was one of the most beloved men in this community. [Numerous newspaper articles about this man.]

**CORRINE McCARTHY GODFREY** – (Also spelled as Corinne) Per obituary, she graduated from the City Hospital (OVGH) School of Nursing in 1906. A native of Wooster, Ohio, she died in Canada on Oct. 11, 1918 after caring for Spanish Influenza patients. *Daily Intelligencer*

(Wheeling), Oct. 23, 1918: "Mrs. Corrine M. Godfrey. The sad news of the death of Mrs. Corrine McCarthy Godfrey, wife of Dr. W. E. Godfrey, will be received with sincere regret by many local friends. Mrs. Godfrey passed away at the City hospital at Hamilton, Canada October 11. Having been a nurse by profession, Mrs. Godfrey was engaged in caring for those suffering with Spanish influenza in Montreal, while that city was suffering with the epidemic, and during her untiring efforts to the afflicted she contracted the disease. She was taken to the hospital in Hamilton, where her husband is an attending physician, and although everything possible was done for her recovery, she passed away after an illness of only a few days. Mrs. Godfrey will be remembered by innumerable friends in this section, especially among the doctors, nurses and others of the medical profession. She was a member of the graduating class of the old City hospital in 1906. After her graduation she left for the west, where she resided for some time and where her marriage to Dr. Godfrey was solemnized. She returned to this city and spent two years at post-graduate work." – Corrine McCarthy was the daughter of Thomas F. McCarthy and Ida Mae Murphy. According to the 1900 census of Wooster, Wayne County, Ohio, Corrine had a twin sister, Idena, both born in July 1882. Idena married Lee Wilson and they resided in North Dakota. At age 24, "Corinne" married William Henry Godfrey on May 18, 1907 in Westhope, Bottineau, North Dakota. According to Corinne's engagement announcement, the marriage was to take place at her sister's home. William Henry Godfrey was "Harry" in the announcement. They had one son, William Harry Godfrey, born in North Dakota in 1912.

**RUTH GROVES** – Student nurse OVGH. At age 23, died Oct. 22, 1918. *Daily Intelligencer* (Wheeling), Oct. 23, 1918: "**Miss Groves of Bethesda** – Following an illness of Spanish Influenza and pneumonia since Friday, Miss Ruth Groves, of Bethesda, O., nurse in training at the Ohio Valley General hospital, died in that institution yesterday morning at 8 o'clock. – Miss Groves was born in the Bethesda community 23 years ago and was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Orban Groves. She had been taking a training course at the hospital for the past six months. She leaves besides her parents, three brothers and three sisters. The body was taken to her old home where funeral services will be held and interment made."

**BLANCHE HEIL** – Student nurse at Ohio Valley General Hospital. At age 28, she died of pneumonia May 18, 1918, shortly before graduation. Her diploma was presented to her family. This was probably too early to be Spanish Flu.

**HAZEL HERCULES** - *Daily Intelligencer* (Wheeling), Dec. 4, 1918: Martins Ferry - "Funeral Services. The remains of the late Hazel Hercules, a nurse at the local hospital, who passed away Sunday morning following a brief illness, will be laid to rest this afternoon at 1 o'clock. Funeral services will be held at the family home on Jacob street, Wheeling. Interment will take place at Mount Zion cemetery, Wheeling." - Born in 1893, she was the daughter of William E. Hercules and Sarah L. Green.

**ANNA McCLATCHEY** – Died at home in Wheeling on Nov. 16, 1918. *Daily Intelligencer* (Wheeling), Nov. 20, 1918: "McClatchey Funeral Today. – This morning at 10 o'clock from the Mendel Chapel at 1212 Chapline street, funeral services will be held for Misses Anna E. and Jane R. McClatchey, both daughters of Mrs. Catherine and the late James McClatchey, who passed away within a few hours of each other, both having succumbed to influenza,

followed by pneumonia. The Rev. W. H. Fields, pastor of the First Christian church, and the Rev. Ira G. McCreary of the Second Presbyterian church, will be in charge of the services. Interment will be in Mount Wood cemetery. – The death of Miss Anna McClatchey, aged 32, occurred Saturday night at 9:30 o'clock, and Miss Jane McClatchey, aged 27 years, passed away at 6:30 Sunday morning. The former was a member of the First Christian Church. She was prominent in the nursing profession, and until a week ago was engaged at the Davis Memorial hospital at Elkins, W.Va. The latter was quite active as a member of the Second United Presbyterian church. She was a popular saleswoman at the George E. Stifel Company."

**CATHERINE KINDLEBERGER REUFF** – Per death record, she was the Matron at Ohio Valley General Hospital. At age 55, she was a widow and died of Pneumonia-Influenza on Nov. 29, 1918 at the hospital. She was the daughter of Samuel and Henrietta (Smith) Kindleberger, both born in Germany, and she was the widow of John Reuff. Catherine is buried at Peninsula Cemetery, Wheeling. - *Daily Intelligencer* (Wheeling), Dec. 2, 1918: "Reuff Funeral Services. The funeral of Mrs. Katherine Kindleberger Reuff was held yesterday from the residence of her sister, Mrs. Theodore Warner, at Stop 10, East Twenty-Ninth street, followed by interment in Peninsula cemetery. Mrs. Reuff was the widow of the late John Reuff, and had been ill but a few days prior to her death. Mrs. Reuff was well known throughout the local district, having for some time been a member of the nursing staff of the Ohio Valley General hospital. She was affiliated with a number of prominent local organizations. She leaves sisters, namely Mesdames: T. Warner, Edward Kuntz, William Kaufman, Orville Snodgrass and E. A. Moore all of this city and William Landers of Riverview---, and Herman in service abroad."

*Wheeling Intelligencer*, 11 Oct 1918  
**Body of Mrs. Swift Arrives Today.**  
The body of Mrs. Lee Wilson Swift, formerly Miss Lois Guild of this city, who gave up her life in serving her country, will arrive in Wheeling today over the Pennsylvania at 12.15 o'clock, noon, and will be removed immediately to the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Guild, 410 South Front street, where funeral services will be held. Arrangements for the funeral will be completed today. Mr. and Mrs. Guild will accompany the body from Rockford, Ill., where her death occurred. Mrs. Swift was the wife of Lieutenant Lee Wilson Swift, who was stationed at Camp Grant, Ill. She accompanied him to the cantonment and while there she became interested in camp work. When Spanish influenza threatened the lives of many soldiers she volunteered to assist the nurses and contracted the dreaded disease, which quickly resulted in her death.

**LOIS GUILD SWIFT** – Born June 5, 1894, she was the daughter of Charles Guild and Myrtle Cluggish, both born in Ohio, and residents of Wheeling island. Lois married Lee Wilson Swift, born in Wheeling, an Army Lieutenant during World War I. While stationed in Illinois. Lois assisted nurses during the Spanish Influenza Pandemic and she contracted the disease. She died on October 9, 1918 in Rockford, Winnebago County, Illinois. Her body was returned to Wheeling and she was buried at Greenwood Cemetery, Wheeling. In 1923, her husband married Elizabeth Logan Wood in Wheeling.

**ELIZABETH/EMMA WOODVILLE** – A student nurse at Wheeling Hospital, she died Oct. 26, 1918. She was the daughter of James and Bessie (Frederick) Woodville. - *Daily Intelligencer* (Wheeling), Oct. 25, 1918: "Several nurses in the North Wheeling hospital are suffering with Spanish influenza or pneumonia, contracted while discharging their faithful duties to the many patients suffering with the malady who are in the institution. Among those who are ill... Miss Elizabeth Woodville, who was reported to be seriously ill late last night. She is a student nurse and has been at the hospital for several months. Her home is in Virginia..." - *Daily Intelligencer* (Wheeling), Oct. 26, 1918: "Student Nurse Dies in Wheeling Hospital. Miss Elizabeth Woodville, aged 18 years, of near Norfolk, Va., a student nurse, died in the North Wheeling hospital shortly before 2 o'clock this morning of Spanish influenza and



pneumonia. She had been ill a week. She entered the hospital to take training about four months ago. She leaves her parents, in Virginia, and two sisters, graduate nurses of Norfolk, Va., and another sister, Sister Margaret of St. Joseph's convent, this city."

**LILLIAN WRIGHT** – She was a nurse, possibly a student, at Reynolds Memorial Hospital, Glen Dale. - *Daily Intelligencer* (Wheeling), Dec. 2, 1918: "Miss Lillian Wright. Miss Lillian Wright, aged 19 years, highly esteemed young lady of 1600 Warwood Avenue, Warwood, and a nurse at the Reynolds Memorial hospital, Glendale, died yesterday in that institution of influenza-pneumonia, following a brief illness. She leaves besides her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Wright, five brothers and three sisters: "Jack" Wright in the English army, Bert, Ernest, George and Frank Wright, of this community, Mrs. J. A. Thumm, of Pittsburgh, Misses Maud and Flora Wright, at home. Funeral arrangements will be completed today." – According to the 1910 census of Ohio County, Lillian "Lily," 10, was born in England. Her father, James Wright, a Tailor, immigrated in 1907. Lily's mother was Alice Skeels. She is supposedly buried at Greenwood Cemetery, Wheeling.

**ALICE YOUNG** – City Hospital (OVGH) - See page 28.

**MARY ZIPFEL** – A Laundress, in charge of the laundry at Wheeling Hospital, died at the hospital of Spanish Influenza complications on Oct. 20, 1918. She was the daughter of Joseph Zipfel and Frances Wheeler, both born in Germany. She is buried at Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Wheeling. *Daily Intelligencer* (Wheeling), Oct. 23, 1918: "Funeral for Mrs. [Miss] Zipfel Thursday. Funeral services for Miss Mary Zipfel, manager at the North Wheeling hospital who died in the institution Monday night after a brief illness will be held in the hospital tomorrow morning at 9:30 o'clock, with interment in Mount Calvary. The priest of the hospital will officiate. Miss Zipfel was never married. Miss Zipfel, who was aged 50 years had lived in the community practically all her life. She was a devout Catholic, and had been in the employ of the hospital for many years. She leaves a mother, residing on Coal street, and two sisters, one a student at Mt. de Chantal, and two brothers, one by the name of Andrew Zipfel, all of this community.