

GEORGE SLIGAR

U. S. Army Private, Company "F" 209th Engineers

Died of Spanish Influenza on October 9, 1918 at Camp Sheridan, Montgomery, Alabama

Compiled by Linda Cunningham Fluharty.

Born in Elm Grove, Ohio County, West Virginia on August 23, 1895, George was the son of Issac Sliger/Sligar and Nora E. Westlake, married in Elm Grove on June 2, 1893. At the time of the 1910 census, the Sligar family lived in Triadelphia District, Ohio County. Mr. Sligar – "Ike" – was employed as "Contractor – Cellar Work." The children at home were John, 16, George, 14, Wilma, 8, Dudd, 6, and Florence, 3.

George Sligar and Mary Riester, both 20, were married on February 26, 1916 at Elm Grove.

When George registered for the World War I Draft, he was living in Elm Grove, employed as a carpenter.

Form 1 1036 REGISTRATION CARD		No. 61		47-1-21-A	
1	Name (Last, first, middle) <i>Sligar, George</i>	Age, in yrs. <i>21</i>	REGISTRAR'S REPORT		
2	Home address (No., Street, City, State) <i>Elm Grove W. Va.</i>	1 Tall, medium or short (specify which)? <i>Medium</i> Slender, medium, or stout (which)? <i>Slender</i>			
3	Date of birth (Month, Day, Year) <i>August 23 1895</i>	2 Color of eyes? <i>Blue</i> Color of hair? <i>Brown</i> Bald? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
4	Are you (1) a natural-born citizen, (2) a naturalized citizen, (3) an alien, (4) or have you declared your intention (specify which)? <i>Natural born</i>	3 Has person lost arm, leg, hand, foot, or both eyes, or is he otherwise disabled (specify)?			
5	Where were you born? (Town, State, Nation) <i>Elm Grove W. Va. U.S.A.</i>	I certify that my answers are true, that the person registered has read his own answers, that I have witnessed his signature, and that all of his answers of which I have knowledge are true, except as follows:			
6	If not a citizen, of what country are you a citizen or subject?	<i>Chas. C. Klein</i> (Signature of registrar)			
7	What is your present trade, occupation, or office? <i>Carpenter</i>	Precinct <i>10</i>			
8	By whom employed? <i>J. L. Caldwell, Patterson</i>	City or County <i>Ohio</i>			
9	Where employed?	State <i>W. Va.</i> (Date of registration) <i>June 5 1918</i>			
10	Have you a father, mother, wife, child under 12, or a sister or brother under 12, solely dependent on you for support (specify which)? <i>wife 1 child</i>	Married or single (which)? <i>married</i> Race (specify which)? <i>White</i>			
11	What military service have you had? Rank, years, Nation or State	12 Do you claim exemption from draft (specify grounds)? <i>no</i>			
I affirm that I have verified above answers and that they are true.					
<i>George Sligar</i> (Signature of registrant)					

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He died October 9, 1918, not September 9.

Wheeling Intelligencer, 10 Oct 1918

George Sliger, of Elm Grove, Has Succumbed

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Oct. 9.—Elm Grove, W. Va., contributed its first victim to Spanish influenza at Camp Sheridan in the death of Private George Sliger, of Company F, 209th Engineers, who died this morning of lobar pneumonia. He was stricken several days ago with the scourge which is spreading like wildfire over every soldier camp of the country, and about three days ago developed pneumonia, which overcame him after a hard struggle with death. Private Sliger's is the fifth death in the outfit from Spanish influenza. There are nearly a thousand cases here now, 130 being added today. The disease spread from the engineers to every outfit of the Ninth division, and the surgeons are using every means known to the profession to stop the epidemic.

George Sliger, who passed away yesterday at the camp, was the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Sliger, of Elm Grove. He was in his twenty-second year, and had been in the service but three months.

Private Sliger was among the draftees who were sent to Camp Meade, Md., where he was stationed two months. He was later transferred to Camp Sheridan, where his death occurred.

Besides his parents, Mr. Sliger is survived by one brother and two sisters, all of this vicinity. He was widely known and a host of friends will mourn his death.

As yet no arrangements have been made for the funeral, but the body will be sent home in a few days with a military escort.

Wheeling Intelligencer, 14 Oct 1918

Saturday the body of Private George Sligar, of Elm Grove, arrived in Wheeling from the camp at Montgomery, Ala., where his death occurred Wednesday, following an attack of Spanish influenza.

He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Sligar, and was an unusually popular young man of the Elm Grove community. Private Sligar was a member of Co. F, 209 Division of Engineers. The body was accompanied to this city by Sergeant Murphy, of the same company. He leaves besides his parents a wife and two young children; also two sisters, Misses Sarah and Wilma Sligar. He entrained here for camp last July.

Funeral services will be held in the family home this morning at 10 o'clock. The Rev. Arthur Lazenby of the Elm Grove Methodist Episcopal church, will officiate. He was a member of the Modern Woodmen of America. Interment will be in Stone church cemetery.

George Sligar is buried at Stone Church Cemetery, Elm Grove.

In 1920, Mary Riester Sligar, widow of George, was living with her parents, John B. and Sara Riester, in Triadelphia. Her two children were Anna M., 3, and Sara E., 1. – Mary married Philip Gantzer in Elm Grove on May 4, 1921.