

JOHN FREDERICK WEISS

U. S. Army Sergeant, 36th Company 9th Battalion, 153 Depot Brigade

Reported "Killed in Action" - But Survived Until 1981

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John Frederick Weiss was born on February 16, 1894 to Herman Weiss and Anna Robrecht, married in Triadelphia, Ohio County, on July 9, 1889. The family resided in Triadelphia and the 1900 census finds Mr. Weiss, the father, employed as a "Huckster, County Produce." Children in 1900 were Angela, Charles H., John F. and Louis E. By 1910, two more children, Anna L. and Paul R., had been born.

When John F. Weiss registered for the World War I Draft, he was working as an Assistant Bank Cashier.

Form 1 <i>12 64</i> REGISTRATION CARD No. <i>30</i>		47-1-21-A REGISTRAR'S REPORT	
1 Name in full <i>John Frederick Weiss</i> (Given name) (Family name)	Age in yrs. <i>23</i>		1 Tall, medium, or short (specify which)? <i>Medium</i> Slender, medium, or stout (which)? <i>Slender</i>
2 Home address <i>Triadelphia, W. Va.</i> (No.) (Street) (City)			2 Color of eyes? <i>Gray</i> Color of hair? <i>Brown</i> Bald? <i>Slightly</i>
3 Date of birth <i>February 16th 1894</i> (Month) (Day) (Year)			3 Has person lost arm, leg, hand, foot, or both eyes, or is he otherwise disabled (specify)?
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>			I certify that my answers are true, that the person registered has read his own answers, that I have witnessed his signature, and that all of his answers of which I have knowledge are true, except as follows:
5 Where were you born? <i>Triadelphia, W. Va.</i> (Town) (State) (Nation)			
6 If not a citizen, of what country are you a citizen or subject? <i>Citizen</i>			<i>R. G. Craft</i> (Signature of registrar)
7 What is your present trade, occupation, or office? <i>Banker, Assistant Cashier</i>			
8 By whom employed? <i>State Bank of Elm Grove</i> Where employed? <i>Elm Grove, W. Va.</i>			Precinct <i>13</i>
9 Have you a father, mother, wife, child under 12, or a sister or brother under 12, solely dependent on you for support (specify which)? <i>None</i>			City or County <i>Ohio</i>
10 Married or single (which)? <i>Single</i> Race (specify which)?			State <i>West Va.</i>
11 What military service have you had? Rank <i>Private</i> ; branch <i>School</i> ; years <i>Two</i> ; Nation or State			Date of registration <i>June 5</i>
12 Do you claim exemption from draft (specify grounds)? <i>Lung and eye trouble</i>			
I affirm that I have verified above answers and that they are true.			
47 <i>John Frederick Weiss</i> (Signature of registrant)		74	

<p>Daily Intelligencer, 2 Dec 1918</p> <h2>LOCAL SOLDIERS IN CASUALTY LIST TODAY</h2> <p>Name of John Frederick Weiss Appears, But It Is Thought That He Is Still Living.</p> <p>Eleven names of Wheeling district boys appear in the casualty list issued by the government, but it is thought that one of the number, John Frederick Weiss, of Triadelphia, is still living, as a letter was received from him, dated since the government message reports his death. It is thought possibly that the name has been mixed in some manner.</p>	<p>Daily Intelligencer, 10 Feb 1919</p> <p>John Weiss, of Triadelphia, previously reported as being killed in action, is now officially reported as wounded in action, and it is understood that he is improving and will soon be home. He was formerly employed at the State Bank of Elm Grove and has a host of friends who will be pleased to learn that he is recovering nicely and that he will soon be back in the U. S. A.</p> <p>Wheeling Intelligencer, 1 Mar 1919</p> <p>Sergeant John Weiss, of Triadelphia, arrived in this city yesterday, after receiving his honorable discharge. Sergeant Weiss was reported "killed in action" several months ago and his arrival in this city caused a big surprise.</p>
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John F. Weiss, 25, a resident of Triadelphia, and Marcella E. Yahn, 21, a resident of Elm Grove, were married on March 4, 1919 in Elm Grove. In the 1920 census, John and Marcella lived on National Road and John was employed as a Cashier at a bank.

In 1930, the Weiss family lived on Wright Avenue, Triadelphia. John was employed as an Assistant Bank Cashier. John and Marcella were the parents of Marcella, George and Mary J., and they had a servant, Bertha Rome, in the home. - In 1940, John was an "Executive, Trust Co." and their location is stated as National Road - Elmwood.

John Frederick Weiss died on December 8, 1981. His wife, Marcella, died on November 14, 1991. They are buried at Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Wheeling.

<p><i>Wheeling Intelligencer</i>, 10 Dec 1981</p>	<p><i>The Intelligencer</i>, 16 Nov 1991</p>
<p><i>John Weiss</i></p>	<p>ENTERED INTO REST</p>
<p>WEISS, John F., 87, of 8 Holly Road, Wheeling, died Tuesday in Peterson Hospital, Wheeling. Friends received at the Altmeyer Funeral Home, 154 Kruger St., Elm Grove, 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. today. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at noon Friday at St. Michael's Catholic Church, Wheeling. Interment in Mount Calvary Cemetery, Wheeling. Rosary devotions will be held at 7:30 p.m. today.</p>	<p>WEISS — On Nov. 14, 1991, MARCELLA E. YAHN WEISS, in her 96th year.</p>
	<p>Marcella Elizabeth Weiss, lifelong resident of Wheeling, died at Bishop Joseph H. Hodges Continuous Care Center, Wheeling, on Nov. 14, 1991. She was born Nov. 1, 1897, to George and Mary Fleming Yahn. She was married to John F. Weiss on March 4, 1919. With their family they lived for many years on Elmwood Place, relocating to Holly Road. During the years of her retirement her brother Monsignor Edmund Yahn made his home with them. Mrs. Weiss was preceded in death by her husband, John; her son, John Elwood, who died in infancy; her great-grandson, Thomas VanVortich; her brothers, Monsignor Yahn and Philip Yahn; and her sister, Helen (Mrs. Paul) Burke.</p>
	<p>She is survived by her daughters, Marcella of Wheeling and Mary Jane (Bruce) Reiston of Dover, Del.; her son, George H. (Maryrita) Weiss of Grand Rapids, Mich.; her sister-in-law, Mrs. Frank McHugh (Jeannette) of Punta Gorda, Fla. Others survivors include nine grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins and her very special friend, Theresa Campbell.</p>
	<p>Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:30 a.m. Saturday at St. Michael Catholic Church, Wheeling. Interment in Mount Calvary Cemetery, Wheeling.</p>