

GEORGE J. WINTZ

Private, 319th Infantry Regiment, 80th Division

Killed in Action October 25, 1918; buried Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, France

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WARWOOD BOY KILLED IN FIGHT WITH HUNS

**George F. Wintz Pays Supreme Sacrifice
On Battlefield in France.**

In the casualty list issued for this morning by the committee on public information of the war department appears the name of a Warwood boy as killed in action.

George J. Wintz, one of the most prominent young men of Warwood, was killed in fighting the Huns a few days before the end of the world war, and his many friends will be pained to learn of his death.

Private Wintz was among the first draftees to leave from this vicinity and was connected with the 314th field artillery. He was stationed at Camp Lee for eight months before being sent overseas last May. He was in several of the big battles in the Meuse sector.

Private Wintz is the son of Mrs. Amelia Koch, of 305 Warwood avenue.

George Joseph Wintz, born on August 12, 1895 at Baltimore, Maryland, was the son of Edward Wintz and Amelia/Emily Kopp. Edward Wintz drowned on May 15, 1898 near Annapolis, Maryland. Numerous German news articles detail the incident but they are written in German. A large monument to Edward Wintz and daughter, Emily, born May 4, 1894, is found at Loudon Park Cemetery, Baltimore City, Maryland. Lulu's real name was Emily. ["Kopp" surname from son, Edward, Jr.'s Social Security application.]

Earlville Leader, (IL) 20 May 1898

Drowned Near Annapolis, Md.

Edward Wintz, a Baltimore saloonkeeper, his 4-year-old daughter Lulu and Miss Lucy Pilgrath of Chicago were drowned in Round bay, near Annapolis, Md. The victims, with three other persons, were taking a sail in a catboat. In tacking the boat capsized. Wintz could have saved himself, but tried to rescue his daughter.

At the time of the 1910 Federal Census, George Wintz was residing on 14th Street, Clay District, Wheeling, West Virginia. Four years earlier, his mother, Emily/Amelia, had married German-born George W. Koch [misspelled as Kroch], according to the census record. George Wintz' siblings were Marie, Edward and Florence. The mother and the Wintz children were all born in Maryland.

When George Joseph Wintz registered for the draft in 1917, he was working and living in Pittsburgh. When he shipped out from Newport News, Virginia on May 17, 1918, his emergency contact was his mother, Amelia Koch, 305 Warwood Avenue, Warwood, West Virginia.

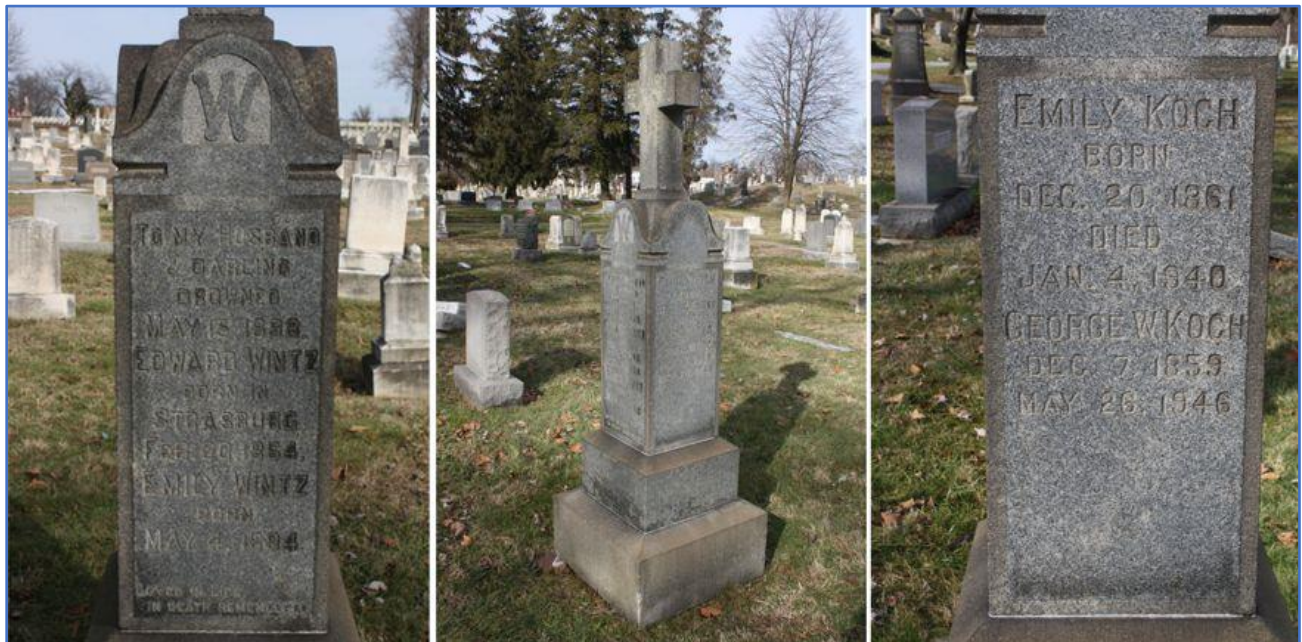
Form 1 3824 REGISTRATION CARD		No. 13	REGISTRAR'S REPORT 37-1-24.4A	
1	Name in full: <u>George Joseph Wintz</u> <small>(City name) (Family name)</small>	Age, in yrs. <u>22</u>	1 Tall, medium, or short (specify which)? <u>medium</u> Slender, medium, or stout (which)? <u>medium</u>	
2	Home address: <u>357 Melwood Pittsburg Pa</u> <small>(No.) (Street) (City) (State)</small>		2 Color of eyes? <u>Brown</u> Color of hair? <u>light</u> Bald? <u>no</u>	
3	Date of birth: <u>Aug 12 1890</u> <small>(Month) (Day) (Year)</small>		3 Has person lost arm, leg, hand, foot, or both eyes, or is he otherwise disabled (specify)? <u>no</u>	
4	Are you (1) a natural-born citizen, (2) a naturalized citizen, (3) an alien, (4) or have you declared your intention (specify which)? <u>Natural Citizen</u>		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? <u>Baltimore Md</u> <small>(City) (State) (Nation)</small>		Signature of registrar: <u>John A Ward</u>	
6	If not a citizen, of what country are you a citizen or subject?		Precinct: <u>20 5th Ward</u>	
7	What is your present trade, occupation, or office? <u>Lithographer 20</u>		City or County: <u>Pittsburg</u>	
8	By whom employed? <u>Pittsburg Decorating Co</u>		State: <u>Pa</u> <u>June 571</u> <small>(State of registration)</small>	
9	Where employed? <u>401 Ambrosian Ave</u>		1396	
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)? <u>no</u>			
11	Married or single (which)? <u>single</u> Race (specify which)? <u>Caucasian</u>			
12	What military service have you had? Rank <u>no</u> ; branch <u>no</u> ; years: _____; Nation or State: _____			
13	Do you claim exemption from draft (specify grounds)? <u>no</u>			
I affirm that I have verified above answers and that they are true.				
Signature of registrant: <u>George Wintz</u>				

George and Amelia Koch moved back to Baltimore before 1920. A news article indicates that daughter, Florence Wintz, a resident of Wheeling, West Virginia, married Joseph Korn in May 1919 in Baltimore. The newlyweds were living with the Kochs in 1920.

Mrs. Amelia Koch, 2304 Oliver Street, Baltimore, Maryland, is named as a Gold Star Mother who traveled to France as part of the U. S. World War I Mother's Pilgrimage in 1930. (Amelia Koch, left.)



Emily Kopp Wintz Koch, born December 20, 1861, died on January 4, 1940, at which time she was still married to George W. Koch. George died in 1946. Their names are inscribed on the SAME monument as her first husband, Edward Wintz, at Loudon Park Cemetery, Baltimore City, Maryland.



Inscription for Edward Wintz and 4 year-old daughter, Emily: "To my Husband & Darling Drowned May 15, 1898. Edward Wintz Born in Strasburg Feb 20, 1864. Emily Wintz Born May 4, 1894. Loved in Life, In Death Remembered."

George Wintz' brother, Edward, also served in the Army during World War I. He died in 1944.

Sister, Florence Wintz Korn, died in 1985. The other sister, Marie Margaret Wintz, married Charles H. Kommalan. Her death occurred in 1965.