

## Henry H. Ellis (1867 – 1947)

Henry H Ellis was born October 14<sup>th</sup> 1867 to James Luxeon Ellis and Sarah Henrietta Boyer in Reading, Berks County Pennsylvania. In 1891 Henry married Sarah A Miller. <sup>1</sup> Sarah was born January 8<sup>th</sup> 1869 in Reading to Jacob A. Miller and Rosa Ann Pawling. <sup>2</sup>

Like many of his family members, Henry lived in Reading, and was a machinist for the Reading Railroad Company. Sarah was 73 years old when she died December 11<sup>th</sup> 1942, <sup>3</sup> and Henry was 79 years old when he died April 26<sup>th</sup> 1947. They were both laid to rest in the Charles Evans Cemetery at the St. Paul's Memorial Reformed Church. <sup>4</sup>

Together they were the parents of one child. <sup>5</sup>

- i. Harry Miller Ellis was born May 8<sup>th</sup> 1892 in Reading Pennsylvania. Harry 1<sup>st</sup> married Elsie I. Lausch (Nutz), <sup>6</sup> and later about 1926 he married Blanche O. Levan. <sup>7</sup>

In 1920 Harry and Elsie lived at 334 South 5<sup>th</sup> Street in Reading Pennsylvania. Harry and Elsie lived there until they divorce about 1926, and Elsie would later marry Milton E. Artz.

Harry would then marry Blanch O. Levan, who was born about 1898, and in 1930 they lived in Shillington Berks County with her parents; Howard F. and Annie L. Levan. In 1940 Blanche and Elsie were neighbors living in Shillington, but Harry was living three miles north east with his parents in Reading.

Harry was an office worker when he died at 56 years old on July 26<sup>th</sup> 1948 in Shillington Berks County Pennsylvania. <sup>8</sup>

Harry only had one child from his two marriages, and the child was with Elsie Lausch.

- a. John B. Ellis who was born February 26<sup>th</sup> 1916 in Reading Pennsylvania. John married Mary Bergman, who was born about 1921 to James and Katie Bergman. John and Mary lived with her parents in 1940, <sup>9</sup> but by the time John enlisted into WWII in January 8<sup>th</sup> 1942, he and Mary were divorced. <sup>10</sup>

On January 8<sup>th</sup> 1942 John enlisted into the Army Air Corp in Harrisburg Pennsylvania during WWII, and was discharged December 20<sup>th</sup> 1945 at Andrews Air Force Base in Washington D.C. On February 6<sup>th</sup> 1950, when he applied for WWII compensation, he lived in Birdsboro Berks County Pennsylvania. <sup>11</sup>

After being discharged, John married Dorothy B. Backus, who was born January 20<sup>th</sup> 1914. John was a retired Police Sgt. for the Shillington Police. Dorothy died July 1985, and John died October 4<sup>th</sup> 1986. They were both laid to rest in the Block B of the Forest Hills Memorial Park Cemetery in near Reading Pennsylvania. <sup>12</sup>

We are still researching to see if John had any children.

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## End Notes

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- <sup>1</sup> Henry Ellis Birth Date, Place of Birth, Parents Names, and Marriage: The information came from his Pennsylvania Death Certificate # 31672, Pennsylvania, Death Certificates, 1906-1944; Pennsylvania (State). Death certificates, 1906–1963; Series 11.90 (1,905 cartons); Records of the Pennsylvania Department of Health, Record Group 11; Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. <http://www.phmc.state.pa.us/>; Taylor-Graham Library, 479 County Line Rd, York Springs Pennsylvania, 17372
- <sup>2</sup> Sarah A. Miller Birth Date, Place of Birth, and Parents Names: The information came from her Pennsylvania Death Certificate # 108114, Pennsylvania, Death Certificates, 1906-1944; Pennsylvania (State). Death certificates, 1906–1963; Series 11.90 (1,905 cartons); Records of the Pennsylvania Department of Health, Record Group 11; Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. <http://www.phmc.state.pa.us/>; Taylor-Graham Library, 479 County Line Rd, York Springs Pennsylvania, 17372
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- <sup>5</sup> Harry and Sarah Children: The number and names of their children came from the 1900, 1910, and 1920 census records, were Sara indicated she had only one child born and still living.
- <sup>6</sup> Elsie I. Lausch (Nutz)Name: The name “Nutz” was listed in a family tree, and is only maintained as a means for further research. The name “Lausch” came from the 1940 Federal Census listed in the bibliography.
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<sup>12</sup> John Ellis and Dorothy Marriage, Death Dates, and Burial: The information came from the inscriptions on their headstones at the Forest Hills Memorial Park Cemetery, 390 West Neversink Road, Reading Pennsylvania.