

Margaret Ellen Wrightstone (1858 - 1927)

Margaret Ellen Wrightstone was also referred to as Maggie, Ella, and Ellen. Margaret was born on July 13th 1858 ¹ to John Wrightstone and Elizabeth Wire in Monaghan Township York County Pennsylvania. She was named after her father's sister, Margaret Ellen Wrightstone.

When Margaret was 12 years old, she lived about five miles west of her family with Jacob and Ann Grissinger as a domestic servant, where she also attended school. ² The Grissinger family lived in the Shiremanstown area of Upper Township Cumberland County Pennsylvania.

Margaret 1st married a Mr. Lehman and they had one daughter Mary Jane Lehman, who was born in 1876. We aren't certain what happened to Ellen or her husband. Ellen then married Charles F. Shuff in 1879. ³ Charles was born in 1857 to Josiah and Sara E. Shuff. In 1880 Charles was living with his parents, and he indicated he was married working on a farm in Upper Allen Township Cumberland County Pennsylvania. Ellen cannot be found in 1880.

In 1900 Charles and Margaret Shuff lived in Lower Allen Township Cumberland County Pennsylvania, where he worked as a stationary lineman. Soon after, the family would move to 188 Bosler Avenue in the Lemoyne area of Cumberland County Pennsylvania.

Margaret Ellen Wrightstone-Shuff had eight children.

- i. Mary Jane Lehman was born August 11th 1874 to Margaret Wrightstone and Mr. Lehman. In 1880 Mary lived with her grandparents, John and Margaret Wrightstone, in Monaghan Township York County Pennsylvania.
- ii. Clara May Shuff was born 1880 to Margaret Wrightstone and Charles F. Shuff. At 17 years old she married 20 year old John Wesley Kimmel n May 24th 1897 in New Cumberland, Cumberland County Pennsylvania. John was born 1877 to Rebecca Kimmel. ⁴ In 1900 Clara was living with her parents, Ellen and Charles. She indicated she had two children, and one was still living; Claudious Kimmel who was born about 1899.
- iii. Annie E. Shuff was born June 1885 to Margaret Wrightstone and Charles F. Shuff. Annie died April 18th 1901. She was laid to rest in the Slate Hill Cemetery in Camp Hill Cumberland County Pennsylvania. ⁵
- iv. Nora Shuff was born October 1886 to Margaret Wrightstone and Charles F. Shuff.
- v. Charles W. Shuff was born July 1889 to Margaret Wrightstone and Charles F. Shuff. He never married, and he died in 1938. Charles W. was laid to rest in the Slate Hill Cemetery in Camp Hill Cumberland County Pennsylvania. ⁶
- vi. Gracie E. Shuff was born April 15th 1894 to Margaret Wrightstone and Charles F. Shuff. She died November 20th 1897. She was laid to rest in the Slate Hill Cemetery in Camp Hill Cumberland County Pennsylvania. ⁷

- vii. Linwood George Shuff was born April 1896 to Margaret Wrightstone and Charles F. Shuff. At 34 years old, Linwood married 30 year old Sara M. Ellmaker on April 6th 1931 in Hanover York County Pennsylvania. Sara was born in 1901 to Nathaniel L. Ellmaker and Kathryn Mumma.⁸ Linwood died in 1967, and his wife died in 1986. They were both laid to rest in the Slate Hill Cemetery in Camp Hill Cumberland County Pennsylvania.⁹

- viii. Claudius Bowman Shuff was born July 17th 1898 to Margaret Wrightstone and Charles F. Shuff in Lemoyne Cumberland County Pennsylvania.¹⁰

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End Notes

¹ Margaret Ellen Wrightstone Birth Date: John Wrightstone's pension applications made September 25th 1897 identified three children and their birth dates, and that they were still living.

² Jacob and Ann Grissinger: Jacob or Ann may be a Wrightstone or Wire family member. Jacob would have been born in about 1852 and Ann in 1853, both in Pennsylvania. Otherwise, what is the connection to John and Elizabeth Wrightstone?

³ Margaret Wrightstone's Marriage to Shuff: In the 1900 census Margaret indicated she was married for 21 years; 1879. We also cite two sources for her husband's name.

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⁵ Annie E. Shuff Death and Burial: This came from her headstone located at the Slate Hill Cemetery, 1352 Slate Hill Road, Camp Hill, Cumberland County Pennsylvania 17011

⁶ Charles W. Shuff Death and Burial: This came from her headstone located at the Slate Hill Cemetery, 1352 Slate Hill Road, Camp Hill, Cumberland County Pennsylvania 17011

⁷ Gracie E. Shuff Birth and Death Dates, and Burial: The information came from her headstone inscription of her date of death and her age at the time of her death; 3 years, 7 months, and 5 days, using a birth date calculator, the headstone is located at the Slate Hill Cemetery, 1352 Slate Hill Road, Camp Hill, Cumberland County Pennsylvania 17011

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