

William Elmer Wrightstone (1868 – 1942)

William Elmer Wrightstone was the third child born to Michael Wrightstone and Eliza Jane Kline on December 7th 1868 in the Siddonsburg area of Monaghan Township York County Pennsylvania. ¹ In 1880 he was working as a farm laborer for Caleb B. and Elizabeth J. Underwood ², who were long time family friends of his parents, Michael and Eliza Wrightstone.

William married Ella B. Kreider April 12th 1894 in Cumberland Co Pennsylvania. ³ She was born in November 1863 to David and Anne J. Kreider; Anna was born 1863 in Pennsylvania and died 1945. ⁴

In 1910 the family lived at 636 West Main Street Mechanicsburg Pennsylvania. Ella's older sister, Mary Kreider, also lived with them. At that time William was a mason working for the railroad. In 1917 the family lived at 519 West Main Street Mechanicsburg Cumberland County Pennsylvania. The family would continue to live in Mechanicsburg their entire life.

On Thursday February 9th 1920, while William's sister-in-law Christeena Wrightstone went to Park Ridge New Jersey to attend to her mother's illness, William's brother Ira, and other sister-in-law Edith and her children visited William and his family in Mechanicsburg. ⁵

William died in 1942 and Ella in 1945. They were laid to rest in the Trindle Springs Lutheran Cemetery, west of Mechanicsburg, Trindle Road (Route 641) to State Road, at the intersection with West Church Street located in Silver Spring Township Cumberland County Pennsylvania. ⁶

William and Ella B. Wrightstone's Children:

- i. Harold Kreider Wrightstone: (1896 - 1942)
- ii. Walter Hull Wrightstone (1898 - 1954)
- iii. Eugene Raymond Wrightstone (1901 - 1978)

Harold Kreider Wrightstone: (1896 - 1942)

Harold Kreider Wrightstone was born to William Wrightstone and Ella Kreider on October 4th 1896 in Mechanicsburg Pennsylvania. Harold married Ivanora (Iva) C Detweiler about 1915 in Washington County Maryland. Iva was born December 19th 1895 to John Henry Detweiler and Mary Alice Forry. ⁷

About mid 1920s, Harold was placed in the Harrisburg State Hospital, and his children were placed in an orphanage in Berks County. Harold remained in the hospital until he died in 1942.

In 1930 Iva and Victor lived with her parents, Jon and Mary Detweiler at 212 East Derry Street Harrisburg PA. By 1940 Iva and the family moved to Lancaster Pennsylvania, where Victor registered for WWII service.

Harold died September 27th 1942, and Iva on July 14th 1987. They were both laid to rest in the Mount Annville Cemetery located in Annville Lebanon County Pennsylvania. ⁸

Harold and Iva Wrightstone's Children:

- i. Philo W. Wrightstone was born on September 7th 1917 in Pennsylvania. He married Anna G. who was born 1907 and died 1873. Philo died February 28th 1992 in Harrisburg Dauphin County PA. He lived in Lancaster Pennsylvania. Philo and Anna were laid to rest in the Mellinger Mennonite Cemetery Lancaster, Lancaster County Pennsylvania.⁹
- ii. Arthur D. Wrightstone was born November 30th 1919.¹⁰ He married Betty L. Keller, and lived in Dundalk, Maryland. Victor died April 24th 2012, and Betty died a few days later on May 31st 2012. They were both laid to rest at the Interment Gardens of Faith Memorial Gardens. Arthur and Betty had two daughters.¹¹
 - a. Deborah Wrightstone who married Carroll Podels
 - b. Cindy Wrightstone who married Paul Racilla.

Arthur and Betty were grandparents of Lori, Carrie, Brian & Nikki, and great-grandfather of Alex, Delilah, Emmy, Izzy and Evie.

- iii. Victor E. Wrightstone was born October 13th 1921 in Hershey Dauphin County PA. On March 8th 1941, while single and living in Lancaster Pennsylvania, Victor enlisted in the Army infantry, for the Panama Canal Department.

Victor was 5' 4" tall, and weighed 125 pounds. He was released from service on November 18th 1944.¹² Victor was associated with the Holy Trinity Church in Ephrata, and a life time member of VFW Post 3376. He died while living in the Lititz area of Lancaster County Pennsylvania, on July 27th 2005. Victor was laid to rest in the National Cemetery located at Fort Indiantown Gap, Annville Lebanon County Pennsylvania.¹³

Walter Hull Wrightstone (1898-1954)

Walter Hull Wrightstone was born May 30th 1898 to William Wrightstone and Ella Kreider in Mechanicsburg Pennsylvania.

Walter was 19 years old when he married 19 year old Verna Rowena Vogel song on January 22nd 1918 in Waynesboro Franklin County Pennsylvania. Verna was born on July 2nd 1898¹⁴ to George B. Vogel song and Minnie C. Tryne.¹⁵

In 1920 Walter and Verna lived with his parents, William and Ella Wrightstone, at 519 West Main Street Mechanicsburg Pennsylvania.

Verna's parents were George Vogel song and Minnie C. Tripner. They both died two days apart from uremic poisoning, December 12th 1934.¹⁶ George and Minnie Vogel song's were survived by six children: Mrs. Clarence Deller of Harrisburg; Mrs. Reuben Cockley of Boiling Springs; Edward G, Vogel song of Carlisle; Mrs. Walter Wrightstone of Carlisle; T. Clair Vogel song of York; and George C. Vogel song of York

Walter died October 10th 1954. Verna died September 1985 in Camp Hill, Cumberland County Pennsylvania. They were both laid to rest in the St. John's Cemetery in Hampton Township Cumberland County Pennsylvania.

Walter and Verna Wrightstone's had two children.

- i. Walter Hull Wrightstone Jr. was born on September 22nd 1927. ¹⁷ Walter enlisted into the Army served in the Army March 11th 1946, and was released March 31st 1947. ¹⁸

Walter married Marie G. about 1949 in Washington County Maryland. She was from Shiremanstown Pennsylvania in 1932.

Walter died November 13th 2000 while living in Halifax, Dauphin County Pennsylvania. ¹⁹ Marie died Saturday, October 10th 2009 in the Carolyn Croxton Slane Hospice Residence, of Susquehanna Township, Dauphin County Pennsylvania. Walter lived in Halifax dauphin County Pennsylvania.

Walter Jr. and Marie had the following children: ²⁰

- a. Beverly Wrightstone
- b. Kathy Wrightstone
- c. Walter B. Wrightstone was born April 15th 1962. In 2008 he lived at 430 Orchard Drive Harrisburg Pennsylvania, and had a Camp Hill address. . 717-763-1012²¹

- ii. Elizabeth Wrightstone was born May 15th 1928 and died February 5th 1996

Eugene Raymond Wrightstone (1901-1978)

Eugene Raymond Wrightstone was born on January 30th 1901 to William Wrightstone and Ella Kreider in Mechanicsburg Pennsylvania.

Eugene married Bessie Minerva May, who was born September 8th 1905 to Jonathan May and Ida Wrightstone (Ida is Eugene's Aunt). They would live in Enola East Pennsboro Township Cumberland County Pennsylvania.

Eugene died June 1978 in Enola, Cumberland County Pennsylvania. Bessie died on February 7th 1993 and was laid to rest in the Rolling Green Cemetery in Lower Allen Township of Cumberland County Pennsylvania. ²²

Eugene and Bessie had one child:

- i. Helen Romaine Wrightstone was born March 1928. At 20 years old Helen married 22 year old Julian Dewitt Smith on April 10th 1948 in Harrisburg Dauphin County Pennsylvania. Julian was born 1926 to James Monroe Smith and Grace Ethel Witts. ²³ Helen currently lives in Ohio.

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