

Mary Rebecca Siders (1844 – 1918)

Mary Rebecca Siders was born February 28th 1844 to Daniel O. Sides and Elvina Sash in Reading Berks County Pennsylvania. Daniel was born in Pennsylvania, and Elvina in Germany. ¹

- Mary Rebecca Seiders had a son, William Henry Ellis, who was born April 22nd 1862 in Reading Berks County Pennsylvania. According to William's death certificate, his father was also named William Henry Graham of Reading Pennsylvania. ²
- According to family lore; William Henry Ellis claimed that his father was descended from English royalty, and that they had come to the US to find some land grant that was given to the family. ³

Mary married John H. Wert. ⁴ John was born about 1848 in Pennsylvania. In 1870 they lived with John's parents in Plymouth Meeting, which is located in Conshohocken Montgomery County Pennsylvania. In 1873 Mary had a son, Morris Franklin Wert, ⁵ in New Jersey. ¹ In 1870 Mary's husband, John, was an Iron worker for a rolling mill. John's brother, Thomas Wert, worked for the Pudler Works Rolling Mill.

- Thomas H Wert was born about 1844, and his wife Caroline was born about 1849. In 1870 they had; William F. wert born about 1868; Albert born about April 1870. ⁱⁱ

By 1880 John and Mary were back in Reading Berks County Pennsylvania, living on the same street as William H. Ellis (1845-1931). ⁶ John worked for the same company as his father did, at the Pudler Works Rolling Mill.

By 1910 Mary indicated she was divorced and living with her daughter, Mary E Behney. ⁱⁱⁱ

Mary Siders-Wert died February 12th 1918. She was laid to rest in the Alsace Cemetery in Reading. ⁷

In the 1900 and 1910 census record, Mary indicated she had three children and all three were still living.

But this may be inaccurate. According to other records cited in the bibliography and end notes, Mary and John had four children. This does not include her son William Henry Ellis, who we suspect was born out of wedlock.

John and Mary Wert had five children, and four were still living in 1900.

- i. John H Wert was born April 16th 1879 ^{iv} in Reading Pennsylvania. He married Bertha. John died October 3rd 1926 in South Heidelberg, Berks County Pennsylvania. ⁸

ⁱ John and Mary Wert Residence, Conshohocken, Montgomery County is 54 miles Southeast of Reading and her son's birth in New Jersey is verified by all census records and his death certificate.

ⁱⁱ The Thomas Wert family dates came from the 1870 Federal census cited in the bibliography.

ⁱⁱⁱ Mary indicated she was divorced, but her death certificate indicated she was married. The death certificates and census records match, so this is the correct Mary Rebecca Siders-Wert

^{iv} John H. Wert's birth date tracks to the 1870 Federal census cited in the bibliography, which was taken in August 1870, and John was 4 months old.

- ii. Morris Franklin Wert was born January 5th 1873 in New Jersey. He was 70 years old when he died April 30th 1942 in Oley Berks County Berks County Pennsylvania.⁹
- iii. Daniel N. Wert was born about 1875, and he died prior to 1900.
- iv. Mary E. (Elvina) Wert was born August 8th 1878 in Reading Burks County Pennsylvania. She married Adam W. Behney. Mary was 55 years old when she died December 5th 1933 in Reading Pennsylvania.¹⁰
- v. Charles L. Wert was born April 4th 1882 in Reading Pennsylvania. He married Lottie Goder. Charles was 59 years old when he died October 7th 1941 in reading.¹¹
- vi. Elvina J. Wert was born July 10th 1884 in Reading Pennsylvania. She was named after her grandmother Elvina Siders. She married George E. Seibert. Elvina died when she was 41 years old on August 6th 1925 in Reading Pennsylvania.¹²

William Henry Ellis (1862 – 1939)

William Henry Ellis was born April 22nd 1862 to William Henry Ellis and Mary Rebecca Siders in Reading Berks County Pennsylvania.¹³

In 1870 Henry (William) Ellis lived with his grandmother, Elvina Seiders, in Ward 2 of Reading, Berks County Pennsylvania.

William married Clara S. Englerth¹⁴ in 1886, most likely near the Morgantown area of Chester County Pennsylvania.¹⁵ Clara was born July 15th 1865 to Jacob Englerth and Annie Mc Cowan in Engletown^v Chester County Pennsylvania.¹⁶

I suspect that William worked as a farm laborer in the general area between Berks, Chester, and Lancaster County lines,^{vi} and through the farming community meet Clara.^{vii} By 1900 William had moved to the small town of Gap, which is located in Salisbury Township of Lancaster County Pennsylvania. This is where he lived most of his life and raised a family. Family lore is that William didn't have contact with his father or mother and seemed to have been "abandoned" with Grandma.¹⁷

William died April 8th 1929 while living in Christina located in Salisbury Township Lancaster County Pennsylvania. He was laid to rest April 9th 1939 at the Pequea Baptist Church Cemetery.¹⁸ Clara was 92 years old when she died February 13th 1958 in Springettsbury Township York County Pennsylvania. She was laid to rest February 18th 1958, next to her husband at the Pequea Baptist Church Cemetery.¹⁹

^v The town of Engletown came from the death certificate of Clara's son, Webster's death certificate.

^{vi} There is a William Ellis south of Lancaster in Fulton Township working as a farm laborer. Fulton is 55 miles south of Reading, 35 miles south of Honey Brook, and 25 miles south of Gap Pennsylvania.

^{vii} William grew up in Reading Berks County Pennsylvania. The following towns are directly south of Reading; 15 miles to Morgantown Chester County, 21 miles to Honey Brook Chester County, and 32 miles to Gap Lancaster County where William and Clara raised their family. Gap is 12 miles southwest of Honey Brook in Chester County, which is where William's wife, Clara Englerth, is from.

William and Clara had three children.

- i. Cora A Ellis was born February 1887
- ii. Webster S Ellis (1888-1938)
- iii. John R Ellis was born March 1891

Webster S. Ellis (1888 – 1938)

Webster S. (Siders)^{viii} Ellis was born November 2nd 1888 to William Henry Ellis and Clara S. Englerth in Morgantown Chester County Pennsylvanian.²⁰

Webster married Cora M. Mc Cowan (Mcowen).²¹ Cora was born October 7th 1892 to Clement Mc Cowan and Mary Clark in Compass Chester County Pennsylvania.²²

Webster was 49 years old when he died June 11th 1939 in the village of Gap, located in Salisbury Lancaster County Pennsylvania.²³ Cora died May 15th 1962 in the Gap Pennsylvania.²⁴

Webster and Cora had two children

- i. Verna Ellis
- ii. Norman Ells who married Elizabeth, and they had three children; Joyce, Janet, and Jean who married Adams.

^{viii} Webster's middle name appears to be a logical choice, named after his grandmother's maiden name surname; Siders.

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