

Norman Wesley Graham (1896-1948)

Norman Wesley Graham was born December 4th 1896 in Strasburg Franklin County Pennsylvania ¹ to William Henry Graham and Dellia Catherine Killinger. Dellia was born June 16th 1870 at the Killinger family home to John Wesley Killinger and Susan Stake. ²

Dellia's parents were John W. Killinger who was born May 19th 1845 ³ in Southampton Township Franklin County Pennsylvania. John lived and worked most of his life in the vicinity of Roxbury Pennsylvania. John Killinger died on Tuesday August 12th 1919 in a hospital in New York of a lingering illness and complications of its diseases. ⁴ John was married to Susan Stack ⁵ who was born August 1856.

William Henry Graham and Dellia Catherine Killinger were married on February 6th 1896. ⁶ In 1899 the Killinger family moved to Baltimore Maryland. Dellia and Norman also went to Baltimore, where they lived with the Killinger family in the 3rd Precinct Baltimore Maryland. ⁷ At the time William lived in Shippensburg Cumberland County Pennsylvania.

After Dellia's divorce with William was finalized July 11th 1902, ⁸ she married Grover Cleveland Hockenberry on June 15th 1911. Grover was from Doylesburg Fannett Township area of Franklin County Pennsylvania.

On Grover's and Della's marriage application; Della indicates the cause of her divorce from William was desertion on July 11th 1902. This confirms the divorce record between William and Dellia. I believe our Great-grandmother Sadie Greenawalt was the reason for the desertion. William married Sadie Greenawalt on October 15th 1901, before his divorce from Dellia was finalized.

Della would be Grover's 3rd wife. Grover was previously married; first on May 12th 1906 to Elizabeth Thomas of Doylesburg, ⁹ and then on November 25th 1910 to Nora Hockenberry of Doylesburg – probably a cousin. On the application Grover identified his first marriage (unnamed woman) on May 17th 1907, and his first wife's death on December 16th 1908. ¹⁰ On Grover's marriage application with Della, he didn't list his second marriage to Nora on November 25th 1910, but he did identify his marriage to Elizabeth Thomas on May 12th 1906, and her death on December 16th 1909. ¹¹

The dates for Grover's 1st wife Elizabeth's death is mixed up. On his application with his second wife Nora, he identified his first wife, Elizabeth Thomas's death as December 16th 1908, and on the marriage application with Della, he listed his first wife, Elizabeth Thomas's death as December 16th 1909. We figure his memory was at fault for the difference between 1908 and 1909. ¹²

Dellia had only one child, which was born to William Henry Graham. She had no children with Grover Hockenberry. Dellia died in June 1963 and she was laid to rest in the Ridge Church of the Brethren and Cemetery in Middle Spring Newburg Area Cumberland County Pennsylvania. ¹³

Sometime before 1916, Norman left Letterkenny Township Franklin County for Kansas. According to his children, he went to Kansas because of the excitement of the times. Norman signed up for the World War I draft while living in Ramona, Hope Township Dickenson County Kansas. ¹⁴ He enlisted as a private in the Kansas 10th Division, 41st Infantry.

Norman would meet and marry Hilda Wilhelmina Pigorsch on January 10th 1920 in Abilene Kansas.¹⁵ Hilda was born September 14th 1901 in Hope Township Dickenson County Kansas to Augustus Wilhelm (William) and Anna Pigorsch who were both born in Germany.

After they married Norman and Hilda lived with Hilda's brother Otto, and his wife Lizzie in Dickenson County Kansas.¹⁶ While in Kansas their first son, Eugene, would be born in 1920. They would later move back to Newburg, Hopewell Township Cumberland County Pennsylvania. They lived next door to Norman's mother Della (Killinger) Hockenberry and her 2nd husband Grover.

Norman and Hilda lived at 333 State Road Hopewell Township Cumberland County when they had their next six children. Norman worked his entire life for the Railroad until he died on February 26th 1948¹⁷ while living in Elmo Kansas. Hilda died March 10th 1976.¹⁸ They were both laid to rest Elmo, Jefferson Township Dickenson County Kansas

Together, Norman and Hilda had eleven children who all grew up and lived in Jefferson Township Dickenson County Kansas. Their surviving children: Isabella Bezdek of Hillsboro, Viola Stevens of Belton, Albert Graham of Kanopolis, and Gale Graham of Strong City Kansas.

- i. Eugene Graham was born July 10th 1920 in Ramona Kansas. He died at an early age.
- ii. Orville Earnest Graham was born August 6th 1922 in Chambersburg Franklin County Pennsylvania.
- iii. Floyd Cleveland Graham was born August 20th 1923 in Chambersburg Franklin County Pennsylvania. He died November 1973.¹⁹
- iv. William Franklin Graham was born April 19th 1925 in Fredericksburg, Crawford County Pennsylvania.
- v. Charles P. Graham was born February 25th 1927.
- vi. Isabella C. Graham was born June 8th 1928 in Shippensburg, Cumberland County Pennsylvania. She married Mr. Bezdek.
- vii. Albert F. Graham was born August 25th 1929. He died November 22nd 2009 at 80 years old in Salina, Salina County Kansas.²⁰ He was laid to rest at the Kanopolis Cemetery in Ellsworth County Kansas. Albert married Peggy and together they had:
 - a. Sharon Graham married Dryer, and in 2009 they lived in Salina
 - b. Teresa Graham married Dillon, , and in 2009 they lived in Colorado
 - c. Iris Graham married Small, , and in 2009 they lived in Wilson Kansas
 - d. Ernest Graham lives in Hutchinson Kansas
- viii. Viola Mae Graham was born May 19th 1931 in Elmo, Hope Township, Dickenson County Kansas. She married Dean G. Stevens in December 1948, and they lived in Belton Kansas. Their Children:
 - a. Patricia K. Stevens was born November 5th 1949
 - b. Richard Allen Stevens was born March 25th 1958; and died January 11th 2009

- ix. Velva Jane Graham was born February 19th 1933 in Elmo, Hope Township, Dickinson County Kansas. She died January 10th 2008 in Belton Missouri. She as laid to rest in Hope, Hope Township Kansas. She married Edward Brunner. Together they had 4 boys and 3 girls.
- x. Zelda Ora Graham was born September 17th 1939 in Elmo, Hope Township, Dickinson County Kansas. She died May 2000, and was laid to rest in Elmo, Jefferson Township Dickinson County Kansas, beside her parents Norman and Hilda.

Zelda was married three 3 times.

1st Marriage: William Henry Martin in 1954, who she divorced circa 1962. William was killed in a car accident on October 19. 1971. Zelda and William Martin Children: 5 daughters

2nd Marriage: John Hatfield circa 1968, who she divorced John circa 1973. John died circa 1981 or 1982. Zelda and John Hatfield Children: 1 Son

3rd Marriage: Richard Fryhover circa 1985, who died July 1999. Richard and Zelda didn't have any children.

- xi. Gale Lee Graham was born June 20th 1941 in Elmo, Hope Township in Dickinson County Kansas. He married Sandy and they live in Strong City Chase County Kansas.

End Notes

¹ Norman Graham Birth Date: His headstone indicated December 4th 1898, his World War I Draft Registration, 15-2-10-B, June 5th 1918, Abilene, Dickenson County, Kansas.

² Dellia Killinger Parents and Birth: June 1963, The Chronicle, Shippensburg Obituary Collection, Volume H, Shippensburg Historical Society, 52 West King Street Shippensburg, PA 17257-1212

³ John Killinger Birth Date: The date came from his obituary date of death and age using the Birth Date Calculator; Years, Months, Days, ProGenealogists, Inc., 455 East 400 South, Suite 300, Salt Lake City, UT 84111

⁴ John Killinger Death: Thursday, August 21st 1919, The Chronicle, Shippensburg Obituary Collection, Volume K, Shippensburg Historical Society, 52 West King Street Shippensburg, PA 17257-1212

⁵ John Killinger Married to Susan Stack: The information came from the June 1963, The Chronicle, Shippensburg Obituary Collection, Volume H, Shippensburg Historical Society, 52 West King Street Shippensburg, PA 17257-1212

⁶ William Graham and Dellia Killinger Marriage: Marriage Records, 1896, Marriage No. 61, Clerk of Courts, Courthouse Annex, 157 Lincoln Way East, Chambersburg, PA 17201; Taylor ~ Graham Library, 479 County Line Road, York Springs Pennsylvania, 17372.

⁷ Killinger Family, Dellia and Norman Graham Living in Baltimore: The information came from the June 1st 1900 Federal Census, 3rd Precinct Baltimore Maryland, 16th Ward, Enumeration District 204, Sheet 14 B, National Archives.

⁸ William and Dellia Divorce: Court Docket Index, 1902, Page 119, Divorce Case #20 dated April 1902, Reason- Desertion, Decreed July 11, 1902; Clerk of Courts, 157 Lincoln Way East, Chambersburg, PA 17201; Taylor ~ Graham Library, 479 County Line Road, York Springs Pennsylvania, 17372.

⁹ Grover Cleveland Hockenberry and Elizabeth Thomas marriage application: May 12, 1906, Clerk of Courts, Courthouse Annex, 157 Lincoln Way East, Chambersburg, PA 17201; Taylor ~ Graham Library, 479 County Line Road, York Springs Pennsylvania, 17372.

¹⁰ Grover Hockenberry Marriage: The information came from Grover Cleveland Hockenberry and Nora Hockenberry marriage application; November 25 1910, Clerk of Courts, Courthouse Annex, 157 Lincoln Way East, Chambersburg, PA 17201; Taylor ~ Graham Library, 479 County Line Road, York Springs Pennsylvania, 17372.

¹¹ Grover Hockenberry Marriage to Dellia Killinger-Graham: The information came for Grover Cleveland Hockenberry and Della Catherine Killinger marriage application; June 15, 1911, Clerk of Courts, Courthouse Annex, 157 Lincoln Way East, Chambersburg, PA 17201; ; Taylor ~ Graham Library, 479 County Line Road, York Springs Pennsylvania, 17372.

¹² Catherine Hockingberry, Unrelated to Grover: There is a record of death located in the Franklin County Court Annex, Clerk of records, 2nd Floor, Chambersburg PA. This record indicates: Catherine Hockingberry (not spelled Hockenberry) born in Virginia, married, 30 years old, died May 22nd 1905 at

Burns Valley of Consumption over several months, buried May 24th 1905. Burns Valley is in the area of Grover's home and family.

¹³ Dellia Hockenberry Death and Burial: The information came from her obituary; June 1963, The Chronicle, Shippensburg Obituary Collection, Volume H, Shippensburg Historical Society, 52 West King Street Shippensburg, PA 17257-1212

¹⁴ Norman Graham Residence and WWI Registration: February 16th 1920 Federal Census, Hope City, Hope Township, Dickenson County, Kansas, Enumeration District 41, Sheet 8 B; and World War I Draft Registration, 15-2-10-B, June 5th 1918, Abilene, Dickenson County, Kansas; ; Taylor ~ Graham Library, 479 County Line Road, York Springs Pennsylvania, 17372.

¹⁵ Norman W. Graham and Hilda Pigorsch Marriage License, P.J. No. 562, January 10th 1920, Abilene Dickenson County Kansas; ; Taylor ~ Graham Library, 479 County Line Road, York Springs Pennsylvania, 17372.

¹⁶ April 2nd 1930 Federal Census, 333 State Road, Hopewell Township, Cumberland County PA, Enumeration District 19, Sheet 1 A and 1 B; ; Taylor ~ Graham Library, 479 County Line Road, York Springs Pennsylvania, 17372.

¹⁷ Norman Graham Death Date and Burial: The information came from his headstone, located at the Elmo, Jefferson Township Dickenson County Kansas.

¹⁸ Hilda Graham Death Date: The information came from Number: 509-30-2836; Issue State: Kansas; Issue Date: Before 1951. Social Security Death Social Security Administration Social Security Death Index, Master File; Social Security Administration; 67451 Hope, Dickinson, Kansas, United States of America, SSN 509-30-2836

¹⁹ Floyd Cleveland Graham Birth: Number: 193-16-3123; Issue State: Pennsylvania; Issue Date: Before 1951 Social Security Death Index Social Security Administration. Social Security Death Index, Master File; Social Security Administration; Social Security Death Index, Master File; Social Security Administration.

²⁰ Albert F. Graham Death Information: The information came from his obituary, Salina Journal, 333 S. 4th St., Salina, KS 67401, November 24, 2009