

Dellia Catherine Killinger (1873-1963)

Dellia Catherine Killinger was born January 16th 1873 to John Wesley Killinger and Susan Ethel Stake ¹ in Letterkenny Township, Franklin County, Pennsylvania. ²

- 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.

Dellia was 23 years old, and five months pregnant, when she married twenty-three-year-old William Graham ⁶ on February 6th 1896. ⁷

- William Graham was born September 12th 1873 ⁸ to Samuel B. R. Culbertson ⁹ and Mary Sophia Hildebrandt ¹⁰ in Shippensburg, Cumberland County ¹ Pennsylvania.
- William was born William Culbertson, but in adulthood took the Graham name from his mother, Mary Sophia Hildebrandt's, 3rd husband: William Graham (1833-1908). ¹¹

After William and Dellia married, they would live with Dellia's parents. One month before the birth of Norman at the Killinger farm, in June 1896, ¹² four months after he and Dellia married, William left Dellia for the Maryland-Pennsylvania state line to work in lumbering.

- Norman Wesley Graham was born ⁱⁱ July 4th 1896 ¹³ to Dellia Catherine Killinger ¹⁴ on the Killinger family farm in Upper Strasburg Franklin County Pennsylvania. Norman's middle name comes from his maternal grandfather, John Wesley Killinger.
- Through Ancestry DNA, the decedents of Norman Graham are not DNA related to any Graham line, particularly William Graham, who married Dellia. ¹⁵

ⁱ On all of his children's birth certificates, William indicated he was born in Cumberland County.

ⁱⁱ Norman's World War I Draft Registration, listed his date of birth as July 4th 1896, his 1948 obituary identified his birth date as July 4th 1895, and his headstone indicates December 5th 1896.

In March 1898 John Killinger sold his farm,¹⁶ and with his family, Dellia, and her three-year-old son Norman, went to the city of Baltimore, Maryland. They lived at 136 David Avenue, Third Precinct- Sixteenth Ward Baltimore Maryland. Dellia's father worked in the textile industry as a laborer, and Dellia worked as a cotton spooler. At the time William Graham lived in Shippensburg Cumberland County, Pennsylvania.

By the winter of 1901 Dellia and her family had returned to Franklin County, where Dellia filed for divorce with the Franklin County court, charging William with desertion. In Dellia's statement to the court, she claimed William deserted her on June 1896. She reasoned William left because he took to drinking and taking to chasing women. Dellia also said that she had written to William a number of times the summer he left, but William never replied.

The court ordered the Franklin County sheriff to issue a summons for William to make an affidavit and appear at the divorce proceedings, but William made no affidavit, or appeared at the court hearing. William never replied to the court.

In 1901 Dellia filed for a divorce in Franklin County, and while the Franklin County Sherriff and court pursued William to respond to Dellia's divorce, William was with Sadie Greenawalt in the Shippensburg area. At the time Sadie was pregnant with a 11-year-old son from another relationship, living with her parents in Mongul, Franklin County.

Dellia's divorce hearing was held April 1902, finalized, and decreed on July 11th 1902.¹⁷

Dellia would later marry Grover Cleveland Hockenberry on June 15th 1911, and they lived in Hopewell Township Cumberland County Pennsylvania.¹⁸

- Grover was born April 19th 1885¹⁹ to John Hockenberry and Emma Hockenberry in Doylesburg, Fannett Township, Franklin County, Pennsylvania.
- There were three marriage applications and licenses for Grover Hockenberry; Grover was 1st married on May 12th 1906 to Mary Elizabeth Thomas,²⁰ who died December 16th 1908;²¹ 2nd he married Nora Hockenberry of Doylesburg on November 25th 1910; and 3rd to Dellia on June 15th 1911.

Dellia's son, Norman, moved to Kansas about 1917, where he would marry. By 1920 Dellia and Grover Hockenberry were living with Dillia's mother, Susan, and 9-year-old Ethel D. Hall in Letterkenny Township, Franklin County. Ethel is the granddaughter of John and Susan Killinger.

Shortly after 1920, Norman returned from Kansas back to Franklin County. By 1930 Norman and his wife, Hilda W., and their children, lived next door to Norman's mother, Della Hockenberry, and her 2nd husband Grover, on 333 State Road Hopewell Twp. Cumberland County. Norman returned to Kansas with his family about 1933.

By 1940 Dellia was living in the home of David and Mary Carbaugh as a live-in keeper. She was identified as single. Grover was living in Gulford Twoship, Franklin County.

Grover was 71 years old when he died March 24th 1956 at Franklin Farms on Loudon Street, Chambersburg, Franklin County. He was survived by his wife Dellia of New Oxford, a son Clarence Hockenberry of R.D. Chambersburg, and a brother Earl Hockenberry of Mt. Union. Grover was laid to rest at the Doylesburg United Methodist Cemetery, Doylesburg, Franklin County, Pennsylvania. ²² FAG#: 153015526 ⁱⁱⁱ

Dellia was 90 years, 5 months, and 13 days old when she died in June 29th 1963 while living in the Brethren Home in Oxford Township, Adams County, Pennsylvania. Shippensburg, and she was laid to rest July 3rd at the Ridge Church of the Brethren, Middle Spring Newburg Area Cumberland County Pennsylvania. Dellia's daughter in law, Hilda Graham, of Kansas, was the informant on the death certificate. ²³⁻²⁴ FAG#:88508199 ^{iv}

Dellia and Grover Hockenberry had no children.

Dellia Killinger had one son.

- i. Norman Wesley Graham (1896-1948). He married Hilda Wilhelmina Pigorsch. ²⁵

ⁱⁱⁱ Find-A-Grave, FAG, is a web site for cemetery memorials managed by Ancestry, Find-A-Grave, 1300 West Traverse Parkway, Lehi, Utah, 84043.

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End Notes

¹ Dellia Catherine Killinger Birth Date, and Parent's Names: The information came from, D. Hockenberry Dies Saturday, Obituary Collection, The Shippensburg News Chronicle, June 1963, Shippensburg Historical Society 52 West King Street P.O. Box 539, Shippensburg, Pennsylvania, 17257.

² Dellia Catherine Killinger Name, Birth Date, Place of Birth, and Parent's Names: The information came from her Pennsylvania Death Certificate #: 056020-63, Pennsylvania, Death Certificates, 1906-1944 and 1906-1963; Series 11.90 (1,905 cartons); Records of the Pennsylvania Department of Health, Record Group 11; Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, 300 North Street, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120.

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, Utah 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, Pennsylvania 17257-1212.

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⁸ William Graham's Date of Birth: The information came from the William's funeral memorial booklet record, dated June 15th 1948, from the M. Garfield Barbour Funeral Home, Shippensburg Pennsylvania. William's birth is recorded as September 12th 1873 in R.R. Shippensburg; Taylor-Graham Library, c/o Bob Graham, 479 County Line Rd, York Springs Pennsylvania, 17372.

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¹³ Norman Grahams Name and Date of Birth: The information came from his headstone located at the Ebenezer Baptist Cemetery, Dickinson County, Kansas 67451.

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