

We spent a lot of time to research and learn about our great-grandfather. Our Graham family's oral history and research paper helped us capture our findings. From this we created a complete story about his life and times. In order to understand the details on William's life, both papers are a must read. What follows below is a cursory outline.

### William Henry Graham (1873 – 1948)

William Henry Graham was born September 12<sup>th</sup> 1873<sup>1</sup> to William Albert Graham and Mary Oliver in Shippensburg Township, post office Shippensburg Pennsylvania.<sup>2</sup> William Albert Graham was the 1<sup>st</sup> son born to John Graham and Lydia Devor.<sup>3</sup>

William was eleven months old when his mother Mary died August 24<sup>th</sup> 1874 at 33 years and 6 months old.<sup>4</sup> William was given to Lenard Thrush and his 2<sup>nd</sup> wife Catherine Thrush.<sup>5</sup> After Lenard died in 1883, William continued to live with Catherine until William reached his late teens or early twenties. By 1893 Catherine moved in with William's older sister, Annie Catharine Graham and her husband Edward Agle.

William had a 3<sup>rd</sup> grade education; he could read a little, but was unable to write. This lack of education hindered his ability to work beyond a semi-skilled laborer in farming, carpentry, plumbing, and other trade fields.

By 1895 William was a twenty one year farm laborer living in the Shippensburg area. It was during this time he met twenty five year old Dellia Catherine Killinger of Upper Strasburg Franklin County Pennsylvania. During this time Dellia and William lived within two miles of one another.

- Dellia Catherine Killinger was born January 16<sup>th</sup> 1870<sup>6</sup> to John Wesley Killinger and Susan Ethel Stake.<sup>7</sup> John Wesley Killinger was born May 19<sup>th</sup> 1843 in Southampton Township Franklin County. His wife Susan Stack was born August 1856.

During October of 1895 twenty five year old Dellia would become pregnant.<sup>8</sup> On February 6<sup>th</sup> 1896, having made his mark "X", and witnessed by E.M. Shade, a twenty two year old William Graham married twenty six year old Dellia, who was five months pregnant. They were married at Dellia's parent's Upper Strasburg family home.<sup>9</sup>

With Dellia's pregnancy, and William's background, the newly married couple lived with Dellia's parents.<sup>10</sup> While living there they would have a son.

- i. Norman Wesley Graham was born July 4<sup>th</sup> 1896 at the home of his grandparents in Upper Strasburg Franklin County Pennsylvania. He married Hilda Wilhelmina Pigorsch on January 10<sup>th</sup> 1920 in Abilene Kansas.<sup>11</sup>

William and Dellia continued to live at the Killinger home, where he continued to farm and work as a laborer in other trades. Sometime in 1898, for unknown reasons William, Dellia and their son Norman, and Dellia's parents and their family went to the city of Baltimore in Maryland. While in Baltimore Dellia's father worked in the textile industry as a laborer, and Dellia worked as a cotton spooler. The family lived at 136 David Avenue, Third Precinct- Sixteenth Ward Baltimore Maryland.

Sometime prior to 1900 William came back to the Shippensburg area of Pennsylvania. By 1900 Dellia and her family were still living in Baltimore, while William was living with Charles and Alice Hoch in Southampton Township Cumberland County Pennsylvania, a short distance outside Shippensburg.<sup>12</sup> While Dellia was still living in Baltimore and before Dellia filed for divorce, William was expecting another child with his future 2<sup>nd</sup> wife, Sarah Greenawalt.

The details on how William and Sarah met are not clear, but by the beginning they would have been close. Their 1<sup>st</sup> child would be conceived in September 1900. Dora Alice Graham was born on June 14<sup>th</sup> 1901 at Sarah's parent's home on present day Mogul Rd, Mogul, Southampton Township Franklin County.<sup>13</sup>

William leaving Baltimore, his affair with Sarah Greenawalt and her pregnancy and birth of Dora, and their marriage, must be the reasons Dellia charged William with desertion when she filed for divorce in the winter of 1901.<sup>14</sup> The divorce hearing was held April 1902, and was finalized and decreed on July 11<sup>th</sup> 1902.<sup>15</sup>

Dellia would later marry Grover Cleveland Hockenberry on June 15<sup>th</sup> 1911, and they lived in Hopewell Township Cumberland County Pennsylvania.<sup>16</sup> Grover was from Doylestown, Fannett Township Franklin County Pennsylvania. Dellia would be Grover's 2<sup>nd</sup> wife after his 1<sup>st</sup> wife died on December 16<sup>th</sup> 1909. Della and Grover had no children.

Dellia died in June 1963 while living in Shippensburg, and she is buried at the Ridge Church of the Brethren, Middle Spring Newburg Area Cumberland County Pennsylvania.<sup>17</sup>

Everyone involved with William and Dellia Graham's lives must have known about Sarah's pregnancy and the birth of Dora on June 14<sup>th</sup> 1901.<sup>18</sup> Four months after Dora's birth, William and Sadie married October 16<sup>th</sup> 1901 in Cumberland County.<sup>19</sup>

By the winter of 1901 Dellia began divorce actions, and filed her divorce case to Franklin County Court on April 1902, which was decreed final July 11<sup>th</sup> 1902.<sup>20</sup>

The marriage license indicated they were married in Shippensburg by the Justice of the Peace, A.F. Weaver, in Cumberland County on October 15<sup>th</sup> 1901. On the marriage application, William indicated he lived in Shippensburg, and Sadie Greenawalt indicated she lived in Mongul Franklin County, which is Southampton Township, about five miles west of Shippensburg. William listed his age as 27, and a farmer. Sadie listed her age as 30 years old, and her occupation as domestic. William could not sign the marriage license; but it was written out and it contained an "X" located in the midst of his name with a notation; his mark, witnessed to mark A.F. Weaver. Interestingly, on the application where it asks if the applicant was previously married, it was left blank.

For a nine months William was a polygamist. This answers the question; why did William and Sarah wait to marry four months after Dora was born to get married. This brings new meaning to crossing the county line. We can only imagine the tension and social conflict this whole affair brought to the Greenawalt family, but then again Sarah wasn't new to having children out of wedlock.

After William and Sarah married they moved into the Sarah's parent's home at Pine Hill, present day Mongul Hill Road, Mongul in Southampton Township Franklin County Pennsylvania.

Sarah (Sadie) Catherine Greenawalt was born May 6<sup>th</sup> 1865 to Henry Greenawalt and Jeanette Brinkley of Southampton Township Franklin County Pennsylvania. The Greenawalt and Brinkley families were early settlers of Cumberland and Franklin Counties. Henry's grandfather was Nicholas Greenawalt who entered the Revolutionary War while living in the Allentown area of Pennsylvania. After the war, Nicholas went to Shippensburg area where he married Mary Miller of Shippensburg on September 2<sup>nd</sup> 1793. <sup>21</sup>

Before Sadie met William, she was already raising a child from another relationship. Her son, Earl Britton Hostetter was born May 14<sup>th</sup> 1889 at Sarah's parent's home on present day Mogul Hill Road outside Mogul in Southampton Township Franklin County. There is no record of a marriage between Sadie and a Mr. Hostetter. By 1910 Britton was listed as a Greenawalt. Britton is fondly remembered. He was William's step-son, and our grandfather's half brother. <sup>22</sup>

William and Sadie Graham would live their entire life at the Greenawalt family home on present day Mongul Hill Road outside Mogul in Southampton Township Cumberland County Pennsylvania. This is the ancestral home area of both the Greenawalt and Graham families. William and Sadie Graham had four children, who all died early in childhood, except for our grandfather Calvin.

Calvin had a step brother, Norman Wesley Graham, from William's 1<sup>st</sup> marriage with Dellia Killinger.

- i. Dora Alice Graham was born on June 14<sup>th</sup> 1901 at Sarah's parent's home on present day Mogul Hill Road outside Mogul in Southampton Township Franklin County. She died March 12<sup>th</sup> 1906 at the age of 4 years and 9 months. She was laid to rest with her siblings and parents in the Lurgan Church Cemetery, in the town of Lurgan, Lurgan Township Franklin County Pennsylvania. <sup>23</sup>
- ii. Florence Jeannette Graham was born August 13<sup>th</sup> 1903 in Letterkenny Township Franklin County. She died July 13<sup>th</sup> 1913 at the age of 8 years and 11 months. She was laid to rest with her siblings and parents in the Lurgan Church Cemetery. <sup>24</sup>
- iii. Calvin Stoeys Graham was born November 29<sup>th</sup> 1905 <sup>25</sup> at the family home present day Mogul Hill Road outside Mogul in Southampton Township Franklin County. He married Ruth Etta Barr in Harrisburg Dauphin County Pennsylvania. <sup>26</sup>
- iv. Elsie May Graham was born September 20<sup>th</sup> 1908 and died stillborn September 20<sup>th</sup> 1908 at the family home present day Mogul Hill Road outside Mogul in Southampton Township Franklin County. She is buried in the Lurgan Cemetery Lurgan, Lurgan Township Franklin County Pennsylvania next to her siblings and parents. <sup>27</sup>

There is one photo we have of Florence and Calvin, dated about 1911.

We have a few photos of my great-grandfather as a young William Graham; 1 taken with a work crew outside of a Shippensburg State College building, circa 1912; and one taken at a Greenawalt family reunion in 1914.

William and Sadie Graham continued to live at the Greenawalt family home on Pine Hill, on present day Mongul Hill Road outside Mogul in Southampton Township Cumberland County Pennsylvania. During the 1930s and 1940s they would live with Sadie's younger sister Annie Greenawalt-Wenger family.

Sadie passed away at the age of 81 years old, in her home at 9:00 in the morning of June 13<sup>th</sup> 1946.<sup>28</sup> William continued to live in the Greenawalt family home, with Sadie's sister, Annie Wenger.

In 1947 William began to become ill, when he moved in with his son Calvin in Franklinton York County Pennsylvania.<sup>29</sup> "...Mr. Graham near Shippensburg has been ill at the home of his son, Calvin, Franklinton..." William would progressively get worse, and in January 1948, he went to live in the Franklin County Home located in Chambersburg Guilford Township County Pennsylvania. Six months later, on June 11<sup>th</sup> 1948, William passed away at 4:15 in the afternoon. He was 74 years, 8 months, and 29 days old.<sup>30</sup>

William's services were held June 15<sup>th</sup> 1948 at 2:00 P. M. at the M. Garfield Funeral Home in Shippensburg Pennsylvania. Services were conducted by Reverend Leroy Perry.<sup>31</sup> William was buried on June 15<sup>th</sup> 1948 in the Lurgan Cemetery Lurgan, Lurgan Township Franklin County Pennsylvania next to his Wife and Children.

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## End Notes

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<sup>1</sup> William Graham's Birth: William's funeral memorial booklet record, dated June 15<sup>th</sup> 1948, from the M. Garfield Barbour Funeral Home, Shippensburg Pennsylvania. William's birth is recorded as September 12<sup>th</sup> 1873 in R.R. Shippensburg; Taylor ~ Graham Library, 4709 County Line Road York Springs Pennsylvania 17372. Shippensburg Township comes from the 1870 Federal census record for William and Mary Graham, Bibliography.

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<sup>6</sup> Dellia Catherine Killinger Birth Date: Obituary Collection, The Shippensburg News Chronicle, June 1963, Shippensburg Historical Society 52 West King Street P.O. Box 539, Shippensburg PA

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<sup>8</sup> Dellia Killinger's Pregnancy: William and Dellia Graham were married February 6<sup>th</sup> 1896, and then they had a son, Norman Wesley Graham, who was born July 4<sup>th</sup> 1896. The difference is almost five months.

- Norman's Birth Date: WWI Draft Registration, Kansas; Dickinson County; Roll: 1643511; United States, Selective Service System. World War I Selective Service System Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918. Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration; M1509, 4,582 rolls.

- Marriage License: 1896 Marriage Records, Marriage No. 61, Clerk of Courts, Courthouse Annex, 157 Lincoln Way East, Chambersburg, PA 17201

<sup>9</sup> William Graham and Dellia Killinger Marriage: Marriage Licenses Docket, Volume 9, 1895-1897, License # 61, Page 61, Clerk of Courts, 157 Lincoln Way East, Chambersburg, PA 17201

<sup>10</sup> William and Dellia Graham Residence: this came from Norman's Birth Date and Place of Birth: WWI Draft Registration, Kansas; Dickinson County; Roll: 1643511; United States, Selective Service System. World War I Selective Service System Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918. Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration; M1509, 4,582 rolls.

<sup>11</sup> Norman Graham (1896-1948) Research Paper: Taylor ~ Graham Library, 479 County Line Road, York Springs Pennsylvania 17372

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<sup>12</sup> William's 1900 Residence with the Hoch Family: William lived with the Hock family, a farmer by occupation, and who had children named Alice C., and Florence M. Names William and Sadie would later use for their children, which may be just a coincidence. This census is pivotal in getting to know if the William who married Della is the same William who married Sadie. The Hoch's daughter Ester Hoch-Clough, and her daughter Bertha Clough, and their son Bruce Hoch would later attended William's funeral in 1948.

<sup>13</sup> Dora Alice Birth and Death Dates: Register of Births, Volume 3, 1901 – 1906, Page 85, Clerk of Courts, Courthouse Annex, 157 Lincoln Way East, Chambersburg, PA 17201; Dora's Headstone, Lurgan United Brethren Church Cemetery, 7900 Roxbury Road, Lurgan Pennsylvania 17232

<sup>14</sup> Dellia's Reason for Divorcing William: We have been looking for the divorce affidavits from the Franklin County Prothonotary's office. Our recent attempt was made April 6<sup>th</sup> 2011. The Prothonotary Linda Beard, used our divorce case index information, and looked for the case file. This file would contain the affidavits filed by Dellia and others, which should contain the details on the people and events surrounding the divorce. After a look at the Franklin County archives, the case file could not be found. Without these affidavits, we cannot be certain of the details surrounding the divorce.

<sup>15</sup> Dellia Graham 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

<sup>16</sup> Dellia Graham and Grover Hockenberry Marriage: 1911 Marriage Records, Courthouse Annex, 157 Lincoln Way East, Chambersburg, PA 17201

<sup>17</sup> Dellia Hockenberry Death: Obituary Collection, The Shippensburg News Chronicle, June 1963, Shippensburg Historical Society 52 West King Street P.O. Box 539, Shippensburg PA

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<sup>19</sup> William Graham and Sarah Greenawalt Marriage: 1901 Marriage Records, No. 228-13, Register of Wills & Clerk of Orphans' Court Services, 1 Courthouse Square, Carlisle, PA 17013

<sup>20</sup> Dellia Graham 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

<sup>21</sup> Sarah Greenawalt Family: Nicholas Greenawalt (1754-1831) Research Paper; Peter Greenawalt (1808-1871) Research Paper; Henry Greenawalt (1837-1923) Research Paper; Taylor ~ Graham Library, 479 County Line Road, York Springs Pennsylvania 17372

<sup>22</sup> Earl Britton Greenawalt (1889-1966) Research Paper: Taylor ~ Graham Library, 479 County Line Road, York Springs Pennsylvania 17372



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