

## Mary Florence Graham-Stevick (1876-1921)

Mary Florence Graham was born June 24<sup>th</sup> 1877<sup>i</sup> to William Graham (1833-1908)<sup>1</sup> and his last wife,<sup>ii</sup> Mary Sophia Hildebrand<sup>2</sup> in Shippensburg Cumberland County Pennsylvania. Mary Florence was baptized, along with her mother and sisters, on May 19<sup>th</sup> 1888 at the German Reformed Church in Shippensburg by Reverend J. David Miller.<sup>3</sup> She went by the name Florence.

Florence married Wilbur J. Stevick in 1894. William was born May 10<sup>th</sup> 1870 to Jacob M. Stevick and Clara Mull in Franklin County Pennsylvania.<sup>4</sup>

In 1897 William and Florence were boarding at 422 Market Street, 1898 – 1900 at 101 North 4<sup>th</sup> Street, 1901 – 1902 at 31 Balm Street, 1903 at 1420 North 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, 1904 – 1905 at 643 Calder Street, 1906 – 1907 at house 9 at 13<sup>th</sup> Street, 1908 at the rear of house 8 on 13<sup>th</sup> street, all in the city of Harrisburg Dauphin County Pennsylvania.<sup>5</sup>

Florence was 45 years old when she died July 21<sup>st</sup> 1921 from cancer of the uterus in Shippensburg. She was laid to rest on July 23<sup>rd</sup> 1921 in the Spring Hill Cemetery, Section 7.2 Shippensburg.<sup>6</sup> FAG#120820423<sup>iii</sup>

Wilbur was 52 Years old when he died May 4<sup>th</sup> 1923 of acute dilation of the heart in Chambersburg Franklin County Pennsylvania. He was laid to rest May 7<sup>th</sup> 1923 with his wife at the Spring Hill Cemetery.<sup>7</sup> FAG#120820357<sup>iv</sup>

Florence and William had no children.

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<sup>i</sup> Another birth date July 4<sup>th</sup> 1876 was identified on her Pennsylvania Death Certificate #71069.

<sup>ii</sup> A few researchers indicated William first married Mary Culbertson-Hilderbrand, and second to Mary Elizabeth Ablewalt in 1875. These marriages are in the wrong order. The name of Ablewalt must have been derived from the death certificates of two daughters, Annie Angle (Allewett) and Cora Geistwhite (Allewelt). Then there is William's 1908 obituary, which indicated he was first married to Mary Oliver.

<sup>iii</sup> Find-A-Grave, FAG, is a web site for cemetery memorials, <http://www.findagrave.com>

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## Florence Graham Obituaries

Florence Graham as a step brother of William Graham of Mongul: The information came from the Mrs. Florence Stevick obituary, Death Record, Stevick, Page 4, Thursday, July 21<sup>st</sup> 1921, The Chronicle, Shippensburg, Pennsylvania, Ancestry, Newspapers.com, 1300 West Traverse Parkway, Lehi, Utah, 84043.

Florence Graham as a step sister of William Graham of Mongul: The information came from the Mrs. Florence Stevick obituary, Death Record, Stevick, Page 4, Thursday, July 21<sup>st</sup> 1921, The Chronicle, Shippensburg, Pennsylvania, Ancestry, Newspapers.com, 1300 West Traverse Parkway, Lehi, Utah, 84043

Mrs. Florence Stevick, wife of William Stevick, died at her home on North Earl Street (Thursday) morning at 4 o'clock, following an illness of seven months from complications. She was a well-known resident of Shippensburg, where she has lived all her life. Mrs. Stevick was a member of the church of God.

Surviving her are her husband, two step sisters, Mrs. Geistwhite and Mrs. Agle of Harrisburg, Mr. William Graham of Mongul. Funeral services conducted by Rev. H. R. Lobb will be held from the home on North Earl Street, Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment in Spring Hill Cemetery.

- Step brother or sister is a sibling from another father or mother. In this case, Mrs. Geistwhite, Mrs. Agle, and William Graham had a different mother than Florence Stevick. There is no mention of her step brother, William Culbertson of Lurgan, who is the son of her mother, Margaret Stuart<sup>8</sup> Hildebrand-Culbertson.

Florence's other siblings:

- Clara Zora Graham was born February 16<sup>th</sup> 1878<sup>9</sup> in Shippensburg Cumberland County Pennsylvania. Clara was baptized, along with her mother and sisters, on May 19<sup>th</sup> 1888 at the German Reformed Church in Shippensburg by Reverend J. David Miller.<sup>10</sup>

Clara never married. She was 36 years old when she died April 21<sup>st</sup> 1916 of Tuberculosis (Consumption) at the Harrisburg State Hospital. Clara was laid to rest April 22<sup>nd</sup> 1916 at the Spring Hill Cemetery<sup>11</sup> Section 4.2, Shippensburg.<sup>12</sup> FAG#131155319<sup>v</sup>

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- Gertrude (Gertie) Viola Graham was born September 4<sup>th</sup> 1880 in Shippensburg Pennsylvania. Gertrude was baptized, along with her mother and sisters, on May 19<sup>th</sup> 1888 at the German Reformed Church in Shippensburg by Reverend J. David Miller. <sup>13</sup> Gertie never married, and in 1905 Gertie worked at the Egg Crate factory in Shippensburg, when in November she became ill with consumption, and steadily grew worse. <sup>14</sup>

Gertie was 26 years old when she died June 18<sup>th</sup> 1906 of Tuberculosis (Consumption) at her parent's home on Queen Street Shippensburg. Gertie was laid to rest June 30<sup>th</sup> 1906 in the Spring Hill Cemetery <sup>15</sup> Section 4.2, Shippensburg. FAG#131155145 <sup>vi</sup>

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<sup>vi</sup> Find-A-Grave, FAG, is a web site for cemetery memorials, <http://www.findagrave.com>

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2. 1880 William Graham Census: Shippensburg, Cumberland, Pennsylvania; Tenth Census of the United States, 1880; microfilm publication T9, 1,454 rolls, Record Group 29; National Archives and Records Administration, 700 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW. Washington, DC 20408-0001.
3. 1900 William Graham Census: Shippensburg, Cumberland, Pennsylvania; Twelfth Census of the United States, 1900, T623, 1854 rolls, National Archives and Records Administration, 700 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW. Washington, DC 20408-0001.
4. 1910 Mary Graham Census: Shippensburg East Ward, Cumberland, Pennsylvania; Thirteenth Census of the United States, 1910, microfilm publication T624, 1,178 rolls, Record Group 29; National Archives and Records Administration, 700 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW. Washington, DC 20408-0001.
5. 1910 Florence Stevick Census: Shippensburg West Ward, Cumberland, Pennsylvania; Thirteenth Census of the United States, 1910, microfilm publication T624, 1,178 rolls, Record Group 29; National Archives and Records Administration, 700 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW. Washington, DC 20408-0001.
6. 1920 Mary Graham and her daughter Florence Stevick Census: Shippensburg, Cumberland, Pennsylvania; Fourteenth Census of the United States, 1920; microfilm publication T625, 2076 rolls, Record Group 29, National Archives and Records Administration, 700 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW. Washington, DC 20408-0001.

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<sup>1</sup> William Graham (1833-1908) Research Paper: Taylor-Graham Library, c/o Bob Graham, 479 County Line Road, York Springs Pennsylvania 17372.

<sup>2</sup> Mary Stuart Hidebrand-Culbertson Name: Mary's maiden name of Hildebrand came from William Graham's obituary; The Chronicle Shippensburg Pennsylvania, Thursday, August 6, 1908, and her obituary; The Chronicle, Shippensburg, Thursday, February 10<sup>th</sup> 1921. Both obituaries came from the Shippensburg Historical Society Obituary Collection, Shippensburg Historical Society, 52 West King Street Shippensburg, Pennsylvania, 17257.

<sup>3</sup> Mary Florence Name, Birth Date, Baptism, and Parent's Names: The information came from church baptism records, Historic Pennsylvania Church and Town Records, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania Historical Society of Pennsylvania, 1300 Locust St, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107.

<sup>4</sup> William (Wilbur) Stevick Birth Date and Parent's Names: The information came from his Pennsylvania Death Certificate #58049, 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.

<sup>5</sup> William Stevick Residence: The information came from the Harrisburg City Directories, Historical Society of Dauphin County, 219 S Front Street, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, 17104.

<sup>6</sup> Florence Stevick Death Date and Burial: The information came from her Pennsylvania Death Certificate #71069, 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.

<sup>7</sup> William (Wilbur) Stevick Death Date and Burial: The information came from his Pennsylvania Death Certificate #58049, 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.

<sup>8</sup> Margaret Stuart Hildebrand Middle Name: The middle name came from her son, William Culbertson's Obituary: The Shippensburg Chronicle, Tuesday, August 24<sup>th</sup> 1944, Shippensburg Historical Society Obituary Collection, Shippensburg Historical Society, 52 West King Street Shippensburg, Pennsylvania, 17257.

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<sup>9</sup> Another birth date July 4<sup>th</sup> 1878 was identified in her obituary: Shippensburg Historical Society Obituary Collection, The Shippensburg Chronicle, Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup> 1916, Shippensburg Historical Society, 52 West King Street Shippensburg, Pennsylvania, 17257.

<sup>10</sup> Mary Florence Name, Birth Date, Baptism, and Parent's Names: The information came from church baptism records, Historic Pennsylvania Church and Town Records, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania Historical Society of Pennsylvania, 1300 Locust St, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107.

<sup>11</sup> Clara Graham Death Date and Burial: The information came from his Pennsylvania Death Certificate # 41534, 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.

<sup>12</sup> Mary Hildebrand-Culbertson-Graham Burial Section and Cemetery: The information came from the Shippensburg Historical Society Spring Hill Cemetery Plot Plan, Shippensburg Historical Society, 52 West King Street Shippensburg, Pennsylvania, 17257.

<sup>13</sup> Mary Florence Name, Birth Date, Baptism, and Parent's Names: The information came from church baptism records, Historic Pennsylvania Church and Town Records, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania Historical Society of Pennsylvania, 1300 Locust St, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107.

<sup>14</sup> Gertrude Viola Graham Life, Illness, and Work: The information came from her obituary, Shippensburg Historical Society Obituary Collection, The Shippensburg Chronicle, June 21<sup>st</sup> 1906, Shippensburg Historical Society, 52 West King Street Shippensburg, Pennsylvania, 17257. Copy, Taylor-Graham Library, 479 County Line Rd, York Springs Pennsylvania, 17372

<sup>15</sup> Gertrude Viola Graham Name, Death Date, Parents Names, and Burial: The information came from her Pennsylvania Death Certificate # 58949, 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.