Franklin Elmer Graham (1873-1928)

Franklin Elmer Graham was born February 6th 1873 to James Graham and Angelina Gross in the Newburg area of Hopewell Township Cumberland County Pennsylvania. He is also known as Elmer.¹

In 1900 Frank Graham was a ward in the home of W. A. and Clara Stouffer, who May or may not be the daughter of James and Caroline Graham. A ward is also known as a guardian, who cares for a minor or incompetent person placed under the care or protection of a guardian or court.

Franklin was 25 years old when he married 29 year old Eliza Kate Hall on October 16th 1902 in Shippensburg Cumberland County Pennsylvania. ² She was known as Katie, and she was born August 22nd 1870 at Roadside to William J. and Lucy Hall. ³

Before Frank married, he worked as a farm laborer on the farm of William Staoffer in Southampton Township Cumberland County Pennsylvania. Kate had a 6th grade education and worked as a home maker.⁴

Frank and Katie lived in Irishtown in Newton Township and Shippensburg Cumberland County Pennsylvania. They attended the Church of God in Green Springs. Frank was at home on Lurgan Avenue Shippensburg when he died Monday morning at 56 years old on December 24th 1928. ⁵

After Frank died, Katie would move to North Newton Township, in the Newburg area of Cumberland County Pennsylvania. She would attended the Mt Pleasant United Brethren Church. Katie died after an eight month long illness in her Newville rural route Wednesday evening July 28th 1954. ⁶ They were both laid to rest in the Spring Hill Cemetery Shippensburg Cumberland County Pennsylvania.

Elmer and Katie Children:

- i. William James Graham was born 1903, and lived in Bellefonte, Centre County Pennsylvania. He married Ester Fulton.
- ii. Thomas Asper Graham was born was born 1906 and lived in Cumberland County Pennsylvania. He married Clara Kline Sommerville
- iii. Emory Franklin Graham was born 1908, and lived in Newville, Cumberland County Pennsylvania. He married Helen Pauline Bistline
- iv. Clarence Graham of Greenburg, Franklin County Ohio. He married Alice Edith Gabler and Ruth Mae Brye
- v. Aaron H. Graham was born June 20th 1912 in Shippensburg Franklin County Pennsylvania. ⁷ He 1st married Vada K. Bistline who died March 22nd 1976. ⁸ He then married Mazzie Clark Ingram.

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