

George Benson Wrightstone (1864-1953)

George Benson Wrightstone was born July 8th 1864 to John Wrightstone and Elizabeth Ann Wire in the Siddonsburg area of Monaghan Township York County Pennsylvania. George was named after George Brinton McClellan, who was a Major General in the Union Forces during the Civil War.

In 1880 George was 15 years old and lived and worked as a farm laborer for William Spong in Upper Allen Township Cumberland County Pennsylvania.

George married Mary (Minnie) L. McQuate in 1889 Minnie was born September 14th 1866 to Jacob and Mary McQuate. In the 1900 census Minnie indicated she had three children born and three were still living.

In 1900 Minnie's sister, Sarah McQuate, lived with them. Sarah was born in October 1874. The family lived in Upper Allen Township Cumberland County Pennsylvania. In 1904 the family lived in Lisburn.¹

- In 1920, Minnie's father, 80 year old Jacob McQuate, lived with the George and Mary Shiremanstown area of Lower Allen Township Cumberland County Pennsylvania. Jacob would have been born circa 1840 West Cocalico Township Lancaster County Pennsylvania. He married Mary Lenker who was born 1841 in Shippensburg Cumberland County. Jacob McQuate had a brother named Joseph, and their parents were Jacob McQuate (born 1810) and Elizabeth McQuate (born 1812). Jacob and Mary McQuate lived in Silver Springs Cumberland County Pennsylvania.²

In 1910 George was still farming, and his entire family lived at 261 Ethers Mill Road Lower Allen Township Cumberland County Pennsylvania.

In 1913, when his daughter Mary married, the family lived at Eberly's Mill.³

In 1920 Mary E. was not with the family, and Minnie's father, Jacob McQuate was living with George and his family in Lower Allen Township.

In 1930 George, Minnie, and Sarah were still living in Lower Allen Township.

In 1940 George was working as a fireman living at 78 Gettysburg Road in the Spring Lake area of Lower Allen Township. Minnie had died, and Sarah and her husband Carl R Smith are living with him.

Mary L. died May 6th 1936. George Benson Wrightstone died March 8th 1953.

George and Mary Wrightstone had three children. Mary indicated in 1900 she had 3 children, and they were all still Living.

- i. Mary E. Wrightstone was born May 1890. She married G. Lester Greenfield.⁴
- ii. Jacob Paul Wrightstone was born July 20th 1897.⁵
- iii. Sarah McQuate Wrightstone was born May 1899. She married Carl Rodger Smith.⁶

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