

Laura Wrightstone (1904 - 1988)

Laura Mae Wrightstone was born to Jonathan Wrightstone and Sarah Fortney on June 30th 1904 in Siddonsburg, Monaghan Township York County Pennsylvania. Laura lived with her parents up until after 1920 when they lived in Chambersburg Pennsylvania. She was sixteen years old when she married Luther F. Critchley in 1920. ¹

Luther is from Mechanicsburg Pennsylvania, and was born 1903 to Harry and Maggie Critchley.

Luther died in 1927, and was laid to rest at the Mechanicsburg cemetery, Plot: Section O, Lot 10; Mechanicsburg Cumberland County Pennsylvania.

In 1930 Laura lived at 626 State Street Lemoyne Cumberland County Pennsylvania. She worked for the West Shore School District, and was a member of Calvary United Methodist Church in Lemoyne.

Laura died November 26th 1988 while living at the Elizabethtown Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown Lancaster County Pennsylvania. She was laid to rest at the Mechanicsburg cemetery, Plot: Section O, Lot 20; Mechanicsburg Cumberland County Pennsylvania. ²

Her husband had died, and her children were:

- i. Luther F. Critchley Jr. born February 15th 1922, ³ and in 2002 lived at 714 Shade Street Lemoyne Pennsylvania. Luther enlisted into the Marines August 26th 1942, and served until September 25th 1945. He married Irene Graham, and on May 4th 1950 they lived in Lemoyne. ⁴ Luther Jr. died January 5th 2008. Luther and Irene had two children. ⁵
 - a. Cheryl C. Simpson and husband Richard of East Berlin. Their children are David Simpson, Rebecca Simpson-Yohn.
 - b. Dr. Craig A. Critchley and spouse Rosemary of Troy of Ohio. Their children are Leah Critchley and Jacob Critchley.
- ii. Henry Albert (Hen) Critchley was born 1924. Henry was 21 years old when he married 19 year old Dorothy Edith Crowl on January 27th 1945 in Lemoyne Cumberland County Pennsylvania. Dorothy was born 1926 to Cloyd (Floyd) W. Crowl and Alva Murray. ⁶
- iii. Sarah Elizabeth Critchley was born 1925. When Sarah was 20 years old she married William Herman Bowen on April 8th 1945 in Lemoyne Cumberland County Pennsylvania. William was born 1923 to William C. Bowen and Leona Anderson. ⁷ At the time of her brother, Luther Jr.'s death in 2008, she lived in Mechanicsburg Pennsylvania.
- iv. Kathryn (Catherine) Louise Critchley was born 1927 in Lemoyne. She married December 2nd 1945 to Harold Blain Neff, born 1925 in Boling Springs. At the time of her brother, Luther Jr.'s death in 2008, Catherine Neff lived in Florida.

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End Notes

¹ Laura Wrightstone Marriage: Clerk of the Orphans' Court Division, Cumberland County Court House, Courthouse Square, Carlisle, PA 17013.

² Laura and Luther Critchley Family Information and Death dates: Laura Critchley Obituary Patriot-News, The (Harrisburg, PA) - Tuesday, November 29, 1988.

³ Luther Crichley Jr. Birth Date: Another date of January 1st 1922 is also noted, but the one we're using comes from his Pennsylvania, Veteran Compensation Applications, WWII, 1950 [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2013; Pennsylvania; World War II Veterans Compensation Applications, circa 1950s; Records of the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, Record Group 91, Series 19.92 (877 cartons); Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

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