

William Lawrenceⁱ Wrightstone (1807-1881)

William Lawrence¹ Wrightstone was born February 25th 1807 in Pennsylvania, and whose parents were born in Pennsylvania.

William married Catherine (Katie) Morgan April 10th 1836, who was born April 9th 1816 in Pennsylvania, and whose parents were born in Pennsylvania.²

William and Katie lived and farmed their entire adult life in Fairview Township York County Pennsylvania.

In 1836 William was a private under the command of Captain James Snell's 7th Company, attached to the 86th Regiment in the 1st Brigade, 11th Division of the Pennsylvania Militia. On May 9th 1836 William and other members of the 7th Company disobeyed orders to conduct Battalion training. A General Court Martial was held in Carlisle on June 10th 1836, and the entire 7th Company was sentenced to pay a \$30.00 fine and was restricted from holding any military appointment for five years.

On June 13th 1836, in Hogestown Cumberland County Pennsylvania, a court of appeal was convened on charges of "non-attendance to duty of Battalion training." On Friday, November 11th 1836, Joseph Ritner, the Governor of Pennsylvania, pardoned all parties of the 7th Company.³

Records show that the 9th Company of the 86th Regiment was also fined for not attending and neglect of duty at Battalion training in Hogestown on May 9th 1836.

William died January 25th 1881; age 73 years, 11 months, 0 days at 8 o'clock in the morning.⁴ His will and bond were probated on February 11th 1881 for Fairview Township York County PA. He was laid to rest at the Mt Olivet Cemetery New Cumberland, Fairview Township York County Pennsylvania.⁵ FAG#: ii

William's will His wife Catherine and George W. Atkins renounced themselves as administrator.⁶

Catherine died June 17th 1896; age 80 years, 3 months, 8 days. She was living at the Messiah Rescue and Benevolent Home, Brandt Cottage, Bailey Street, Dauphin County Harrisburg

ⁱ Lawrence was also spelled as Laurence.

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Pennsylvania. Her last bill at the home was paid on September 1st 1896. She was laid to rest with her husband at the Mt Olivet Cemetery. ⁷ FAG#: ⁱⁱⁱ

There is a Catherine who died 1887 buried with William and Catherine Wrightstone. This Catherine is William's sister, Catherine Ferry-Wrightstone, whose daughter, Mary Jane Ferry, was adopted by William and Catherine.

William and Catherine had one son, and adopted a daughter.

- i. Jacob M. Wrightstone (1837-1894). He married Mary F. Ross. ⁸
- ii. Mary Jane Ferry-Wrightstone (1857-1935). Mary was adopted, and she married Lewis Coble. ⁹

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End Notes

¹ William Wrightstone's Middle Name: The middle name Lawrence came from William's estate records, Wills and Estate Records; Will Book-2B Page-394; Bond Book 3A Page 284, York County Archives, 150 Pleasant Acres Road, York, PA 17402.

² Catherine Morgan Birth Date: The information came from the Calendar of Vital Records of the Counties of York and Adams, Ref: BB394, York Heritage Trust Library-Archives, 250 East Market Street, York, PA 17402.

³ William Ritestone Military Service: The information came from Page 8318, Governor Joseph Ritner 1835-1838, Executive Minutes, Pennsylvania Archives, Series 9, Volume X, Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, Bureau of Archives and History. Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17102.

⁴ William Wrightstone Death Date and Time: The information came from Death Affidavit, February 11, 1881, Book 2 Page: 166, York County Archives, 150 Pleasant Acres Road, York, PA 17402.

⁵ William Wrightstone Mt. Olivet Headstone: The information came from a personal visit to the Mt Olivet Cemetery New Cumberland, Fairview Township York County Pennsylvania.

⁶ Catherine Wrightstone and George Atkins Renunciation: The information came from William Wrightstone's Wills and Estate Records; Will Book-2B Page-394; Bond Book 3A Page 284, York County Archives, 150 Pleasant Acres Road, York, PA 17402

⁷ Catherine Wrightstone Death Information: The information came from Calendar of Vital Records of the Counties of York and Adams, Ref: BB394, York Heritage Trust Library-Archives, 250 East Market Street, York, PA 17402.

⁸ Jacob Wrightstone (1837-1894) Research Paper: Taylor-Graham Library, c/o Bob Graham, 479 County Line Road, York Springs Pennsylvania 17372.

⁹ Mary Ferry-Wrightstone-Coble (1857-1935) Research Paper: Taylor-Graham Library, c/o Bob Graham, 479 County Line Road, York Springs Pennsylvania 17372.