

## Christiana Thomas (1855-1925)

Christiana Thomas was born February 22<sup>nd</sup> 1855 to Hezekiah Thomas <sup>1</sup> and Elizabeth Ann Owens. <sup>2</sup> Christiana was named after her grandmother Christian Arnold-Owens, and was also known as Christie.

About 1875 Christiana had a relationship <sup>i</sup> with John Cleary,<sup>3</sup> who was born 1851 in Ireland. Sometime after 1880, about 1881, Christiana married Thomas Morrison. Thomas J. Morrison was born July 20<sup>th</sup> 1856 to Phillip Morrison and Emily Carry (Carey) in Pennsylvania. Philip and Emily were both born in Scotland.

In 1880 Christie was identified as a Thomas, living with her mother in Wright Township Luzerne County Pennsylvania. Living with them was Samuel Cleary, who was identified as Elizabeth's grandson. Living next door were Julia Cleary (b.1858 New Jersey), her sister Ella Cleary (b.1860 Pennsylvania), and her brothers John Cleary (b. 1851 Ireland) and James Cleary (b.1864 New York).

Also in 1880, living three homes away from the Thomas family was the Morrison family; Philip J. and Emma Morrison and their son Thomas J. (b. 1857), who married Christiana Thomas. And living next door to the Morrison family was Christiana's brother, Daniel Thomas and his family. <sup>4</sup> And living next door to Daniel is his aunt and uncle, George and Mary (Owens) Carey and their family. <sup>5</sup>

From 1900 to 1910 Christiana and Thomas were living on the Wilkes-Barre and Hazelton Road in Fairview Township Luzerne County. By 1910 Thomas's niece, Loretta L Cavan (b. 1895), was living with the family.

Christiana and Thomas lived at Mountain Top in Fairview Township in Luzerne County Pennsylvania. Thomas was a railroad engineer.

Christie was 69 years old on May 30<sup>th</sup> 1925 when she died at her home in Mt. Top. She was laid to rest June 2<sup>nd</sup> 1925 at the Laurel Cemetery in White Haven Luzerne County. <sup>6</sup> FAG#: 165957454 <sup>ii</sup>

Thomas died February 4<sup>th</sup> 1930 at Mountain Top in Fairview Township in Luzerne County Pennsylvania. He was laid to rest with his wife on February 7<sup>th</sup> 1930 at the Laurel Cemetery. <sup>7</sup> FAG#: 96806878

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<sup>i</sup> Based on the 1880 census record, I believe that Christiana did not marry John Cleary.

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

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- ii. William O. Morison was born November 1882 to Thomas Morrison and Christiana Thomas Wright Township Luzerne County Pennsylvania. He lived with his parents in 1900 and 1910, but not 1920.
- iii. Harry E. Morrison was born December 1884 to Thomas Morrison and Christiana Thomas Wright Township Luzerne County Pennsylvania. He lived with his parents in 1900, but not after 1910.
- iv. Gertrude M. Morrison was born November 1886 to Thomas Morrison and Christiana Thomas Wright Township Luzerne County Pennsylvania. She lived with his parents in 1900, 1910, and 1920.
- v. Emily L. Morrison was born July 1895 to Thomas Morrison and Christiana Thomas Wright Township Luzerne County Pennsylvania. She lived with his parents in 1900 and 1910, but not 1920.

## Samuel Edward Cleary (1876-1954)

Samuel Edward Cleary who was born August 5<sup>th</sup> 1876 to John Cleary and Christiana Thomas in Glen Summit,<sup>iii</sup> Fairview Township, Luzerne County Pennsylvania.<sup>8-9-10</sup>

Samuel married Sophia Dotter about 1899. Sophia was born in 1883 in Mud Run Luzerne County Pennsylvania.<sup>iv</sup>

On September 10<sup>th</sup> 1918 Samuel signed up for the WW I draft. At the time he was married to Sophia, and they lived at 217 North Avenue Mauch Chuck in Carbon County Pennsylvania. He was a railroad engineer, working for A. D. Edgar of the CRR of New Jersey, which had a station in Mauch Chuck.<sup>11</sup>

Samuel and Sophia continued to live at 201 North Avenue in Mauch Chuck.<sup>v</sup>

Samuel was 78 years old when he died November 25<sup>th</sup> 1954 at the Gnadon Huetten Hospital<sup>vi</sup> in Lehighton Carbon County Pennsylvania. He was laid to rest November 28<sup>th</sup> at the Laurel Cemetery, White Haven, Luzern County Pennsylvania.<sup>vii</sup> His wife Sophia was the informant on his death certificate.<sup>12</sup> Samuel was laid to rest near his mother, Christiana, at the Laurel Cemetery in White Haven Luzerne County Pennsylvania. FAG#: 168435271<sup>viii</sup>

In 1910 Sophia indicated she and Samuel had four children, who were all still living.

- i. Nora L. Cleary was born in 1900 to Samuel Cleary and Sophia Dotter in Mountain Top, Wright Township Luzerne County Pennsylvania.<sup>13</sup>

Nora married Frederick J. Browning. She was a member of St. John's Evangelical Congregational Church of Allentown, and lived in Cedarbrook, South Whitehall Township, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania,

Nora was 88 years old when she died Thursday October 20<sup>th</sup> 1988 in Cedarbrook. She was laid to rest October 22<sup>nd</sup>

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<sup>iii</sup> Glen Summit is located near Mountain Top in Fairview Township of Luzerne County Pennsylvania.

<sup>iv</sup> Sophia Dotter' name and place of birth came from the death certificates of her children, as cited with each child.

<sup>v</sup> The name of Mauch Chunk was changed to Jim Thorpe, Carbon Count Pennsylvania.

<sup>vi</sup> Gnadon Huetten Memorial Hospital provides inpatient treatment in the Lehighton Carbon County area.

<sup>vii</sup> White haven is about 21 miles north of Jim Thorpe in carbon County Pennsylvania.

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

Nora and Fredrick Browning's children include

- a. Charles A. Browning died prior to 1988
  - b. Samuel A. Browning lives in Clarks Summit, Lackawanna County Pennsylvania
  - c. Robert A. Browning lives in Allentown, Lehigh County Pennsylvania.
  - d. Fred J. Browning lives in Allentown, Lehigh County Pennsylvania.
  - e. Elizabeth J. Browning married James D. Van Hoevenberg, and they live in Allentown
- ii. Bessie Cleary was born in 1904. She had died prior to her sister in 1998.
- iii. Effie C. Cleary was born April 9<sup>th</sup> 1906 to Samuel Cleary and Sophia Dotter in Mauch Chunk, Carbon County Pennsylvania. <sup>14</sup>

Effie married John H. Wertman, who was born in 1902. In 1940 the family lived in the Cleary family home at 217 North Street in Mauch Chunk, Carbon County Pennsylvania.

John died April 16<sup>th</sup> 1975, and was laid to rest in Plot: C 36-43 of the Evergreen Cemetery in Jim Thorpe, Carbon County Pennsylvania. FAG#: 69934816

Effie was 90 years old when she died April 10<sup>th</sup> 1996. <sup>15</sup> She was laid to rest with her husband in Plot: C 36-43 of the Evergreen Cemetery. FAG#: 69934815

Effie and John Wertma's children include

- a. Sophie Wertman was born in 1925
  - b. Nora Wertman was born in 1928
- iv. Thomas Cleary was born March 16<sup>th</sup> 1908 to Samuel Cleary and Sophia Dotter in Mauch Chunk, Carbon County Pennsylvania. <sup>16</sup>

Thomas married Ovella Schatzel, who was born May 2<sup>nd</sup> 1912 to Anthony Schatzel and Caroline Brumm in Mauch Chunk Carbon County Pennsylvania. <sup>17</sup>

Ovella was 44 years old when she died November 10<sup>th</sup> 1956 in Jim Thorpe, <sup>ix</sup> Carbon County Pennsylvania. <sup>18</sup> FAG#: 71361567

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Thomas died June 21<sup>st</sup> 1952 in Jim Thorpe Carbon County Pennsylvania. He was laid to rest in Plot 575.75, section 3 of the Mauch Chunk Cemetery in Carbon County.  
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- v. Emily M. Cleary was born 1910 to to Samuel Cleary and Sophia Dotter in Upper Mauch Chunk, Carbon County Pennsylvania. <sup>19</sup>

Emily married Lester J. Dunstan, who was born in 1908.

She was a licensed practical nurse on private duty in the Allentown area until retiring. She was a member of Union Presbyterian Church, Slatington, and a member of Packer Commandery 23, Jim Thorpe; she was president for five separate terms. She was the organizer and director of the Schnecksville Senior Citizens Kitchen Band, an organizer of the Jim Thorpe Little League and a former activities director of Laurel Lake Campsite, New Ringgold. She was a Republican committeewoman in Carbon County for many years.

Lester died in 1984, and was laid to rest at the Evergreen Cemetery in Jim Thorpe, Carbon County Pennsylvania. FAG#: 116169878

Emily came to live at 4101 Sand Spring Road, Schnecksville in North Whitehall Township, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania.

Emily was 88 years old when she died Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup> 1998, in the hospice unit of Lehigh Valley Hospital, Allentown. She was laid to rest November 25<sup>th</sup> at the Evergreen Cemetery in Jim Thorpe, Carbon County Pennsylvania. FAG#: 116169935

Emily and Lester Dunstan's children include

- a. Claire Dunstan who married Daniel Brown, and they live in Orefield
- b. Catherine Dunstan who married Mr. Fenstermacherm and she lived in Whitehall Township.
- c. Lester J. Dunstan Jr. of Oley in Berks County.

- vi. Jennie Cleary was born a twin on June 17<sup>th</sup> 1912 to Samuel Cleary and Sophia Dotter in Mauch Chunk, Carbon County Pennsylvania. Jennie was almost three months old when she died September 11<sup>th</sup> 1912. She was laid to rest September 13<sup>th</sup> at the Laurel Cemetery in White Haven Luzerne County Pennsylvania. Her father was the informant on her death certificate. <sup>20</sup> FAG#: 168435449 <sup>x</sup>
  
- vii. Mary Ruth Cleary was born a twin on June 17<sup>th</sup> 1912 to Samuel Cleary and Sophia Dotter in Mauch Chunk, Carbon County Pennsylvania. Mary just turned three months old when she died September 21<sup>st</sup> 1912. She was laid to rest September 24<sup>th</sup> at the Laurel Cemetery in White Haven Luzerne County Pennsylvania. Her father was the informant on her death certificate. <sup>21</sup> FAG#: 168435505 <sup>xi</sup>

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3. 1870 Elizabeth A. Thomas Census: Wright, Luzerne, Pennsylvania; 1870 U.S. census, population schedules. NARA microfilm publication M593, 1,761 rolls; National Archives and Records Administration, 700 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW. Washington, DC 20408-0001.
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7. 1910 Thomas and Christiana Morrison Census: Fairview, Luzerne, Pennsylvania; Thirteenth Census of the United States, 1910 (NARA microfilm publication T624, 1,178 rolls); Records of the Bureau of the Census, Record Group 29; National Archives and Records Administration, 700 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW. Washington, DC 20408-0001.
8. 1920 Thomas and Christiana Morrison Census: Fairview, Luzerne, Pennsylvania; Fourteenth Census of the United States, 1920; (NARA microfilm publication T625, 2076 rolls); Records of the Bureau of the Census, Record Group 29; National Archives and Records Administration, 700 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW. Washington, DC 20408-0001.

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<sup>1</sup> Hezekiah Thomas (1825-1862) Research Paper: Taylor-Graham Library, c/o Bob Graham, 479 County Line Road, York Springs Pennsylvania 17372.

<sup>2</sup> Christiana Thomas Name, Birth Date, and Parent's Names: The information came from her Pennsylvania Death Certificate # 49828, 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>3</sup> Christiana Thomas Relationship with John Cleary: The relationship came from her son, Samuel Cleary Pennsylvania Death Certificate # 90798, 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>4</sup> Daniel Thomas (1853-1924) Research Paper: Taylor-Graham Library, c/o Bob Graham, 479 County Line Road, York Springs Pennsylvania 17372.

<sup>5</sup> Mary Owens-Carey (1818- ) Research Paper: Taylor-Graham Library, c/o Bob Graham, 479 County Line Road, York Springs Pennsylvania 17372.

<sup>6</sup> Christie Thomas Name, Marriage, Death Date, and Burial: The information came from her Pennsylvania Death Certificate # 49828, 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> Thomas Morrison Information: The information came from his death certificate; Pennsylvania Death Certificate # 18460, 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> Samuel Cleary Name, Birth Date, Place of Birth, and Parent's Names: The information came from his Pennsylvania Death Certificate #: 90798, 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>9</sup> Samuel Edward Cleary Name, Birth Date, and Place of Birth: The information came from his WW I Draft Registration Card, United States Selective Service System; World War I Selective Service System Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918, National Archives and Records Administration, M1509, 4,582 rolls; National Archives and Records Administration, 700 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW. Washington, DC 20408-0001.

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<sup>10</sup> Samuel Cleary Name, Birth Date, Place of Birth, and Parent's Names: The information came from her Social Security Applications and Claims, 1936-2007, Social Security Administration, Office of Public Inquiries at 1100 West High Rise, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore Maryland 21235.

<sup>11</sup> Samuel Edward Cleary Marriage, 1918 Residence, and Occupation: The information came from his WW I Draft Registration Card, United States Selective Service System; World War I Selective Service System Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918, National Archives and Records Administration, M1509, 4,582 rolls; National Archives and Records Administration, 700 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW. Washington, DC 20408-0001.

<sup>12</sup> Samuel Cleary Death Date, Place of Death, and Burial: The information came from his Pennsylvania Death Certificate #: 90798, 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>13</sup> Nora L. Cleary Name, Place of Birth, Parent's Names, Husband's Name, Life Events, Residence, Children's Names, Married Names and Their Residences, and Death Date: The information came from the Mrs. Nora L. Browning Obituary, Friday, October 21<sup>st</sup> 1988, The Morning Call, The Tribune Company, Allentown, Pennsylvania; Lehigh Valley Heritage Museum, 432 W. Walnut Street, Allentown, Pennsylvania 18102.

<sup>14</sup> Effie Cleary Name, Birth Date, Place of Birth, and Parent's Names: The information came from her Pennsylvania Birth Certificate #: 40688, Pennsylvania (State). Birth certificates, 1906-1908; Series 11.89 (50 cartons); Records of the Pennsylvania Department of Health, Record Group 11; Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, 300 North Street, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120.

<sup>15</sup> Effie C. Cleary Name, Birth Date, Marriage, Parent's Names, and Death Date: The information came from her Social Security Applications and Claims, 1936-2007, Notes: Jul 1970: Name listed as Effie C. Wertman, Social Security Administration, Office of Public Inquiries at 1100 West High Rise, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore Maryland 21235.

<sup>16</sup> Thomas Cleary Name, Birth Date, Place of Birth, and Parent's Names: The information came from his Pennsylvania Birth Certificate #: 37981, Pennsylvania (State). Birth certificates, 1906-1908; Series 11.89 (50 cartons); Records of the Pennsylvania Department of Health, Record Group 11; Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, 300 North Street, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120.

<sup>17</sup> Ovella Schatzel Name, Birth Date, Place of Birth, Husband's Name, and Parent's Names: The information came from her Pennsylvania Birth Certificate #: 97092, Pennsylvania (State). Birth certificates, 1906-1908; Series 11.89 (50 cartons); Records of the Pennsylvania Department of Health, Record Group 11; Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, 300 North Street, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120.

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<sup>18</sup> Ovella Cleary Name, Husband's Name, Death Date, and Burial: The information came from her Pennsylvania Birth Certificate #: 97092, Pennsylvania (State). Birth certificates, 1906–1908; Series 11.89 (50 cartons); Records of the Pennsylvania Department of Health, Record Group 11; Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, 300 North Street, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120.

<sup>19</sup> Emily M. Cleary Name, Place of Birth, Parent's Names, Husband's Name, Life Events, Residence, Children's Names, Married Names and Their Residences, and Death Date: The information came from the Emily M. Dunstan Obituary, November 23<sup>rd</sup> 1998, The Morning Call, The Tribune Company, Allentown, Pennsylvania; Lehigh Valley Heritage Museum, 432 W. Walnut Street, Allentown, Pennsylvania 18102.

<sup>20</sup> Jennie Cleary Name, Birth Date, Place of Birth, Parent's Names, Death Date, and Burial: The information came from her Pennsylvania Birth Certificate #: 84591, Pennsylvania (State). Birth certificates, 1906–1908; Series 11.89 (50 cartons); Records of the Pennsylvania Department of Health, Record Group 11; Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, 300 North Street, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120.

<sup>21</sup> Mary Ruth Cleary Name, Birth Date, Place of Birth, Parent's Names, Death Date, and Burial: The information came from her Pennsylvania Birth Certificate #: 84593, Pennsylvania (State). Birth certificates, 1906–1908; Series 11.89 (50 cartons); Records of the Pennsylvania Department of Health, Record Group 11; Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, 300 North Street, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120.