Edward Owens (1823-)

Edward Owens was born 1823 to Redmond Owens and Christiana Arnold¹ in Sugarloaf Township area of Luzerne County Pennsylvania.

Edward married Mary Carey ²-³ about 1845, somewhere in the Sugarloaf and Hanover Townships, in Luzerne County Pennsylvania. Mary was born in 1826 in Pennsylvania. Edward's sister, also married George Carey, and there could be a Carey family relationship.

In 1850 Edward and Mary, along with their two children, George and Mary L., lived next door to Redmond and Christina Owens in Hanover Township. Edward worked as a laborer, and by 1860 the family was living in Wilkes-Barre post office area of Wright Township, Luzerne County, along with their child Archibald...not far from his parents, Redmond and Christiana.

- Children naming conventions: George and Jane. George or Jane Carey or George Owens?
- As we continue our research, the name Archibald ties the family together.

By 1870 Edward and his family lived in the Mountain Top post office area of Wright Township. Also living in the Mountain Top area was Edward's sisters, Elizabeth Thomas and Mary Carey, and his mother Christiana was living with Elizabeth.

In 1880 Edward and his family had moved to Solomon's Gap, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, a few miles north of Mountain Top. Living with them was their grandson, Willie (William) King, ⁱ who is the son of Edward's daughter, Margaret. Living next door to Edward is his son, Archibald, and his family.

Edward and Mary Owens's children include:

i. George Owens was born in 1847 to Edward Owens and Mary Carey. ⁴ George was with the family 1860, 1870, and in 1880 when George was a brakeman for the railroad.

George remained single, and by 1910 he was living at the Hillside Home, Clark's Summitⁱⁱ in Scranton, Newton Township, Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania.

ⁱ In 1900 William King is living with his mother, Margaret Kizer, in McKees Rock Allegheny County Pennsylvania.

ⁱⁱ Hillside was known as the Clarks Summit State Hospital, which was originated in 1862 for the mentally ill, and eventually included the poor. The name was changed from Hillside Home and Hospital to Clarks Summit State Hospital on October 1st 1943, when the Department of Public Welfare assumed the responsibility to operate and manage the state mental hospitals.

George was 71 years old when he died November 6th 1918 at the Hillside Home. He was laid to rest November 11th at the Hillside Home Cemetery. ⁱⁱⁱ Georgia Robbins, of Clarks Summit, was the informant on his death certificate. ⁵ FAG#: ^{iv}

- ii. Mary Latetia ^v Owens was born in January 1850. She was with the family 1860 and 1870, but not 1880.
- iii. Archibald James Owens was born 1853 ^{vi} to Edward Owen and Mary Carry ⁶ in Hanover Township Luzerne County Pennsylvania. He also went by the name Archie, and he was with the family 1860 and 1870. By 1880 he was married to Emily E. ^{vii} (b. 1855 in PA).

Archie and his wife Emily lived next door to his parents in Solomon's Gap, a few miles north of Mountain Top, Wright Township Luzerne County. Emily was identified as "in child bed"; suggesting she was pregnant and in bed. ^{viii} Seventeen tear old Isabelle Richards (b. 1863 in PA) was a servant in the home. Archibald was a brakeman for the railroad.

Emily died prior to 1900.

In 1900 Archie was a widower, and with his children, they were living with his Margaret, and her husband Orlando Kizer at 164 Cuttler Street in McKees Rocks, Stowe Township Allegheny County Pennsylvania. Archie was working as a conductor, and as a painter.

Archie was 57 years old when he died November 20th 1910. He was laid to rest with his son, Harry E. Owens, on November 22nd in Plot: Division 1 at the Mt. Calvary Cemetery, McKees Rocks Allegheny County. Archie's sister, Margaret Kizer, of McKees Rocks, was the informant on his death certificate. ⁷ FAG#:138874418

ⁱⁱⁱ Hillside Home and Hillside Hospital were operational in buildings currently named Abington Hall and Newton Hall. The name was changed from Hillside Home and Hospital to Clarks Summit State Hospital on October 1, 1943, when the Department of Public Welfare, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, assumed the responsibility to operate and manage state mental hospitals.

^{iv} Find-A-Grave, FAG, is a web site for cemetery memorials, http://www.findagrave.com

 $^{^{\}rm v}$ Mary L. Owens came from the 1850 census record, and the name Latetia came from the 1870 census record.

^{vi} The 1900 census record identified Archie was born October 1851 and his headstone indicated 1853.

^{vii} The death certificate on Harry Owens indicated his mother's name was Anna Bush.

^{viii} The 1880 census category #15 ask; Is the person sick or temporarily disabled, so as to be unable to attend to ordinary business or duties? If so, what is the sickness?

Archie and Emily Owens had these children.

a. Charles Wilson Owens was born in April 15th 1878. He was with his father in 1900 at McKees Rocks Allegheny County Pennsylvania. ⁸ Charles worked as a laborer in the steel works.

Charles married Nellie G. about 1907, and by 1910 Charles they lived in McKees Rock. In 1918 Charles sighed up for the WW I draft, he was living at 713 Rose Street in McKees Rocks. At the time he was a laborer for the U.S. Steel Corporation, Ordinance Department. His brother, A. James Owens, lived at 708 Chartiers Avenue in McKees Rocks, and was identified as Charles's nearest relative. ⁹

 b. Harry E. Owens was born August 1881 in Solomon's Gap, Luzerne County Pennsylvania. Harry was married Clara, and they lived at 1802 7th Avenue Beaver Falls, Beaver County Pennsylvania. Harry worked as a laborer in the steel works, and later at a car works.

Harry was 31 years old when he died August 9th 1912. He was laid to rest August 12th in Plot: Division 1 at the Mt. Calvary Cemetery, McKees Rocks Allegheny County Pennsylvania. Mrs. Clara Owens was the informant on his death certificate. ¹⁰ FAG#:138874396

c. Archibald James Owens ^{ix} was born October 14th 1888 to Archibald and Emily Owens in Mountain Top Luzerne County Pennsylvania. ¹¹ Archibald went by the name James, and he moved with his parents from Mt. Top to McKees Rocks Allegheny County Pennsylvania. Here he lived with his father until he married.

When James signed up for the WW I draft in 1917, he was living at lived at 708 Chartiers Avenue in McKees Rock. He was married to Agnes, ¹² and they had a child under 12 years old. James worked as a jeweler for his cousin, W. N. King, at 312 Island Avenue McKees Rocks. ¹³

^{ix} Archibald James Owens name was also used as James Archie Owens.

By 1942, when James sighted up for the WW II draft, he and his family were living at 305 A Copeland Street McKeees Rock. James was self employed and was working at 717 Chartiers Avenue in McKees Rocks.¹⁴

- iv. Herman or Harmon Owens was born in 1855. He was with the family 1860 and 1870, but not 1880. He cannot be found after 1870.
- v. Margaret Owens was born September 7th 1859 ^x to Edward Owens ^{xi} and Mary Carey in the post office area of Wilkes-Barre, Mt. Top, Wright Township Luzerne County Pennsylvania. ¹⁵ She was known as Maggie.

Margaret lived with her family in 1860 and 1870. By 1880 she had son William King, and they were living with her parent's in Solomon's Gap in Wright Township Luzerne County Pennsylvania.

Maggie married Orlando Kizer on November 24th 1887 in Wilkes-Barre, Wright Township Luzerne County Pennsylvania. ¹⁶ Orlando was born October 25th 1856 ^{xii} to George Kizer and Anna Rosengrant in Mount Top Wright ¹⁷ Township Luzerne County Pennsylvania. ¹⁸

In 1900 Orlando and Margaret lived at 164 Cuttler Street in McKees Rocks Allegheny County Pennsylvania. Living with them in 1900 was her child William King, and her bother Archie Owens and his children, and worked as a Street Car Motorman.

By 1920 the family had moved to 909 1st Street in McKees Rocks.

Orlando was 67 years old when he died March 15th 1924. He was laid to rest March 18th in Plot: Division 1 of the Mt. Calvary Cemetery, McKees Rocks Allegheny County Pennsylvania. His wife Margaret was the informant on his death certificate. ¹⁹ FAG#:138874502

^x On August 1st 1860, Margaret was identified as being one year old. In the 1900 census record indicated April 1860, her headstone indicates 1862, her marriage license indicates May 14th 1860, and her death certificate indicates September 7th 1859.

^{xi} Margaret's parent's names on her death certificate indicated David Owens and Mary, contrary to facts.

^{xii} His birth date matches with his marriage license with Maggie Owens; October 25th 1856.

Margaret was 84 years old when she died November 2nd 1943 in McKees Rocks. She was laid to rest November 5th with her husband at Mt. Calvary Cemetery, McKees Rocks. Her nephew, James A. Owens, of 306 Alfonte Street, was the informant on the death certificate. ²⁰ FAG#:138874463

In the 1900 census record, Margaret indicated she had no children, but Willie King was identified as being a step-son of Orland Kizer. This might suggest William was born out of wedlock. (Look for Civil Case...fornication and bastardy.)

a. William N. King ²¹ was born July 12th 1876 to William King and Margaret Owens in Mountain Top, Wright Township Luzerne County Pennsylvania. ²² When William was young he was called Willie.

In 1900 Willie lived with his mother and step-father at 164 Cuttler Street in McKees Rocks Allegheny County Pennsylvania. William was a jeweler, and in 1917 his cousin, James Owens worked with him, at 312 Island Avenue McKees Rock Alleghany County Pennsylvania.²³

William married Bella G. Fowler on November 5th 1903 in Alleghany County. ²⁴ Bella was born in 1879, and they lived at 717 Chartiers Avenue in McKees Rocks. By 1910 William and Bella were living on Church Avenue in Burgettstown in Washington County Pennsylvania. William owned his own jewelry store, and was a watchmaker

In 1920-1940 the family was still living in Burgettstown, where William was continued in his jewelry business.

William was 66 years old when he died at home February 4th 1943. He was laid to rest February 8th at the Fairview Cemetery, ^{xiii} in Burgettstown Washington County Pennsylvania. His mother, Margaret Kizer of 717 Chartiers Avenue in McKees Rock Alleghany County Pennsylvania, was the informant on his death certificate. ²⁵ FAG#: 109759153

Bella died in 1977, and was laid to rest in the Fairview Cemetery, Burgettstown, Washington County Pennsylvania. FAG#: 109758274

^{xiii} William's death certificate indicated his burial was at the Mt. Calvary Cemetery in McKees Rocks, Alleghany County Pennsylvania. However this is an error. Every document indicates that William was a jeweler, including his death certificate that his mother signed, and identified herself as Margaret Owens.

William and Bella King's children include:

- 1. William Curtis King was born in November 1909
- Geraldine Ringler King was born January 23rd 1916 to William H. King and Bella D. Ringler in Burgettstown, Washington County Pennsylvania. Sometime November 1936-April 1946 Geraldine married Mr. Davis, and by December 10th 1974 she married Mr. Noah. ²⁶

Geraldine died February 20th 2002. ²⁷

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