

# TUSCANIA

## Brewster, Lawrence Earle 1888 PA – 1950 PA



Lawrence Earle Brewster is seated on the right, his father William seated on the left, his mother Alice Smith Brewster standing behind his son Lawrence Earle Brewster Jr. -

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Lawrence Earl Brewster.

CLARION, PA., Feb. 17.—Lawrence Earl Brewster, the only Clarion county soldier boy aboard the Tuscania, was among those saved. Word was received by the young man's mother that he was safe.

Lawrence Earl Brewster is a son of Mrs. W. W. Brewster of Leeper, and was called to service in the draft from Jefferson county and left Brookville on September 20, 1917, for Camp Lee, Petersburg, Va. About December 18 he was transferred to Fort Myer and from there to Camp American University, Washington, D. C. He was a member of an engineer corps and took great interest in his duties.

Note name is spelled Lawrence EARL Brewster – "Pittsburgh (PA) Post-Gazette" Monday 8 Feb 1918 p 9

BREWSTER LAWRENCE EARLE		5-22-1950 x e.14 047-491	
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## Lawrence E. Brewster Dies In Hospital

### *Brief Illness Fatal To Owner Of Service Station Here*

Lawrence E. Brewster, well-known resident of Brookville, died Saturday, May 14, 1950, at 1:20 p. m., in Deshon Hospital, at Butler, where he had been a patient for the past five weeks. His age was sixty-one years, eleven months and twenty-three days.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, May 17, at 1:30 p. m., at Reitz Funeral Home with John M. Prittie, vicar of Holy Trinity Episcopal church, officiating. Interment was in Westview cemetery in Summerville.

Lawrence E. Brewster was born in Tylersburg May 21, 1888, the son of William and Alice (Smith) Brewster. At the time of his death he was a resident of 461 Madison avenue.

Mr. Brewster owned and operated a service station located on East Main street. He was a member of Blake E. Irvin Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Rodgers-Dougherty Post of the American Legion. He was a member of the Episcopal church.

Mr. Brewster had served during World War I.

Surviving are one son, Earl, of Brookville R. D. 1, and two grandchildren.

"Jeffersonian-Democrat" (Brookville PA) Thursday 18 May 1950 p 1

## Services For L. E. Brewster

Lawrence E. Brewster, 461 Madison Avenue, died at the Deshon Hospital on May 14, 1950 at 1:20 p. m., following an illness of 5 days. He was 61 years of age at the time of his death.

The deceased was born at Tylersburg, Pa. on May 21, 1888, the son of William and Alice (Smith) Brewster. He was in business as a service station owner.

Listed as survivors of the deceased are a son, Earl Brewster, R. D. 1, Brookville and two grandchildren.

Mr. Brewster was a veteran of World War I, a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion and was a member of the Episcopal Church.

Funeral services were held at the Reitz Funeral Home on May 17 at 1:30 p. m., with the Rev. John M. Prittie officiating. Burial was in the West View Cemetery, Summerville, Pa.

## L. E. Brewster Dies In Deshon Hospital

Lawrence E. Brewster, 61, of Madison Avenue, Brookville, died Sunday afternoon in Deshon Hospital near Butler after an illness of five weeks.

The deceased was born May 21, 1888 in Tylersburg. He was the son of William and Alice Smith Brewster. He operated a service station on East Main Street. He was a member of the Episcopal Church. He was a veteran of World War I and was a member of the Blake E. Irvin V.F.W. post and the Rodgers-Daugherty American Legion post.

Surviving are a son, Earl, of R. D. 1, and two grandchildren.

Friends will be received in the Reitz Funeral Home and services will be held there Wednesday afternoon at 1:30. Interment will be in Westview Cemetery in Summerville with John Prittie, layminister of the Episcopal Church, officiating.

Left: "Brookville (PA) American" Thursday 18 May 1950 p 1 – and right: "Punxsutawney (PA) Spirit" Tuesday 16 May 1950 p 3

APPLICATION No 208317 APPROVED

Brewster, Lawrence E Sr 250,265 1 1/4 white  
 (Surname) (Christian name) (Army serial number) (Race: White or colored)

Residence: brookville JEFFERSON PENNS YL VA 17 0907  
 (Street and house number) (Town or city) (County) (State)

Enlisted in Inducted Brookville Pa Sept 18/17  
 Born in Tylersburg Pa 29 4/12 yrs  
 Organizations: Co D 6 Bn 20 Engrs to ; 16 Co 20 Engrs to disch

Grades: Pvt  
 Engagements:

Wounds or other injuries received in action: None.  
 Served overseas: Jan 24/18 to Apr 5/19  
 Hon. disch. Apr 8/19 on demobilization  
 Was reported 0 per cent disabled on date of discharge, in view of occupation.  
 Remarks:

Form No. 724-1 1/2, A. G. O. \*Insert "R. A.", "N. G.", "E. R. C.", "N. A.", as case may be, followed by place and date of enlistment. † Give place of birth and date of birth, or age at enlistment. ‡ Give dates of departure from and arrival in the United States. § Give date.  
 March 12, 1920. 3-7088

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Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Military Affairs		RECORD OF BURIAL PLACE OF VETERAN		Jefferson	Count
NAME		DATE OF BIRTH	DATE OF DEATH		
Brewster, Lawrence E.		5-21-1888	5-14-1950		
VETERAN OF		SERVED IN			
1st. World		WAR			
		ARMY ( <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> )		NAVY ( ) MARINE CORPS ( )	
DATES OF SERVICE		ORGANIZATION (S)		RANK	
9-18-1917 4-8th. 1919		Special Casual Co. # 64		PVT	
CEMETERY OR PLACE OF INTERMENT		NAME LOCATION			
		Westview, Summerville			
LOCATION OF GRAVE IN CEMETERY		HEADSTONE			
SECTION LOT No.		RANGE GRAVE No.		GOVERNMENT ( ) COUNTY ( ) FAMILY ( )	
INFORMATION GIVEN BY		REMARKS			
Records					
DATE					

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Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
VETERAN'S COMPENSATION APPLICATION

0907  
208317  
(1)

Read instructions and then type or print answers to the following questions striking out words that do not apply. Numerals in parenthesis refer to corresponding numerals in the instructions.

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

COUNTY OF Beaver

Lawrence E. Brewster

being duly sworn, deposes and says: I am the veteran named in the following descriptive information; I served in the military or naval forces of the United States from Sept. 18-1917 to April 8- 1919; I claim veteran's compensation as authorized by Act No. 53, approved January 5, 1934; I was a resident of Pennsylvania at time of entry into service; I make this claim with full knowledge of the penalty for making a false statement relative to a material fact concerning this claim and the answers to the following questions and descriptive information are true:

- (2) Brewster Lawrence E. 250265 White.  
(Last name) (First and middle name) (Serial number) (White or colored)
- (3) Legal residence at entry into service 461 Madison St. Brookville, Jefferson Co. Pa.  
(Street and number, City, County and State)
- (4) Present residence: Moore Ave., Baden, Beaver Co. Penna.  
(Street and number, City, County and State)
- (5) ~~Entered Commonwealth of~~ Inducted in KANSAS NA: ~~NE. 100th St. N.W. Brookville, Pa. 1917~~ at Brookville Pa. on Sept. 18 1917
- (6) On active duty in Navy or in Reserve from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_
- (7) Place and date of birth Tylersburg. Pa. May 21st 1888
- (8) Names and addresses of dependents: Wife (full name) Sarah Ellen Lynch Brewster  
Minor children \_\_\_\_\_  
Mother (full name) Alice A. Brewster  
Father Wm. W. Brewster

- (9) Service in organizations, at stations or on vessels in the order named as follows:  
156 20th Eng. Forestry Dep. Brig. from Sept. 18 1917 to Dec. 1917  
20th Eng. Forestry from Dec. 1917 to March 1919  
Spec. Casualty Co. 64 from March 1919 to April 8 1919

- (10) Grades or ratings with dates of appointments or promotions: Pvt.
- (11) Engagements: A.E.F. France
- (12) Wounds or other injuries received with dates: NONE
- (13) Served overseas from Jan. 24 th 1918 to April 15th 1919
- (14) Honorably discharged on April 8th 1919 at Mitchel Field, Long Island N.Y.
- (15) Did you ever apply for or receive a bonus or veteran's compensation from any other State? NO.
- (16) Did you ever refuse on conscientious, political or other grounds to perform full military duty or to render unqualified service? No.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of March 1934

(17) Samuel S. Romigh  
(Signature of Notary Public)

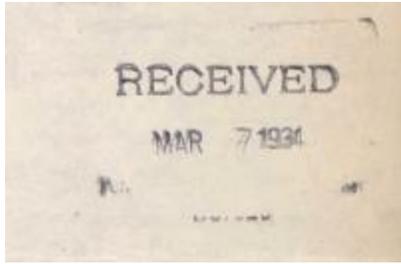
(18) Lawrence E. Brewster  
(Signature of Applicant)

(19) Samuel S. Romigh do hereby certify that I am Justice of the Peace (Title of officer) of Baden, Pa. (Name of person certifying) that Lawrence E. Brewster (Name of applicant) applying for Veteran's compensation is known to me to be the applicant named in the application; that he is mentally competent; that the signature of the affidavit is the signature of the applicant.

Signature and impression of S. S. Romigh, Justice of the Peace  
of seal or stamp indicating office or position held  
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES Monday in January, 1938

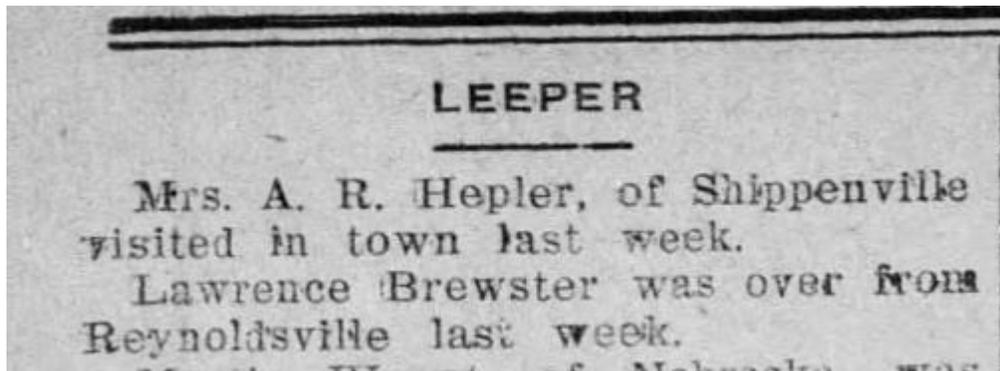
Samuel S. Romigh  
(Signature of person identifying applicant)

Read instructions (19) before signing.  
(1) 19 Months at \$10.00 per month; Total \$ 190.00  
(1) Computed by A. H. Surgenor Reviewed by E. E. Spangler  
(1) Checked and approved by W. H. Meigs  
For the Adjutant General.

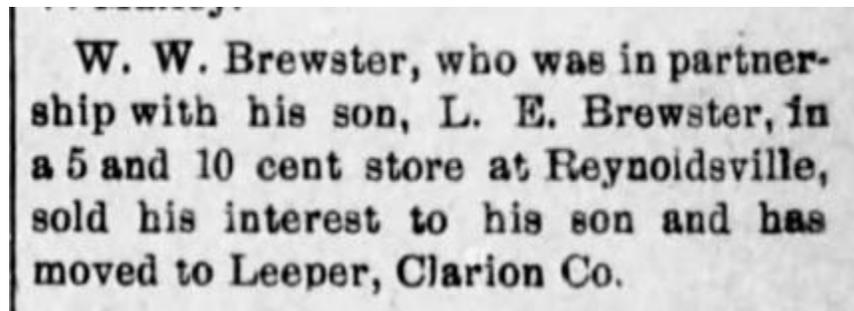


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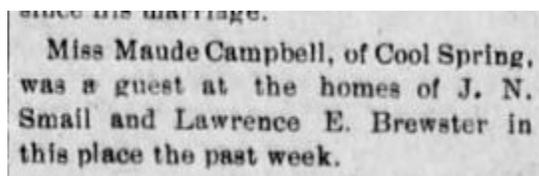
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“Clarion (PA) Democrat” Thursday 24 Jun 1909 p 8



“Reynoldsville (PA) Star” Wednesday 20 Apr 1910 p 6



“Reynoldsville (PA) Star” Wednesday 31 Aug 1910 p 8

Lawrence Brewster was over from Reynoldsville this week attending the funeral of his grand mother, Mrs. H. H. Smith who was buried Tuesday, August 29.

“Clarion (PA) Democrat” Thursday 7 Sep 1911 p 2

W. W. Bruister, of Leeper, Pa., is spending this week with his son, L. E. Brewster.

“Sykesville (PA) Post-Dispatch” Friday 29 Sep 1911 p 8

Lawrence Brewster, of Reynoldsville, is spending a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Brewster.

Leeper PA news: “Franklin (PA) News-Herald” Friday 29 Mar 1912 p 7

Lawrence Brewster, the racket store man, is in Albion this week, looking after a branch store there. He will visit in Erie and Cleveland before returning home.

Reynoldsville PA news: a “racket store” was a variety store – “Punxsutawney (PA) Spirit” Friday 21 Feb 1913 p 6

**LOST**

**L**OST—Between W. H. Halp's residence on Walnut Street, and the old M. E. Church on Jefferson Street, Brookville, on Friday evening, July 4th, a pocketbook containing \$31 in bills, and two blank checks, stamped with the name of L. E. Brewster. Finder will be liberally rewarded on leaving same at this office.

“Jeffersonian-Democrat” (Brookville PA) Thursday 10 Jul 1913 p 8

Stock is being sold for a co-operative store at Tylersburg. The promoters, Messrs Lawrence Brewster and William McCloskey, of Reynoldsville, expect to capitalize the business at \$10,000.

"Franklin (PA) News-Herald" Friday 24 Oct 1913 p 11

#### CHARTER NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the Governor of the State of Pennsylvania, on Monday, November 17, 1913, by W. B. McCloskey, L. E. Brewster J. P. Hoffman, W. W. Brewster and W. C. Reyner, under the Act of Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, entitled, 'An Act to provide for the incorporation and regulation of certain Corporations', approved April 29, 1874, and the supplements thereto, for the charter of an intended corporation to be called GENERAL STORES COMPANY, the character and object of which is the conducting of a store or stores in the buying, selling, trading or dealing in hardware, vehicles, farm implements, dry goods, groceries, household and personal supplies, and for these purposes to have and possess and enjoy all the rights, benefits and privileges of the said Act of Assembly and its supplement.

J. V. FRAMPTON, Solicitor.

"Clarion (PA) Democrat" Thursday 6 Nov 1913 p 7

The Kouger-Williams store, recently opened in the room in the American Hotel building, adjoining Bell's store, changed hands Wednesday, being purchased by L. E. Brewster, of Reynoldsville.

"Brookville (PA) Republican" Thursday 30 Apr 1914 p 5

...Burgoon and of Brookville.  
 L. E. Brewster of Reynodsville has purchased the Kougher-Williams 5 and 10 cent store recently opened in the room next to the Bell clothing store in the American Hotel building. Mr. Williams will follow his trade as painter under H. O. Ozman.

"Sykesville (PA) Post-Dispatch" Friday 8 May 1914 p 1

CLUB?  
 The United States Store Company, L. E. Brewster, manager, will occupy the Bowman Building, now being vacated by the Orpheum Theatorium which will be located in the Wilson Building, corner of Wood street and Sixth avenue. This new firm will establish a large progressive store fully stocked for the accomodation of the public.

"Clarion (PA) Democrat" Thursday 1 Oct 1914 p 5

**MOVING RACKET STORE.**  
 L. E. Brewster, who recently sold his building at the corner of Fifth and Main streets, is moving his racket store into the room formerly occupied by the S. J. Burgoon news stand and pool room. A new front is being placed in the room, and it is being otherwise renovated.

"Punxsutawney (PA) Spirit" Tuesday 19 Jan 1915 p 5

**MOTORED TO BROOKVILLE.**

L. E. Brewster, who has been conducting a 5 to 25 cent store here, has moved his stock and household goods to Brookville. He is the manager of the United States company which has stores at Brookville, Brockwayville and other towns in this section.

“Punxsutawney (PA) Spirit” Friday 28 May 1915 p 5

**Clerk's Notice of Bankruptcy**

No. 8046 in Bankruptcy.

In the District Court of the United States for the Western District of Pennsylvania Lawrence Earl Brewster of Jefferson County, Pennsylvania, a Bankrupt under the Act of Congress of July 1, 1898, having applied for a full discharge from all debts provable against his estate under said Act, notice is hereby given to all known creditors and other persons in interest, to appear before the said Court at Pittsburgh, in said District, on the 9th day of March, 1916, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any they have, why the prayer of the said petitioner, should not be granted.

Feb. 3—2t                      J. WOOD CLARK, Clerk.

Note name is spelled Lawrence EARL Brewster – “Jeffersonian-Democrat” (Brookville PA)  
Thursday 3 Feb 1916 p 3

**against George Farkos.**  
**IN BANKRUPTCY.**  
John Willis Burns, bankrupt—8045; Voluntary; Farmer; Richhill Twp., Greene Co., Pa. Liabilities, \$35,058.98; Assets, \$7,960.  
Joseph Patton, A. F. Silveus and M. E. Carroll, Waynesburg, Pa., for bankrupt.  
Lawrence Earle Brewster, bankrupt—8046; Voluntary; Merchant; Brookville, Pa. Liabilities, \$10,171.48; Assets, \$2,030.00. J. M. Longwell, Brookville, Pa., for bankrupt.

“Pittsburgh (PA) Press” Tuesday 14 Dec 1915 p 16

# Names of Men Who Registered From 21 to 31

List of Those Liable to Con-  
scription for Army Service  
in This Part of County Who  
Enrolled June 5.

## Draft Likely To Be Made Independence Day

Brookville, 1st.

A

James Edward Armagost, William  
Harrison Agnew, Burl Fane Agnew,  
Charles Alfred Anderson, John George  
Aaron, Thomas Wesley Agnew.

B

Glenn Henry Benninger, Lawrence  
Earle Brewster, William Earl Bru  
John Baker, Charles LeRoy Burke  
Meigs Clarence Barrett, Edgar Bl  
Erenneman, Reed Bracken Bro  
Guy Harold Butler, Daniel Tur  
Balmer, Charley Albert Bowdish,  
Andrew Bowdish, Clair Joseph  
cious, Sidney Thompson Bai

"Brookville (PA) Republican" Thursday 21 Jun 1917 p 1

## Military Draft Calls 944 Men of County for Physical Examination

This newspaper has been asked to give a list of those liable to be called from the county for the first army. Owing to the uncertainty of the listing, some minor mistakes having been made in sending out the order in which the numbers were drawn, it is impossible to give the correct numbers. The list of men printed this week for District One are practically certain of being called, with the addition of sufficient names in the order in which the numbers were drawn to make the requisite 506:

258. Theodore Ferraro  
 458. J. Carey Marsh  
 1436. Benjamin S. Caruso  
 854. Alex Barr  
 1894. Stephan John Bodnar  
 1878. David Earl Corbin  
 1095. Charles Jenkins Wiser  
 2022. Nicola Mochiline  
 1455. Albert Lescovensky  
 783. Jacob Clarence Kniseley  
 1813. Ciccone Vincenzo  
 1858. James Leroy Crawford  
 2389. Clyde R. Mayes  
 1752. Arthur Edwin Swanson  
 1117. Gerald Walter Whitaker  
 1572. Stephen Darius Carrier  
 1748. arBney Sinko  
 2195. Harry N. Balley  
 837. Bernard Garvey  
 2026. Thomas Haggerty, Jr.  
 337. John Jacob McMurray  
 676. Thomas Joseph Silk  
 275. Laurence Earl Brewster, Sr.  
 509. Harold Curtis Smith  
 564. Otis Perry Kahle  
 2188. George I. Sambardo

Note name is spelled LAURENCE EARL – “Brookville (PA) Republican” Thursday 26 Jul  
 1917 p 1

## Official List of 650 Men Who Will Be Examined Next Week for U. S. Army

275 L. E. Brewster, Sr., Brookville  
 Rocco Gunlietti, Punxsy  
 09 Harold C. Smith, Baxter  
 Benj. Godden, Punxsy  
 85 Jeremiah Evans, Reynoldsville  
 David C. Homer, Punxsy R. D.

“Brookville (PA) Republican” Thursday 2 Aug 1917 p 1

It is expected that from 11 to 50 men will be called by the government from this district now every two or three weeks until the required 228 are secured. The names of the men to be called next are the following:

1. Theodore Ferraro, Brookville.
20. Thomas I. Haggerty, Jr., Reynoldsville.
23. Lawrence Earl Brewster, Brookville.
47. John Henry Fox, Brookville, R. D. 3.
75. John Calvin Tiley, Brookville.
93. Andrew Glenn Bliss, Brockwayville.
102. George Hilton Wallwork, Falls Creek.
110. Charles William Robertson, Reynoldsville.
120. Floyd F. Neiswonger, Reynolds-

Note name is spelled Lawrence EARL Brewster – “Brookville (PA) Republican” Thursday 6 Sep 1917 p 1

—The following boys connected in one way or another with the Brookville M. E. church or Sunday school, are now in the army, serving at the places mentioned: Thomas Agnew, section 25 American Expeditionary Forces; James B. Buzard, Machine Gun Co., 327th Infantry, Camp Gordon, Georgia; L. E. Brewster, Co. H 112th Infantry, Camp Hancock, Georgia; Frank Brady, 317th Field Artillery, Camp Dix, N. J.;

List continues – “Jeffersonian-Democrat” (Brookville PA) Thursday 15 Nov 1917 p 8

## PENNSYLVANIA BOYS ON SHIP

Washington, Feb. 8.—Among the soldiers aboard the Tuscania are the following from Pennsylvania:

### In the Twentieth Engineers

Marienville.

LAWRENCE E. BREWSTER, private; mother, Mrs. W. W. Brewster, Lepper.

“Harrisburg (PA) Telegraph” Friday 8 Feb 1918 p 4

## RECEIVES NEWS OF NEPHEW'S SAFETY

Rev. A. B. Smith, pastor of the M. E. church, has received word of the safety of his nephew, Lawrence Brewster, of Leeper, Pa. The young chap was aboard the Tuscania when it was submarined but was rescued.

“New Castle (PA) Herald” Monday 11 Feb 1918 p 9

—It is understood that L. E. Brewster, of Brookville, was on the Tuscania, the vessel sunk last weew, but there is no information as to whether he is among the survivors.

“Jeffersonian-Democrat” (Brookville PA) Thursday Thursday 14 Feb 1918 p 8

Among the survivors of the Tuscania disaster, reported in the list given out by the war department, is Lawrence E. Brewster of Brookville, a cousin of Mrs. Charles Perry of this place.

“Kane (PA) Republican” Saturday 16 Feb 1918 p 5

Monday's Pittsburgh Gazette-Times contained an excellent portrait of Lawrence Brewster, of this place, who was one of the soldiers on the ill-fated transport, Tuscania, torpedoed near the coast of Ireland recently. He was one of the rescued.

“Brookville (PA) Republican” Thursday 21 Feb 1918 p 5

—Word has come that L. E. Brewster, who was on the Tuscania, is safe. A letter has been received from him.

“Jeffersonian-Democrat” (Brookville PA) Thursday 28 Feb 1918 p 8

## LOOKS INTO JAWS OF DEATH

### Lawrence Brewster Survives Tuscania a Changed Man.

No soldier's letter which has come home to this section has carried the heart message to everyone, friend and stranger, which is borne by the first letter of Lawrence E. Brewster to his mother, Mrs. W. W. Brewster, Leeper, after the Tuscania was sunk. Mrs. Brewster sent the letter to her cousin, Mrs. W. L. McCracken, Brookville, in which she speaks of the great number of letters she and Mr. Brewster have received from all directions, many from persons unknown to them. Mrs. Brewster says that when the Tuscania was sunk she and her husband first heard of it from Brookville, a message saying Lawrence had gone down; thirty minutes later came a contradiction from Brookville; they were in suspense for days until word came from Washington that Lawrence was safe. His letter follows:

In England, Feb. 11, 1918.  
Dear Mother and Father:

I arrived this far all O. K. I am well and have surely seen some of this side of the world and I have seen what I pray God I may never see again or hope that no other person may ever see. Oh! I can never forget it. You will, of course, read it in the newspapers of Pennsylvania, but you cannot get any idea of the awfulness of it. No one can unless they have gone through it as I have done—The Tuscania shipwreck.

When I landed in Ireland all I had was the clothes on my back, and I thank God that I am alive. I thought my time had surely come, so I trusted in Him and asked Him to put me safe on land, which He did. I shall never forget to thank Him.

All my friends and chums are gone. Poor Clea Bargerstock, of Marienville, had his life crushed out on the rocky shores of Scotland; was dashed to death by the waves on the shore.

Ireland is a very beautiful country; just as beautiful as the songs they sing of it.

All I have of my writing outfit you sent me for Christmas is my fountain pen which I had in my pocket, the rest of it is in the Irish Coast Sea.

I am very nervous and cannot write much. Will write at length when my nerves get settled. I hope you and Daddy are both well and don't worry about me. I am living a new life now and always shall do so. Remember me in all your prayers.

With love to all,  
LAWRENCE E. BREWSTER

Survivor Lawrence Brewster wrote home: "All my friends and chums are gone. Poor Clea Bargerstock, of Marienville, had his life crushed out on the rocky shoes of Scotland; was dashed to death by the waves on the shore." – "Brookville (PA) Republican" Thursday 21 Mar 1918 p 1 - <https://www.newspapers.com/image/994473722/>

## TUSCANIA SURVIVOR TELLS OF BARGERSTOCK'S DEATH

Private L. E. Brewster of Leeper, Forest county, who was at first reported lost when the Tuscania was torpedoed, writes to his parents from somewhere in England as follows:

"Dear Father and Mother—I arrived this far all O. K., and am well. Have seen some of this side of the world and I have seen sights which I never wish to see again or wish anyone should see. I shall never forget it. You will read of it in the newspapers of Pennsylvania, but you cannot get any idea of it, nor any man, until he goes through it. That was the Tuscania shipwreck that I was in. When I landed in Ireland all I had was the clothes on my back. I thank God I am alive. I thought my time had come. I trusted in the Lord and asked him to put me safe on land, which He did, and I shall never forget to thank Him for it. All my friends and chums are gone. Clea Bargerstock of Marienville, Pa., lost his life on the rocky shore of Scotland, dashed by the waves on the shore. Ireland is a very beautiful country. Just as beautiful as the songs they sing about it. I am very nervous and cannot write much. Will write more when my nerves get settled. I hope you and daddy are well. And don't worry about me. I am living a new life and always shall. Remember me in your prayers. With love to all.

"LAWRENCE EARL BREWSTER.  
"February 11, 1918."

Note name is signed Lawrence EARL Brewster - "Titusville (PA) Herald" Thursday 21 Mar 1918 p 3

## SEA UNSAFE; FRANCE SAFE

L. E. Brewster is another of the Brookville boys home from France. He arrived a week ago. When he went to France he was on a ship that was sunk by a submarine and the return trip the ship caught fire. While in France he escaped without a scratch.

"Brookville (PA) American" Thursday 24 Apr 1919 p 1

**SOLDIERS DISCHARGED**

Frank Beatty, private, Supply Co. 321 Field Artillery, enlisted September 18, 1917, discharged May 29, 1919.

Burton R. McCracken, private, Headquarters 80th division, enlisted October 2, 1917, discharged June 5, 1919.

Lawrence E. Brewster, private, 64th Casualty Co., enlisted September 18, 1917, discharged April 8, 1919.

Wilber E. Robinson, corporal, Co. E, 305 Ammunition Train, enlisted September 6, 1917, discharged June 9, 1919.

Howard J. Terpe, sergeant, Evacuation Hospital Dept., enlisted May 26, 1918, discharged May 13, 1919.

Vincenzo Carpino, private, Co. K, 30th Inf., enlisted October 2, 1917, discharged January 31, 1919.

“Jeffersonian-Democrat” (Brookville PA) Thursday 19 Jun 1919 p 5

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Brewster, of Pittsburgh, spent the week end with Mr. Brewster's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Brewster, of Madison street. Mr. Brewster expects to move his family to Zanesville, Ohio, Saturday.

Lawrence & Sara (Lynch) Brewster – “Brookville (PA) Republican” Thursday 28 Aug 1924 p 7

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**BREWSTER'S SERVICE STATION**  
**Brookville**

A modern service station at Brookville, is that of L. E. Brewster, which he started here three years ago. At L. E. Brewster's you will get that well known Sinclair gas and oil and you will be more than favorably impressed with the friendly and courteous service.

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## Nomination Held By Legion Post

### Plans Made To Buy New Uniforms For Junior Drum Corps

Nomination of officers featured the semi-monthly meeting of George T. Rodgers Post, No. 102,  
(Continued on Page 2)

## Nomination Held

(Continued from Page 1)  
American Legion, in the Legion Home last Thursday evening. The post also made preliminary plans for the purchase of new uniforms for the Junior Drum and Bugle Corps, which it sponsors.

The nominees are: **Commander**, Roy Truman, Elder W. McNeil and H. H. Deemer; **vice-commanders**, Arthur Daugherty, William T. Means, Paul A. Blake and Stanley Kahle; **finance officer**, Albert De Motte and E. W. McNeil; **sergeant**

at-arms, Roy McCracken, Spurgeon Witherow, L. E. Brewster and Guy Best; and chaplain, Roy McCracken.

Additional nominations may be made at the next meeting Thursday evening, September 21, when the election of officers will be held.

James I. Bullers was named chairman of the committee to make arrangements for equipping the Junior Drum and Bugle Corps with uniforms. Several plans for raising funds were discussed at the committee's first meeting last Saturday evening.

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Mrs. Frank Coon Sunday.

Lawrence D. Brewster is a patient in the veterans hospital in Aspinwall, where he has been for the past six weeks suffering from a heart ailment. He expects to be home shortly.

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## Administrator's Notice

Letters of administration on the estate of Lawrence E. Brewster, late of Brookville, Jefferson County, Pennsylvania, having been granted the undersigned, all persons owing the estate will make payment to the undersigned and those having claims against the estate will present them without delay to the undersigned properly authenticated for settlement.

**LAWRENCE E. BREWSTER, JR.,**  
Administrator,  
Brookville, Pa., R. D. 1.

**WILLIAM A. SYKES,**  
**JOHN E. AIKMAN,**  
Attorneys, Brookville, Pa.

May 25-31

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[Wife Jessie S. Stahlman](#)

Pennsylvania, Marriages, 1852-1968



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Name	Lawrence Earle Brewster
Gender	Male
Marriage Age	21
Birth Date	abt 1889
Marriage Date	30 Mar 1910
Marriage Place	Jefferson, Pennsylvania, USA
Father	William Brewster
Mother	Alice Brewster
Spouse	Jessie Stahlman
Film Number	001290378

<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/161906375/person/172172006526/facts>

### Stahlman-Brewster Nuptial.

A pretty home wedding was solemnized Wednesday, March 30, 1910, at 3 p. m., at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hall, 417 Water street, when Miss Jessie Stahlman, daughter of Mrs. Hall, became the bride of Lawrence Earl Brewster, of Reynoldsville. The ceremony was performed by Rev. T. W. Evans, of the Baptist church, in the presence of a few relatives and friends. The bride was beautifully gowned in white silk.

At the conclusion of the ceremony the bridal party was ushered into the dining room of the Hall home, which was decorated with ferns and carnations, where a sumptuous wedding dinner was served.

The bride and groom took the evening east bound train for a short wedding tour. The groom is an enterprising merchant of Reynoldsville and the only son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Brewster.

Mr. and Mrs. Brewster will make their home in Reynoldsville, where the best wishes of a host of friends follow them.

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"Brookville [PA] Republican" Thursday 31 Mar 1910 p 1

### Marriage Licenses Granted.

The following marriage licenses have been granted by Register and Recorder Ira J. Campbell since our last report:

Felix Loria .....	Punxsutawney
Angiolina Giraulo .....	Creek Side
Domenico Del Rosso.....	Big Run
Paulina Pulsoni.....	Big Run
Joe E. Crooks .....	Sykesville
Bessie L. Reed.....	Desire
Everett E. Repp.....	Butler
Florence E. Kahle .....	Sigel
David Jones .....	Horatio
Florence Lees.....	Horatio
William Clark Lyons.....	Sykesville
Mary Catherine Poltz.....	Soldier
Cassius Swineford .....	Knox twp.
Elva F. Barnett .....	Knox twp.
Harry M. Bowser .....	Bowersville
Hazel L. Ford .....	Bowersville
Joseph Matta .....	DeLancey
Katie Farnell .....	DeLancey
John J. Ogorchock .....	Crenshaw
Elizabeth Heyer .....	Crenshaw
Philip W. Wenstein .....	Big Run
Rose Shaffer .....	Pittsburg
Lawrence Earle Brewster.....	Reynoldsville
Jessie Stahlman .....	Brookville
L. Leroy Lingenfelter .....	Wishaw
Bula C. Rupert .....	Eleahora
Blaine H. Fyock .....	Pinecreek twp.
Edith M. Shobert .....	Pinecreek twp.

"Brookville (PA) Republican" Thursday 31 Mar 1910 p 8

.....  
 Mrs. W. H. Hall of Brookville, Pa.,  
 is visiting in town the guest of Mrs.  
 L. E. Brewster.

"Punxsutawney (PA) Spirit" Saturday 13 Jul 1912 p 5

.....  
 Mrs. L. E. Brewster and little son  
 are the guests of Brookville relatives.  
 Mrs. Edith M. Shobert .....

"Punxsutawney (PA) Spirit" Monday 16 Sep 1912 p 6

... Monday evening.  
Miss Nellie Stahlman visited with Mrs. L. E. Brewster, of Reynolds-ville, a part of last week.

"Brookville (PA) Republican" Thursday 7 Aug 1913 p 5

... in the western part of Ohio.  
Judge Corbet on Monday granted Lawrence E. Brewster a divorce from his former wife, Mrs. Jessie Brewster.

"Brookville (PA) American" Thursday 25 Sep 1919 p 5

### **MRS. WILLIAM H. HALL**

Mrs. Maretta J. Hall, widow of William H. Hall, died at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Earl C. Thompson, Cherry street, Brookville, at 10:35 p. m. Friday, August 11.

Mrs. Hal was eighty-five years, six months and five days old at the time of her death. Death is attributed to complications of advanced age.

Mrs. Maretta J. Hall was born in Stanton February 6, 1859, the daughter of John and Margaret (McSparren) Campbell. She was married to Jackson Stahlman, of near Hazen, who died some years ago. She was later married to William H. Hall, of Brookville. Mr. Hall preceded his wife in death.

Two children, Mrs. Earl C. Thompson and Mrs. Jessie Brewster, of Brookville, and two grandchildren survive. The following brothers and sisters also survive: Mrs. Grant Cummings, Knoxdale; Mrs. George Dinger, Knoxdale; Mrs. Lee Weaver, Stanton; Enoch Campbell, Kirkman, and Walter Campbell, Kirkman.

Mrs. Hall was a Lutheran by faith. Funeral services for the aged woman were held Monday afternoon, August 14, from the Reitz Funeral Home, with Rev. W. V. McLean officiating. Interment was made at Temple cemetery.

## Wife Sara Ellen Lynch:

The following couples were married at the Presbyterian Manse on the dates given below:

James O. Collett, of Limestone, and Miss Elva M. Showers, of Clarion township, on October 1.

William Earl Craig and Miss Hilda Caroline Hackbart, both of Sligo, on October 1.

Ellwood Lester Rankin and Miss Hulda May Oakley, both of Clarion township, on October 2.

Lawrence E. Brewster, of Leeper, and Miss Sarah F. Lynch, of Williamsport, Pa., on October 2.

Percy Cramer and Miss Elmeda Dehner, of Clarion, R. F. D., on October 6.

May joy, happiness and prosperity be the portions of all these couples in life.

Married 2 Oct 1919, one week after divorce – “Clarion (PA) Democrat” Thursday 9 Oct 1919

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 Primary Dist. No. 03-02-41 COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
 COUNTY Jefferson DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
 TOWNSHIP Brookville, (13) BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS  
 CITY Brookville, Pa.

File No. 18672  
 Registered No. 347

### CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

No. Brookville Hospital St. \_\_\_\_\_ Ward \_\_\_\_\_  
 (If death occurred in a HOSPITAL or INSTITUTION, give its NAME instead of street and number)

Length of residence in city or town where death occurred \_\_\_\_\_ yrs. \_\_\_\_\_ mos. \_\_\_\_\_ days. How long in U. S. if of foreign birth? \_\_\_\_\_ yrs. \_\_\_\_\_ mos. \_\_\_\_\_ days.  
 (IF U. S. VETERAN, COMPLETE REVERSE SIDE OF CERTIFICATE)

2. FULL NAME (type or print) Sarah Ellen (Lynch) Brewster  
 Residence: No. 461 Madison St. Brookville Pa. Ward \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Usual place of abode) (If nonresident, give place, county, and State)

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS			MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH	
1. SEX <u>Female</u>	4. COLOR OR RACE <u>White</u>	5. SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED (write the word) <u>married</u>	21. DATE OF DEATH <u>Feb. 12, 1941</u> (month, day, and year)	22. I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from <u>Feb. 11, 1941, to Feb. 12, 1941.</u> I last saw h. alive on <u>Feb. 12, 1941</u> ; death is said to have occurred on the date stated above, at <u>5:25 P.M.</u> The principal cause of death and related causes of importance were as follows: <u>Cerebral Hemorrhage</u> Other contributory causes of importance: <u>Hypertension</u> <u>Hypertension</u>
6. DATE OF BIRTH (month, day, and year) <u>July, 25, 1883</u>	7. AGE Years <u>57</u> Months <u>6</u> Days <u>17</u> LESS than 1 day, _____ hrs. or _____ mins.	8. Trade, profession, or particular kind of work done, as plumber, Sawyer, bookkeeper, etc. <u>Housewife</u>	10. Date deceased last worked at this occupation (month and year) <u>1940</u>	
12. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) (State or Country) <u>Linden, Pa.</u>			Name of operation <u>None</u> Date of <u>None</u> What test confirmed diagnosis? <u>clinical</u> Was there an autopsy? <u>No</u>	
13. NAME <u>James A. Lynch</u>			23. If death was due to external causes (violence), fill in also the following: Accident, suicide, or homicide? _____ Date of injury _____, 193 Where did injury occur: _____ (Specify city or town, county, and State) Specify whether injury occurred in industry, in home, or in public place: _____	
14. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) (State or Country) <u>Linden, Pa.</u>			Manner of injury _____ Nature of injury _____	
15. MAIDEN NAME <u>Cordelia E. Hughes</u>			24. Was disease or injury in any way related to occupation of deceased? <u>No</u> If so, specify _____ (Signed) <u>R. L. Schaffer</u> M. D. <u>Brookville, Pa.</u>	
16. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) (State or Country) <u>Linden, Pa.</u>				
17. SIGNATURE OF INFORMANT <u>Edith Brewster</u> Brookville Pa.				
18. BURIAL, CREMATION, OR REMOVAL: Date <u>Feb. 15, 1941</u> Place <u>Markle</u> County <u>Jefferson</u> State <u>Pa.</u> Place <u>Markle</u> County <u>Jefferson</u> State <u>Pa.</u>				
19. UNDERTAKER (name and address) <u>Thos. J. Reitz</u> Brookville, Pa.				
20. FILED <u>2/15</u> 1941 <u>Brookville to Bridget</u> Registrar <u>2/12/1941</u> (Address) <u>Brookville, Pa.</u>				

PA death record -

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Mrs. Lawrence Brewster suffered a stroke in her home on Madison Avenue Tuesday morning. Her condition is reported to be serious.

"Brookville (PA) American" Thursday 13 Feb 1941 p 7

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A daughter of James A. and Cordelia E. Hughes Lynch, she was born in Linden on July 25, 1883, being 58 years, six months and 18 days old at her death. She spent her girlhood in Williamsport and on October 2, 1919, was married to O. E. Brewster, Brookville. The ceremony was performed in Clarion by the Presbyterian pastor of that place.

For a number of years the Brewsters travelled in New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia, but for the past seven years had resided in Brookville. She was a member of the Methodist church.

Surviving are the husband; a stepson, Earle Brewster, Ambridge; one brother, Guy F. Lynch, Council Bluffs, Ia., and a sister, Mrs. Robert A. Dotcher, Camden, N. J.

Funeral services were held in the late home, 461 Madison street, at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon. Dr. Harold A. McCurdy, and Rev. A. B. Smith, Brookville, officiated. Interment was in Westview cemetery, Summerville. The pallbearers were members of Blake E. Irvin Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, of which Mr. Brewster is a member. They were: S. Van Shields, C. F. Evans, Edward Nyland, Harry Smail, M. P. Bolger and Wilbur Dawson.

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"Brooklyn (PA) American" Thursday 6 Mar 1941 p 12

Wife Verna May Graham Porter

### MARRIAGE LICENSES

L. E. Brewster, Brookville and Verna May Porter, Brookville; Dale McKinney, Licking twp. and Gladys Linamen, Licking twp.; Carl Robert Pasquarette, Clarion twp. and Louise Gerbereaux, Clarion; Joseph Bertram May, Jr., East Brady and Ella Marie Quinn, Kittanning; Paul Aloyisus Niederriter, Marble and Grace Marie Beichner, Marble; Glenn Norris Lyttle, Franklin and Marjorie Janet Welshans, Polk; Harry Jay Ramsey, Madison twp. and Rose Mary Spang, Butler; Walter Bernard Guth, Venus and Marie Estell Eisenman, Marble.

"Clarion (PA) Democrat" Thursday 14 Jun 1945 p 2

### BED AND BOARD

Verna M. Brewster has left my bed and board and I will not be responsible for any bills contracted by her in my name:

14-3\*.

L. E. BREWSTER.

"Brookville (PA) American" Thursday 6 May 1948 p 9

**Application for Marriage License.**

No. ....

**Statement of Male:**

Full name and surname Kenneth M. Porter Color White

Relationship of parties making this application, if any, either by blood or marriage None

Occupation Cruise Officer Birthplace Butler Pa

Residence Reville Island Pa Street  Avenue

Date of Birth Dec. 6, 1919 and now of the full Age of 24 years. Previous marriage or marriages None Date of death or divorce of former wife or wives None Is applicant afflicted with any transmissible disease? No. Name and surname of Father Herron G.

Of Mother Verna Maiden name of Mother Graham

Residence of Father Deceased Of Mother Butler Pa

Color of Father W. Of Mother W. Occupation of Father Housekeeper

Of Mother Housekeeper Birthplace of Father Pgh Pa

Of Mother Butler Pa Pa Is applicant an imbecile, epileptic, of unsound mind, or under guardianship as a person of unsound mind, or under the influence of any intoxicating liquor or narcotic drug? No. Has applicant, within five years, been an inmate of any county asylum or home for indigent persons? No. Is applicant physically able to support a family? yes

13 Nov 1944 marriage license application of Verna Graham Porter's son Kenneth M. Porter - <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/1203073741%3A61381>

**BUTTER WORKER IS KILLED AT PLANT**

(By International News Service)

BUTLER, Pa., Aug. 30.—Struck on the head by a large pulley that came loose from its fastenings on the roof

of the plant of the Fretz Tube company in East Butler, today, Herron G. Porter, 45, an employe of the company, was killed. The pulley was used in the operation of a traveling crane. R. J. Porter, of Russelton, a brother will take charge of the body.

Death of Verna May Graham's 1<sup>st</sup> husband - "Kane (PA) Republican" Tuesday 30 Aug 1927 p 5

**KILLED BY CRANE**  
**BUTLER, Aug. 31.—(UP)—**Her-  
ron G. Porter, 45, was killed while  
at work at the Fretz Moon Tube Com-  
pany in East Butler yesterday when  
struck on the head by a large pulley  
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crane.

“Warren (PA) Tribune” Wednesday 31 Aug 1927 p 3

August 29: Mrs. John M. Naz-  
arian, baby boy Nazarian, Leeper;  
Mrs. L. E. Brewster, Brookville;  
Charles Homer Yeane, Brook-  
ville.

Hospitalization - “Jeffersonian-Democrat” (Brookville PA) Thursday 5 Sep 1946 p 10

## BREWSTER

Suddenly on Wednesday, Feb. 11, 1976, Verna Porter, of Esplen, beloved mother of Kenneth M. Porter of Esplen and Donald J. Porter of Chicago, Ill.; also survived by four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Friends will be received on Thursday evening from 7-9 p.m. and Friday 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. at the **MCDONALD-LINN FUNERAL HOME**, 366 Lincoln Ave., Bellevue, where services will be held on Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

"Pittsburgh (PA) Post-Gazette" Friday 13 Feb 1976 p 16 -  
<https://www.newspapers.com/image/90061944/>

Pennsylvania, U.S., Death Certificates, 1906-1970 for John Smiley Graham

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**CERTIFICATE OF DEATH**

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS

1. PLACE OF DEATH  
County of Butler  
Township of \_\_\_\_\_  
or Borough of \_\_\_\_\_  
or City of Butler

Registrar's District No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Primary Registration District No. 10-02-01  
File No. 11230  
Registered No. 446

2. FULL NAME John Smiley Graham  
(a) Residence, No. 215 South M/Kon St Ward \_\_\_\_\_  
Length of residence in this town where death occurred yrs. / mos. ds. How long in U. S., if of foreign birth? yrs. mos. ds.

3. SEX Male 4. COLOR OR RACE White 5. SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED OR DIVORCED (scrub the word) Married

6a. If married, widowed, or divorced HUSBAND of Sara Jane McCall Graham  
(or) WIFE of \_\_\_\_\_ Exact statement of OCCUPATION in very important case

6. DATE OF BIRTH (month, day and year) July 16 1856

7. AGE Years 80 Months 4 Days 17 If LESS than 1 day, hrs. or min.

8. OCCUPATION OF DECEASED  
(a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work Farmer  
(b) General nature of industry, business or establishment in which employed (or employer) \_\_\_\_\_  
(c) Name of employer \_\_\_\_\_

9. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) Oil City, Pa.  
(State or Country)

10. NAME OF FATHER William Graham  
(State or Country) Penna

11. BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (State or Country) Penna

12. MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Sarah Davis

13. BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (city or town) Penna  
(State or Country)

14. Informant Hester C. Madison  
(Address) 215 South M/Kon St Butler Pa

15. Filed Dec 4 1936 Anthony A. Koppa Registrar

16. DATE OF DEATH Dec 2 1936  
(Month) (Day) (Year)

17. I HEREBY CERTIFY That I attended deceased from Nov. 29 1936 to Dec 2 1936 that I last saw him alive on Dec 2 1936 and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 3:45 P.M.  
The CAUSE OF DEATH\* was as follows: Acute Myocarditis  
(duration) yrs. mos. days  
CONTRIBUTORY Arteriosclerosis  
(Secondary) (duration) yrs. mos. days

18. Where was disease contracted \_\_\_\_\_  
If not at place of death! \_\_\_\_\_  
Did an operation precede death? \_\_\_\_\_ Date of \_\_\_\_\_  
Was there an autopsy? \_\_\_\_\_  
What test confirmed diagnosis? \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signed) Amey L. K. Maudlin M.D.  
Dec 4 1936 (Address) Butler Pa

\* State the DISEASE CAUSING DEATH, or in deaths from VIOLENT CAUSES, state (1) MEANS AND NATURE OF INJURY, and (2) whether ACCIDENTAL, SUICIDAL, or HOMICIDAL. (See reverse side for additional space.)

19. PLACE OF BURIAL, CREMATION OR REMOVAL First Lutheran Cemetery DATE OF BURIAL Dec 5 1936

20. UNDERTAKER Wm Fosty Young ADDRESS West Swanton  
(OVER)

M. 2. - Every item of DEATH INFORMATION ON THIS FORM IS A PERMANENT RECORD AND SHOULD BE KEPT IN A SAFE PLACE. IT IS THE DUTY OF THE REGISTRAR TO KEEP THIS RECORD IN A SAFE PLACE AND TO MAKE IT AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF PENNSYLVANIA. IT IS THE DUTY OF THE REGISTRAR TO KEEP THIS RECORD IN A SAFE PLACE AND TO MAKE IT AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF PENNSYLVANIA.

PA death certificate of Verna May Graham Porter Brewster's father John Smiley Graham - <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/3677172%3A5164>

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
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650  
File No. 2950  
Registered No. 30

**CERTIFICATE OF DEATH**

1. PLACE OF DEATH  
County Butler  
Township \_\_\_\_\_  
Borough \_\_\_\_\_  
City Butler

Primary Dist. No. 10-02-01

No. \_\_\_\_\_ St. \_\_\_\_\_ Ward \_\_\_\_\_  
(If death occurred in a HOSPITAL or INSTITUTION, give the NAME instead of street and number)

Length of residence in city or town where death occurred \_\_\_\_\_ yrs. 2 mos. \_\_\_\_\_ days. How long in U. S., if of foreign birth? \_\_\_\_\_ yrs. \_\_\_\_\_ mos. \_\_\_\_\_ days.

2. FULL NAME (type or print) Sarah Jane Graham  
Residence: No. 215 S. M<sup>c</sup>Keas St Butler Ward \_\_\_\_\_  
(Usual place of abode) (If nonresident, give place, county, and State)

(IF U. S. VETERAN, COMPLETE REVERSE SIDE OF CERTIFICATE)

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS				MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH	
3. SEX <u>Female</u>	4. COLOR OR RACE <u>White</u>	5. SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED (write the word) <u>Widow</u>		21. DATE OF DEATH (month, day, and year) <u>Jan 15 1937</u>	22. I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I (and/or deceased from) _____ 19 <u>36</u> to <u>January 15 1937</u> I last saw her alive on <u>Jan 15 1937</u> ; death is said to have occurred on the date stated above, at <u>9:15 A.M.</u>
6. DATE OF BIRTH (month, day, and year) <u>March 27 1857</u>				The principal cause of death and related causes of importance were as follows: <u>Arteriosclerosis</u>	
7. AGE Years <u>79</u> Months <u>9</u> Days <u>19</u> If LESS than 1 day, _____ hrs. or _____ mins.				Date of onset _____	
8. Trade, profession, or particular kind of work done, as spinner, sawyer, bookkeeper, etc. <u>Housewife</u>				Other contributory causes of importance: <u>Age</u>	
9. Industry or business in which work was done, as silk mill, sawmill, bank, etc. <u>Own home</u>				Name of operation <u>None</u> Date of _____	
10. Date deceased last worked at this occupation (month and year) <u>8/30</u>				What test confirmed diagnosis? <u>None</u> Was there an autopsy? <u>No</u>	
11. Total time (years) spent in this occupation _____				23. If death was due to external causes (violence), fill in also the following: Accident, suicide, or homicide? _____ Date of injury: _____, 19 <u>35</u> Where did injury occur? _____ (Specify city or town, county, and State) Specify whether injury occurred in industry, in home, or in public place: <u>None</u> Manner of injury _____ Manner of injury _____ Nature of injury _____	
12. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) (State or Country) <u>Butler Co Pa</u>				24. Was disease or injury in any way related to occupation of deceased? If so, specify _____ (Signed) <u>Sarah Jane M. Anderson</u> M. D. (Address) _____	
13. NAME <u>James M. Call</u>					
14. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) (State or Country) <u>Butler Co Pa</u>					
15. MAIDEN NAME <u>Rebecca Gordon</u>					
16. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) (State or Country) <u>Butler Co Pa</u>					
17. SIGNATURE (name and address) OF INFORMANT <u>215 S. M<sup>c</sup>Keas St Butler Pa</u>					
18. BURIAL, CREMATION, OR REMOVAL: Date <u>Jan 15 1937</u> Burial, Cremation, or Removal: <u>Zion Lutheran Cemetery</u> Date <u>March 12 1937</u> Place <u>Butler</u> County <u>Butler</u> State <u>Pa</u>					
19. UNDERTAKER (name and address) <u>Wm Foster Young West Sunbury Pa</u>					
20. FILED <u>Jan 15 1937</u> <u>Anthony A. Kersica</u> Registrar					

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N. B.—Every item of DEATH information should be on back of certificate.

Verna's mother – PA death record of Sara Jane McCall Porter -  
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# Verna Brewster

in the U.S., Social Security Death Index, 1935-2014



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## Detail Source

Name	Verna Brewster
Social Security Number	101-03-9445
Birth Date	29 Nov 1898
Issue year	Before 1951
Issue State	Pennsylvania
Last Residence	15204, Pittsburgh, Allegheny, Pennsylvania, USA
Death Date	Feb 1976

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REGISTRATION CARD			
SERIAL NUMBER <b>S-109</b>	1. NAME (Print) <b>KENNETH MARSHALL PORTER</b>		ORDER NUMBER <b>S-1478</b>
2. PLACE OF RESIDENCE (Print) <b>419 Carbon St. Butler Pa</b> <b>RD # 320 South Main Butler-Butler-Penna</b>			
[THE PLACE OF RESIDENCE GIVEN ON THE LINE ABOVE WILL DETERMINE LOCAL BOARD JURISDICTION; LINE 2 OF REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE WILL BE IDENTICAL]			
3. MAILING ADDRESS <b>SAME</b>			
[Mailing address if other than place indicated on line 2. If same insert word same]			
4. TELEPHONE <b>22900</b>	5. AGE IN YEARS <b>21</b>	6. PLACE OF BIRTH <b>BUTLER Pa</b>	7. OCCUPATION <b>Crowman</b>
DATE OF BIRTH <b>W Feb 6 1919</b>		(Town or county) <b>Butler, Pa</b>	
8. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS <b>Mrs Verna M Porter</b>			
9. EMPLOYER'S NAME AND ADDRESS			
10. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS <b>American Rolling Mill-Butler Pa</b>			
I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.			
D. S. Form 1 (Revised 6-9-41)		Kenneth Marshall Porter (Registrant's signature)	

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387 Eelsworth Ave., Sharon Pa. 6-19-42  
**REGISTRATION CARD**—(Men born on or after February 17, 1897 and on or before December 31, 1921)

DISCHARGED

SERIAL NUMBER **934**      1. NAME (Print) **Donald John Porter**      ORDER NUMBER **10212**

T. **934**      (First)      (Middle)      (Last)      T. **10212**

2. PLACE OF RESIDENCE (Print)  
**R.D.#6 Butler Penn Twp (Oak Hills) Butler Pa**  
(Number and street)      (Town, township, village, or city)      (County)      (State)

[THE PLACE OF RESIDENCE GIVEN ON THE LINE ABOVE WILL DETERMINE LOCAL BOARD JURISDICTION; LINE 2 OF REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE WILL BE IDENTICAL]

3. MAILING ADDRESS  
**Sharon**  
(Mailing address if other than place indicated on line 2. If same insert word same)

4. TELEPHONE **Butler 38783**      5. AGE IN YEARS **22**      6. PLACE OF BIRTH **Butler**  
(Number and street)      (Town, township, village, or city)      (County)      (State)

DATE OF BIRTH **Nov 14 1921**  
(Month)      (Day)      (Year)

7. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS  
**Mrs. Verna Porter R.D.# Butler Penn Twp., Butler Co., Pa**

8. EMPLOYER'S NAME AND ADDRESS  
**American Rolling Mills Co.**

9. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS  
**Lyndora Butler Pa**  
(Number and street or R. F. D. number)      (Town)      (County)      (State)

I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.

D. S. S. Form 1 (Revised 1-1-42)      ☆      16-21637-1      **Donald John Porter**  
(over)      (Registrant's signature)

**REGISTRAR'S REPORT**

DESCRIPTION OF REGISTRANT

RACE	HEIGHT (Approx.)	WEIGHT (Approx.)	COMPLEXION
White	5ft 9in	145	Sallow
	EYES	HAIR	Light
Negro	Blue	Blonde	Ruddy
	Gray	Red	Dark
Oriental	Hazel	Brown	Freckled
	Brown	Black	Light brown
Indian	Black	Gray	Dark brown
		Bald	Black
Filipino			

Other obvious physical characteristics that will aid in identification  
**None**

I certify that my answers are true; that the person registered has read or has read to him his own answers; that I have witnessed his signature or mark and all of his answers of which I have knowledge are true, except as follows:  
**None that I know of**

Registrar for Local Board **2**      **Butler Pa**  
(Number)      (County)      (State)

Date of registration **Feb. 16, 1942**

LOCAL BOARD NO. 2  
 BUTLER COUNTY  
 Court House  
 BUTLER, PENNA.  
 (STAMP OF LOCAL BOARD)

(The stamp of the Local Board having jurisdiction of the registrant shall be placed in the above space)

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Son Lawrence Earle/Earl Brewster Jr. (by Jessie Stalman):

EARL BREWSTER  
*"How cocksure is this naive man"*  
 Course: Scientific.



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Mrs. W. H. Hall of Brookville, Pa., is visiting in town the guest of Mrs. L. E. Brewster.

Bert Hays of East Chicago, Ind., is visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. John M. Hays.

L. E. Brewster is wearing more than the usual smile this week, the occasion being the arrival of a nine-pound son at his home, the first.

Reynoldsville PA news: "Punxsutawney (PA) Spirit" Saturday 13 Jul 1912 p 5

## Boy Suffers a Fractured Skull

Earl Brewster Runs Into Auto Driven by Wm. C. Startzell at Bad Madison Street Intersection—Skull Fractured in Six Places.

Thrown to the street when the bicycle he was riding struck an auto being driven by William C. Startzell, Earl Brewster, son of Mrs. Jessie Brewster, of Madison street, is in the hospital with his skull fractured.

Whether the boy became confused or his bicycle got beyond control could not be definitely ascertained. Mrs. Brewster was coming down the street at the time the accident happened and was a witness to it, though at first she did not know it was her son.

Mr. Startzell was coming up Pickering street, and the lad was coming onto Pickering street from Madison. Eye-witnesses stated that the boy seemed to waver first one way and then another, as though he did not know which way the car was going to go, but the crash came so quick there was little time to ascertain causes.

Mr. Startzell saw the boy and immediately shot on the brakes with such force that he blew out a tire and turned his car partly around. However, the bicycle struck the front of the car, the boy tumbling to the street. The car passed over the wheel, demolishing it, but the boy was thrown clear of the machine..

He appeared to go down on one arm, and raised himself after falling, so that at first it was not supposed he was seriously injured. He was taken to his home. Some time afterward, he became worse and he was taken to the hospital, where an examination showed his skull had been fractured in six places.

Mrs. Brewster, it is understood, attaches no blame to Mr. Startzell for the unfortunate affair.

The boy is getting along nicely at present and unless meningitis sets in, will come through the ordeal.

DEEDS FILED FOR RECORD	Trini Luth ville;
July 30: Mike F. Fusco et al to Mike Fusco et al, tract, Reynoldsville; Robert King to Harvey E. Thomas et ux, 1:18 a, less reservation, Rose; A. A. Huth et al to J. W. Neel et al, int. tract, Eldred; W. O. Patrick et ux to R. B. Bauer, int tract, Eldred.	
August 1: Zetta M. Britton et vir to Ralph Whittaker et ux, 2 and 21-100 a, Reynoldsville; Tillie Matrician et vir to Gregory Wiechick, int. 73 7-10 a, Bell; Elizabeth Carol et vir to Gregory Melchick, int. 73 7-10 a, Bell; Farmers and Miners Trust Company to Frank C. Heckman, 22.53 a, Bell; Charles Fedillo to Charles Fedillo et ux, lot, Sykesville; Fred O. Updyke et ux to Glenn Benninger, et ux, lot, Falls Creek; Brookville Bank and Trust Co., Trustee, to Lawrence Earl Brewster, Jr., tract, Brookville; George A. Spader et ux to E. C. Buffington et ux, lot, Punxsutawney; Matthew R. Tibby ux to Samuel E. McKibben et ux, lot, Punxsutawney; James P. Winslow et ux to James W. Winslow et ux, 2 a, Pinecreek; Hattie B. Harris to Attilio G. Nava, lot, Brockway; Harry W. Brosius et ux to Dixon A. Clover et ux, lot, Brookville; W. C. Sprankle to Eugene Grubbs, 2.41 a, Eldred; William F. Rodgers to William F. Rodgers et ux, tracts, Oliver; William F. Rodgers et ux to William B. Rodgers et ux, lot, Bell; William F. Rodg-	

Note name is spelled Lawrence EARL Brewster – “Jeffersonian-Democrat” (Brookville PA)

Thursday 11 Aug 1949 p 11

Deeds Filed
Ray L. Richards to Hazel R. Richards, tract, Brookville.
Teresa Ferraro (Heirs) to Frank Ferraro, lot, Punxsy.
Robert King to Harvey E. Thomas 1.18 acres, less reservation, Rose.
A. A. Huth to J. W. Neel, int. in tracts, Eldred.
W. O. Patrick to R. B. Bauer, int. in tracts, Eldred.
Zelta M. Britton to Ralph Wittaker, 2 and 21-100 acres, Reynolds-
ville.
Tillie Matrician to Gregory Mel-
chick 73 7-10 acres, Bell.
Elizabeth Carol to Gregory Mel-
chick 73 7-10 acres, Bell.
Farmers and Miners Trust Co.
to Frank C. Heckman, 22.53 acres
Bell.
Charles Fedilli to Charles Fedilli,
lot, Sykesville.
Fred Udyke to Glenn Benninger,
lot, Falls Creek.
Brookville Bank and Trust Co.
trustees to Lawrence Earl Brewster,
Jr., tract, Brookville.

“Brookville (PA) American” Thursday 25 Aug 1929 p 7

Father:

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS

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File No. 10223  
Registered No. 26

**CERTIFICATE OF DEATH**

1. PLACE OF DEATH  
County Jefferson  
Township Brookville  
City \_\_\_\_\_

2. FULL NAME (type or print) WILLIAM W. BREWSTER  
Residence: No. \_\_\_\_\_ St. \_\_\_\_\_ Ward \_\_\_\_\_  
(Usual place of abode) (If nonresident, give place, county, and State)

3. SEX Male 4. COLOR OR RACE White 5. SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED (write the word) Married

6. DATE OF BIRTH (month, day, and year) July 10, 1861

7. AGE Years 75 Months 7 Days 1 If LESS than 1 day, \_\_\_\_\_ hrs. or \_\_\_\_\_ mins.

8. Trade, profession, or particular kind of work done, as spinner, sawyer, bookkeeper, etc. Farmer, Retired

9. Industry or business in which work was done, as silk mill, sawmill, bank, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

10. Date deceased last worked at this occupation (month and year) \_\_\_\_\_ 11. Total time (years) spent in this occupation \_\_\_\_\_

12. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) (State or Country) Logansburg, Pa

13. NAME Peter Brewster

14. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) (State or Country) Montrose, Pa.

15. MAIDEN NAME Priscilla Butler

16. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) (State or Country) Pa

17. SIGNATURE (name and address) OF INFORMANT Lawrence C. Brewster Jr.  
Brookville Pa

21. DATE OF DEATH (month, day, and year) Feb 16, 1937

22. I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from Nov 12, 1934 to Feb 16, 1937.  
I last saw him alive on Feb 15, 1937; death is said to have occurred on the date stated above, at 9 A.M.

The principal cause of death and related causes of importance were as follows:  
Influenza 935-116

Other contributory causes of importance:  
Myocardial degeneration  
arteriosclerosis

Name of operation None Date of None

What test confirmed diagnosis? Clinical Was there an autopsy? No

23. If death was due to external causes (Violence), fill in also the following:  
Accident, suicide, or homicide? No Date of injury None, 1937  
Where did injury occur? No injury (Specify city or town, county, and State)  
Specify whether injury occurred in industry, in home, or in public place: Home

18. BURIAL, CREMATION, OR REMOVAL: Date Feb. 18, 1937  
Place Sumnerville County Jeff. State Pa.

19. UNDERTAKER (name and address) Wm. L. Pitts, Brookville, Pa.

20. FILED Feb 18, 1937 Co. P. O. Logansburg Registrar (Address) Brookville, Pa.

24. Was disease or injury in any way related to occupation of deceased? No  
If so, specify Not related  
(Signed) R. L. Shaffer M. D.  
(Address) Brookville, Pa.

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of information should be accurately supplied and so stated  
in margin of certificate. Each statement of OCCUPATION is very important. See instructions of registrars.

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## Local Couple Are Married 50 Years

William Brewsters Ob-  
serve Anniversary  
Monday

Mr. and Mrs. William Brewster celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at their home in Madison street Monday, January 30, a few close friends being invited to help them commemorate the event.

The Brewsters, who have been residents of Brookville for the past 11 years, were married in Fryburg January 30, 1933, both being natives of Clarion county. They have one son, Lawrence E., who was present at the anniversary celebration. Mrs. Brewster before marriage was Miss Alice Smith, a sister of Dr. A. B. Smith, pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal church here.

Those present at the 50th anniversary besides the bride and bridegroom were: Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Brewster, of Baden; Dr. and Mrs. A. B. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wilson, Mrs. Mark Brey, Mrs. O. F. Monnoyer and Mrs. Anna McDowell, all of Brookville.

**W. W. BREWSTER**

William W. Brewster died in his home in 461 Madison street, on Tuesday, February 16, at 9:31 a. m., at the age of 75 years, 7 months and 1 day. Mr. Brewster had been in poor health for some time suffering with heart trouble.

A son of Peter and Priscilla (Butler) Brewster, he was born in Tylersburg on July 15, 1861. He was married to Alice A. Smith, of Tylersburg, on January 30, 1883, by the Rev. J. K. Brisker, in Fryburg. To this union was born one child, a son, Lawrence E., who lived with his father.

Mr. Brewster was a farmer, making his home in Leeper vicinity until 1922 when he moved to Brookville and had made his home here since that time.

Besides his son he is survived by one sister, Mrs. Minnie Campbell, of Tylersburg; one brother, Frank Brewster, New Castle, and one grandson, Lawrence E. Brewster Jr., of Ambridge.

Funeral services will be held this afternoon in the home at 2:30, the Rev. Mr. Walters, pastor of the Free Methodist church, of which the deceased was a member, officiating. Interment will be at Summerville.

**WILLIAM W. BREWSTER**

Funeral services for William W. Brewster were held on last Wednesday at 2:30 p. m., in his Madison street home in charge of the Rev. F. W. Walters of the Free Methodist church, of which Mr. Brewster was a member. Interment was in Summerville cemetery.

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Mr. Brewster was a farmer, until 1922, when he moved to Brookville and had made his home here since then.

Besides his son he is survived by one sister, Mrs. Minnie Campbell, of Tylersburg; one brother, Frank Brewster, of New Castle, and one grandson, Lawrence E. Brewster, Jr., of Ambridge.

Left: "Jeffersonian-Democrat" Thursday 18 Feb 1937 p 2 - and right: "Brookville (PA) Republican" Thursday 25 Feb 1937 p 8

Mother:

Form V. S. No. 5

### CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS

1. PLACE OF DEATH  
 County of Jefferson  
 Township of Brookville  
 or Borough of  
 or City of

Registration District No. 623  
 Primary Registration District No. 78-07-41

File No. 84064  
 Registered No. 81

[If death occurred in a Hospital or Institution give its NAME instead of street and number.]

2. FULL NAME Alice A. Brewster  
 (a) Residence, No. Brookville Hospital Ward.....  
 Length of residence in city or town where death occurred yrs. mos. ds. How long in U. S., if of foreign birth? yrs. mos. ds.

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS					MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH	
3. SEX <u>Female</u>	4. COLOR OR RACE <u>White</u>	5. SINGLE MARRIED, WIDOWED OR DIVORCED (write the word) <u>Married</u>			10. DATE OF DEATH <u>September 15, 1934</u> (Month) (Day) (Year)	
6a. If married, widowed, or divorced HUSBAND of (or) WIFE of <u>Wm. S. Brewster</u>					17. I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from <u>May 7, 1934</u> to <u>Sept 15, 1934</u> , that I last saw her alive on <u>Sept 15, 1934</u> , and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at <u>2:15 A.M.</u>	
6. DATE OF BIRTH (month, day and year) <u>Apr. 3, 1866</u>					The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows: <u>Carcinoma of Cardiac Orifice of Stomach</u> (duration) <u>46</u> yrs. <u>12</u> mos. <u>6</u> days	
7. AGE Years <u>68</u> Months <u>5</u> Days <u>13</u> IF LESS than 1 day hrs. or min.					CONTRIBUTORY <u>Chronic Cholelithiasis - Hypo-static Peritonitis</u> (duration) yrs. mos. days	
8. OCCUPATION OF DECEASED (a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work <u>Housework</u> (b) General nature of industry, business or establishment in which employed (or employer) (c) Name of employer					18. Where was disease contracted If not at place of death!	
9. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) (State or Country) <u>Cambria Co., Pa.</u>					Did an operation precede death? <u>No.</u> Date of <u>None</u>	
10. NAME OF FATHER <u>Harrison Smith</u>					Was there an autopsy? <u>Yes</u>	
11. BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (city or town) (State or Country) <u>Cambria Co., Pa.</u>					What test confirmed diagnosis? <u>Autopsy - Prussian Blue</u>	
12. MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER <u>Maria Brecht</u>					(Signed) <u>R. L. Shaffer</u> M.D. <u>Sept 15, 1934</u> (Address)	
13. BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (city or town) (State or Country) <u>Clarion Co., Pa.</u>					* State the DISEASE CAUSING DEATH, or in deaths from VIOLENT CAUSES, state (1) MEANS AND NATURE OF INJURY, and (2) whether ACCIDENTAL, SUICIDAL, or HOMICIDAL. (See reverse side for additional space.)	
14. Informant <u>Wm. S. Brewster</u> (Address) <u>Brookville, Pa.</u>					19. PLACE OF BURIAL, CREMATION OR REMOVAL <u>Marble Cemetery, Summerville, Pa.</u> DATE OF BURIAL <u>Sept 18, 1934</u>	
15. Filed <u>Sept 18, 1934 6 P.M. J. P. Longhena</u> Registrar					20. UNDERTAKER <u>Rufus S. Reitz</u> ADDRESS <u>Brookville, Pa.</u>	

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N. B. - Every time OF DEATH Instruction

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## BREWSTER

Mrs. W. W. Brewster, of 461 Madison avenue, died Saturday, September 15, at 2:20 a. m., after an illness of about a year.

She was born in Cambria county, April 2, 1866, a daughter of H. H. and Maria Smith. January 30, 1884, at Fryburg, she was united in marriage to W. W. Brewster, of Tylersburg. She had resided in Brookville about ten years, formerly living in Leeper, Reynoldsville and Tylersburg.

Surviving are her husband, one son, Lawrence E. Brewster, of Baden, a grandchild, Earl Brewster, of Baden, and the following brothers and sisters: Rev. A. B. Smith, Brookville; Mrs. Ed Hiles, Meadville; F. E. Smith, Tylersburg, and J. S. Smith, Erie.

Mrs. Brewster was a member of the Free Methodist church.

Funeral services were conducted at the home September 18, by Rev. C. A. Smith and Rev. Wm. McFadden. Interment was made in the Markle cemetery at Summerville.

Alice A. Smith Brewster - "Brookville (PA) Republican" Thursday 20 Sep 1934 p 5

### Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

F: = Find A Grave ([www.findagrave.org](http://www.findagrave.org))

NOK = next-of-kin

**Name: Lawrence Earle Brewster (Sr.)**

Name variations:

Military:

On Tuscania: 20th Eng. 16th/Co. D - private

Serial number: 250,265

Entered service from: Leeper, Clarion PA

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: Lawrence E. Brewster

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": mother Mrs. W.W. Brewster, Leeper PA

Returned from war on: "Wilhelmina" Apr 1919

Sailed on return ship as: Lawrence E. Brewster

Next-of-kin on return ship &amp; rank: mother Alice A. Brewster, Leeper PA (pvt, 16th Co., 20th Engrs)

World War I draft registration (1917): as Lawrence Earl Brewster Sr. (on top line) but signature of Lawrence Earle Brewster Sr. - b. 21 May 1888 Tylersburg PA; res: Brookville, Jefferson PA. Married. Dependent: "one boy" - traveling salesman, Franklin Marcin (?) Co., state of PA. Asked exemption from draft due to support of child. Tall & stout.

World War II draft registration (1942): as Lawrence Earle Brewster Sr. - b. 21 May 1888 Clarion PA; res: 461 Madison, Brookville, Jefferson PA. NOK L.E. Brewster Jr. Self-employed on E. Main St., Brookville, Jefferson PA. Card signed L.E. Brewster. Height: 5'8" – 164 lbs.

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlisted 18 Sep 1917

Discharged 8 Apr 1919

Address: 35 – 8<sup>th</sup> St., Zanesville OHRank/unit: private, 16<sup>th</sup> Co., 20<sup>th</sup> Engineers

PA, Veterans Burial Cards – Lawrence E. Brewster, 21 May 1888 – 14 May 1950. WWI – Army. Served 18 Sep 1917 – 8 Apr 1919. Special Casual Co. #64, private. Buried in Westview, Summerville PA.

PA, WWI Veterans Service & Compensation Files – Lawrence E. Brewster, b. 1 May 1888 Tylersburg PA, as of 5 Mar 1934 resident of Moore Ave., Baden, Beaver PA. Served in Army 18 Sep 1917 – 8 Apr 1919. Serial #25265. Living at 461 Madison St., Brookville, Jefferson PA when entered service. Inducted into Army at Brookville 18 Sep 1917. Dependent: wife Sarah Ellen Lynch Brewster, no minor children. Mother Alice A. Brewster, father Wm. W. Brewster. In 156<sup>th</sup> Depot Brigade 18 Sep 1917 – Dec 1917, in 20<sup>th</sup> Engineers Forestry Dec 1917 – Mar 1919, in Spec. Casualty Co. 64 Mar 1919 to 8 Apr 1919. Private. AEF, France. Overseas 24 Jan 1918 – 25 Apr 1919. Honorably discharged 8 Apr 1919 at Mitchel Field, Long Island NY. Not previously applied for bonus or compensation.

Birth & death:

Born: 21 May 1888 Tylersburg, Clarion PA

Died: 14 May 1950 Butler, Butler PA (Deshon Hospital, after hospitalized for 5 weeks – Veterans Administration hospital)

Find A Grave record: 113080064, presence on Tuscania noted in flower  
 Burial location: Summerville, Jefferson PA  
 Cemetery: Westview  
 Tombstone:

Father: William W. Brewster, 15 Jul 1861 Tylersburg, Clarion PA – 16 Feb 1937 Brookville, Jefferson PA.

Son of Peter Brewster & Priscilla Butler. Died of influenza.

Obituary: "Jeffersonian-Democrat (Brookville PA) 18 Feb 1937 p 2 – d. at his home at 461 Madison St. on 16 Feb 1937 at age 75 years, 7 months, 1 day. In poor health with heart trouble. Son of Peter & Priscilla (Butler) Brewster. B. Tylersburg PA 15 Jul 1861. Married Alice A. Smith of Tylersburg on 30 Jan 1883 in Fryburg PA. The couple had 1 son Lawrence E. Brewster, who lived with his father. He was a farmer, living in Leeper vicinity until 1922 when he moved to Brookville. Survived by 1 sister, 1 brother, his son Lawrence & 1 grandson, Lawrence E. Brewster Jr. of Ambridge PA.

Buried in Westview Cemetery, Summerville, Jefferson PA.

Find A Grave: 113082185

Mother: Alice A. Smith Brewster, 2 Apr 1866 Cambria Co. PA – 15 Sep 1934 Brookeville, Jefferson PA.

Daughter of Henry Harrison Smith & Maria Elizabeth Brecht.

Buried in Westview Cemetery, Summerville, Jefferson PA .

Find A Grave: 113082164

Parents' marriage: 8 Feb 1883 Fryburg, Clarion PA (or 30 Jan 1883). 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary: "Jeffersonian-Democrat" (Brookville PA) 2 Feb 1933 p 1 – golden wedding anniversary celebrated on 30 Jan 1933 by Mr. & Mrs. William Brewster in their Madison Street home. Residents of Brookville for 11 years. They were married in Fryburg on 30 Jan 1933 [sic – obviously meant 1883], both being natives of Clarion Co. PA. The couple had one son - Lawrence E. Brewster- who attended the celebration. Mrs. Brewster was the former Miss Alice Smith, sister of Dr. A.B. Smith, pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal Church here in Brookville. Among the attendees: Mr. & Mrs. L.E. Brewster of Baden PA.

Spouse: Jessie S. Stahlman Brewster, 9 Oct 1886 Warsaw, Jefferson PA – Apr 1982 Brookville, Jefferson PA.

Daughter of Jackson Washington Stahlman (1857-1895) & Maretta J. Campbell. Her mother in 1905 became the wife of William H. Hall (1845-1915). In 1920, Jessie & her son Lawrence Earl Brewster Jr. were living with her widowed mother, Maretta Hall, in Brookville, Jefferson PA.

Buried in Temple Cemetery, Hazen, Jefferson PA.

Spouse Find A Grave: 151862354

Lawrence's 1<sup>st</sup> marriage: married 30 Mar 1910 Brookville, Jefferson PA. "Jeffersonian-Democrat" 31 Mar 1910 p 8 – a pretty home wedding held at the home of Mr. & Mrs. W.H. Hall at 417 Water St., Brookville of Mrs. Hall's daughter – Miss Jessie Stahlman – to Lawrence Earl Brewster of Reynoldsville PA. A Baptist minister officiated. The bride wore

white silk. A sumptuous wedding dinner followed in the Hall dining room. The couple left on the evening eastbound train. Lawrence is an “enterprising merchant of Reynoldsville” & is the only son of Mr. & Mrs. W.W. Brewster. – Lawrence petitioned for a divorce, which was granted 22 Sep 1919 in Brookville, Jefferson PA. He remarried 10 days later.

Spouse: Sara Ellen Lynch Brewster, 25 Jul 1883 Linden, Lycoming PA – 12 Feb 1941 Brookville, Jefferson PA.

Daughter of James A. Lynch & Cordelia E. Hughes.

Died of a cerebral hemorrhage at age 57. Obituary in a Brookville PA newspaper of 6 Mar 1941 found on Ancestry.com (citation not provided) – Died 6 Mar 1941. Although ailing for 2 years, death was a surprise since she was recently feeling better. Had 2 strokes & d. 11 Feb 1941 in a Brookville hospital. Daughter of James A. & Cordelia E. (Hughes) Lynch, b. Linden PA 25 Jul 1883. Died at age 58 years, 6 months, 181 days. Spent girlhood in Williamsport PA. On 2 Oct 1919 married L.E. Brewster of Brookville in Clarion Co. PA. For a number of years the couple traveled in NY, OH, PA & WV. Lived in Brookville the past 7 years. Survived by husband L.E. & stepson Earl Brewster (Ambridge PA). Funeral held at her home, burial in Westview. Pallbearers from Irvin VFW Post where husband is a member.

Buried in Westview Cemetery, Summerville, Jefferson PA.

Spouse Find A Grave: 113080086

Lawrence’s 2<sup>nd</sup> marriage: 2 Oct 1919 Clarion, Clarion Co. PA in the Presbyterian Church manse, 10 days after obtaining a divorce from wife Jessie Stahlman Brewster.

Spouse: Verna May Graham Porter Brewster, Nov 1898 PA (1900 census) – 11 Feb 1976 Esplen, Allegheny PA.

Daughter of John Smiley Graham (16 Jul 1856 Oil City, Venango PA – 2 Dec 1936 Butler, Butler PA) & Sarah Jane McCall (27 Mar 1857 Butler Co. PA – 15 Jan 1937 Butler, Butler PA). According to their PA death certificates, both John & Sarah are buried in Zion Lutheran Cemetery. There are two cemeteries this might be: Zion Lutheran Cemetery, Chicora, Butler PA & Zion Lutheran Church Cemetery, Middle Lancaster, Butler PA. It is more likely the one in Chicora, but they are not on Find A Grave as of 19 Sep 2024.

Wife of Herron H. (or G.) Porter, born ca. 1892 PA, killed 30 Aug 1930 when hit in the head while at his job at the Fretz Moon Tube Co., East Butler, Butler PA by a large pulley used to operate a travelling crane. His first name is also found spelled Hereon & Herson & Huron. Her sons by Herron were Kenneth Marshall Porter (6 Dec 1919 Butler PA – 1981, F: 148679357, the husband of Sarah Irene Ford) & Donald John Porter (born 14 Nov 1921 Butler PA). In the 1950 census of Chicago, Cook IL, Donald J. Porter (28 PA, IBM operator for the Department of Agriculture) lived with wife Dorlis A. (26 WI, proofreader, Tres.? Dept.).

Buried in Allegheny Cemetery, Pittsburgh, Allegheny PA.

Find A Grave: 122205089

Lawrence’s 3<sup>rd</sup> marriage: obtained a license in Jun 1945 in Brookville, Jefferson PA. Married In May 1948, Lawrence published a notice that since his wife Verna had left his bed & board, he was no longer responsible for her debts.

Children: by 1<sup>st</sup> wife Jessie Stahlman

- Lawrence Earle Brewster, Jr., 10 Jul 1912 Reynoldsville, Jefferson Co. PA – 26 Jan 1991 PA. Used the name “Earl Brewster.” On his WWII draft card, he lists his name as (Laurence) Earl Brewster, age 28, b. 10 Jul 1912 Reynoldsville PA, resident 320 – 14<sup>th</sup> St., Ambridge, Beaver PA. NOK mother Jessie Brewster of Pickening St., Brookville, Jefferson PA. Married Margaret Elizabeth Jones (1917-1988, F: 140925032) in 1940 in Hancock Co. WV. - Buried as L. Earl Brewster in Butler Cemetery, Brookville PA. F: 140925011

Siblings: none

Notes:

Wartime:

“New Castle (PA) Herald” 11 Feb 1918 p 9 – Rev. A.B. Smith, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church here, received word that his nephew, Lawrence Brewster, of Leeper PA is safe & was rescued from the Tuscania.

“Jeffersonian-Democrat” (Brookville PA) 14 Feb 1918 p 8 – it is understood that L.E. Brewster of Brookville was on the Tuscania, sunk last week, but no information as to whether he survived

Post-war:

Obituary:

"Jeffersonian Democrat" (Brookville PA) 18 May 1950 p 1 - well-known Brookville PA resident, d. at 61 yrs. 11 mo. 23 days after a brief illness, died in Deshon Hospital at Butler where he had been a patient for 5 weeks, interment Westview (Summerville), b. Tylersburg 1 May 1888, son of William & Alice (Smith) Brewster, res: 461 Madison Ave., Brookville, owned & operated service station on E. Main St., WWI vet, member of Rodgers-Dougherty American Legion post & Irvin VFW post, survived by 1 son Earl Brewster of Brookville. Funeral held 17 May, interment in Westview.

PA Death Certificate: Lawrence E. Brewster, b. 14 May 1950 Tylersburg PA, d. 14 May 1950 in the Veterans Administration hospital in Butler, Butler Co. PA. Married. Service station operator. Son of William W. Brewster & Alice A. Smith. Residence: 461 Madison St., Brookville, Jefferson PA. SSN ---- [not listed]. Served in armed forces. Died of cardiac decompensation.

Social Security Number:

Censuses:

1900 Farmington, Clarion PA

William W. Brewster, 38 PA, Jul 1861, father b. PA, mother b. OH, married 17 years, farmer

Alice A., 35 PA, Apr 1865, parents b. PA, gave birth to 1 child, 1 is living  
Lawrence P., 12 PA, May 1888, at school

1900 Concord, Butler PA – his wife-to-be Verna May Graham  
John S. Graham, 43 PA, Jul 1856, parents b. PA, married 17 years, farmer  
Jane S., 46 PA, Mar 1854, parents b. PA, gave birth to 6 children, 6 are living  
Campbell, 15 PA, Jul 1884  
Gertie, 13 PA, Jul 1886, at school  
Myrtle, 11 PA, Apr 1891  
Erla, 7 PA, Mar 1893  
Jessie, 3 PA, Jul 1896  
Verna, 1 PA, Nov 1898  
Rebecca McCall, 82 PA, parents b. PA, widowed, Sep 1827, gave birth to 1 child, 1 is living

1910 Reynoldsville, Jefferson PA – Jackson St. (rented) – conducted 16 Apr 1910 [they were married 30 Mar 1910]  
Laurnce E. Brewster, 21 PA, parents b. PA, in 1<sup>st</sup> marriage, married zero years, retail merchant, racket store [a racket store was a “variety store”]  
Jessie S., 23 PA, parents b. PA, in 1<sup>st</sup> marriage, married zero years

1910 Concord, Butler PA – his wife-to-be Verna May Graham  
John S. Graham, 55 PA, parents b. PA, in 1<sup>st</sup> marriage, married 27 years, farmer, general farm  
Sarah J., 55 PA, parents b. PA, in 1<sup>st</sup> marriage, gave birth to 6 children, 5 are living  
Myrtle, 21 PA  
Erla B., 17 PA  
Jessie M., 13 PA  
Verna M., 11 PA  
1920 – cannot locate Lawrence

1920 – Brookville, Jefferson PA – 417 Water St. – ex-wife & son – conducted 7/8 Jan 1920  
Maretta Hall, 60 PA, widow, head of household  
Jessie Brewster, 32 PA, parents b. PA, divorced, stenographer, insurance office [Maretta’s daughter]  
Earl Brewster, 7 PA, parents b. PA [Maretta’s grandson]

1920 Butler, Butler PA – future (3<sup>rd</sup>) wife Verna May Graham Porter – conducted 8 Jan 1900  
Herron H. Porter, 28 PA, parents b. PA, mill wright, steel mill  
Verna, 21 PA, parents b. PA  
Kenneth M., 1 month PA

1930 Allentown, Lehigh PA – Cheer St. – with 2<sup>nd</sup> wife  
Lawrence R. Brewster, 41 PA, age 30 at 1<sup>st</sup> marriage [not accurate], parents b. PA, salesman, oil company, WWI veteran

Sarah E., 47 PA, parents b. PA, age 36 at 1<sup>st</sup> marriage

1940 Brookville, Jefferson PA – 461 Madison St. – same place in 1935  
Lawerence [sic] E. Brewster, 52 PA, manager service station, automobile  
Sara E., 58 PA

1940 Butler, Butler PA – 320 S. Main St. - future wife Verna May Graham Porter – same place in 1935

Verna M. Porter, 41 PA, widowed, waitress, hotel

Kenneth M., 20 PA, clerk, soil erosion [son]

Donald J., 18 PA [son]

& lodger Charles H. Slater, 41 NY, divorced, mechanic, auto shop

1950 cannot locate