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The research has not been completed, so there may be errors and omissions.

This document lacks 1950 census data.
Please return to Tuscania1918.org in the future to see if a revised and
finalized version is available.

Abbreviations:

b = born

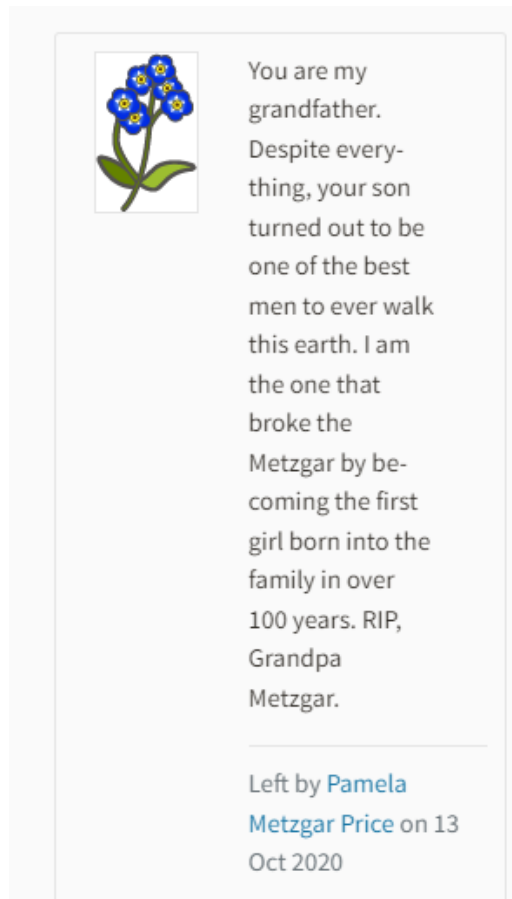
d = died

F: = Find A Grave (www.findagrave.org)

NOK = next-of-kin

The logo for Tuscania, featuring the word "TUSCANIA" in a stylized, black, serif font with a drop shadow effect, set against a solid red rectangular background.

Metzger, Cecil Gorton
1892 PA – 1974 PA



Flower left by his granddaughter, Pamela Metzgar Price, on Find A Grave 66948060

Wartime:

CECIL METZGAR REPORTED SAFE

Anxious Hours Came to an End in
Smethport Last Week—Not a
Tuscania Victim.

There was much anxiety in this section of the state from Thursday night until Sunday morning over the fate of three soldiers from this county: Cecil Metzgar of Smethport, Walter W. Rinn, Jr., of Port Allegany and Basil Spellan of DuBois, formerly of Bradford, who were known to have been on the Tuscania, sunk off the Irish coast Wednesday of last week.

The local Public Safety Committee was indefatigable in its efforts to get information concerning Cecil and Friday night received a message from the man who recruited him saying that information he had received gave every indication that Metzgar was saved. The Star-Record of Bradford also took great interest in the cases and telephoned the good news to Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Metzgar as well as the parents of the other boys when it was received Sunday morning.

Kane was anxious for a time as it was feared that Corporal Ernest Peterson, son of August Peterson of that place was on board the torpedoed ship but the passenger list of the boat shows their fears were groundless.

Monday the following Pennsylvania men had not been reported saved:

Thomas A. Llewellyn, Scottdale.

Sergeant William J. Lambert, Philadelphia.

Alexander C. McNeal, Pittsburgh;

Albert V. Moyer, Lewistown;

Carl C. Rader, Johnstown;

Clifford D. Spang, Lebanon.

LETTER FROM CECIL METZGAR

Survivor of Tuscania Tragedy Tells of
His Experience When Ship
was Torpedoed.

Cecil Metzgar of Smithport, who was on the troop ship Tuscania, when that boat was torpedoed off the Irish coast a few weeks ago has written to his mother here telling her of his escape from injury when the ship went down. He was rescued without even wetting his feet and is now well and comfortable somewhere in Ireland.

Cecil, profiting by the experiences of others who went into details concerning their escape when writing home and had most of their letters destroyed by the censor, does not dwell much upon that part of the affair in the letter received by his mother, a portion of which follows:

Somewhere in Ireland,

Feb. 8, 1918.

Dear Mother and Father:—Hope this finds you all well but I suppose you have been greatly worried about me. I was very sorry I could not get home to see you all before I left but it was impossible for me to do so.

Well, I suppose you have surely heard by this time that I was on the torpedoed liner, Tuscania, but am happy to say have been spared to be here to write about it.

I got the quinsy just after we sailed and had a very bad throat with it for awhile, but it had broken the night before we were torpedoed, and as I had not taken any nourishment for about eight days I was just getting ready to go down to supper for the first time.

Just then we were hit by a sub and I soon changed my mind as we all had other business on hand then. I was on the boat about two hours before I was taken off and must say that I did not even get my feet wet. We were taken ashore and have been treated very kindly by the people here.

My throat is better and I am feeling pretty good now. I understand that this letter may be censored so I cannot write of all the particulars but as soon as possible, or as soon as we are moved from here I will write you again.

Give my regards and best wishes to all. My address is

CECIL G. METZGAR,
Co. E. 9th B. 20th U. S. Engs.
A. E. F. N. A.
Via New York.

Although I didn't get home to see you before I sailed, I am going to be all right and will be back to see you sometime.

"McKean County Miner" (Smethport PA) Thursday 14 Mar 1918 p 1

—Cecil Metzgar who had been in the service overseas for a long period has returned and having received his honorable discharge is now at his home in this borough.

"McKean County Miner" (Smethport PA) Thursday 12 Jun 1919 p 8

5091
TO THE GOVERNOR OF Pennsylvania for reference to proper local board
 (Recruiting station) Fort Slocum, N. Y., 19DEC 2
 This is to certify that Cecil G Metzgar
 (Name of recruit) Engineers
 has enlisted at FORT SLOCUM for
 (Branch of service)
 for the term of 131 His registration
 certificate No. 131 shows that he was registered
 in Smithport, Precinct Boro
 (City or P. O. address)
 County of McKean State of Pa
202 Greene St. RE Parrish
 Form No. 618, A. G. O. 3-4383 1st Lieut. M C Recruiting Officer
 Ed. June 6-17-100,000.

1168
 (Surname) Metzgar, Cecil G (Christian name) 250, 589 (Army serial number) (Race: White)
 Residence: 202 Green St Smethport McKEAN PENNSYLV
 (Street and house number) (Town or city) (County) (State)
 * Enlisted in N A Ft Slocum N Y Dec 15/17
 † Born in Southport Pa; age 25 11/12 yrs
 Organizations: Co 17 - 20 Engrs to disch
 Grades: Wag
 Engagements:
 Wounds or other injuries received in action: None.
 ‡ Served overseas: Jan 24/18 to May 26/19
 § Hon. disch. June 10/19 on demobilization
 Was reported 0 per cent disabled on date of discharge, in view of occupa
 Remarks:

Form No. 724-1½, A. G. O.
 March 12, 1920.

* Insert date of birth, "N. A.", as case may be, followed by place of birth, or age at enlistment.
 ‡ Give dates of departure from and arrival in the United States. § Give date.

Pennsylvania, U.S., World War I Veterans Service and Compensation Files, 1917-1919, 1934-1948 for Cecil Garcon Metzgar

Army > Merriman, Charles V - Meyer, Walter (296)

NY, WWI Army card -

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METZGAR CECIL GORTON		C 2980738
Wgmr 17 Co 20 Engrs		K 635 119
202 W Green St Smethport Pa		A 5 838 118
No 250 589	Died	T 487 556
Born 1/8/92		R
Enl 12/15/17	Dts 6/10/19	Cl 3 007 975
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U. S. VETERANS BUREAU
MAIL AND RECORDS
Form 7202 - Rev. Sept., 1926

INDEX CARD

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Wife #1 Velma Lillian Wilcox



Veteran headstone in cemetery with 1st wife Velma Lillian Wilcox – Find A Grave 91085018

July 11, 1922

NUMBERED No. 3271 MARRIAGE LICENSE

Cecil Gorton Metzgar Smethport in the county of McKean
 and State of Penn. and Velma Lillian Wilcox Crosby in the county of McKean
Pa. and State of New-York at Olean on the 28th day of June
 between husband and Twenty-two years of age A. G. Swann Clerk

(SEAL)
 The following is a full and true abstract of all the facts disclosed by the above-named applicants in their affidavits presented to me upon their applications for the above license:

FROM THE GROOM		FROM THE BRIDE	
NAME - <u>Cecil Gorton Metzgar</u>	NO. OF MARRIAGE - <u>First</u>	NAME - <u>Velma Lillian Wilcox</u>	NO. OF MARRIAGE - <u>First</u>
DATE - <u>28th</u>	I have not to my knowledge been married with any person (living or dead) in any form or manner since the date of my last marriage (if any) and I am now free to marry.	DATE - <u>28th</u>	I have not to my knowledge been married with any person (living or dead) in any form or manner since the date of my last marriage (if any) and I am now free to marry.
INTRODUCTION - <u>Smethport Pa.</u>	FORMER WIFE OR WIFE LIVING OR DEAD -	INTRODUCTION - <u>26 School Teachers Crosby Pa.</u>	FORMER WIFE OR WIFE LIVING OR DEAD -
FATHER - <u>Samuel D. Metzgar</u>	DIVORCED -	FATHER - <u>Samuel George Wilcox</u>	DIVORCED -
MOTHER - <u>H. B. R.</u>	" WHEN -	MOTHER - <u>H. B. R.</u>	" WHEN -
WITNESS - <u>James P. Swann</u>	" WHERE -	WITNESS - <u>Clara Belle Kinnon</u>	" WHERE -
RESIDENCE - <u>H. B. R.</u>		RESIDENCE - <u>H. B. R.</u>	

MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE

Wm Bishop Gates Minister residing at Olean in the county of Cattaraugus and State of New York do hereby certify that I did on this 28th day of June in the year A. D. 1922 at Olean in the county of Cattaraugus and State of New York solemnize the rite of matrimony between Cecil Gorton Metzgar Smethport in the county of McKean and State of Penn. and Velma Lillian Wilcox Crosby in the county of McKean and State of New-York as witness and the license therefor is hereto annexed.

In the presence of Wm. Swann and Clara Kinnon as witnesses and the license therefor is hereto annexed.

Witnessed my hand at Olean in the county of Cattaraugus on 28 day of June A. D. 1922

In presence of Wm. Swann and Clara Kinnon as witnesses and the license therefor is hereto annexed.

Wm. Bishop Gates (Signature of Minister)

STATE OF NEW YORK

County of Cattaraugus

Cecil Gorton Metzgar groom, and Velma Lillian Wilcox bride, applicants for a license for marriage, being personally sworn, depose and say, that to the best of their knowledge and belief the statement respecting signed by them is true, and that no legal impediment exists as to the right of the applicants to being into the marriage state.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28th day of June 1922

Cecil Gorton Metzgar Groom Velma Lillian Wilcox Bride A. G. Swann Clerk

CERTIFICATE OF CONSENT

This is to certify that Cecil Gorton Metzgar who have hereto subscribed names, do hereby consent that Velma Lillian Wilcox who is 26 years of age, shall be united in marriage to Cecil Gorton Metzgar who is 30 years of age, shall be united in marriage to Velma Lillian Wilcox by any minister of the gospel or other person authorized by law to solemnize marriages.

Witness my hand this 28th day of June A. D. 1922

(Signature of Parents or Guardian)

Marriage of Cecil Gorton Metzgar to Velma Lillian Wilcox on 28 Jun 1922 in Olean, Cattaraugus NY by minister William Bishop Gates – Cecil, age 30, b. Smethport PA, an oil pumper & Velma, age 26, b. Crosby PA, a school teacher -

<https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/61377/images/TH-1-9880-27702-40?usePUB=true&usePUBJs=true&pId=805328>

Form V.R. No. 1-1905 7-27-25

CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS

1. PLACE OF DEATH
County of McKean Registration District No. 683
Township of Honrich Primary Registration District No. 3006
Borough of _____ Registered No. 75599
City of _____ (No. _____ St. _____ Ward) (If death occurred in a hospital or institution give its NAME in stead of street and number.)

2. FULL NAME Mrs. Velma L. Metzgar

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 (Indicate the word) <u>Married</u>	10. DATE OF DEATH <u>July 2nd</u> 19 <u>28</u> (Month) (Day) (Year)		
6a. If married, widowed or divorced HUSBAND or (last) WIFE of <u>Frank H. Metzgar</u>			17. I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from <u>May 29</u> , 19 <u>27</u> to <u>July 2nd</u> , 19 <u>28</u> that I last saw her alive on <u>July 1st</u> , 19 <u>28</u> and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at <u>10:15 a.m.</u> The CAUSE OF DEATH was as follows: <u>Exhaustion caused by</u> <u>Cancer of the Liver.</u> <u>Had Excision of both breasts</u> <u>Jan 9th 1928</u> (duration) yrs. mos. ds.		
6. DATE OF BIRTH (month, day and year) <u>July 14, 1895</u>			18. CONTRIBUTORY (Secondary) (duration) yrs. mos. ds.		
7. AGE Years <u>32</u> Months <u>11</u> Days <u>20</u> If LESS than 1 day ... hrs. <u>2</u> min.	8. OCCUPATION OF DECEASED (a) Trade, profession or occupation kind of work (b) General nature of industry, business or establishment in which employed (or employer) (c) Name of employer <u>Housewife</u>		19. Where was disease contracted if not at place of death? <u>at place of death</u>		
9. BIRTHPLACE (City or town) (State or country) <u>Greensburg</u> <u>Penn.</u>	10. NAME OF FATHER <u>Quinn H. Wilcox</u>		Did an operation precede death? <u>yes</u> Date of <u>July 9th 1928</u>		
11. BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (City or town) (State or country) <u>Allegheny Co. N.Y.</u>	12. NAME OF MOTHER <u>Blanca B. Kimm</u>		Was there an autopsy? <u>no</u> (physically) <u>laboratory</u> <u>yes</u>		
13. BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (City or town) (State or country) <u>Pittsburgh</u> <u>Pa.</u>	14. Informant <u>Frank H. Metzgar</u> (Address) <u>Smithport Pa.</u>		(Sign) <u>Robert Hamilton</u> M.D. <u>7-3</u> 19 <u>28</u> (Address) <u>Smithport Pa.</u>		
15. Filed <u>July 3, 1928</u> <u>Hutchinson</u> <u>Reuben</u>	19. PLACE OF BURIAL, CREMATION OR REMOVAL <u>Allegheny Cem.</u>		DATE OF BURIAL <u>July 5</u> 19 <u>28</u>		
20. UNDERTAKER <u>H. L. Knebe</u> <u>Port Allegany Pa.</u>		ADDRESS			

Find A Grave 91085037 – PA death record of 1st wife, Velma Lillian Wilcox - cause of death:
“exhaustion caused by cancer of the liver. Had excision of both breasts Jan 9th, 1928.”

MRS. CLARA WILCOX BURIED YESTERDAY

Funeral services for Mrs. Clara Wilcox, who died Friday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John Kilcorn, of Bradford, were conducted yesterday.

A prayer service was held at the home of another daughter, Mrs. Vernon McGee of Mt. Jewett at 2 p. m. with further services at the Methodist Church in Colegrove at 3 p. m. The Rev. Rex Zewiedel, pastor, officiated.

Mrs. Oscar Klements, accompanied by Miss Lorraine Swanson sang "The Old Rugged Cross" and "In the Garden."

The pallbearers were Cecil Metzgar Jr., Clayton McGee, Clarise Wilcox, Leo Tauchser, Morris Goodrich and Albert Morey. Burial was made in the Norwich cemetery.

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In attendance at the services from away were Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Wilcox, Mrs. Flora Morey, Mr. and Mrs. Milo Morey and son, Albert Morey, Mr. and Mrs. Almerion Lyman, Mrs. Paul Brewer, Mrs. William Atkinson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Peet, Leo Tauchser, all of Coudersport; Mrs. Daisy Mulconery, Elmira, N. Y.; Mr. and Mrs. Morris Goodrich, Roulette; Mr. and Mrs. Clayton McGee and daughter, Port Allegany; Robert MacDonald and Lannie Fridley, Ridgway; J. T. Sarson, Mr. and Mrs. Swan Bloomster, Mr. and Mrs. Volney Dunbar, Kane; Mr. and Mrs. John Kilcorn; Cecil Metzgar, Mrs. Grace Weese, Bradford; Cecil Metzgar Jr., Mrs. Oscar Clements, Gary, Ind.; Mrs. Clarise Wilcox, Smethport.

Obituary of Clara Belle Kimm Wilcox (his 1st wife Velma Wilcox's mother) notes attendance by Cecil Metzgar and Mrs. Grace Weese, so not yet married, and son Cecil Metzgar Jr. (Clara's grandson) – "Kane (PA) Republican" Tuesday 23 Dec 1947 p 2

Mrs. Clara Wilcox Dies In Bradford

Mrs. Clara Wilcox died at the home of her daughter at Bradford Friday evening at 6:45 o'clock. She had been ailing of heart trouble for some time and just a few days before her death she had suffered a stroke. She was born at Roulette, April 4, 1870, a daughter of the late Jacob and Elmira Kimm. She married Irvan Wilcox February 15, 1892. Mr. Wilcox passed away in 1941 at Mt. Jewett.

She leaves four children, Gerald Wilcox, Coudersport R. D.; Mrs. John Kilcoin, Bradford; Mrs. Vern McGee of Mt. Jewett and Merle Wilcox of Mt. Jewett.

Two sisters, Mrs. Flora Morey and Mrs. Minnie Tauscher of Coudersport also survive besides seven grandchildren and five great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

A prayer service was held Monday at 2:00 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Vern McGee at Mt. Jewett, followed by funeral services at the Colegrove Methodist Church at 3:00 o'clock. Burial was made in the Norwich Cemetery at Colegrove. Rev. Rex Zwiebel of Coudersport had charge of the funeral service.

Obituary of his former mother-in-law Clara Belle Kimm Wilcox – "Potter Enterprise" (Coudersport PA) Thursday 25 Dec 1947 p 1

Wife #2 Irene Grace Dunham

MARRIAGE LICENSE

A marriage license was issued yesterday to Cecil G. Metzger, of Smethport, and Irene G. Dunham, of Warren, by Clerk of Orphans' Court Ben Kinnear.

Marriage license – "Warren (PA) Times Mirror" Friday 22 Apr 1932 p 2

Metzger-Dunham
Miss Irene Grace Dunham, of Warren, and Cecil Gorton Metzger, of Smethport, were united in marriage last night at 10:15 o'clock at the First Lutheran parsonage. Rev. C. A. Dennig used the ring ceremony.

Marriage of Irene Grace Dunham & Cecil Gorton Metzgar on 21 Apr 1932 – “Warren (PA) Times Mirror” Friday 22 Apr 1932 p 6

**DOINGS OF A WEEK
IN THE COURT HOUSE**

DEEDS

Gladys Ide Whitecomb and husband to Cecil Gorton Metzgar and wife, Brad. Tp. \$1.

“Kane (PA) Republican” Saturday 25 May 1935 p 7

NOTICE
My wife, Grace Irene Metzgar, having left my home, I will no longer be responsible for any bills contracted by anyone but myself.
Cecil G. Metzgar. *

“Bradford (PA) Evening Star & Bradford Daily Record” Thursday 1 Feb 1940 p 2

Wife #3 Reta Grace Monroe Keyes Weese



Find A Grave 66948060 with 2nd wife Reta Grace Monroe Keyes Weese Metzgar in Nettleton AR

—Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Metzgar
of Bradford were Smethport vis-
itors Saturday,

“McKean County Democrat” (Smethport PA) Thursday 3 Aug 1967 p 2

Mrs. Metzgar

Mrs. Reta Grace Metzgar, 62, 2309 Stallings Lane, died at St. Bernard's Hospital Saturday night at 11:15. A native Elkins, W. Va., she lived in Pennsylvania for many years, moving here about two months ago.

Surviving are her husband, Cecil G. Metzgar; one son, James Keys, Phoenix, Ariz.; one stepson, Cecil Metzgar, Jonesboro; one brother, Pearl Monroe, Baltimore, Md.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 in Edgewood Church of the Nazarene with Rev. Clifford Roach officiating. Cemetery location will be announced by Farmers Union Funeral Home of Jonesboro.

Obituary of wife Reta Grace Monroe Keyes Weese Metzgar – "Jonesboro (AR) Sun" 31 Jan 1972 -
https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/90370182/person/76015790241/media/2d8b9baf-506c-4bb9-a489-5fb92baa8538?_phsrc=hFB35066&_phstart=successSource

Marriage License

CLERK'S CERTIFICATE

Subscribed testifies and answers thereto made and subscribed by JOHN S. CAPLINGER, Clerk of the County Court of RANDOLPH COUNTY, STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, relative to

Mr. John Dayton Weese of Randolph County, and
 State of West Virginia and M. Reta Grace Monroe Keyes
 of Randolph County and State of West Virginia to whom the accompanying Marriage License is issued

THE FULL NAMES OF THE PARTIES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

His full name is John Dayton Weese
 Her full name is Reta Grace Monroe Keyes
 His age is 42 years. Her age is 31 years
 He was born in Randolph County, and State of West Virginia
 She was born in Randolph County, and State of West Virginia
 The place of residence is Elkins, Randolph County, West Virginia
 The place of residence is Elkins, Randolph County, West Virginia
 The name of the party giving the foregoing information is Reta Grace Monroe Keyes
 of Randolph County and State of West Virginia
 GIVEN UNDER MY HAND, this 19 day of May, 1941
John S. Caplinger
 Clerk County Court.

WEST VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF RANDOLPH, to-wit:

TO ANY PERSON LICENSED TO CELEBRATE MARRIAGES.

You are hereby authorized to join together in the Holy State of Matrimony, according to the rites and ceremonies of your Church or religious denomination, and the laws of the STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

John Dayton Weese
Reta Grace Monroe Keyes

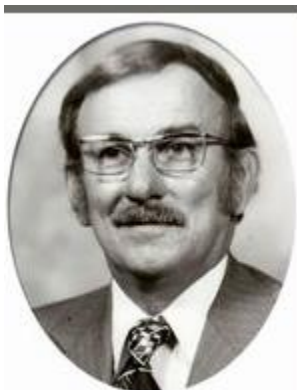
GIVEN UNDER MY HAND, as Clerk of the County Court of the County of Randolph, this 23 day of May, 1941
John S. Caplinger
 Clerk County Court.

MINISTER'S RETURN OR ENDORSEMENT

I certify that on the 24 day of May, 1941, at Elkins, W. Va.
 I united in marriage the above named and described parties, under authority of the foregoing License.
H. L. Koontz, Minister

Randolph Co. WV marriage record of John Dayton Weese to Reta Grace Monroe Keyes -
https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/90370182/person/76015790241/media/fa4d98ae-c2c5-49d5-a4f9-d7123468305e?_phsrc=hFB35072&_phstart=successSource

Son:



Cecil Metzgar Jr. (1923-2007) Find A Grave 18479853

Mr. Cecil Metzgar, son Junior, and Mrs. Clara Wilcox spent Friday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Grinolds.

"McKean County Miner" (Smethport PA) Thursday 22 Nov 1928 p 8

REGISTRATION CARD—(Men born on or after January 1, 1922 and on or before June 30, 1924)

SERIAL NUMBER N 385	1. NAME (Print) CECIL GORTON METZGAR, JR. (First) (Middle) (Last)	ORDER NUMBER 12451
2. PLACE OF RESIDENCE (Print) BED. TWP PARKWAY HTS, BRADFORD, MCK. 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 Box 109 Bradford Pa. (Mailing address if other than place indicated on line 2. If same insert word same)		
4. TELEPHONE Bfd. 4542 (Exchange) (Number)	5. AGE IN YEARS 18 DATE OF BIRTH Nov. 18 1923 (Mo.) (Day) (Yr.)	6. PLACE OF BIRTH Bordell Pa. (Town or county) (State)
7. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS C. E. Metzgar Jr. Same		
8. EMPLOYER'S NAME AND ADDRESS Case Clothing Co		
9. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS Hooster Brook MCK. 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 6-1-42)		(over) e16-21630-3 Cecil G. Metzgar, Jr. (Registrant's signature)

DESCRIPTION OF REGISTRANT

RACE		HEIGHT (Approx.)		WEIGHT (Approx.)		COMPLEXION	
White	✓	5-5		135		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							

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 083
 002
 Registrar for Local Board _____
 (Number) (City or county) (State)
 Date of registration _____
 June 30 - 1942
 Board No. 2
 in County
 LOCAL BOARD NO. 2
 McKEAN COUNTY
 123 Main Street
 BRADFORD, PENNA.
 (STAMP OF LOCAL BOARD)
 32
 083
 002

WWII draft card of Cecil Gorton Metzgar Jr., residing with NOK Cecil Sr. -

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**Pvt. Metzgar Gets Furlough
 From Camp Polk**
 Pvt. Cecil Metzgar has been home on a furlough from Camp Polk, Va., with his grandmother, Mrs. Clara B. Wilcox of Mt. Jewett, and his cousin, Harold Kilcoin of Port Allegany, he spent a short time with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald E. Wilcox of this place.

"Potter (PA) Enterprise" Thursday 2 Jul 1944 p 1

Betty Virginia Wilson Is Engaged to Wed Pvt. Cecil Metzgar, Jr.

Announcement has been made of the engagement of Miss Betty Virginia Wilson of Jonesboro, Ark., to Private Cecil Metzgar, jr., U. S. Army, son of Cecil Metzgar of Interstate Parkway extension.

Pvt. Metzgar is a graduate of Bradford High school, class of 1941. He entered the armed forces on March 22, 1943 and at present is stationed at Camp Polk, La.

No date has been set for the wedding.

"Bradford (PA) Evening Star & Bradford Daily Record" Tuesday 8 Aug 1944 p 4

Father:

AGED RESIDENT OF SMETHPORT DIES

SMETHPORT, Pa., Mar. 11.—Smethport lost another of its aged and respected citizens yesterday when Simon D. Metzgar, a resident for the past 47 years, died at 4 P. M. of a three day illness at his home in Green street. He would have been 86 years old in April.

He was born in Pine Grove, Warren county. For 23 years, following his coming to Smethport, he was employed by the Camp Glass company. Later he entered the lumber business, from which he retired a number of years ago. He has been active and alert until a few days before he succumbed.

Mr. Metzgar had many friends in this section.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Laura Metzgar; three sons, Cecil Metzgar, of Bradford, Harry Metzgar of Oil City and Burt Metzgar of Smethport and seven grandchildren.

Obituary of father Simeon D. Metzgar – “Kane (PA) Republican” Wednesday 11 Mar 1936 p 2

Mother:

Smethport Woman Passes Away at Home of Son Here

Mrs. Laura Bean Metzgar, 81, a resident of Smethport for the past 57 years, passed away at the home of her son, Cecil Metzgar, Interstate Parkway, here Friday morning at 7:25 o'clock after an illness of one week.

Mrs. Metzgar was born in Minister, Forest County, Pa., the daughter of Nancy and Abraham Bean, and moved to Smethport in 1889, shortly after her marriage to Simeon D. Metzgar.

In addition to her son, Cecil, of Bradford, she is survived by two other sons, Burt Metzgar, Smethport, and Harry Metzgar of Wyoming; also a brother, Curt Bean, Delaware, Okla.; several grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held this afternoon at the home of her son, Burt Metzgar, in Smethport. Burial was made at the Rose Hill Cemetery, Smethport.

Obituary of mother Laura/Lura Bean Metzgar – “Bradford (PA) Evening Star & Bradford Daily Record” Monday 12 Aug 1946 p 3

Siblings:



Obituary of brother Burt T. Metzgar – “Kane (PA) Republican” Monday 3 Oct 1955 p 4

Name: Cecil Gorton Metzgar (Sr.)

Name variations:

Military:

On Tuscania: 20th Eng. 17th/Co. E - private

Serial number: 250,589

Entered service from: Smethport, Indiana Co. PA

Sailed on “Tuscania” as: Cecil G. Metzgar

Next-of-kin on “Tuscania”: father Simon D. Metzgar, 202 Greene St., Smithport PA

Returned from war on: "Santa Paula" May 1919

Sailed on return ship as: Cecil G. Metzgar

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: father Simon D. Metzgar, 202 W. Green St., Smithport PA
(wagoneer, 17th Co., 20th Engrs, Forestry)

World War I draft registration (1917): as Cecil Gorton Metzgar - b. 8 Jan 1892 Smethport PA; res: Smethport, McKean PA. Single. Chauffeur & repair man for Fenton Whalen in Smethport PA. Short & stout. He has blue eyes.

National Tuscania Survivors Association (1939): as Cecil O. Gorton – Smithport PA

World War II draft registration (1942): b. 8 Jan 1892 Smethport PA; res: PO Box 109, Bradford, McKean PA. NOK: Laura Metzgar, 108 W. Green Street, Smethport PA. Employed by Quaker State

Oil Refining Corp. at Pump Station, Lafferty Hollow, McKean Co. PA. Height: 5'8" – weight: 190 lbs. And now he has brown eyes.

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlisted: 15 Dec 1917

Discharged: 10 Jun 1919

Address: 202 W. Green St., Smethport PA

Rank/unit: wagoner, 17th Co., 20th Engineers

Birth & death:

Born: 8 Jan 1892 Smethport (Smithport), Indiana PA

Died: 9 Jan 1974 PA

Cecil has two Find A Grave records. A family member thinks, because his body was cremated, that cremains may have been actually buried in both cemeteries.

Find A Grave record: 91085018 – presence on Tuscania indicated in text

Burial location: Colegrove, McKean PA

Cemetery: Norwich

Tombstone: veteran flat: Wagr US Army

Find A Grave record: 66948060 – presence on Tuscania indicated in text

Burial location: Jonesboro, Craighead AR

Cemetery: Nettleton

Tombstone: regular tombstone, not a veteran's one

Father: Simeon Deviticus Metzgar, 23 Apr 1850 Pine Grove township, Warren PA – 10 Mar 1936

Smethport, McKean PA. Son of Levi Metzgar & Catherine Allen. Died of lobar pneumonia. His tombstone is inscribed "Colo. Rocky Mt. Granite Atltitude 11,000 Ft." Buried in Rose Hill Cemetery, Smethport, McKean PA.

Find A Grave: 68182707

Mother: Lura Bean Metzgar, 29 Dec 1865 Minister, Forest PA – 9 Aug 1946 Bradford, McKean PA.

Daughter of Abraham Bean & Nancy Whitton. Died of a cerebral hemorrhage. Buried in Rose Hill Cemetery, Smethport, McKean PA.

Find A Grave: 68182742

Parents' marriage:

Spouse: Velma Lillian Wilcox, 10 Jul 1895 Crosby, McKean PA – 2 Jul 1928 Norwich, McKean PA.

Daughter of Irving George Wilcox & Clara Belle Kimm. Graduate of Penn State College in 1917 with a teaching degree. Died of liver cancer, after a double mastectomy. Buried in Norwich Cemetery, Colegrove, McKean PA.

Spouse Find A Grave: 91085037

Marriage: 28 Jun 1922 Olean, Cattaraugus NY

"McKean Democrat," 6 July 1922 p 1:

Mr. and Mrs. Irvan C. Wilcox of Crosby announce the marriage of their daughter, Velma Lillian to Cecil Gorton Metzgar, of this place, the ceremony having been performed at the Presbyterian Manse, Olean, N.Y., on Wednesday, June 28 at 12 o'clock A.M., the Rev. Wm.

Gates officiating. They were attended by Mr. Milford Marsh of Crosby as best man and Miss Ethel Howard of Straights as bridesmaid.

After a brief wedding trip including Jamestown, Chautauqua Lake and Buffalo the young couple returned to Bordell to reside, Mr. Metzgar being employed at that place by the Dana Adams Oil Co., of Bradford.

The bride of this happy event is very well known here, having graduated from the Smethport high school in 1914 and has since been engaged in teaching. She will conduct the school at Bordell next year.

The groom is one of our most energetic and popular young men, son of Mr. and Mrs. S.d. [sic] Metzgar who until recently has been connected with the State Game Commission in the capacity of Deputy Warden for a number of years. Cecil is one of the survivors of the ill-fated Tuscania which was torpedoed off the coast of Ireland in the late war and gave splendid service as a member of the forestry division of the U.S. Expeditionary forces in France.

Spouse: Irene Grace Dunham Metzgar. Also found as Grace Irene Dunham. Married in 1932 but by 1940, the couple appeared estranged ,

Spouse Find A Grave:

Marriage: 21 Apr 1932 Warren Co. PA at the First Lutheran Church. Was married to Irene as of 30 Mar 1934 when he filed PA veterans' compensation. Estranged by Jan 1940 when he published 1st of notices disclaiming her debts as she had left him.

Spouse: Reta Grace Monroe Keyes Weese Metzgar, 4 Jul 1909 Beverly, Randolph WV – 29 Jan 1972 Jonesboro, Craighead AR. Daughter of Thomas Monroe & Delia Chenoweth. Her birth record lists her as a single birth, but her brother Ernest Monroe shares the same birthdate. – Married on 18 Jun 1927 in Randolph Co. WV to Kenneth Bliss Keyes (1909-1977, F: 159978988). Divorced by 20 Jul 1935 when Kenneth remarried. – Married John Dayton Weese (1898-1964, F: 150484990) on 24 May 1941 in Randolph Co. WV as Reta Grace Monroe Keyes. - Buried in Nettleton Cemetery, Jonesboro, Craighead AR.

Spouse Find A Grave: 66948049

Marriage: sometime after late Dec 1947 when she appeared as Mrs. Grace Weese with Cecil & her son at her mother's funeral

Children: Cecil Gorton Metzgar Jr., 18 Nov 1923 – 13 Mar 2007. Stationed in the Philippines with the US Army in WWII. Moved to Jonesboro, Craighead AR in 1944. Wife Betty Virginia Wilson, to whom he was married for 61 years at the time of his death. They married 21 Apr 1946 in AR. She was a resident of Jonesboro AR & he a resident of Bradford PA. Master electrician. Owner/operator of Metzgar Service. Also taught electrical apprentices at vocational-technical schools. Had son & daughter. Buried in Jonesboro Memorial Park Cemetery, Jonesboro, Craighead AR. F: 18479853

Siblings: Cecil was the youngest of the 3 surviving sons.

- Burt T. Metzgar, 11 Mar 1879 Brookston, Forest PA – 2 Oct 1955 Keating township, McKean Co. PA. Husband of Myrtle L. Davis (1880-1971). Died of a coronary occlusion while he was driving his car. Buried in Rose Hill Cemetery, Smethport, McKean PA. F: 68183251

- Harry Harold Metzgar, 26 May 1890 PA – 3 Aug 1956 Camden Co. MO. Husband of Minnie Estella Brogan (1889 PA – 1980 CA) whom he married 6 Aug 1912 in Cattaraugus Co. NY. Buried in Mount Rose Memorial Park, Lebanon, Laclede PA. F: 70595353

Notes:

Pre-war:

Wartime:

"McKean County Miner" (Smethport PA) 14 Mar 1918 p 1 - letter written 8 Feb 1918 from Ireland. Wrote his mother that his feet didn't get wet. Doesn't say much for fear of the censor,. He got quinsy just after sailing. It was a bad case which broke the night before the ship was torpedoed. He had not eaten for 8 days so he was going to supper for his 1st meal when the ship was torpedoed. Waited on board for 2 hours before rescued.

Post-war:

- in 1971, was Int'l Brotherhood of Electrical Workers union's business agent, res. of Jonesboro AR

Obituary:

The Genealogy Society of Craighead County reports that Cecil's obituary appeared in the "Jonesboro Sun" of 10 January 1974 on page 5B. (<http://www.gscga.net/1885-2016-Met.htm>)

Social Security number: 189-10-0644

Censuses:

1900 Smethport, McKean PA

Simeon Metzgar, 49 PA, Apr 1851, father b. ME, mother b. PA, married 22 years, shipper, window glass

Laura, 36 PA, Dec 1863, parents b. NY, gave birth to 5 children, 3 are living

Burt, 21 PA, Mar 1879, box nailer, glass company

Henry H., 10 PA, May 1890, at school

Cecil G., 8 PA, Jan 1892, at school

1910 Smethport, McKean PA

Simon Mitzgar [sic], 60 PA, parents b. Germany, in 1st marriage, married 31 years, box maker, glass plant

Lora, 46 PA, parents b. PA, in 1st marriage, gave birth to 5 children, 3 are living

Harry, 19 PA, machinist, automobile shop

Cecil, 17 PA

1920 Smethport, McKean PA – W. Green St.

Simeon D. Metzgar, 68 PA, father b. Holland, mother b. NY,, box maker, glass factory

Laura, 54 PA, father b. PA, mother b. NJ

Cecil, 28 PA, parents b. PA, single, taxi driver for self
[previous census entry is for brother Bert Metzgar & his wife Myrtle]

1930 Smethport, McKean PA – 108 Green St.

Bert Metzgar, 50 PA, parents b. PA, age 22 at 1st marriage, laborer, oil fields, not a veteran

Myrtle, 47 PA, parents b. PA, age 19 at 1st marriage [wife]

Cecil, 38 PA, parents b. PA, widower, truck driver for lumber yard, WWI veteran