

Christ Episcopal Church Cemetery Inventory

State and Water Streets, Dover DE 19903

Lot Number: 300 Space: G 39

Find A Grave# 11900402

Name: **Bradford, William**

Birth date: November 5, 1864 Death date: November 23, 1917 Burial Date: November 27, 1917 Age: 53

Spouse: Sophy "Daisy" Mifflin *Wilson* Bradford (1861-1944) m. April 10, 1890 by Rev. Lewis W. Gibson

Children: Lucinda Hall Bradford (1893-1975); William B. Bradford Jr. (1894-1970); Dorothy Bradford (1897-1897)

Parents: Rev. Thomas "Budd" Bradford (1816-1871) and Lucinda *Hall* Bradford (1840-1888)

Siblings: Thomas Bradford (b. abt. 1861) Lucinda *Bradford* Culbreth (1863-1953); Robert Bradford (B. abt. 1867); ½ brother Willard Bradford (1868-)

Residence: Dover, DE

Cause of death/Burial/Obituary: see next page.

Service/occupation information: Civil engineer

Officiate:

Lot Owner: Bradford family

Marker: Large cross centered on ledger marker

Inscription:

William Bradford
Husband of
Sophy Wilson Bradford
Nov. 5, 1864 – Nov. 23 1917

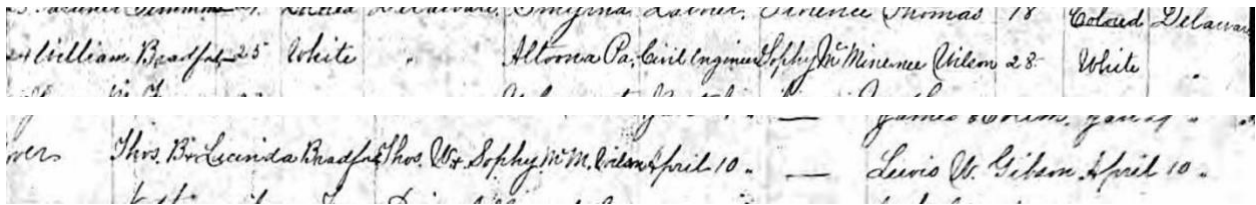
DIMENSIONS: H 80" x W 30" x D 6"

STYLE: ledger

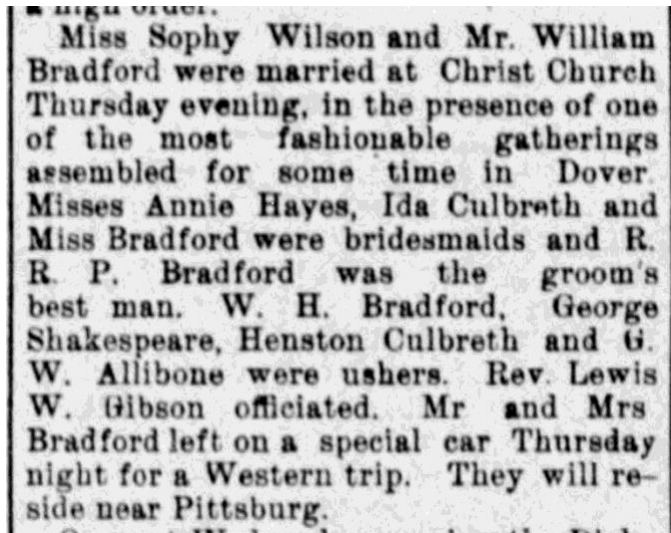
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Inventory date: May 4, 2019 Recorder: Ellen Richardson



Marriage announcement, Evening Journal, Wilmington, DE Saturday, April 12, 1890



The News Journal, Wilmington, DE Monday, November 26, 1917

WILLIAM BRADFORD A WELL-KNOWN CITIZEN

Son of Rev. Thomas Bradford, a Popular Clergyman—Funeral at Dover Tomorrow.

Special Correspondence of Every Evening

Dover, Nov. 26.—William Bradford of Pittsburg, Pa., who died here late Friday night, was the third child of Rev. Thomas B. Bradford and Lucinda Hall Bradford of this town. Rev. Mr. Bradford, who was a Presbyterian clergyman, had much to do with the early history of Dover, one of its main residential streets being named Bradford street.

William Bradford, the third child, was born in Dover and lived here until he attained his majority, when he left and went to different parts of Pennsylvania, being engaged as a civil engineer. He was employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad for several years in this capacity, afterwards was connected with the Westinghouse Co., and later engaged in business for himself in Pittsburg. He had been in ill health for over a year and came to Dover early last spring, where he had since resided.

Mr. Bradford leaves a widow and two children, one son and one daughter, both grown, Mrs. H. A. Culbreth, a sister, and two brothers, Robert and Willard Bradford. The son, William Bradford, is with the United States Engineer Corps in South Carolina. It was feared he would not be able to reach home in time for the funeral but a telegram received yesterday informed the mother that he would reach Dover early this morning.

Funeral services will be held tomorrow afternoon in Christ P. E. Church; interment in the Bradford lot, adjoining the church.

News Journal, Monday Nov. 26, 1917

Death certificate retrieved from ancestry.com on Sept. 16, 2021

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STANDARD DEATH CERTIFICATE POSTAL CARD Q
DELAWARE

1 PLACE OF DEATH
County Kent
Hundred East Dover
City Dover

2 FULL NAME
William Bradford

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS
3 SEX Male 4 COLOR OR RACE White 5 HAIR Brown 6 EYES Blue
7 DATE OF BIRTH Nov 5 1872 8 AGE 45 9 SEX Male 10 SEX Male
11 OCCUPATION Civil Engineer
12 CAUSE OF DEATH Tuberculosis of lungs and distention of heart
13 BIRTHPLACE (State or country) Pa.
14 NAME OF FATHER Rev. Thomas Bradford
15 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER Pa.
16 MOTHER'S NAME Lucinda Hall Porter
17 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER Del.
18 THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE (Informant) Mrs. H. A. Culbreth Dover Del.
19 PLACE OF BIRTH OR REMOVAL Christ Church Dover 20 DATE OF BIRTH Nov 26 1917
21 REGISTERED R. J. Hagan

REGISTERED No. 3

DATE OF DEATH Nov 23 1917

I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from Nov 23 1917 to Nov 23 1917, and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at Y. P.

The CAUSE OF DEATH was as follows:
Tuberculosis of lungs and distention of heart

Where was disease contracted, if not at place of death?
Del.

Funeral as usual residence

DATE OF BIRTH Nov 26 1917

REGISTERED R. J. Hagan

William Bradford 5 Nov 1864 – 23 Nov 1917

*Son of Lucinda Hall Porter Bradford (1840-1888) & Reverend Thomas Budd Bradford; husband of **Sophy Mifflin Wilson Bradford 20 Nov 1861 – 23 Nov 1944**; father of Lucinda Hall Bradford Darby Shakespeare, William Bradford Jr., & Dorothy Wilson Bradford.*

William Bradford was born 05 Nov 1864 at his family home in Dover. He was the third child of Lucinda Hall Porter Bradford (1840-1888) & Reverend Thomas Budd Bradford.

He lived in Dover until adulthood. On 10 Apr 1890 he married Sophy (Daisy) Mifflin Wilson, in Christ Episcopal Church, Dover. She was the daughter and youngest child of Thomas Williams Wilson and Sophy McMinomy Wilson. She was born 20 Nov 1861, at "Cedar Lane Farm", Kent County, Delaware.

Soon after their marriage they moved to Pittsburg, Pennsylvania where they lived for 27 years. He was a Civil Engineer and employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad for several years, then for Westinghouse Company, and finally in business for himself.

William and Sophy had three children, all born in Pittsburg:

1. Lucinda Hall Bradford, born 12 Mar 1893.
2. William Bradford Jr., 18 Oct 1894.
3. Dorothy Wilson Bradford, born 2 Apr 1897, died 29 Apr 1897, age 27 days.

Sometime in 1916 he became ill, and they moved back to Dover in the spring of 1917. He died 23 Nov 1917, in Dover. His funeral was held 27 Nov 1917, in Christ Episcopal Church, Dover. After William's death, Sophy stayed in Dover, living, first with her sister-in-law, Lucinda H.B. Culbreth, then with her daughter, Lucinda H.B.D. Shakespeare, for the last 14 years, until her death. On 17 Nov 1944, she suffered a stroke and was taken to the hospital; on 23 Nov, she died. Her funeral was held 25 Nov 1944, in Christ Episcopal Church, Dover.

~ Compiled by Holly Westmoreland, great-granddaughter-in-law of William & Sophy Bradford



William Bradford



William Bradford with daughter Lucinda Hall Bradford (Darby Shakespeare)
Taken circa 1895