

Christ Episcopal Church Cemetery Inventory

State and Water Streets, Dover DE 19903

Lot Number: 67 Space: I

Find A Grave # 132775375

Name: **Biggs, Julia Sarah Kirk Baynard**

Birth date: October 9, 1894 Death date: March 25, 1997 Burial Date: March 30, 1997 Age: 102
b. Jacksonville, FL

Spouse: William Jackson Baynard and Alfred S. Biggs (1895-1974) m. August 2, 1928

Children: William Kirk Baynard (1917-1942); Philip Gladwin Baynard (1919-1998); Alfred (Jimmy) S. Biggs Jr. (1928-1968)

Child of James Edgar Kirk (1858-1932) and Eunice L. Gladwin Kirk (1867-1899)

Siblings:

Residence:

Cause of death/Burial/Obituary: see next page

Service/occupation information: teacher

Officiate:

Lot Owner: Julia K. Biggs, September 22, 1948

Inscription:

Julia Sarah Kirk Baynard Biggs
Born October 9, 1894
Jacksonville, Florida
Died March 25, 1997
Dover, Delaware
Daughter of James Edgar Kirk
and
Eunice Louise Gladwin



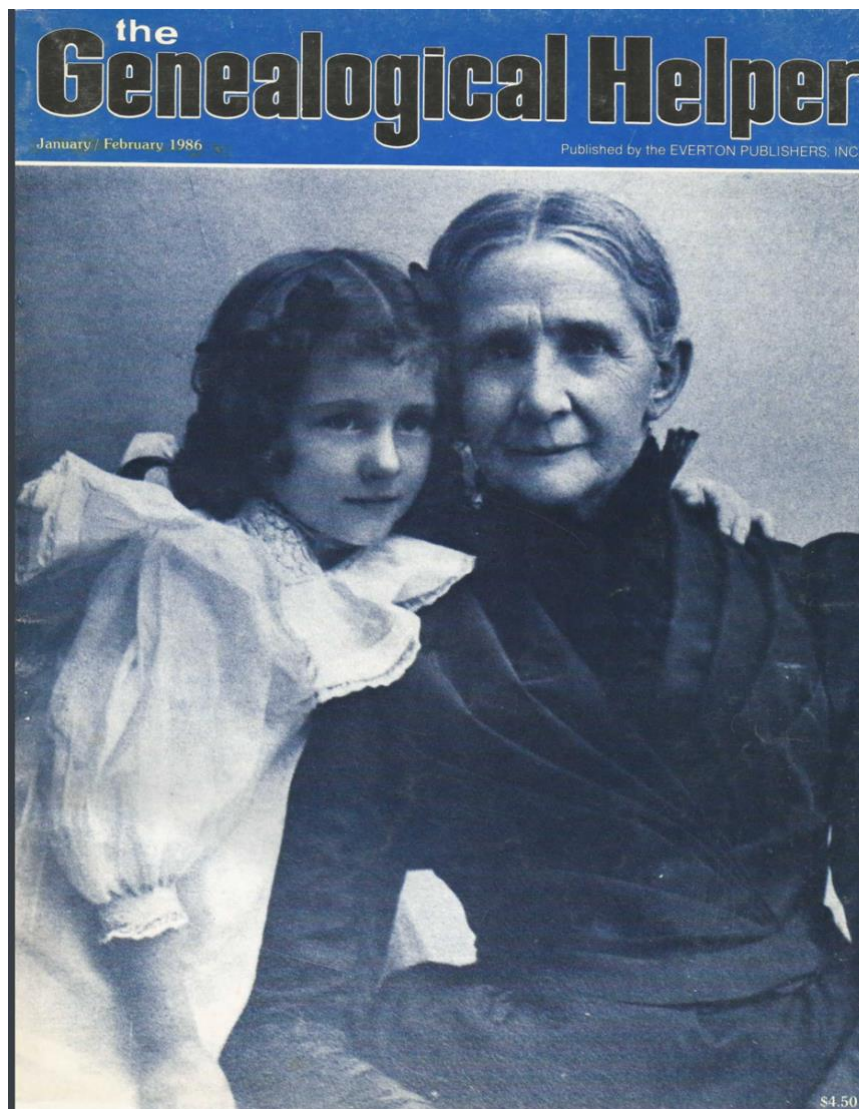
DIMENSIONS: H 15" x W 35" x D 76"

STYLE: ledger

Repairs: cleaned 2021



Inventory date: June 1, 2020 Recorder: Marcia Waters



The Cover:

The cover photo for this issue of *The Genealogical Helper* was taken about 1898-99 when Mrs. Julia (Kirk) Biggs was four years old and she had been sent from Jacksonville, Florida to live with her paternal grandmother, Mrs. Sarah Q. (Stevenson) Kirk in Dover, Delaware.

Mrs. Biggs was 90 years old on 9 October 1984 and when we received this special photo for consideration for use as cover material, she was still residing in Dover in the family home of her great grandfather, Thomas Stevenson.

Mrs. Biggs, through her mother, Eunice (Gladwin) Kirk, is a descendant of Elder William Brewster of the *Mayflower* and of Governor Thomas Prence, Major John Freeman and Deacon John Doane, all of Plymouth Colony.

This photo is very remarkable in that it shows the love that existed between the granddaughter and her grandmother.

The grandmother, Sarah Quinnely (Stevenson) Kirk, was born 22 February 1829, the daughter of Thomas and Sarah Quinnely Stevenson, she married James Kirk in 1854 and she died 28 March 1910.

The granddaughter, Julia Sarah (Kirk) Biggs, was born 9 October 1894, the daughter of James Edgar and Eunice Louisa (Gladwin) Kirk. She married first Wm. Jackson Baynard and married second Alfred S. Biggs.

This special photo was shared with us by a niece of Mrs. Biggs - Mrs. Rosemary (DeWitt) Ackley, 9738 Redd Rambler Dr., Philadelphia, PA 19115.

MARGIN RESERVE FOR BINDING. THIS IS A PERMANENT RECORD. WRITE PLAINLY WITH UNFADING INK. EXACT STATEMENTS MUST BE GIVEN. SEE EXTRACT OF LAW ON BACK OF CERTIFICATE. N. B. - EVERY ITEM OF INFORMATION MUST BE CAREFULLY SUPPLIED.

STATE OF DELAWARE
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS
CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE

667
Registered No. 18

1 DATE AND PLACE OF MARRIAGE
 Aug 2, 1926 8:30 A.M.
 (Month) (Day) (Year) P.M.
 Dover Kent Del.
 City, Town, Hundred County State

2 FULL NAME GROOM Alfred S. Biggs		12 FULL NAME BRIDE Julia K. Baynard	
3 PRESENT RESIDENCE Dover Kent Del. City, Town, Hundred County State		13 PRESENT RESIDENCE Dover Kent Del. City, Town, Hundred County State	
4 AGE AT LAST BIRTHDAY 30 Years	5 COLOR OR RACE white	14 AGE AT LAST BIRTHDAY 30 Years	15 COLOR OR RACE white
6 OCCUPATION Plumber		16 NATIVITY (State or Country) Florida	
7 NATIVITY (State or Country) New York State		17 SINGLE WIDOWED DIVORCED X	
8 SINGLE WIDOWER DIVORCED X		18 BRIDE'S MAIDEN NAME IF WIDOWED OR DIVORCED Julia Kirk	
9 GROOM'S FATHER NATIVITY (State or Country) Alfred H. Biggs - New York State		19 BRIDE'S FATHER NATIVITY (State or Country) James E. Kirk - Panama	
10 GROOM'S MOTHER NATIVITY (State or Country) Marie H. Haddock - N. Y.		20 BRIDE'S MOTHER NATIVITY (State or Country) Emma S. Skadoni	
11 NUMBER OF GROOM'S MARRIAGE 1st		21 NUMBER OF BRIDE'S MARRIAGE second	

22 I hereby certify that the above answers were given to me personally, and are true to my best knowledge.
 J. J. [Signature] (Person performing ceremony) 24 [Signature] (Title)
 23 Residence: Dover Kent Del.
 City, Town or Hundred County State

25 Witness or Witnesses, (Not more than three)
 Name: [Signature] Residence: _____
 [Signature] Residence: _____
 [Signature] Residence: _____

Filed Aug 2, 1926 [Signature] Local Registrar Dist. No. Kent Co.

B4 THE NEWS JOURNAL • THURSDAY, MARCH 27, 1997

Julia Biggs, 102, longtime teacher

Centenarian Julia Sarah Kirk Baynard Biggs died Tuesday in Silver Lake Nursing Home, Dover. She was 102 and lived in Dover.

Mrs. Biggs was born in Jacksonville, Fla., in 1894 and attended schools there and later in Dover, the Mary Baldwin School for Girls in Virginia, and graduated from Wesley Collegiate Institute, Dover, and West Chester (Pa.) State Teachers College.

She taught at schools in Richardson Park, Arden and Dover and later lived in a house on South State Street in Dover that was built by her great-grandfather, Thomas Stevenson, a cabinetmaker and prominent citizen of Dover.

Memberships include Women of Christ Church, Dover, Women's Auxiliary of Stockley Center, Georgetown, Friends of Old Dover, Dover Century Club, and the Delaware Society of Mayflower Descendants.

Mrs. Biggs became a Gold Star Mother during World War II after her son, William K. Baynard, died in a prisoner of war camp in Osaka, Japan. Another son, Jimmy, died in 1968. Her husband, former Dover City Councilman Alfred S. Biggs, died in 1974.

Survivors: son, Philip G. Baynard of Dover; and a granddaughter.

Service: 2 p.m. Saturday, Christ Episcopal Church, State and Water streets, Dover. **Burial:** Adjoining cemetery.

Contributions: No flowers, donations to Christ Episcopal Church, Dover.

She lived much of her life in Thomas Stevenson home. Stevenson was her great grandfather. Lot 671 p. 3



420 S. State St., Dover DE



THOMAS STEVENSON HOUSE

The brick house was built in 1846. The structures to the rear consist of three separate buildings dating from 1804. They are the original tenement and two outbuildings. The first was a summer kitchen and the latter, Sarah Stevenson's (1850) two room schoolhouse.

Sarah's first husband and father of her 2 sons disappeared after about 3 years of marriage. Below is a researched timeline of his life.

William Jackson Baynard – Timeline (First husband of Sarah)

1895-11-03 – Born at home in Wilmington DE to Charles Edward Baynard, (11-09-1858 to 04-24-1926) and Laura Ellen Layton Baynard (06-04-1869 to 09-30-1917). I could not find any record of his middle name being Jefferson outside of the inscription on his son's ledger gravestone. The marriage announcement lists his middle name as Jackson. All other references just provide a middle initial of J. He was the seventh of ten children.

1900 – Census shows him still living in Wilmington, his father working for the railroad.

1910 – Census shows him still living in Wilmington, his father working for the railroad.

1912 – Wilmington city directory lists him as a cigar maker, (at age 12!), the same profession as is listed on his application for marriage to Julia.

1913 to 1915 – U.S. Navy? Although I could find no official record of this service, on his registration for the draft in WW I, he indicates two years spent as a seaman in the U.S. Navy.

1916-08-20 – Marries Julia S. Kirk. Announcement in paper was provided by her two maiden aunts, who lived in Dover. She is listed as a school teacher. His residence at the time of marriage was Richardson Park, DE, (Julia's was in Wilmington). Plans for after the marriage were to live in Camden, New Jersey.

1917 – Registered for WW I draft; residence is listed as Wilmington, DE and occupation as a brakeman for the railroad. His draft registration shows he spent two years prior in the Navy.

1917-06-09 – Son William Kirk Baynard is born.

1917-09-30 – Death of mother Laura Baynard.

1919-07-10 – Son Phillip Gladwin Baynard is born.

1919-10-28 – His father Charles remarries, (Nellie Stevens, also a widow).

1920 – Census shows Julia living with her two maiden aunts and two sons in Dover. It also indicates she is married, but I could not find a record anywhere, on any census, of William's whereabouts.

1921-06-09 – Death of step mother Nellie Baynard.

1926-04-24 – Death of father Charles Baynard. Charles's obit indicates that William is living in Springfield, Massachusetts.

1928-08-02 – Ex-wife Julia marries Alfred Biggs. Her application for a marriage license indicates she is divorced.

1930 – No record of William Baynard on any census record.

1940 – Census shows he is single, living with older sister Lulu, (Laura May Baynard Wolf). Record also indicates he only completed one year of high school.

1941-11-26 – Marries Eleanor Brown, (D.O.B. 11-23-1905). Application for marriage certificate indicates this is the first marriage for both. It is uncertain if she's aware of his two children.

1942 – WWII Draft registration shows he is living in Wilmington and works for Pusey and Jones shipyard as a welder.

1943-12-03 – Delayed birth certificate is registered by his older sister, Lulu, indicating his D.O.B. as 11-03-1895 and that he was born at home in Wilmington.

1945-08-30 – Land records show he and Eleanor built a home in Elsmere, DE.

1950-06-21 – Property records show that he paid off the mortgage in Elsmere. (Possibly sold the home and moved to Texas?)

1950 – Census shows he is living with Eleanor in Texas working construction. His youngest brother Lawrence also lives in Texas. This is the last record of Eleanor I could find.

1955 – Sister Lulu's obituary indicates William is back living in Wilmington.

1972-11-14 – Youngest brother Lawrence dies in Texas.

1980 – Social Security Bureau indicates William died in Wilmington, DE in December, although it lists his birth as 11-03-1893, versus 11-03-1895.