

Christ Episcopal Church Cemetery Inventory

State and Water Streets, Dover DE 19903

Lot Number: 3 Space: A

Find A Grave # 11900289

Name: **Birnbach, (Hannah) Emily Wolfe¹**

Birth date: February 1865 Death date: January 8, 1930, Burial Date: January 11, 1930, Age: 64
Born: Cincinnati, Hamilton, Ohio, USA Died: Haddonfield, Camden, New Jersey. USA

Spouse: Reverend Conrad Rudolph Birnbach (4 Aug 1858-24 April 1922)

Children: Fred Wolfe Birnbach (1890-1942), Jessie Vincent Birnbach Justis Floyd (1893-1965)

Parents: Frederick Wolfe (1835-1907) Lippe Schaumberg², Elizabeth Stador³ (1835-1903) Hanover⁴

Siblings: Louisa Wolfe (1859-1886), Frederick Wolfe (1861-1882), Henry John Wolfe (1866-1954), Ernest Frederick Wolfe (1868-1935), Alvina Magdalene Wolfe (1870-1949), William Edward Wolfe (1873-1946), William Daniel Wolfe (1875-1923)

Residence: Haddonfield, Camden, New Jersey USA

Cause of death/Burial/Obituary: Unknown⁵

Service/occupation information: None

Officiate: Rev. Benjamin F. Thompson

Lot Owner: Cleveland Justis, A and E; B, C, D returned to church by deed holder Mrs. John Y. Floyd, Nov. 1957



Inscription:

Emily W. Birnbach
1865 - 1930

DIMENSIONS: H 28" x W 25" x 14"

STYLE: headstone

Repairs needed: Sunken base, cleaning



Inventory date: June 12, 2019, Recorder: Ellen Richardson. Updated 6 February 2022 by Cynthia E. De Bellis

Related to Cleveland Justis – mother-in-law

¹ Original name (in Germany was Wülf) was Anglicize to Wolf or Wolfe

² Principality within the German Empire

³ Original name (in Germany was Städor) was Anglicize to Stador and in some records States

⁴ District within the German Empire

⁵ New Jersey Death Records for 1930-1948 are not available

Star Tribune, Minneapolis, Minnesota, Friday, January 10, 1930

MRS. C. R. BIRNBACH

The funeral of Mrs. C. R. Birnbach, mother of Fred W. Birnbach, secretary of the Minneapolis Musicians' association, who died Wednesday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Cleveland Justus, Haddon Heights, N. J., were held in Haddon Heights today. Burial was at St. Anne's church cemetery in Dover, Dela.

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Fred W. Birnbach was living in Minneapolis, Minnesota. He was a pianist and the general secretary for the American Federation of Musicians. He was stricken in June 1942 in Dallas, Texas at the AFM Convention and later died on 4 November 1942 in his home city of Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Burial was actually at Christ Episcopal Church in Dover, Kent, Delaware.

BIRNBACH

Hannah Emily, 01/11/30

Oliver H. Bair Funeral Records Indexes 1920-1980
Pennsylvania

The Reverend Conrad Rudolph Birnbach (1858-1922) was born in Lippe Schaumberg, a principality of the German Republic and immigrated to the United States in 1884, probably to Cincinnati, Hamilton, Ohio. In 1886, he married Hannah Emily Wolfe and by 1900 census, he was a minister, was naturalized, had two children, Fred Wolfe Birnbach (1890-1942) and Jessie Vincent Birnbach (1893-1965), and living in Cincinnati, Hamilton, Ohio. At the time of his death, 24 April 1922⁶, he was the Rector of St. Clement Episcopal Church in Massey, Kent, Maryland. Reverend Birnbach may have been buried in St. Clement's Church Cemetery.

The Daily Review - 1903-03-01 - Page 5
1903-03-01 (Decatur, Macon, Illinois)

The Daily Review - 1 Jan 1904 - Page 12
(Decatur, Macon, Illinois)

BISHOP GIVES CONSENT

Rev. C. R. Birnbach Comes to St. John's.

EDUCATED IN GERMANY.

Other News of the Churches. Sunday Services.

Rev. C. R. Birnbach of Pittsfield, Ill., will be the new rector of St. John's Episcopal church in this city. Word was received from Bishop Seymour of this diocese, to that effect late Saturday afternoon. The vestry of St. John's church tendered Mr. Birnbach a call some time ago, but the bishop did not give his approval until Saturday afternoon.

HIS HISTORY.

The new rector is a German by birth, having been born in Berlin, Aug. 4, 1858. He graduated from King William university, Berlin, in 1877, and finished his theological course at the Berlin university in 1880. He earned two diplomas at the theological school of the same university in 1882. On coming to America Mr. Birnbach entered Lane seminary at Cincinnati, O., where he graduated in 1886. On Dec. 15, 1892, he was made deacon by the bishop of the diocese of west Missouri. He was made a priest by the same bishop in 1894. He was made rector of Grace church, Brookfield, Mo., in the same year. He was rector of St. Paul's at Fairview, Pa., diocese of Pittsburg, from 1895 to 1896. In the latter part of 1896 he was changed to Trinity church at Braddock, Pa., where he remained until 1899.

COMES TO ILLINOIS.

On account of ill health he had to give up his work for nearly a year. In 1900 he became rector of St. James' church, Griggsville, Ill., and in October, 1901, he was appointed by the bishop of the diocese of Quincy to the charge of Pittsfield, Ill., where he now is and from whence he will come to Decatur.

Mr. Birnbach has spent a large part of his life in educational work. He taught French and Latin in the Western university of Pennsylvania at Allegheny.

The new rector will arrive in Decatur on or a few days before Sunday, March 15. Lenten services will begin then at St. John's and continue until Easter.

ORDER OF PAULIST FATHERS.

Proposition Made by Members of Protestant Episcopal Church for Establishment Among Clergy.

To establish an order of Paulist fathers among the clergy of the Protestant Episcopal church is the latest proposition of some of the members of that body. The suggestion emanates from the middle west. The idea of the advocates of the scheme is to have rectors of small parishes engage in some other business which would support them permanently, regardless of the inability of the parish to pay them salaries.

The originator of the plan is Rev. Conrad R. Birnbach, of Pittsfield, Ill., formerly of Edmonton, N. J. He says: "The population of this country respects us where we are known. But in most places we are still unknown, or, what is worse, mistakenly known as a cranky set of people. Matters have been made much worse in the case of small parishes which tenaciously stuck to their privilege of calling their 'preachers' from everywhere, the further the better. On account of this evil the church is in small places usually represented by that floating class of clergymen who are always looking for something better and who are so helpless and awkward in dealing with their fellow men that they can inspire no respect for their church."

⁶ From the Maryland Death Archives.

MINISTERS HAD A MEETING

Talk of Answer to Mr. Given
But No Answer Made.

LETTERS TO MR. GIVEN

Statement by Rev. C. R.
Birnbach.

The Ministerial association held a called meeting Thursday afternoon. There was not a full attendance of members and no action was taken in regard to the benefit concert at the opera house Sunday night. One of the ministers said that he thought it likely that some of the ministers would have something to say from the pulpit Sunday morning, though he himself did not expect to refer to the matter. There was some talk of getting up a reply to Mr. Given, but it was decided not to do so.

LETTERS TO MR. GIVEN.

Manager Given has received many letters, commending him for the stand he has taken on the benefit concert and denouncing the ministers.

Many of the letters come from people Mr. Given does not know and has never heard of. Some of them come from other towns. One from Tower Hill is particularly severe.

Some of the letters came from well known and prominent people. Some said that while they could not themselves attend the concert they would sell tickets.

Officer Oscar Cross sold fifty tickets on the street Thursday morning. Tom Hanan sold twenty-five.

STATEMENT BY MR. BIRNBACH.

Rev. C. R. Birnbach, rector of St. John's Episcopal church, this morning made a statement explaining why his name was not signed with other Protestant ministers in the city in the protest against the Sunday night concert. He said:

"I am not a member of the ministerial association. When asked to become a member I said I would come if I could but I would not join the association.

"When the meeting Tuesday was held to discuss the protest I was invited to attend and went to the meeting and made a statement of my position in the matter. I said:

"On principle I believe there should not be Sunday night concerts. I am opposed to Sunday entertainments of all kinds, whether in the morning, afternoon or night. But in this case it is proposed to give a concert for charity and for that reason I dare not interfere. I would never stop charity, no matter what motives may be thought to be back of it or in what way it is offered. As to the intimation that it was a means to draw people away from the church to the opera house I will say that when worldly people invite others to charity at such an hour

I have no right to oppose them.

"I cannot judge the motive. God is the judge. The motive may be other than it is said to be or it may not be, I cannot tell. I told my ministerial brethren that the time to protest would have been before the Banda Rosa concert. Since that opportunity was neglected, I would advise that you wait until another proposition is made to open the opera house on Sunday merely for gain.

"As the concert now proposed is for suffering I have not the heart to interfere with it. I have no right to judge the Jew who labors on Saturday. I have no right to judge a secular organization that proposes to do charity work on Sunday night."

Baltimore Sun - 10 December 1916, Page 24
(Baltimore, Maryland)

The Reverend and Mrs. C. R. Birnbach, of Massey, Kent county, Md., announce the engagement of their daughter, Jessie Vincent Birnbach, to Mr. Cleveland Justis, of Boston, now at City Point, Va. The wedding will take place December 27 at St. Clement's Church, Massey.

Reverend Conrad Rudolph Birnbach was the likely officiant at his daughter's wedding.

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Birnbach, C. R.—Rev. C. R. Birnbach was born and raised in Germany. He joined the First Presbytery, by certificate from the United Presbyterian Presbytery of Sidney, Ohio, at Gilead, in Mecklenburg Co., N. C., April, 1886, and preached in various churches in North and South Carolina for a year. On April 4th, 1887, Mr. Birnbach was dismissed by letter to the Bethel Presbytery of the Southern Presbyterian Church, and after preaching in that church for a short while, returned to the North.

Their son, Fred Wolfe Birnbach was born on 12 June 1880 in Franklin, Warren, Ohio. He was a professional musician, playing organ, piano and clarinet. He married Meta M Ashwin, originally from England and a singer, on 10 April 1913 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. He eventually moved to New York City, to assume his position as General Secretary for the America Federation of Music. He died on 3 November 1942 in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

The Minneapolis Star – 4 November 1942
Page 1 (New York Citew York)

The International Musician December 1942
Page 13 (Minneapolis, Minnesota)

Musicians' Official Dies

Fred Birnbach, 52, New York, general secretary of the American Federation of Musicians for the past 10 years, and former secretary of the Minneapolis Musicians' association, died last night at Northwestern hospital.



He spent his summers at Lake Minnetonka and was well known here. With him when he died was his wife, Meta Ashwin Birnbach, noted singer.

Birnbach became ill during the federation convention in Dallas, Texas, last June and came here in August.

Fred W. Birnbach

By CHAUNCEY A. WEAVER

The November issue of the INTERNATIONAL MUSICIAN has already carried the sad news of the passing of Fred W. Birnbach, for seven years National Secretary of the American Federation of Musicians and editor of its official publication. It was too late for the detailed story to then and there appear.

Death occurred at Northwestern Hospital, Minneapolis, on Monday late afternoon, November 2nd. It was the climax of five months of illness—characterized by alternations between hope and despondency, and yet, in harmony with the buoyant nature of the man, the gleams of hope seemed ever to predominate over the shadows of despair. At his death he was fifty-two years old.

We recall the deep reluctance with which Fred surrendered his task at the Dallas Convention in June. We all knew that something was wrong when he arrived; but the fires of determination were bound to flame, even though intermittently. Only the unanimous urgings of his colleagues finally persuaded him to seek the rest and recuperation so deeply needed. He was taken to a hospital in Dallas. That was the last the convention delegates saw of him. There was a semi-rallying and he was first taken East. Then it was believed that removal to Minneapolis, a return to the scene of early activities, proximity to the rippling music of nearby lakes, and the invigorating atmosphere of the North Star State, would provide the elemental ingredients for a tonic which would bring the ardently-hoped-for restoration. Mrs. Birnbach, faithful as a ministering angel, was out looking for rooms, in harmony with Fred's suggestion, in anticipation of early removal from the hospital, when suddenly the shadow fell.

To *The Fanfare*, official publication of Local 73, we are indebted for the following biographical outline:

Fred W. Birnbach was born in Blue Ball, Ohio, the son of Rev. Conrad R. and Emily Birnbach. The father was an Episcopal minister. Fred attended public schools and, eventually coming westward, graduated from the High School at Blue Earth, Minnesota. He matriculated at the University of Minnesota, but discovered that going to school days and playing nights was too heavy a schedule. He received his musical education in the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music, and studied organ and piano in St. Paul under the late Malcolm McMillan, and clarinet with James Fiore.

He was elected a member of the board of directors in St. Paul, Local 50, in 1914. In 1916 he moved to Minneapolis where he played in several theatres and was contractor in a number of cafes. He there continued his piano studies with the late Herman Ruhoff, clarinet with Clarence Warmelin, and organ with Eddie Dunstetter, at the MacPhail School of Music.

He was elected to the board of directors of Local 73, Minneapolis, in 1917 and local secretary in 1920; appointed State Officer by President Joseph N. Weber in 1921;

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The News Journal – 8 December 1938 Page 38
(Wilmington, Delaware)

Kidnaping, Year Ago, Of Labor Leader Bared

NEW YORK, Dec. 8 (P).—The kidnaping more than a year ago of an undesignated executive of the American Federation of Musicians and his return on payment of \$50,000 ransom was disclosed today in state supreme court.

Fred W. Birnbach, international secretary of the musicians' union, testifying in a civil suit, disclosed the abduction while being questioned on the union's finances.

"I would rather not make public the amount of assets," Birnbach said, "because a year or so ago when the figures were divulged, one of our executives was kidnaped and held for \$50,000 ransom which we had to pay to obtain his return alive."

Their daughter, **Jessie Vincent Birnbach** (1893-1965) was born on 27 December 1893 in Brookfield, Linn, Missouri. She was married on 27 December 1916 to Cleveland Justis (1885-1925) at St. Clement Episcopal Church in Massey, Kent, Maryland. **Cleveland** and **Jesse Vincent Birnbach Justis** had a son, **Robert Young Justis** (1918-2000) in Petersburg City, Virginia and a daughter, **Emily Elizabeth Justis** (1923-2012) in Dover, Kent, Delaware. Her husband, **Cleveland** died on 5 September 1925 when he was hit by a train at Saxon Crossing near Wyoming, Kent Delaware. She moved to Haddon Heights, New Jersey with her two young children and her mother sometime after 1927. Her mother, **Hannah Emily Wolfe Birnbach** died at her daughter's home 8 January 1930 and was buried in the Christ Episcopal Church Cemetery, Dover, Delaware. On 24 February 1932, **Jessie Vincent Birnbach Justis** married another widower, **John Young Floyd** and continued to live in Haddon Heights, New Jersey. Her husband **John Young Floyd** (1877 – unknown) is assumed buried with his second wife, **Addie Mae Zanzenberg Floyd** (1885-1928) in Fernwood, Delaware, Pennsylvania. His date of death was not inscribed on the grave marker. In November 1957, **Jessie Vincent Birnbach Justis Floyd** returned the three remaining plots (B, C, and D) in the cemetery back to Christ Church, Dover, Delaware. **Jessie Vincent Birnbach Floyd** went to live near her daughter, **Emily Elizabeth Justis Allen** in Orange County, California. She died on 21 January 1965 in Orange County, California.

The Burlington Free Press

29 Feb 2000 - Page 14

ROBERT Y. JUSTIS
 COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. -- Robert Y. Justis, 81, of Colorado Springs, died Sunday, Feb. 20, from a heart attack.
 Justis was born April 14, 1918, in Virginia. He pursued a career as an electrical engineer and then as an innkeeper in Stowe. Justis was an avid skier, gardener and stamp collector. In 1988, he and his wife Merna moved to Colorado. Justis is survived by his sister, Emily Allen; two sons, Robert Jr. and Cleveland; stepdaughter, Paige Kier; and stepsons, Tom Peterson and Bob Dartt.
 A memorial service will be held at Grace Episcopal Church in Colorado Springs on March 11. In lieu of flowers, gifts may be made to The Nature Conservancy, 27 State St., Montpelier, Vt. 05602.

Kibbey-Fishburn Funeral Home & Crematory

Emily Elizabeth Allen

(February 20, 1923 - July 30, 2012)

Emily Elizabeth Justis was born to Jessie Birnbach and Cleveland Justis in Dover Delaware and raised in Haddon Heights New Jersey. She attended Haddon Heights High School and Hanna More Academy, graduating from HHHS in 1940. She attended Cedar Crest College in Allentown PA, but left before graduating to marry Jacques Hartley Allen, her high school sweetheart. Jacques died as a result of injuries sustained in WWII, but lives on in Emily's first daughter Kathleen. Emily married Robert Wesley Allen in 1946 and Beverly and then Janet came along. Emily was a proud homemaker until 1966, when she went to work at Allstate as an accounting clerk for several years.

Emily and Bob resided in Southern California for most of their marriage; Emily loved the warm weather of Orange County. She was always active in school parent teacher organization, serving as treasurer for several terms. She served her church in several capacities-altar guild and wedding directress among them. She loved Community Bible Study and served there as a core leader for several years. Emily and Bob moved to Colorado in 2002 and were members of All Saints Episcopal Church. Emily resided at The Hillcrest Assisted Living in Loveland until her passing.

Everyone who knew Emily loved her and her never failing sense of humor. Emily was always devoted to her family; she loved her brother, Bob, who passed away in 2000, her husband Bob, who passed in 2008 and her daughters-Kathy Hume of Loveland CO, Beverly Van Zandt of Parker CO and Janet Platt of Kingman AZ. She is survived by her daughters and their husbands, granddaughters-Lisa Spain, Andrea Spain, Heather Van Zandt Avelino, Erika Van Zandt Zessin, Stephanie Platt Cleveland and Emily Platt Salazar, great grandchildren Sean Starke, Autumn Fenton, Megan Fenton, Gabriel Avelino, Carmen Avelino, Rachel Cleveland, Austin Cleveland, Lauren Cleveland and Drew Salazar. She will also be missed by her nephews, the sons of the brother she loved, Robert Justis, Jr. and Cleve Justis.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday at 2:00p.m. at the All Saints Episcopal Church.

Godspeed, Mom; we will miss you but surely see you again. Say hi to Dad for us.