

*Christ Episcopal Church Cemetery Inventory*

State and Water Streets, Dover DE 19903

Lot Number: 109 Space: F (old G-132)

Find A Grave # 11916219

Name: **Massey, Clara Heverin Clark**

Birth date: April 9, 1875; Friday, 7:00 p.m. Death date: August 2, 1950 Burial Date: August 4, 1950 Age: 75  
b. Dover, DE

Spouse: George Gordon Massey (1876- 1966 ) m. October 24, 1901 in Philadelphia, PA (divorced by 1920)

Children: George Valentine Massey II (1903-1984); Anna Kimber Massey Sutton (1905-1994); Gordon Massey Jr. (1907-1980); Robert Randolph Massey (1908- )

Parents: Thomas Slay Clark (1851-1906) and Clara Beulah Heverin Clark (1855-1927)

Siblings: Thomas Victor Clark

Residence: Dover, DE

Cause of death/Burial/Obituary:

Service/occupation information: Founder of a new Christ Church Choir in 1900

Officiate: Rev. Paul A. Kellogg

Lot Owner: Massey: A,B,F,G,H

Inscription:

Clara Heverin Clark  
Massey  
1875 - 1950

DIMENSIONS: H 5" x W 20" x D 10"

STYLE: headstone

No repairs needed



Inventory date: April 29, 2020 Recorder: Ellen Richardson

Note: Witness signature of her cousin, Marianita Walker Kenney, who was married to Senator Richard Roland Kenney, both buried in Lot 42 of Christ Church Cemetery

STATE OF DELAWARE  
**CERTIFICATE OF BIRTH** 7712  
(UNDER PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 100, ACTS OF 1929)

1. PLACE OF BIRTH  
COUNTY Kent STATE OF DELAWARE  
HUNDRED Dover OR VILLAGE Dover  
CITY \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ WARD \_\_\_\_\_

2. FULL NAME OF CHILD CLARA HEDRIN CLARK

3. SEX Female 4. IF PLURAL BIRTHS \_\_\_\_\_ 5. TWIN, TRIPLET, OR OTHER \_\_\_\_\_ 6. LEGITIMATE Yes 7. DATE OF BIRTH Apr. 9 1875  
(MONTH, DAY, YEAR)

8. FULL NAME OF FATHER Thomas Slay Clark 9. NUMBER, IN ORDER OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_ 10. FULL MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Clara Buelah Hedrin

11. RESIDENCE (USUAL PLACE OF ABODE) (IF NONRESIDENT, GIVE PLACE AND STATE) Dover, Del. 12. RESIDENCE (USUAL PLACE OF ABODE) (IF NONRESIDENT, GIVE PLACE AND STATE) Dover, Del.

13. COLOR OR RACE White 14. AGE WHEN CHILD WAS BORN 23 (YEARS) 15. COLOR OR RACE White 16. AGE WHEN CHILD WAS BORN 19 (YEARS)

17. BIRTHPLACE (CITY OR PLACE) (STATE OR COUNTRY) Towsonville, S. C. 18. BIRTHPLACE (CITY OR PLACE) (STATE OR COUNTRY) Farmstead, "S. Dover Hundred, Kent Co. Delaware

19. OCCUPATION Real estate broker 20. OCCUPATION Housewife

21. NUMBER OF CHILDREN OF THIS MOTHER (AT TIME OF THIS BIRTH AND INCLUDING THIS CHILD) 1st child 22. BORN ALIVE AND LIVING WHEN THIS BIRTH OCCURRED None 23. BORN ALIVE BUT DEAD WHEN THIS BIRTH OCCURRED None

CERTIFICATES

I HEREBY CERTIFY THIS CHILD WAS BORN ON THE DATE ABOVE STATED. I AM THE \_\_\_\_\_ I am the Cousin \_\_\_\_\_  
THIS CHILD, AND THIS CERTIFICATE IS BASED UPON MY KNOWLEDGE OF THE FAMILY.  
Marianita Walker Kenney  
Signature

Old family bible record giving date as above \_\_\_\_\_ Bureau of Vital Statistics  
on Friday, P.M. 7 o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ Signature

THE ABOVE SIGNATURES WERE MADE IN MY PRESENCE, AFTER OATH.  
WRS \_\_\_\_\_ (SEAL)  
Julia L. L...  
(Signature of Attending Authority)

FILED June 29, 1942 \_\_\_\_\_ State Registrar

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The News Journal, Wilmington, DE,  
Wednesday, August 2, 1950

# Choir Founder Dies at Dover

## Mrs. Clara Massey Dead At 75; Organized Singing At Christ Church in 1900

Special to the Journal—Every Evening  
DOVER, Aug. 2. — Mrs. Clara Hedrin Clark Massey, 75, a native of Dover and founder of the Christ Church choir here, died this morning in the Kent General Hospital.

She was the daughter of Thomas Slay Clark and Clara B. Hedrin Clark of Dover and was born here April 9, 1875. She attended private schools here, Misses Hebb's School in Wilmington and Miss Gibson's in Philadelphia.

Mrs. Massey then continued her studies in singing, language and dramatics and was chosen for a role in "The Chimes of Normandy" when that light opera opened in Philadelphia. Her appearance was cut short by the arrival of her father from Dover who objected to that career.

In 1900 she organized a new choir at Christ Church and was active in it until last month. Her brother, the late T. Victor Clark, was a star baseball pitcher at the Hill School, Princeton, N. J., and for the Atlantic City and Toronto clubs.

Mrs. Massey is survived by four children: G. Valentine Massey II, Mrs. Anna K. Massey Sutton, and Gordon Massey, all of Dover, and Robert Randolph Massey of Virginia, and six grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held in Christ Church at 11 o'clock Friday morning, with interment in Christ churchyard. News J. Wed. 8.2.1950