

WWI Fort Caswell Nurse Profile: Anna Loveland, 1871-1964

*Polly Anna Loveland
Corry, Penn.
Army Nurse Corps
2nd Lieutenant
Served: March 20, 1918
— April 30, 1934
Fort Caswell, US Army
Post Hospital: March 20,
1918 — January 25, 1919*

Polly Anna Loveland was born and raised in Pennsylvania. There is a family tree on Family Search.

Her WWI PA Service Card shows her place of birth as Columbia, Pa., but it seems more likely to be Columbus, as her 1880 Census lists the family residence in Corry, which is very close to Columbus. In addition, most of the family was laid to rest in a cemetery in Columbus. Columbus and Corry are both located in Erie County, PA.

In 1880, her father was working in a tannery. Anna was the youngest, age 10 (should be 7 or 8). There appears to have been eleven children total and one child, a son, born after Anna. According to census records, Anna's father immigrated to America from England when he was 20, and worked various jobs such as toll collector, farmer, and the tannery as mentioned.

Anna's mother, Polly Ann Witter Loveland, passed away in 1894 and was laid to rest in Columbus, Pa., Anna was 23 at the time.

Anna graduated in 1899 from School for Trained Nurses at Buffalo General Hospital, as shown in the newspaper clipping. The 1900 Census, when she was 29 years of age, lists her with the other nurses at the hospital.

In 1902, she is listed in the Buffalo City Directory as Night Superintendent at Buffalo General, shown below. [Source: Ancestry.com. U.S. City Directories, 1822-1995 [database online]. Provo, UT, USA]

In 1906, she is listed as Assistant Superintendent. A story published in Buffalo Evening Times on January 23, 1907, p. 4 (Nurses Training School Doing a Noble Work) listed her as one of seven head nurses for the three year training program at Buffalo General Hospital.

By 1910 she had moved to Batavia Hospital. Batavia is about halfway between Buffalo and Rochester, NY.

In July 1918, a story appeared in The Buffalo Times from the town of Batavia. Assistant Superintendent Anna Loveland at Batavia Hospital, and Superintendent Etta E. Robbins resigned to join the war effort. Nurse Loveland was 47 years old. As mentioned earlier, when the war began, only nurses between ages 25-35 were accepted.

Details of her US Army

service may be found on her WWI PA Service Card, which is shown and also in table form for easier reading. Her military service is not detailed on the service card after December 1922, but some additional information was found through other records.

03/20/1918 — Fort Caswell, NC

01/25/1919 — Demobilization Hospital #4

08/14/1919 — Hazelhurst Field, NY

04/1922 — Fitzsimons General Hospital, Denver, CO

1930 — Leiterman General Hospital, San Francisco

04/30/1934 — Retirement

The 1930 Census shows she was stationed at Leiterman General Hospital in San Francisco.

The 1939 and subsequent Military Registries (two excerpts shown below), indicate that Anna Loveland retired on April 30, 1934, with the rank of 2nd Lieutenant. Her address at retirement was 6028 Harcourt Ave, Los Angeles. [Source: Ancestry.com. U.S. Select Military Registers, 1862-1985 [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA]

On April 17, 1964, Anna Loveland passed away at age 93. As her flat marker shows, her military service is displayed. A memorial stone had been placed earlier in the cemetery in Columbus, PA, where her family was laid to rest.

Final Rites Held for Miss Loveland

Funeral services for Miss Anna Loveland, 93, of Saratoga, were held Monday at the West Valley Chapel, Los Gatos.

She died in a Saratoga convalescent hospital.

Before entering the

hospital, Miss Loveland had lived for seven years with her niece, Mrs. Louise Morrow, on Williams Ave., Saratoga.

Miss Loveland began a long nursing career after graduating from Buffalo General Hospital, Buffalo, N.Y. She worked in hospitals treating wounded of the Spanish-American War. Later she joined the Army and became a second lieutenant. She got a disability retirement in 1934.

Saratoga survivors are a nephew, Harold Loveland, of La Paloma Avenue, and two nieces, Mrs. Louise Morrow and Miss Eunice La Monia, both of Williams Avenue.

[Source: <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/29719890>]

If you would like to help us honor Polly Anna Loveland or another Brunswick County WWI veteran, please email the Friends of Ft Caswell Rifle Range at fcaswellrifle@gmail.com or go to caswellrifle.com.

Oktoberfest in Caswell Beach was a huge success Saturday, Oct. 12, at the Caswell Beach Town Public Service Facility. The Friends earned \$2,200 to be applied to historic preservation of the rifle range memorial and the book to be published honoring the men and women that served in WWI from Brunswick County. Many thanks to all that attended.

On Monday, Nov. 11, Veterans Day, the Roll Call continues for the 724 men and one women nurse from Southport that served in WWI from Brunswick County. It will once again be held beside the 1918 Rifle Range Memorial at 11 a.m.

The event is sponsored jointly by the Brunswick Town Chapter NSDAR and the Friends of Fort Caswell Rifle Range. The Southport



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Loveland

New Hospital Superintendent

Special to The Buffalo TIMES.
BATAVIA, Jan. 31.—The directors of the Batavia Hospital have chosen Mrs. Lillian Schraft, a graduate of the Buffalo General Hospital, to succeed Miss Etta E. Robbins as superintendent of the Batavia hospital. Mrs. Schraft will commence her duties on Monday morning. Miss Robbins, together with Miss Anna Loveland, the assistant superintendent, tendered their resignations a short time ago, and intend taking up Red Cross work. Miss Robbins already having received a commission of a base hospital.

In 1906, Loveland was listed as Assistant Superintendent.

Historical Society Firing Crew will fire, Thor, the cannon, in commemoration of the veterans' service. Gwen Causey, locally known for her historic focus and knowledge of Brunswick County, will speak on,

'Brunswick County, 1900-1921'.

The public is welcome. Please bring a folding chair and be sure to park in condo parking lots and not on the roadside, for safety sake.

Loveland, Anna		OFFICER-ORC
(Surname)		White
Residence: 1055 East Main St Corry, Erie, PENNSYLVANIA		
* Born in: Columbia Pa, Moh 14/1871		
† Called into active service as: Nurse, Moh 20/18 fr CL		
Promotions: None		
Organizations and staff assignments: Post Hosp Ft Caswell NC to Jan 25/19; Emb Hosp #4 to Aug 14/19; Hazelhurst Field NY to Moh 1/22; Fitzsimons Gen Hosp Denver Colo to date		
Engagements: None		
Wounds received in action: None		
‡ Served overseas: None		
§ Still in Service: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no longer required. per cent disabled on date of discharge, in view of occupation.		
Remarks: xx		

Details of Loveland's US Army service may be found on her WWI PA Service Card

NEW TRAINED NURSES.

Commencement Exercises Were Held at General Hospital Last Evening. Big Class Was Graduated.

The annual commencement exercises of the School for Trained Nurses were held at the Buffalo General Hospital last evening. The hall was decorated with palms and cut flowers, while Kuhn's Orchestra furnished the music. Dr. Henry R. Hopkins of the General Hospital staff presented the diplomas to the graduates, and William H. Walker, a trustee, presented them with badges. After the exercises a supper was served.

The following is a list of the graduates: Miss Maud Mohan, Miss Anna Loveland, Miss Mary Whyte, Miss Clara Miller, Miss Frances J. Green, Miss Clara A. Good, Miss Blanche E. Anderson, Miss Cora B. Evans, Miss Mabel A. Goodale, Mrs. Clara Heath-Yaw, Miss Jennie Conley, Miss Helen B. Bergtold, Miss Colleen Armstrong, Miss Eva Redmond, Miss Marie Robertson, Miss Rachel Knott, Miss Kate M. Brindle, Miss True Cotter, Miss Fannie L. Holliday, Miss Grace Patterson.

New Trained Nurses. Buffalo Evening Times, 7 June 1899, p. 7.

Loveland Anna night supt. Buff. General Hospital, r. 100 High.

Loveland, Anna, 2d lt. (A. N. C.), Ret., 6028 Harcourt Ave, Los Angeles, Calif.

New Hospital Superintendent. The Buffalo Times, 31 July 1918, p. 10. Nurse Loveland resigns to help the war effort.



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