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Anna Lucille "Lou" Andis Cleveland

Johnson City, Tenn.

Army Nurse Corps

Served: Oct. 5, 1918 - Jan. 15, 1919

Fort Caswell, U.S. Army Post Hospital: Oct. 5, 1918 - Jan. 15, 1919

Anna Lucille "Lou" Andis was born and raised in Jonesville, Va.

The 1900 Census, when Lou was 11 years old, listed her father as a farmer. There were eight children, all living. Lou was the third eldest sibling and the eldest daughter. Her older brothers were working on the family farm. All siblings over age 5 were reportedly reading, writing, and attending school.

In 1910, Lou was living in Johnson City, Tenn., with her younger sister who had recently married. Lou's brother-in-law was employed as a salesman. Lou was employed as a trained nurse.

According to The Comet (Johnsonville, Tenn.), 01 Jul 1909; p. 1; her younger sister's marriage was "a notable event in social circles." Lou served as maid of honor. The bride was reportedly a "most popular young lady" and the groom "is a successful young business man of Johnson City, where he holds a responsible position with the Summers-Parrott Hardware Company."

Jonesville, Va., is in the far western part of Virginia. Johnson City, Tenn., is actually east of Jonesville, Va., and northeast of Asheville, NC, about halfway between Jonesville, Va., and Asheville.

The 1913 Johnson City, Tenn., City Directory, the earliest directory in which Lou appears, shows Lucile Andes (both names misspelled) as an apprentice nurse at Memorial Hospital, living at the hospital. It was common to live at the hospital while training. [Source: Ancestry.com. U.S. City Directories, 1822-1995 [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA]

The next year, the nurses were listed in the City Directory as shown. It is assumed that Lou had completed the training program. [Source: Ancestry.com. U.S. City Directories, 1822-1995 [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA]

Nurses

Andis Lucile Miss 304 e Holston av
Dunington Nellie G Miss 348 e Main
*Coles Alice 900 blk 2d av. Carnegie
Gearhart C. E Miss Memorial Hospital
Hodge L R Miss 405 Oak
Hodge M W Miss 405 Oak
Holland Carrie Miss Memorial Hospital
*Irwin Geneva 2d av. Carnegie
Jackson M F Miss Memorial Hospital
Jarvis Amanda Miss 109 Harris av
Keel Augusta Miss Memorial Hospital
Keller Nancy Miss 301 e Holston av
Newman Dora Miss Memorial Hospital

Anna Andis, 1914 city directory.

UT, USA]

On Oct. 5, 1918, Lou enlisted in the Army Nursing Corps as Anna Andis. She served at Fort Caswell Post Hospital and was discharged on January 15, 1919.

[Source: The American Journal of Nursing, Vol. 19, No. 3 (Dec., 1918), pp. 60, excerpt shown below.]

Lou's younger brother Guy Herbert Andis served in WWI in the 117th Infantry, 30th "Old Hickory" Division. [Source: World War Record of Ex-Soldiers of Washington County, State of Tennessee; Page 10]

Lou remained in Johnson City, Tenn., according to city directories until some time after 1935. She married Wilbur Cleveland in Miami, Fla., sometime before the 1940 Census. (Wilbur divorced a woman named Ann in 1936, then married Anna Lucille "Lou" Andis, which created complications due to their similar names.)

Wilbur and Lou remained married until her death, as her death certificate shows. Lou died in 1943, at age 54, after spending 6 months in the VA Hospital in Asheville, NC. The cause of death was cervical cancer.

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The following obituaries were published:

Mrs. Wilbur Cleveland

A nurse of World War I, Mrs. Wilbur Cleveland, 50, died in a hospital in Asheville, N.C., Wednesday morning. Word of her death was received by a brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Cleveland, 1227 S. W. 11th Ave. The deceased had lived in Miami at 3030 S. W. 25th Terrace the last five years, coming here from Asheville. She was well known here, in North Carolina and in Tennessee as a nurse. Funeral services will be held in her hometown, Johnson City, Tenn.

The Miami News, 30 Sept. 1943, p. 13.

Mrs. Wilbur Cleveland

Mrs. Wilbur Cleveland of Miami, Fla., formerly of Johnson City, Tenn., died yesterday at 8:30 a.m. in an Asheville hospital following an illness of several months.

The body will be sent by



Anna Andis, military marker.

ORIGINAL

FLAT GRANITE

CHECK TYPE REQUIRED
(See Instructions attached)
 UPRIGHT MARBLE HEADSTONE
 UPRIGHT GRANITE HEADSTONE
 FLAT MARBLE MARKER
 FLAT GRANITE MARKER
 BRONZE MARKER (NOTE RESTRICTIONS)

APPLICATION FOR HEADSTONE OR MARKER
(Please make out and return in duplicate)

ENLISTMENT DATE: October 5, 1918
DISCHARGE DATE: January 15, 1919

SERIAL No. R-20 934 none
PENSION No. Unknown
STATE: Tennessee RANK: Nurse COMPANY: Army Nurse Corps

EMBLEM (Check one)
 CHRISTIAN
 HEBREW
 NONE

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial): ANDIS, Anna Lucille
name at death (Anna Lucille Andis Cleveland)
DATE OF BIRTH (Month, Day, Year): March 7, 1889 90 / DATE OF DEATH (Month, Day, Year): September 29, 1943
NAME OF CEMETERY: Monte Vista Cemetery, O.K.
SHIP TO (I CERTIFY THE APPLICANT FOR THIS STONE HAS MADE ARRANGEMENTS WITH ME TO TRANSPORT THE STONE FROM THE FREIGHT STATION TO THE CEMETERY)
A. G. Sheewood, Jr. - O.K.
(SIGNATURE OF CONSIGNEE)

LOCATION (City and State): Johnson City, Tennessee
NEAREST FREIGHT STATION (City and State): Johnson City, Tennessee
POST OFFICE ADDRESS OF CONSIGNEE: 906 Southwest Avenue Johnson City, Tennessee

DO NOT WRITE HERE
FOR VERIFICATION: JUN 14 1943
ORDERED: COLUMBUS, MISS. OCT 15 1947
BY: 3044688
SHIPPED: 12-31-47

I certify this application is submitted for a stone for the unmarked grave of a veteran. I hereby agree to assume all responsibility for the removal of the stone promptly upon arrival at destination, and properly place it at the decedent's grave at my expense.

Mrs. John W. Moulton June 9, 1947
APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE DATE OF APPLICATION
ADDRESS (Street, City, State): 906 S.W. Ave., Johnson City, Tenn.

QOMG FORM REV 5 NOV 45 623 **IMPORTANT—Complete Reverse Side**

Application for military marker, Anna Andis.

the Morris-Gearing funeral home to Johnson City for funeral services and burial today. The Morris funeral home will be in charge of services in Johnson City.

Mrs. Cleveland, a nurse in World War I, is survived by her husband, Wilbur Cleveland of Miami; her mother, Mrs. W.H. Andis of 22 Kenilworth road, and four sisters, Mrs. George M. Hyder of 22 Kenilworth road, Mrs. Alton Riley of New Town, Ind., and Mrs. M.S. Smith of Roanoke, Va., and Mrs. Lon Smith of Jonesville, Va.

Asheville Citizen-Times (Asheville, NC), 30 Sept. 1943, p. 2.

Anna Lucille Andis Cleveland was laid to rest in Johnson City, Tenn. Her husband Wilbur passed away over 30 years later.

Four years later, in 1947, a military flat marker was ordered for her gravesite. The marker was requested by Mrs. John W. Moulton. Her connection to Lou is unclear.

If you would like to help us honor Anna Lucille "Lou" Andis Cleveland or another Brunswick County WWI veteran, email the Friends of Ft. Caswell Rifle Range at ftcaswellrifle@gmail.com or go to caswellrifle.com.

Donations continue to be sent supporting the histori-

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BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS
CERTIFICATE OF DEATH 175**

1. PLACE OF DEATH: (a) County: Buncombe (b) City or town: Asheville (c) Street, hospital or institution: Veterans Administration (d) Length of stay in hospital or institution: 6 5 (e) Date of death: March 7, 1890 (f) Age of decedent: 53 (g) Sex: Female (h) Race: White (i) Marital status: Married (j) Name of husband or wife: Wilbur Cleveland (k) Birthplace: Virginia (l) Usual occupation: Nurse (m) Industry or business: (n) Name: W. B. Andis (o) Birthplace: Va. (p) Maiden Name: Mary Belle Crowell (q) Informant's Signature: Hospital records (r) Address: Veterans Administration, Oteen, N.C. (s) Date of occurrence: Sept. 29, 1943 (t) Cause of death: Cervical cancer, left hip (u) Where did injury occur? (v) Did injury occur about home, on farm, in industrial place, in a public place? (w) Name of physician: S. BEVERLY M.D., 106 Clinical Director, Veterans Administration, Oteen, N.C. (x) Date of death: Sept. 29, 1943 (y) Time of death: 8:15 AM (z) Duration of illness: Unknown

Anna Andis, death certificate 1943.

ARMY NURSE CORPS

Appointments.—Flossie Cockrill, Jane Isenhower, Margaret G. Edwards, Attending Surgeon's Office, Washington, D. C. Theresa W. Boysen, Christine Nickels, Aviation Mechanics Training School, St. Paul, Minnesota. Custis M. Ounbey, General Hospital No. 19, Azalea, N. C. Eva L. Wells, U. S. Army Base Hospital, Camp Beauregard, La. Myrtle Hammond, General Hospital No. 25, Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind. Vivian Kauffman and Bess M. Hall, U. S. Army Base Hospital, Fort Bliss, Texas. Anna Andis, Post Hospital, Fort Caswell, N. C. Florence I. MacLean, Ruth E. Boren, U. S. Army Base Hospital, Camp Cody, New

Army Nurse Corps appointments, American Journal of Nursing 1918.