

THE DAISY GERTRUDE COBERLY STORY

In case you are wondering who Daisy is...she is the young woman whose funeral procession on Bedford St. (horses and buggies) is shown in a picture on this page, in front of the church building which was the first home of the congregation which was Beulah Church. The congregation then later built and moved to what is now Beulah United Methodist Church, with the big green dome. There was not enough space to build the new church in Dale Borough so it was built at the corner of Von Lunen Road and Bedford Street which is actually in the city of Johnstown, on the border of Dale Borough. This original church building still stands on Bedford St. and is where Brogie's is now.

Jennie Gertz shared the original picture which she found among her Grandfather Bill Gertz's things after he passed. Bill and Lois and family lived on David St. for many years.

Thanks to Brian Ensley for finding and sharing these additional pictures and death certificate. Also, thanks to Billy Horner for helping with research. When he took the pictures of the headstones at Grandview Cemetery, Brian placed the pink flowers out of respect for Daisy. The blue flowers, within the plot, mark the unmarked grave of the one Hewitt son. Daisy's spirit thanks you for this exceptionally kind and thoughtful gesture.

Think about it... this young woman died of appendicitis! What was healthcare like in 1908? Following is part of an article taken from The U.S. Health Care Non-System, 1908-2008 By George B. Moseley III, JD, MBA

One hundred years ago, in 1908, health care was virtually unregulated and health insurance, nonexistent. Physicians practiced and treated patients in their homes. The few hospitals that existed provided minimal therapeutic care. Both physicians and hospitals were unregulated. When patients saw a physician, they paid their modest fees out-of-pocket; they were more concerned about the wages they would lose if illness kept them out of work than about the cost of their medical care.

Medical science and technology were primitive, and there was little that physicians could do to treat most illnesses. It had been only 40-50 years since the first understanding of bacteriology, antisepsis, and immunology; 21 years since the invention of a blood pressure measurement device; and 13 years since the discovery of X-ray technology. It would not be until 1910 that the first drug treatment to destroy disease—and not the patient—would emerge or that surgery would become common for conditions like tumors, infected tonsils, and appendicitis.

From the 1900 Census	
Name:	Daisy Gertrude Coberly
Age:	18
Birth Date:	Nov 1881
Birthplace:	West Virginia
Home in 1900:	Barker, Barbour, West Virginia
Street:	Walnut Street
House Number:	0
Sheet Number:	22
Number of Dwelling in Order of Visitation:	374
Family Number:	382
Race:	White

Gender: Female
Relation to Head of House: Step Daughter
Marital status: Single
Father's Birthplace: Virginia
Mother's name: Rosa Lucinda Hewett
Mother's Birthplace: West Virginia
Can Read: Yes
Can Write: Yes
Can Speak English: Yes
Neighbors:

	Name	Age
	George Hewett	36
Household Members:	Rosa Lucinda Hewett	38
	Howard Hewett	12
	Daisy Gertrude Coberly	18