

## 4 Little Musgrove Children

Indiana Short, born in 1855, was the fourth child of “Captain” John and Mary Short (or Shorts), but the only one to survive beyond childhood. Her parents had moved into a house that was situated on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street (current location of the American Legion on S. Maple Avenue) in Berlin in 1851. They had purchased the 1 ½ story home from Joseph Waltman. Over time, this house was enlarged.

After the Battle of Gettysburg (July 1863), the Confederates escaped south, crossing the Potomac River into Virginia. General George G. Meade pursued them as far as the river, then stopped – in Berlin – to resupply his troops before going further. While McClellan made his headquarters in “Glenwood” (current home of Erskin Myers on Souder Road), the commander of McClellan’s cavalry General Alfred Pleasanton moved into the downstairs of the Shorts’ home, where he interrogated Confederate prisoners who were encamped in tents on the property. Little 13-year old Indiana (now called “Anna” for short) offered treats to the prisoners, for which she was gently reprimanded by the Union officers.

Indiana/Anna/Annie Short married Walper G. Musgrove in 1874. He was employed as a miller at C.F. Wenner’s mill beside the canal. They made their home with her parents. Their first child Bessie was born in November 1876. Sadly, four children followed who did not live beyond infancy. They were all buried in the Old Berlin Cemetery: (1) & (2): “**Two Little Infants**” (twins?) date: August 1877. (3) **Cora E.**, born Dec 9, 1877, died Feb 9, 1879. This tombstone appeared in the cemetery mysteriously during the night in October 2020, along with three other stones. (4) **Elbert Foy**, no dates given.

However, Anna and Walper went on to have 4 other children who survived to adulthood.

Anna’s father died Aug 10, 1890 at the age of 77, and her mother died in May of the following year. Anna and Walper then became the owners of this house, where they raised their five children. Walper became the station master in Brunswick from 1890 to 1908. The 1910 census lists him as a “retail merchant in lumber and hardware.” In 1920, he was postmaster, and in 1930, at the age of 76, he was town clerk.

Walper Musgrove died in 1937, and the home was purchased by Claude Lutman that same year. Anna moved in with her daughter Mary Crabill and her husband, who were living at 110 West C. Street. Anna died in 1950. Walper and Anna are both buried in the Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Frederick, MD.

The Musgrove property was subsequently purchased by the American Legion, who used it for their meetings until 1977 when, sadly, it was razed to make for a larger and more spacious facility.

"Two Little Infants"



Cora E.



Elbert Foy

