

OLIVE THOMAS IN PITTSBURGH

A TOUR OF THE LIFE OF OLIVE BEFORE SHE SET OUT FOR NEW YORK



Prospect Alley in Charleroi, PA. Olive was born somewhere along this route but the census taker does not list an address.

1900 United States Federal Census for Olive R Duffy

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Household	Name	Age	Sex	Marital Status	Occupation	Value	Real Estate	Personal	Other	Notes
290	Olive R Duffy	5	Female	Single						
291	John Duffy	35	Male	Married						
292	Mary Duffy	30	Female	Married						
293	William Duffy	10	Male	Single						
294	Elizabeth Duffy	8	Female	Single						
295	Thomas Duffy	6	Male	Single						
296	James Duffy	4	Male	Single						
297	John Duffy	35	Male	Married						
298	Mary Duffy	30	Female	Married						
299	William Duffy	10	Male	Single						
300	Elizabeth Duffy	8	Female	Single						
301	Thomas Duffy	6	Male	Single						
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Street: Prospect
Sheet Number: 15
Number of Dwelling in Order of Visitation: 244
Family Number: 290
Race: White
Gender: Female
Relation to Head of House: Daughter
Marital Status: Single

1900 census. As you can see, Olive was living on Prospect St at this time.

Prospect		4	Wm	u	1872	8	D					
		4	Harry E	W	u	1894	5	D				
		4	James J	W	u	1896	3	D				
		4	James J	W	u	1899	1	D				
			Bill Sears	District	W	Mar 1837	63	M	29			
	274	290	11	Salome	W	u	1837	62	M	29	2	1
	244	276		Duffy Michael	W	M	Apr 1868	32	M	9		
				Michael P	W	D	Dec 1875	24	M	9	3	
				Michael J	W	M	Dec 1875	7	D			
				Gene P	W	D	Dec 1875	6	D			
	280	291		John L	W	M	May 1894	2	D			

Close up of the 1900 census



This is an article from 1924 about Olive's grandmother. It states that she raised Olive until she left for "filmdom" and that she lived on Third St in Charleroi. This cannot be as the census has her living in McKees Rocks at that time and she was employed at Hornes Dept store. Apocryphal stories like this have a way of mudding up the historic record. While she may have had a hand in raising Olive to some degree, she did not live with her.

1910 United States Federal Census for Olive Duffey
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Olive Duffey

1910 United States Federal Census

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Name [Olive Duffey](#)

Age in 1910 15

Birth Date 1895

Birthplace [Pennsylvania](#)

Home in 1910 [McKees Rocks, Allegheny, Pennsylvania, USA](#)

Street [Patterson Street](#)

Race [White](#)

Gender [Female](#)

Relation to Head of House [Step Daughter](#)

Marital Status [Single](#)

Father's Birthplace [Ohio](#)

Mother's Name [Lorena Vankirk](#)

Mother's Birthplace [Pennsylvania](#)

Native Tongue [English](#)

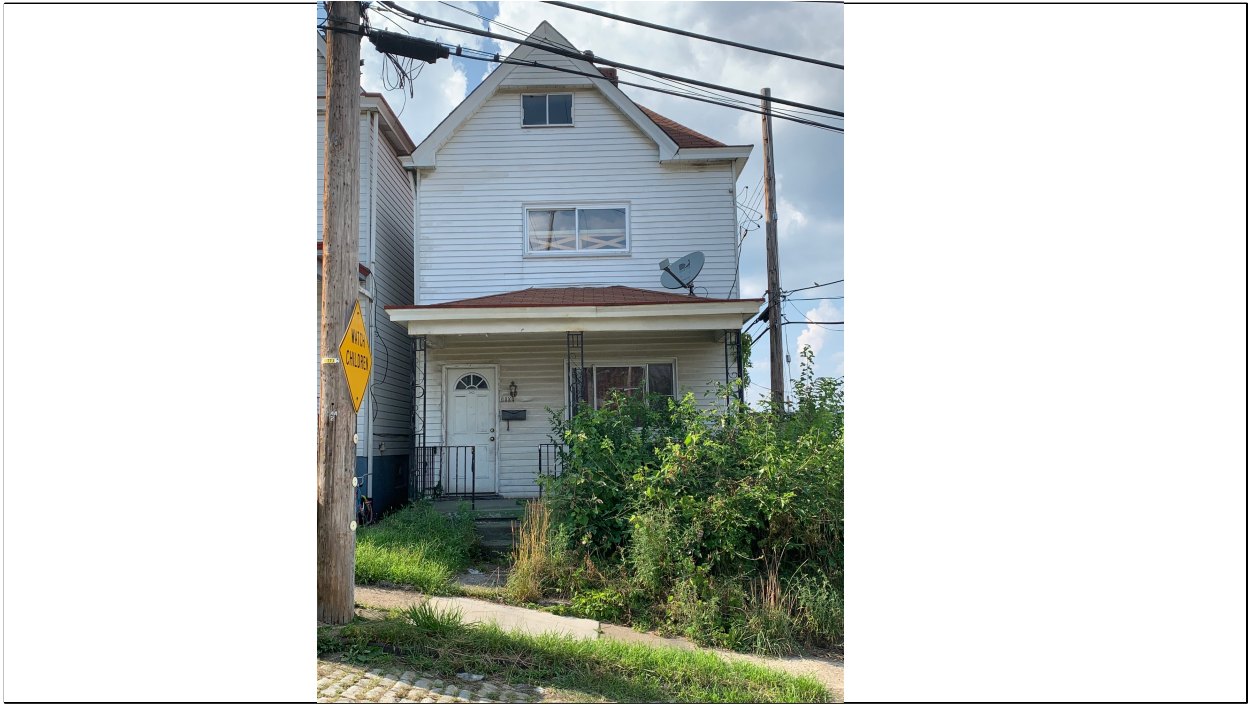
Occupation [Sales Girl](#)

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1910 Census. Olive was now living on Patterson St

House No.	Visited No.	Family No.	Name	Relation	Sex	Race	Age	Marital Status	Years M ^r	Child Born	Children	Birthplace
			Anna	Wife	F	W	38	M	21	6	5	W. Virginia
			George	Son	M	W	19	S				Pennsylvania
			William	Son	M	W	16	S				Pennsylvania
			Gilbert	Son	M	W	13	S				Pennsylvania
			Harry	Son	M	W	10	S				Pennsylvania
			Anna	Daughter	F	W	6	S				Pennsylvania
10	235	231	Hankirk, Harry M.	Head	M	W	33	M	2	3		Pennsylvania
			Leah	Wife	F	W	33	M	2	3	3	Pennsylvania
			Duffey, James	Step son	M	W	17	S				Pennsylvania
			Woline	Step daughter	F	W	15	S				Pennsylvania
			William	Step son	M	W	12	S				Pennsylvania
12	236	232	Krose, Charles	Head	M	W	25	M	1	1		Pennsylvania
			Mary	Wife	F	W	23	M	1	1	1	Pennsylvania
			Dorothy M.	Daughter	F	W	2	S				Pennsylvania
		283	Reed, Edward	Neph ^w	M	W	20	S				Tennessee
			Margaret	Mother	F	W	48	M	25	2	2	Pennsylvania
14	237	234	Powers, John L.	Head	M	W	32	M	7			Michigan
			Eva	Wife	F	W	27	M	1	2	2	Michigan
			Walter	Son	M	W	3	S				Pennsylvania
			Harold	Son	M	W	1 1/2	S				Pennsylvania
			Paul	Son	M	W	1 1/2	S				Pennsylvania

Close up of the 1910 census



110 Patterson Ave, McKees Rocks, PA. Olive lived here after moving with her mother and step-father. Krug, her first husband stated that she lived for a time in Glassport on a family farm before moving to McKees Rocks. I have turned up no evidence of this. But that doesn't mean it wasn't true.



Olive worked here as a wrapping girl. The photo on the left is from Wiki-Commons. The one on the right is my photo.



Olive and later her husband Bernard Krug Thomas liked to hang out at Jenkins Arcade. The building is gone and the Highmark Building sits on it's footprint. The photo on the left is a public domain photograph and the one on the right was taken by me. Olive spent her move here on Chocolate Sodas.



Another place the couple liked to visit was the movie house. Cameo Theatre
347 5th Avenue,
<http://cinematreasures.org/theaters/24243>
Pittsburgh, PA 15222



Today the Wine and Spirits shop is where the theater once stood.



404 Woodward Ave, McKeesrocks, PA. This was Krug's parents house where the couple lived for the first six months. They moved into an apartment in the Flats of McKees Rocks afterwards but I cannot locate the address at this time.



After their divorce, Krug never remarried. He went back to live with his parents and died there. He is buried in an unmarked grave next to his mother.



Me in 2021 at the gravesite.