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Hello John,

Enclosed are some pages taking from three different sources having Sgt. Ellin's picture. This is the best I can do. The one taken from the Wise County heritage book has a more vivid description of his death and burial.

Also enclosed is a picture of downtown Norton in 1935 showing the Clothin store "JAKE'S".

Checking for more info on the Ellin family learned that his parents resided in Appalachia, VA before moving to Norton, VA. This is confirmed by a deed. Deed book 204, page 489, recorded Feb 12, 1932, lot 5, block 7, plat 1 in Appalachia. John Trapiss to Jake Ellin.. There home in Norton was located on lots 3, 4 & 5, Block 19, deed book 204, page 516.

Also in Norton, July 19, 1938 in book 225, page 350, Lot 1 thr 4, block 97, plat 7 Fleming Land to Lillian and Jacob Ellin.

I cannot find them on the 1920 or 1930 Census. Probably moved to this area of Virginia between 1930 and 1932. From where? Maybe Pennsylvania. I wonder where they moved to??

Maybe more stuff will popup later? Hopefully.



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Jake Ellin

Dies Suddenly

Jake Ellin, Norton merchant since 1923, died at the Norton General Hospital at 11 o'clock Monday night, six hours after he had suffered a heart attack as he was leaving his store on an errand to his home. He is survived by his wife and one daughter, Mrs. Dorothy Frost, and a young grandson, Charles William Frost.

Funeral services were held in Knoxville, Wednesday afternoon, conducted by Rabbi M. Goodman, burial followed in the new Jewish Cemetery.

Active pallbearers: Ben Winick, Charles Siegel, Nathan Millen, Jack and John Abrams, I. Rosenbaltt. Honorary: I. Jaffe, II, Berry J. Corkland, Frank Winick, Harry Strauss, Fred Millen, Joe Green.

Jake Ellin was born in Poland and came to Cincinnati in 1913. He had heard that only two Jews were left alive, by the Germans, in the little town in which he was born, a brother and a young girl. His efforts to learn anything about his brother have been unavailable.

From Cincinnati he came to Coeburn in 1914, working for Max Friedman, then to Norton in 1918 to work for Isadore Roth,

husband of Mrs. Jack Abrams. In 1921 he and John Abrams, a brother of Mrs. Roth (now Mrs. Jack Abrams), started a business of their own, he buying his partner's interest in 1923, since which time he has operated his own store.

Mr. Ellin has never ceased to grieve for the loss of their only son, Sgt. Jerry Ellin, reported killed in Germany. Just before his attack Monday afternoon, he and Mrs. Ellin expressed the sincere belief that he will yet show up, alive, somewhere.

Jack Abrams and other friends from Appalachia accompanied the Ellins to Knoxville for the funeral, the party, including Dorothy's husband, Don Frost, returning home Wednesday night.

Preceding obituary on Jake Ellin was published May 10, 1945 in the Coalfield Progress, a weekly paper serving Wise County, VA

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