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LYNCHBURG'S PETIT MILITARY ARGOSY

by Edley Craighill

This is a typescript of a history of Lynchburg during various wars, written in 1939. It especially concentrates on the Civil War & World War I.

EDLEY CRAIGHILL (1894-1974)

Edley Craighill was born on 15 July of 1894, the son of Robert Edley and Nannie Hutter Craighill. He was the grandson of Col. Robert Craighill, CSA, and Edley Hobson Craighill, and of Edward Sixtus and Anne Frances Langhorne Hutter.

Craighill was married to Julia Payne Howard on 7 January 1918. Mrs. Craighill was the daughter of Volney Edward and Blanche Withers Howard. Mr. Howard was a Lynchburg attorney.

Col. Craighill enlisted in the U.S. Army and served on the Mexican border in 1916. In World War I, he served in the 317th Infantry in France. During World War II, he was in the 29th Division and commanded the 115th Regiment. He was decorated for valor with medals, including the Croix de Guerre. Craighill retired from the Army in 1954, and worked in the City of Lynchburg's public works department as Resident Public Works Administration engineer and as consultant engineer from 1961 to 1966. Edley Craighill died on 23 December 1974, and was buried in Spring Hill Cemetery.

He had been a charter member of Grace Memorial Episcopal Church of Lynchburg, Virginia.

[*The News* (Lynchburg, Va) 10 September 1954; 24 December 1974, B-3; 1900 U.S. Census, Lynchburg, VA, p. 29, Line 83, National Archives Microfilm T-623, Roll 1734. Wood, Eveline J. "Descendants of James Beverly Risque" (Lynchburg, VA: author, 1992), FF1700, Jones Memorial Library, Lynchburg, Virginia.]