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Grandad in Byrnesville

My grandfather, Edward Raymond Byrnes (06 Jun 1893 - 13 May 1966), in the yard of his home in Byrnesville about 1963. Grandad was one of the youngest of his ten siblings and one of seven sons of Thomas J. Byrne(s) and Sarah Anna Miller.

The houses on the hill behind him are on Philadelphia Avenue. The top of the hill is also the home to the Barnesboro Pool. A fire burned the woods on the hill the year or two before.

Looking at the foliage, this picture was probably taken in March, the open gate is across James Street and leads to my grandad's garden. As kids we used to run and hide in the corn in that garden.

He grew corn, tomatoes, green onions, rubarb, sweet pea flowers, and I can still smell the mint in the air when he would mow the grass along the paths in the garden.

The garden leads down hill to Walnut Run, a wonderful creek where I spent quite a bit of time. My buddies and I built a dam out of rocks on the creek and had what seemed like us to be a lake for awhile.

Pete and Tony Barzcak and I caught hundreds of crawfish and crawdads at the creek and nearby we flattened coins into ovals and nails into small swords by placing them on the tracks nearby. Of course we told not to play near the creek or the railroad tracks.



Edward R. Byrnes



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Grandad's Transistor Radio



Grandad's Sony TR-620

The Sony TR-620 came out about 1960. My grandfather (Edward Raymond Byrnes b. 1893) had one, they came with a case, a polishing rag, and manual. My grandfather would sit on the glider on his front porch in Byrnesville and listen to this little radio.

My grandfather didn't talk much but when he talked to me, he usually wanted to know what I had in my pockets. One time I pulled out a small live frog and a couple of swords made by placing nails on the railroad tracks then waiting for the train to press them flat. As I sit here remembering I can see the back of my grandfathers hand and the upper part of his forearm. I remembering asking him about the orange colored spots on his skin and he told me they were age spots. I remember the hair on his arm about the same color as the age spots. I look at my own arm and know that his age spots are the same as the sun damaged spots on my skin.

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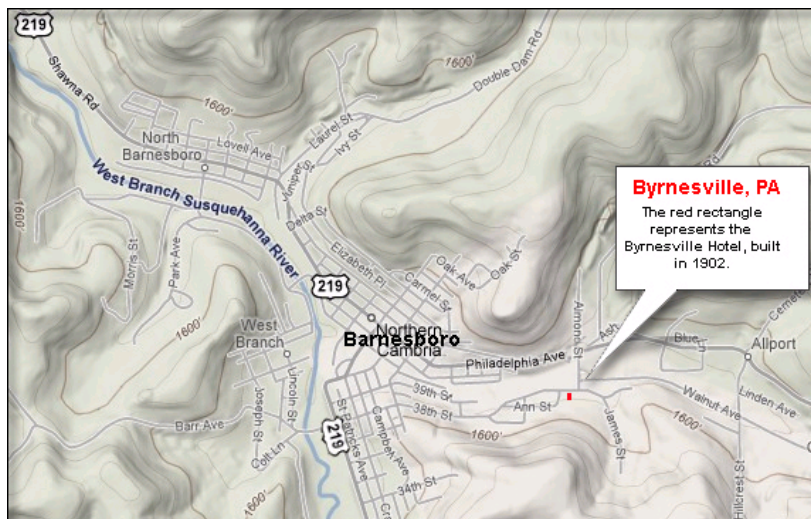
One thing I can still hear my grandfather say to me is, "Be a good boy, Ed."

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About Byrnesville

Byrnesville is a village near Barnesboro (now Northern Cambria), in Susquehanna Township, Cambria County, Pennsylvania. Part of my research is to find the earliest references to the place.



Map showing Barnesboro, Byrnesville, & the Byrnes Hotel location.

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- create entry on Annabelle Byrnes
- write more entries based on info from Edna Byrnes Lantzy
- organize genealogical materials
- make reunion sign up form



Edward A. Byrnes



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