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I am trying to verify the death date of my great grandfather William E. Lee. His tombstone indicates a death date of 3 Jul 1900. However, the closest I can come to that is listed in the Register of Deaths (page 84) as E. W. Lee (death date July 12, 1900). The name of the Physician returning the certificate is D. W. Shirkey, Walton, WV. Would Dr. Shirkey's personal papers have any additional information that might help me verify if the individual was my great grandfather?

Additionally, I found a Certificate of Death for a William Lee (death date January 6, 1918) age 53. However, there are no parents listed on the certificate. There is no birth date listed either. The place of burial is State Cemetery. The informant is E. C. Jones, Spencer, WV. I am assuming E. C. Jones would be the physician involved. Would there be copies of Dr. Jones personal records that might shed some additional light on this death? I have contacted Lakin Hospital regarding records for Wm Lee at the Spencer State Hospital but they have no files on him.