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Ivan Wetmore (1892-1979)

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Ivan A. Wetmore Sr., was a singer and expert in ornamental penmanship. Mr. Wetmore was born June 22, 1892, in Hampton, New Brunswick, Canada, a son of Arthur S. and Frances C. MacManus Wetmore, and moved to New Castle, Pa., at the age of 7, coming here in 1918. He retired June 1, 1959, as assistant manager for accounts payable at the Youngstown Sheet & Tube Co., where he had worked 42 years.

He was a member of Trinity Episcopal Church in New Castle and had belonged for 42 years to St. John's Episcopal Church here, where he sang in the choir. He later returned to Trinity Church, singing there the past 15 years.

He was a member of the Apollo Glee Club of New Castle for 24 years. He sang with the Premier Octette during the 30's and 40's on radio and in concert. He was a member of the Youngstown Oratorio Society, and the Masonic Glee Club here and was a 50-year member of Hillman Lodge No. 481, F. & A.M.

Mr. Wetmore was one of the few recognized calligraphers in the country, a master penman and engrosser. He was honorary president of the International Association of Master Penmen & Engravers & Teachers of Handwriting. For many years he wrote the names on the diplomas of South High graduates. His first wife, the former Ella Roberts, whom he married in 1917, died in 1955.

Besides his wife, the former Coralynn Harroun, whom he married in 1964, He leaves two sons, Ivan A. Jr. of Youngstown and Dr. Stanley M. of Lemoyne, Pa.; a brother, Guy L. of Youngstown; a sister, Mrs. Maude Geasa of Pittsburgh, and two grandchildren.