

TUSCANIA

Babbitt, James Everett
1896 MT – 1991 WA



James Everett Babbitt
Contributed by Betty McGillen
James Everett Babbitt

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Everett & Elizabeth Babbitt

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Feb. 5, 1988

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James Everett Babbitt's Cake - Feb. 5, 1988
Contributed by Betty McGillen



Mr. and Mrs. Everett Babbitt



Mr. and Mrs. Everett Babbitt

Longtime Victor Couple Honored On Anniversary

A reception honoring Elizabeth and Everett Babbitt of Victor, in observance of their golden wedding anniversary, was held Saturday in the Victor Community Church annex. Over 150 guests attended.

Elizabeth Rose and Everett Babbitt were married Sept. 16, 1924, in Missoula at the home of Rev. Livingston, who was supplying the Victor pulpit at that time. Their attendants were Louise Schweitzer McClung and Guy McClung, who were honor guests at the reception.

Mrs. Babbitt was born west of Hamilton, moving to Victor when she was seven. Babbitt was born in Victor. Both attended Victor schools, graduating from Victor High School in 1919 and 1915, respectively.

They have made their home in Victor following their marriage in 1924. Mrs. Babbitt taught

school before her marriage and for several years during the marriage. Babbitt retired as Victor postmaster in 1961 and they now spend their winters in Arizona. Mr. and Mrs. Babbitt have 3 children and 9 grandchildren.

Decorating the church annex were gifts of garden flowers and

Everett Babbitt and his wife Suzie of Bellingham, Washington; Mr. and Mrs. James (Betty) McGillen of Yakima, Washington; and Mr. and Mrs. James (Jeannie) Hansard, Joe and Jeff of Bellingham, Washington.

Unable to attend were the McGillen children, Ensign and Mrs. Jon (Marilynn) Sting, Corpus Christi, Texas, and Matthew of Yakima, Washington.

The celebration was observed this month rather than in September, to allow family members to attend.

Serving and in charge of the guest book were Mrs. Warren (Minnie) Fulton, Butte, sister of Mr. Babbitt; Mrs. Elgy (Mary Louise) Stewart, Two Dot, niece of Mr. Babbitt; Mrs. Ralph (Merle) Cecil, Page, Arizona and Mrs. Chester (Helen)

Fischer, Fresno, Calif., nieces of Mrs. Babbitt; Mrs. Guy (Louise) McClung; Mrs. W.P. (Louise) Robb; Mrs. Gary (Donalee) Dawson; and the grandchildren present.

Following the reception 30 family members attended a dinner honoring Mr. and Mrs. Babbitt at Fort Owen Inn.

greenhouse flowers and enlarged photos of the honorees, one taken on their wedding day and one a current photo.

Mrs. Babbitt was dressed in a pink and white floor length gown, accented with a pearl and gold necklace made for the occasion by her cousin, Sarah Jones Rowher of Hamil, S.D. Gold spiral candles flanked the tiered wedding cake, which was topped by the bride and groom decoration used on their daughter's wedding cake 25 years ago.

Scroll mementos were presented to the guests.

Hosting the reception were the Babbitt's three children and their families. In attendance were Mr. and Mrs. Gordon (Sally) Babbitt, Judy, Nancy and Toni of Tulsa, Okla., and their children Paula Roberts and

50th wedding anniversary – "Ravalli (MT) Republic" Wednesday 21 Aug 1974 p 6

Babbitts honored at reunion

Elizabeth and Everett Babbitt have shared each other's lives for 60 years.

From July 26 - 30, their family and friends gathered in Victor for a family reunion and celebration of the couple's 60th wedding anniversary.

According to the Babbitt's grandson, Matt McGillen of Yakima, the Babbitts were honored at a dinner July 28 at Fort Owen Inn near Stevensville. More than 40 people attended, including guests Louise and Guy McClung.

The McClungs, who will mark

their own 60th anniversary in 1985, were attendants at the Babbitt wedding Sept. 16, 1924.

Other guests at the dinner were Everett's sister, Minnie Fulton, Butte; Everett's niece, Mary Louise Stewart, Two Dot; Elizabeth's niece, Merle Cecil, Dutch John, Utah; the Babbitt's three children, Gordon, Houston, Texas; Betty Babbitt McGillen and Donna Jean Babbitt Hansard, both from Yakima, Wash.

Also attending were Gordon's wife (Sally) Celestine and four of their five children, Paula Mc-

Grath, Bellingham, Wash.; Judy Kirkwood, Nancy Babbitt and Toni Babbitt, all from Port Naches, Texas; Paula's husband, Jim McGillen and their children, Matt, McGillen, Yakima; Marilyn Sting, Jacksonville, Fla., Matt's wife, Sue and their daughter Andrea; Marilyn's two daughters Ashley and Shannon, and Donna Jean's son, Jeff.

Family members unable to attend were Gordon's son Everett, wife Suzie and children Heather, Bryan and David, Bellingham, Wash.; Betty's son-in-law John

Sting, and Donna Jean's son, Joe, Phoenix, Ariz.

Reunion activities included a hike to Sweat House Falls, a trip to Sleeping Child Hot Springs, horseback riding at the Crick ranch west of Victor, attending the Chief Victor Days celebration and the pancake breakfast.

"Ravalli (MT) Republic" Wednesday 19 Sep 1984 p 14

James "Everett" Babbitt

James "Everett" Babbitt, 95, of Yakima, Wash., a native of Victor, died Sunday at Yakima Valley Memorial Hospital.

Born Jan. 10, 1896 in Victor, he was the son of the late Homer F. and Emma (Alford) Babbitt. He was reared and educated in Victor. In 1917 he enlisted in the Army and served until his discharge in 1919. He was one of the few survivors of the sinking of the troop ship "Tuscania" off the coast of Ireland during World War I.

On Sept. 16, 1924 in Missoula, he married the former Elizabeth

M. Rose who survives. For 25 years Everett was postmaster of Victor, until his retirement in 1961. He was a 70-year member of the Victor Masonic Lodge #42 A.F. & A.M. and a member of the Eastern Star and Shriners. He was a charter member of VFW Post #1430 of Hamilton. Mr. and Mrs. Babbitt moved to Yakima in 1987.

He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth M. Babbitt of Yakima; two daughters and a son-in-law, Betty and Jim McGillen and Jean Hansard, all of Yakima; a son and daughter-in-law, Gordon and

Sally Babbitt of Port Arthur, Texas; a stepbrother and sister-in-law, Guy and Louise McClung of Hamilton; nine grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a sister, Minnie Fulton, who died in 1990, and a grandson, Dwight Babbitt.

Graveside services will be Friday at 2 p.m. in Victor Cemetery, with officers and members of Masonic Lodge #43 A.F. & A.M. and VFW Post #1430 officiating. In case of inclement weather, the service will be held in the Victor Masonic Lodge.

Of the 2,179 soldiers aboard, there were 215 casualties. Therefore, he was not "one of the few survivors" of Tuscania - "Ravalli (MT) Republic" Wednesday 17 Apr 1991 p 3

Victor's history is in the works - Bitterroot Trails

PAT RHODES

FOR THE RAVALLI REPUBLIC

Certain members of the Victor community are working on a Victor edition of Bitterroot Trails and one of the early-day families to be documented in the book is the Babbitts.

The valley natives - Everett and Elizabeth Rose Babbitt - were born in 1896 and 1898, respectively. Everett was the son of Homer Freeman Babbitt who arrived in Victor with his brother James in about 1880 from Ohio, driving a team of mules and a wagon. Homer first ranched in Ross's Hole near Sula then moved northward to the Victor/Corvallis/Stevensville area. He owned and operated a slaughterhouse and butcher

business and contracted and supplied meat for the workmen on the Big Ditch project.

Homer also was involved in other business activities including a coal distribution business and the first automobile garage in the Victor area. He served as Ravalli County Assessor from 1911-1912 and was an original organizer, stockholder and director of Farmer's State Bank in Victor. He continued as a director until his death in 1943, according to a family history written by Betty Babbitt McGillan, daughter of Everett and Elizabeth.

The family story says that Homer owned one of the motorized school buses for the Victor School District. He had a flatbed truck topped with a wooden structure that was

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removable. "Using pulleys, he could raise the structure up away from the truck and then lower it back down and insert benches when he wanted to use the 'school bus.' It also doubled as a camper on a trip to Yellowstone National Park taken by Homer and his second wife Maude. Later on, Homer's son, Everett, and grandson,

Gordon, made use of it for hunting trips."

Homer's first wife was Emma S. Alford, born on Sept. 4, 1866, in Rodgersville, Miss. She died Aug. 7, 1909, at Victor, only 10 years after moving to Montana. Homer and Emma's children were Emmett, who died at age three after falling on a picket fence,

Florence, who died of diarrhea at the age of eight months, James Everett, who died in 1991 at the age of 95, and Eleanor, who died in 1990 at the age of 94.

Homer's second marriage in 1914 was to Maude Hare McClung. She was born in 1881 in Allrin, Neb. She had one son, Guy McClung, who subsequently married Louise Schweitzer in 1925.

Everett's wife, Elizabeth Marie Rose was born Oct. 30, 1898 in Hamilton to Theodore and Mary Jane. Theodore was born in Sweden in 1854 and he came to America in 1858. Theodore and Mary Jane were married in Illinois in 1881 and moved to Montana in 1889. They moved to Victor in 1906.

The Rose family moved to

Victor when Elizabeth was eight years old. She died Dec. 18, 1999. Both Everett and Elizabeth attended Victor schools and were graduates of Victor High School. Everett, a veteran of World War I, survived the sinking of the troop ship *Tuscania* and served in France.

Elizabeth graduated from the Normal College at Dillon in 1919 and taught school before her marriage and again during World War II. She was a pioneer woman automobile driver and owned her own car prior to her marriage.

Everett and Elizabeth's children are Gordon Everett, Betty Jane, and Donna Jean (Jeanie).

(More about the Babbitts next week.)

"Ravalli (MT) Republic" Monday 22 Jan 2001 p 3

Babbitt family is rooted in Victor town history

PAT RHODES
FOR THE RAVALLI REPUBLIC

The Babbitts – one of the Victor community's early-day families – date back to the 19th century Bitterroot and members of the family have contributed to the Bitterroot Trails book being written by Victor residents.

Everett Babbitt and his wife Elizabeth Rose lived out their lives, for the most part, in Victor and contributed to the community in many ways. Elizabeth was a teacher, homemaker and mother and Everett, after serving in the U.S. Army in World War I, returned to Victor to marry Elizabeth. They ranched until 1935 when they moved to town to live in the former home of Elizabeth's parents.

When Everett was a young man, he drove a tour bus in Yellowstone Park and is remembered as an outstanding athlete and sportsman who enjoyed hunting and fishing. He also was a member of the Victor Rifle Club. After moving to town, he became Victor's postmaster and

served in that position for 26 years until his retirement in 1961.

His daughter, Betty Babbitt McGillen, remembers that when her father worked for the postal service, baby chicken were sent by parcel post and, at times, "There would be cheeping from the cardboard boxes when he was ready to lock up the office for the night so he would deliver them to the recipients before going home."

Before his job as postmaster, Everett was self-employed as a rancher, a truck driver, garage operator, butcher, contract mail hauler and other various activities. He also was a shareholder and director of Farmers State Bank. Among his most notable experiences dated back to the first war when, on Jan. 22, 1918, he boarded the troop ship *Tuscania* en route to fight in France. According to Betty's account, "on Feb. 5, 1918 at 5:45 p.m., off the coast of Scotland, a torpedo fired from German U-boat 77 hit the *Tuscania*."

Everett happened to be standing in

The book's writers are seeking more family stories about Victor old-timers to add to the community history. For more information, call Joy Clarke at 642-6645.

chow line waiting for his supper at that moment. "The commanding officer was Captain Hall. There was one loud blast, with no prior warning. For the most part, the troops (reportedly) remained calm," she said.

The troops were ordered into lifeboats but Everett did not make it into

a lifeboat and he went, instead, to the port side of the ship. The torpedo had hit the Tuscania's starboard side and the men had no knowledge of the extent of the injuries or deaths. No one told them what to do. They didn't know whether to stay with the ship or jump overboard. They were on their own. Some did jump and lost their lives.

"Everett and some of the other soldiers went up to the hurricane deck, waiting for the ship to go down. He tried to roll a cigarette but finally gave up," Betty said.

About 8:30 p.m. that same day an English sub-chaser called The Grasshopper came alongside. By this time the Tuscania was tilting badly with the main deck on a level with the ocean. Babbitt went down a rope from the hurricane deck to the English ship and was taken to Lockswilly, a port in Northern Ireland. The soldiers walked to Londonderry that day (Feb. 6) and then walked on for three more days to Dublin. From there they went to England and

after several weeks of recuperation from the whole ordeal they sailed from South Hampton on the Archimides, reaching La Havre, France on March 24, 1918.

Betty said the Tuscania was the only troop ship carrying American soldiers to be sunk during the war. Everett and four other Bitterroot Valley soldiers were on the Tuscania when it sank. With him were Elmer Cowan and Lawrence Watters, also from Victor, Albert Tillman from Florence and Marcus Cook of Como. Cowan and Cook died in the sinking. Babbitt and Watters both returned to Victor after the war and remained friends the rest of their lives.

Two thousand men survived the sinking of the Tuscania and there were regular reunions over the years. In 1988, Everett was advised that he was one of only nine survivors still living. He died on April 14, 1991, at the age of 95.

More Victor stories to follow in coming weeks.

"Ravalli (MT) Republic" Monday 29 Jan 2001 p 2

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Life:

Victor, May 10.—Everett Babbitt, Bland Treece and Edgar Puyear went to Missoula on Wednesday and Edward Hackett and Chester McVey went down on Thursday to attend the track meet, in which they all take part.

"The Missoulain" (Missoula MT) Saturday 10 May 1913 p 3

VICTOR.
 VICTOR, Mont.—Misses Esta Holmes and Agnes Sandstrom have left for Missoula, where they will enter the university.
 Lawrence Watters, Joe Hackett and Everett Babbitt returned last week from a week's outing up the West Fork.

"Spokane (WA) Spokesman-Review" Tuesday 18 Sep 1913 p 2

Fred Burdett, Everett Babbitt and Charley Powell enrolled in the Bozeman Agricultural college Monday.

"Ravalli (MT) Republic" Friday 8 Oct 1915 p 5

Home for Christmas.

Misses Anna and Katie Foley, Nora Alford and Esta Holmes, who are attending the university at Missoula and Miss Mayme Dowd, who is attending Normal school at Dillon, and Everett Babbitt, who is attending the Agricultural college at Bozeman, returned to their homes Friday to spend the Christmas vacation. Misses Minnie Babbitt and Mary Rowe, Ralph Powell and Lawrence Waiters of the Bozeman Agricultural College and Jack Clarke of Helena arrived Saturday to spend their Christmas vacations under their parental roofs

"Ravalli (MT) Republic" Friday 24 Dec 1915 p 5

MARKET.

Everett Babbitt, Elmer Cowan, Lawrence Watters, Chester McVey, Henry Treece and Daly McCarty have gone to Missoula, having enlisted in the service of their country. The first three were accompanied to Missoula Monday by Chas. and Violet Powell and Marion Waiters.

"Ravalli (MT) Republic" Friday 14 Dec 1917 p 5

Two names appeared among those who were saved and many students at the college and Bozeman people will be glad to know that they were among the fortunate ones. One was the name of Everett Babbitt of Victor. He is the brother of Miss Minnie Babbitt, 616 South Eighth, who is a senior woman in the home economics course at college. Mr. Babbitt, who is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Babbitt of Victor, Montana, took a one year engineering course in 1915 and entered the service about a year ago as a member of the 20th Engineers. The other name was Lawrence Watters of Victor. He attended college, entering the agricultural course in 1914 and after two years left school. He was a member of the Omega Beta fraternity and was well liked by all his comrades.

"Bozeman (MT) Daily Chronicle" Tuesday 12 Feb 1918 p 1

RETURNING FROM FRANCE.

Victor, June 19.—Lawrence Watters returned last Thursday and Lawrence "Daley" McCarthy and Henry Treece returned Saturday and Everett Babbitt is expected back any day. All were in the forestry work in France. It will be remembered that Watters and Babbitt, together with Elmer Cowan, were on the torpedoed Tuscania.

"Ravalli (MT) Republic" Friday 20 Jun 1919 p 6

Five Valley Boys Rescued.

Telegrams to relatives have assured the safety of the following Ravalli county boys who were passengers on the Tuscania.

Albert C. Tillman, of Florence. He is a son of N. J. Tillman, former county commissioner. ~ Another son, Lafe Tillman, is already in France.

Alme Van Dendreische, of Stevensville. He is a son of Jon Van Dendreische of the Curlew neighborhood. The Van Dendreisches are a Belgian family. One son, Julien, who lived in Belgium, has not been heard from since the war began.

James Everett Babbitt, of Victor. He is a son of Homer W. Babbitt, former county assessor.

Lawrence B. Watters, of Victor. He is a son of George Watters, formerly of Appolonio, Watters & Co. Mrs. Charles Shirley of Stevensville is a sister.

C. M. Fletcher, Victor.

"Stevensville (MT) Reporter" Friday 15 Feb 1918 p 1

ON THE TUSCANIA

Boys, Saved from Watery Grave, Write Home.

Lawrence Watters and James Everett Babbitt Tell of Experiences on Ill-Fated Boat.

Victor, March 14.—Letters were received Tuesday by the parents of Lawrence B. Watters and James Everett Babbitt, who were on the *Tuscania*, which was sunk by a torpedo February 6. Elmer, referred to in the first letter, is Elmer Luther Cowan, who lost his life. The three boys left Victor about the last of November. The letters follow:

"February 14, 1918.—It has been some time since I have written you, but much longer since hearing from you. You may think I have had an easy time, but since going aboard the ship it has been rather hard, as we have been moved about so much. Have been treated like princes since we landed, except for clothing, as the government has not a very big supply here. Am just getting started again to collect a few little things of my own, donated by the Red Cross Association.

"Suppose by now you have heard of our disaster on the sea, when we were in sight of land on both sides of the ship. We all thought we were safe, but guess the submarine had us sighted, and waited for us until dark, and then let her drive.

"It is an experience I never want to go through again. We were all ordered out, and especially requested to keep our lifebelts on, or with us. I, with half of the other bunch, was lined up for supper, on the third deck. The others, however, had just eaten, and were called out on deck for the rest of the night, as we were in what they call "Hell's hole." All of a sudden there came a bang, and out went the lights. Then we were in a mass of crowding men, and there was a great scramble for the upper decks, where the lifeboats were stationed, and where we were drilled to go in case of such an emergency.

"It was a terrible sight to see the way some of the men lost their heads and jumped overboard, some of whom were saved, and the rest numbered among the lost. Ropes on the lifeboats broke, spilling men in every direction, most of whom were picked up and saved. The boat I was to have gone on was smashed, so I was left on deck, with the rest of those who were going with me, as well as many others, who were in the same fix.

"Something told me that we would be saved, and sure enough, three torpedo destroyers came alongside of our ship and took us away to different landing points. We lost everything we had to our names, excepting what we had on our backs.

"From all indications, we are afraid that Elmer is among the missing, as we can hear nothing of him. Many of the lifeboats that were safely launched were mashed on the rocks. Most of the friends I had made, since being in the army, were killed in that way.

"I found Everett Babbitt, and we stuck together and made it away on the same 'chaser.' If this ship had sunk as quickly as most of them do, hardly any of us would have been saved. It took something over two hours for it to go down.

"The young wireless operator never left his post, but stayed right there to send messages and signals.

"Well I spent the last cent I had for soap, towels, tobacco, stationery and many other articles, so I was broke for the 14 days on board and ever since I landed. Hope you are all well and enjoying the green grass, as we are. Have been in many different countries and places since leaving home. If you want to send me anything please send me sweet chocolate, hard candy and handkerchiefs. You see I lost everything, even my sweater.

"May send cable before this reaches you. With love to all.
LAWRENCE WATTERS.

Safe Ashore.

"February 13.—I wrote you a few days ago. I am on foreign soil and am alright. I was on the ship that was torpedoed, but got away safely on a small boat. Lawrence is here with us but Elmer isn't here. He isn't among the list of drowned so I still have hopes that he is alright. I know it will be a great shock to his folks and friends. I guess you heard all about the ship being torpedoed and you were wondering if we were on the ship or not and if we were safe.

"Well it is time for the lights to go out in the Y. M. C. A., so I must close for this time.

"JAMES E. BABBITT."

"Ravalli (MT) Reporter" Friday 15 Mar 1918 p 4

Babbitt Is Again Named Postmaster

Victor, Sept. 7.—James E. Babbitt, acting postmaster at Victor, was advised today by wire from Washington that his nomination for postmaster had been approved.

"The Missoulian" (Missoula MT) Sunday 8 Sep 1940 p 6

**MR. AND MRS. J. E. BABBITT
ARE ON TOUR TO FLORIDA
FOLLOWING HIS RETIREMENT**

James E. Babbitt, retiring Victor postmaster, was honored at a surprise dinner at the Good Time cafe, by his associates during his 25 years of service with the postal department, the last 21 years of which he served as postmaster. All of Mr. Babbitt's postal service was at the Victor postoffice.

Following the dinner, Mrs. Hazel K. Hackett, who has been Babbitt's assistant during all of his years as postmaster, made a presentation talk and he was presented with a gift by Mrs. Hackett, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Hoblitt and daughter, Donna Fay, Mr. and Mrs. Walter McGillen, Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Buker, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Robb, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Brown and Acting Postmaster Frank Conner and Mrs. Conner. Mrs. Babbitt was also a guest at the party.

Mr. and Mrs. Babbitt left Monday by motor for Fort Walton, Fla. where they will visit their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. James M. Hansard.

Mr. and Mrs. Babbitt plan to return home leisurely by the southern route, visiting in Texas, California, and thence northward to Washington for a visit. They are looking forward eagerly to their trip which will provide them with a change of scene and a look at interesting territory, but most of all they will be happy to visit with their daughter, Jeannie, as they have not seen her since Christmas 1959.

Bon voyage, Babbitts.

Had not seen daughter since 1959 – "Western News" (Stevensville MT) Thursday 6 Apr 1981 p 5

BABBITS AT REUNION

Two generations of the Babbitt family were the most represented at the Victor School reunion.

They included Minnie Babbitt Fulton of Butte, James Everett Babbitt and wife Elizabeth; Rose Babbitt of Victor; their son Gordon and his wife Sally of Ft. Arthur, Tex. who went home by plane; Betty Babbitt McGillen and husband Jim of the class of 1947 and Jean, class of '57.

The Gordon Babbitts were joined by Hugh and Audi Kershner. Other young women who cared for the invitations, reservations, accommodations

and finances included Mary Kerr, Myrna Anderson Varner, Donna Blahnik, Renae Jaques, Lorraine Sizer and her sisters.

"Ravalli (MT) Republic" Monday 10 Aug 1981 p 9

Wife:

FOUR LICENSES ISSUED.

Four licenses to wed were issued at the clerk of the court's office yesterday. The couples are Clarence E. Price and Martha L. Eynon of Bearmouth, Everett Babbitt and Elizabeth Rose of Victor, Frank E. Middleton and Lizzell Morris of Charlo and David L. Roberts and Mildred E. Griffen of De Borgia.

"The Missoulian" (Missoula MT) Wednesday 17 Sep 1924 p 2

No. 6623

MARRIAGE LICENSE

STATE OF MONTANA,
COUNTY OF MISSOULA.

TO ANY PERSON AUTHORIZED TO SOLEMNIZE MARRIAGES—GREETING:

You are hereby authorized to join in lawful wedlock and celebrate within this County the rites and ceremonies of Marriage between

Emmett R. Rabbitt a man whose color is whitewhose residence is Victor Montana; whose age is 28 years.Born at Victor, County of Parade andState of Montana, and who has not been previously married or divorced.His Father's Christian and Surname is Emmett F. RabbittHis Mother's Christian and Maiden name was Emma Alfredand Elizabeth Rabbitt a woman, whose color is white, whose residenceis Victor Montana; whose age is 25 years.Born at Hamilton, County of Parade andState of Montana, and who has not been previously married or divorced.Her Father's Christian and Surname is Theodore RabbittHer Mother's Christian and Maiden name was Mary Jane Williams

Both parties being legally competent to enter into such contract of marriage. And this shall be your good and sufficient warrant therefor.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal,

this 16th day of September A. D. 1924

(SEAL)

H. M. Rabbitt

Clerk District Court.

By Rebecca H. Rabbitt

Deputy.

MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE

STATE OF MONTANA, }
COUNTY OF MISSOULA. }

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, That the undersigned, a Minister of the Gospel
did, on the 16th day of September, A. D. 192 4,
at Missoula, in the said County of Missoula, and State of Montana,
join in lawful wedlock Everett Babbitt
and Elizabeth Rose with their mutual consent.

In the presence of
Guy McBlung } Witnesses.
and Louis Schwitzer }

WITNESS my hand this 20th day of September, 192 4.
W. L. Livingston
Victor Montana

Filed for Record this 23rd day of Sept, 192 4, at 2-20 o'clock P. M.
Jim Rawn
Clerk District Court.
By B. Chappin Deputy.

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/470717:61578>

■ Jim and Betty (Babbitt) McGillen, Ocala, Fla., visited in Victor with relatives and old friends. Betty's sister, Donna Babbitt Hansard, and her longtime friend, Donna (Leach) Dawson, from Washington were also in Victor. Better and Donna's mother, Elizabeth Babbitt, a former longtime resident of Victor, celebrated her 100th birthday in a nursing care home in Yakima last October.

Elizabeth taught in the elementary grades here for several years, and her husband, the late Everett Babbitt, was the Victor postmaster.

“Ravalli (MT) Republic” Friday 18 Jun 1999 p 8

Children:

Form V. S. No. 7-B-10M-2-27. DUPLICATE FOR CLERK AND RECORDER

STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF BIRTH.

PLACE OF BIRTH Department of Public Health
Division of Vital Statistics.

County of Beaumont STATE OF MONTANA

Township of _____

Village or City of Beaumont Street Reg. No. 50

Full Name of Child Gordon Everett Babbitt If child is not yet named, make supplemental report, as directed.

Sex of Child Male Twin, triplet, or other? _____ Number in order of birth. _____ Legitimate. Yes Date of birth Oct. 10 1927
(Month) (Day) (Year)

FATHER: Full Name James Everett Babbitt MOTHER: Full Name Elizabeth Marie Rose
Residence Beaumont, Mont. Residence Beaumont, Mont.
Color White Age at last birthday 31 Color White Age at last birthday 29
(Years) (Years)

Birthplace Beaumont, Mont. Birthplace Hamilton, Mont.
Occupation Truck driver Occupation Housewife

Number of children born to this mother including present birth: (a) Born alive and now living 1 (b) Born alive but now dead 0 (c) Stillborn 0

What prophylactic was used to prevent ophthalmia neonatorum? _____

CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MIDWIFE.*

I hereby certify that I attended the birth of this child, who was born alive at 12:30 P.M. on the date above stated.
(Born alive or stillborn)

Signature W. P. Reynolds
(Physician or midwife)
Beaumont, Mont.
Filed Oct 15 1927 W. P. Reynolds
Registrar.

*When there was no attending physician or midwife, then the father, householder, etc., should make this return. A stillborn child is one that neither breathes nor shows other evidence of life after birth.
Given name added from supplemental report _____ 19____

Write plainly when checking ink—This is a Permanent Record—Preferably Print Names.
N. B.—In case of more than one child at a birth, SEPARATE RETURNS must be made for each and the number of each, in order of birth, stated.

MT birth record of son **Gordon Everett Babbitt (1927-2018)** -

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/150070701:61255>

Name	Betty Jane Babbitt
Gender	Female
Birth Date	3 Jul 1929
Birth Place	Missoula, Missoula, Montana, USA
Father	James Everett Babbitt
Mother	Elizabeth Marie Babbitt

Betty Jane Babbitt

in the Montana, U.S., Birth Records, 1897-1988

Birth of daughter **Betty Jane Babbitt (1929)** - https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/557764:61591?tid=&pid=&queryId=cddc5f641fdde6ca68751c912e8c64e8&_phsrc=cPx3410&_phstart=successSource

Betty Babbitt Weds James A. McGillen

Victor—At a double ring ceremony at 2 p. m. Sunday afternoon Betty Jane Babbitt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Babbitt was married to James A. McGillen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter McGillen. Rev. John MacDonald performed the wedding rites in the Community church.

Baskets of white mums and greenery were used with tall candleabra to decorate the altar. Each pew was marked with a small spray of evergreen tied with bows of white net.

Wedding music was provided by Mrs. Earl Roberts who played the processional and recessional. She also accompanied Newton Buker who sang "I Love You Truly" and "Because" before the entrance of the bridal party and "The Lord's Prayer" while the couple were at the altar. The bride was given in marriage by her father.

The bride wore a white slipper satin gown with a sweet heart neckline, scalloped bodice, long pointed sleeves and a short train. Her finger-tip veil fell from a beaded crown, and she carried an orchid on her white Rainbow Bible. The matron of honor was Mrs. Emery Buker and acting as junior bridesmaid was the bride's little sister, Donna Jean Babbitt.

Both wore long gowns of fushcia colored velvet, and long mitts of the same material. They carried shower bouquets of white carnations and wore clusters of white carnations in their hair. Marion Kay Hewitt, little niece of the groom acted as flower girl. She carried a white basket of rose petals, which she scattered on the path ahead of the bride. She wore a short dress of royal blue velvet and white flowers in her hair. Dressed in exactly the same way was her sister Donna Fay Hewitt who, with her cousin, Wayne McGillen, Butte, carried the rings on little white satin pillows.

The bride's mother wore a street dress of dark blue and the groom's mother's street dress was purple. Both wore corsages of white carnations.

Attending the groom as best man was his brother, Jerold McGillen, Butte. Harry McGillen, another brother, also from Butte and the bride's brother, Gordon Babbitt, Bozeman, were ushers.

Following the ceremony a reception was held in the church annex. After the bride and groom had cut and had the traditional first piece of the wedding cake, which was topped with the miniature bride and groom under a heart-shaped lace archway, Mrs. D. A. Hewitt, sister of the groom, served the cake. His sister-in-law, Mrs. Harry McGillen and Mrs. Jerold McGillen, poured. Mrs. Gordon Babbitt had charge of the guest book.

Mr. and Mrs. McGillen are both 1947 graduates of the Victor high school. Since her graduation the bride has been employed as a stenographer for the General Electric company, Richland, Wash. The groom is attending Montana State College at Bozeman. He served for a year with the U. S. navy being stationed at San Diego and aboard a destroyer.

Out-of-town relatives here for the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. Harry McGillen and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jerold McGillen and family, all of Butte, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Babbitt, Bozeman, and Mr. and Mrs. G. K. McClung and son, Sid, of Missoula.

Wedding of daughter Betty Jane Babbitt to James A. McGillen – “Ravalli (MT) Republic”
Thursday 30 Dec 1948 p 1

Donna Jean Babbitt

in the Montana, U.S., Birth Records, 1897-1988

Name	Donna Jean Babbitt
Gender	Female
Birth Date	16 Feb 1939
Birth Place	Missoula, Missoula, Montana, USA
Father	James Everett Babbitt
Mother	Elizabeth Marie Babbitt

https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/559877:61591?tid=&pid=&queryId=6954eeadd543addac79b036870cce225&_phsrc=cPx3414&_phstart=successSource



Victor (MT) High School yearbook 1956 - <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/403102116:1265>

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STATE OF WASHINGTON, } ss. NO: 16959

County of Whatcom

THIS CERTIFIES, that the undersigned, a Lutheran Minister
 by authority of a License bearing date the 31st day of March, A.D. 1979
 and issued by the County Auditor of the County of Whatcom did, on the 8th day of April
 A.D. 1979, at the hour of 4 PM in the County of Whatcom in the State of Washington join in LAWFUL WEDLOCK
John Robert Notar (Male)
 (Place of Birth) Bellingham, Washington (Age last Birthday) 35
 of Bellingham, Washington and Donna Jean Hansard (Female)
 (Place of Birth) Missoula, Montana (Age last Birthday) 40
 of Bellingham, Washington with their mutual assent, in the presence of
Scott Notar and Betty McGillen witnesses.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, witness the signatures of the parties to said ceremony, the witness and myself,
 this 8th day of April, A.D. 1979

WITNESSES:	PARTIES:	OFFICIATING CLERGYMAN OR OFFICER:
<u>John Robert Notar</u>	<u>John Robert Notar</u> MALE	<u>Donald A. Clinton</u> SIGNATURE
<u>Betty McGillen</u>	<u>Donna Jean Hansard</u> FEMALE	<u>Donald A. Clinton</u>

Filed APR 11 1979 By Bessie Rudy Deputy
 P. O. ADDRESS Bellingham WASHINGTON

This Certificate must be filled out and filed with the Whatcom County Auditor P.O. Box 398, Bellingham, WA 98225, where the license was issued within 30 days after the ceremony. — See Chapter 59, Laws of Washington of 1947.
 Failure to make and deliver Certificate to the Whatcom County Auditor within 30 days is punishable by a fine of not less than \$25.00 or more than \$300.00. — See Code Sec. 1714.

Marriage of Betty Jean Babbitt Hansard to John Robert Notar 8 Apr 1979 -
<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/4283438:2378>

John Robert Notar

03/07/1944 - 05/20/2015

John R. Notar passed away May 20, 2015 in Bellingham. A service will be held July 21st at 3:00pm at First Congregational Church of Bellingham with a reception to follow.

Obituary of husband John Robert Notar – “Bellingham (WA) Herald” Sunday 19 Jul 20151 p
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Donna Jean Babbitt Weds James Hansard

Victor — Mr. and Mrs. James E. Babbitt of Victor have announced the marriage of their daughter, Donna Jean, to James Melvin Hansard of Seattle, Wash.

The marriage took place on Dec. 10 in the Methodist church in Ft. Walton Beach, Fla. The pastor of that church performed the double ring ceremony in the presence of relatives and a few close friends of the young people.

The bride wore a white satin brocade street-length dress and a shoulder-length veil. She carried her Rainbow Bible, which was covered with a corsage of feathered white carnations and white rose.

The matron of honor was the groom's sister-in-law, Mrs. J. F. Hansard. She wore a gray suit and her flowers were a corsage of pink roses. The groom's brother, Capt. J. F. Hansard, was best man.

Miss Sandie Collins, a roommate of the bride, was organist and provided background music before and during the ceremony. An informal reception at the home of friends followed the ceremony.

Mr. and Mrs. Hansard left immediately following the reception for a wedding trip which took them to the east coast of Florida, down to the keys and back up the west coast.

The bride is a 1957 graduate of the Victor high school and attended Central Washington College of Education in Ellensburg, Wash. and has been employed by Boeing Airplane Co. in a Stenographical position.

Mr. Hansard is the son of Mrs. L. V. Hansard and the late Mr. Hansard of Seattle. He graduated from Lincoln high school, Seattle, and the University of Washington with a bachelors degree in business administration. He is presently employed with Boeing as a supervisor in the Administration staff.

Both have been employed for several months in the Bormarc B program located at Eglin Air Force Base, Ft. Walton Beach, where they plan to make their home.

Out-of-town guests were Mrs. J. F. Hansard and daughter Mary of Seattle, Capt. and Mrs. J. F. Hansard, with the Air Force in New Mexico, and Cpl. J. R. Hansard, with the Army in Alabama.

Marriage of daughter Donna Jean Babbitt to James Melvin Hansard – "Ravalli (MT) Republic" Wednesday 28 Dec 1960 p 4

Babbitt Announcements

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Babbitt recently returned from spending seven months at Apache Junction, Ariz. They have announced the marriage of their daughter, Donna Jean Hansard to John Notar. Both live in Bellingham, Wash.

The wedding took place Sunday, April 8 in the Lutheran Church with only family members present. The bride's son Jeff lit the alter candles. Her sister, Betty McGillen, and brother of the groom, Scott Notar, were the attendants.

Following the ceremony, a family dinner was enjoyed at the country club. Later, a reception was held there for family members. There from out of town, in addition to her parents, were her brother, Gordon Babbitt, his wife Sally and daughters Nancy and Toni of Port Neches, Tex.; her sister, Mrs. Betty McGillen and son, Matt and friend of Yakima, Wash.; Mr. and Mrs. John (Marilyn McGillen) Sting and infant daughter of Kirkland, Wash.; the bride's son, Joe, the groom's mother, Fay Notar, and her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Scott Notar and three children.

Others included Mr. and Mrs. Everett and daughter and Mr. and Mrs. John (Paula) McGrath of Bellingham, Wash., nephew and niece of the bride.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Babbitt also announce the births of three great-grandchildren. On Sept. 28, Brian Everett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Babbitt was born on Sept. 28. He joined a sister, Heather Lynn. On Oct. 5, Ashley Lynn was born to Mr. and Mrs. John (Marylin) Sting and Kevin Jacob became a son of John and Paula (Babbitt) McGrath on Oct. 29.

Earlier marriage of Betty Jean Babbitt, to John Notar, on 8 Apr 1979 – "Ravalli (MT) Republic" Wednesday 23 May 1979 p 8

Father:

Early Day Victor Resident Dies

Victor, Dec. 13.—Funeral services for Homer F. Babbitt, 83, former Ravalli county assessor who died at his home here Saturday, were held in the Dowling chapel at Hamilton Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. The Rev. Fraser MacDonald officiated. Interment was in the Corvallis cemetery. Pallbearers were H. C. Groff, Ed C. Downing, S. P. Kerr, George Safley, John Greenfield, Adam Hornung.

He had been seriously ill in October but had improved and was up and about until he suffered a stroke on Tuesday.

He was born April 18, 1860, in Lebanon, Ohio, and came to Montana in 1881. He first homesteaded in the Ross Hole section, coming to Victor a few years later. This has been his home since with the exception of 1911 and 1912 when he made his home in Hamilton while serving as assessor.

He was a rancher until 1904 when he went into the butcher business. He disposed of this business in 1918 and from 1921 to 1925 operated the Victor Garage, retiring in the latter year. He was married to Emma Alford, Corvallis, in 1891. She died in 1908 and in 1914 he married Mrs. Maude McClung, Victor.

Besides his widow he is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Minnie Fulton, Power; son, James Everett, Victor postmaster, and stepson, Guy McClung, Bremerton, Wash., and several grandchildren.

Obituary of father Homer Freeman Babbitt – "Ravalli (MT) Republic" Thursday 16 Dec 1943

p 6

Mother:

WEEK'S NEWS FROM VICTOR

Mrs. Emma Babbitt, wife of Homer Babbitt, died last Sunday, of typhoid fever. She had been sick for about a month and the end was not unexpected. The funeral was held at the home Tuesday morning and the service was conducted by Rev. G. W. McCombe of the Stevensville Baptist church. A great number of relatives and friends attended and numerous floral offerings attested the esteem in which she was held. Interment was made in the Corvallis cemetery. Deceased was born in Missouri about forty three years ago. She leaves a husband, two children; Minnie and Everett, a mother and three sisters. Mrs. Babbitt was an earnest Christian woman, devotedly attached to her home and family. She was conscious to the last and gave directions as to the funeral and the future care of her children. No children in the community have been more carefully reared. She was interested in everything which would contribute to the welfare of the community and she will be missed.

Obituary of mother Emma Alford Babbitt – "Stevensville (MT) Register" Thursday 12 Aug 1909 p 1

Today, a license was taken out by Homer F. Babbitt of Corvallis, who will be married to Miss Emma Alford of the same place.

"Missoula (MT) Gazette" Monday 22 Dec 1890 p 1

Stepmother:

The many friends of H. P. Babbitt were greatly surprised to learn of his wedding in Missoula Friday to Mrs. Maude McClung. Mr. Babbitt has been engaged in the butcher business here for some years and is an ex-county assessor of Ravalli county. Mrs. Babbitt was for some time operator for the Independent Telephone company. Their many friends are congratulating them.

Marriage on 17 Jul 1914 of father Homer Babbitt to his 2nd wife, Maude Hare McClung –
 “Western News” (Hamilton MT) Tuesday 21 Jul 1914 p 1

**Homer F. Babbitt Was Married
 Last Friday at Missoula to
 Mrs. Maude McClung.**

Homer Babbitt Married.

Homer T. Babbitt surprised the Victor people Friday by returning from Missoula with a bride. The bride, formerly Mrs. Maude McClung, is well and favorably known here, having been night operator at the Independent Telephone office for some time. She and her son Guy went to Texas last winter and on their return were met by Mr. Babbitt at Missoula, where the wedding ceremony took place. Mr. Babbitt is well-known throughout the Bitter Root valley and a host of friends join in wishing the couple happiness and prosperity.

The bridal couple were entertained on Monday night by an old time charivari. The crowd was invited to remain while Mrs. Babbitt and Miss Minnie prepared a dainty luncheon. All enjoyed a pleasant evening.

“Ravalli (MT) Republic” Friday 24 Jul 1914 p 5

Mrs. Maude Babbitt has returned from Bremerton, Wash., where she visited her son, Guy McClung, and family and other relatives in the coast cities.

"Ravalli (MT) Republic" Thursday 10 Aug 1944 p 2

The annual spring moving is in progress. The H. A. Briggs residence has been sold, forcing the Donald Bunker family to move. Mr. Bunker has purchased the property of Mrs. Maude Babbitt, now living in Texas. Harlan Hinman has sold his interest in the Hinman ranch and purchased the Babbitt property occupied for several years by Mrs. Myrtle Garnett and twin sons, who are moving to the Chris Reisinger place on Main street.

"North West Tribune" (Stevensville MO) Thursday 22 Mar 1945 p 1

REMARRY AFTER 35 YEARS SEPARATION

Victor, May 16.—Word of the remarriage of Mrs. Maude Babbitt, and Thomas J. McClung, Forney, Texas, after a separation of nearly 35 years, has been received here by friends. Each had remarried and lost a mate by death. Mrs. McClung was here in April with a brother and disposed of her residence and household furnishings. They spent a week with her son, Guy McClung, and family in Missoula and then went on to Forney.

Remarriage of stepmother to her 1st husband – "Ravalli (MT) Republic" Wednesday 16 May 1945 p 2

Maude McClung

VICTOR — Maude McClung, 95, died in the Valley View Nursing Home in Hamilton Tuesday evening. She was born Feb. 23, 1881, in Albion, Neb., and received her education in Nebraska and Texas.

She came to the Bitterroot in 1911 and later moved back to Texas, returning to Victor in 1968, where she had since lived.

She was married to Homer Babbitt and Thomas McClung. Mr. McClung died in 1974.

Survivors include one son, Guy McClung, Victor; three stepsons, B.J. McClung, Anahuac, Tex.; J.D. McClung, Victoria, Tex., and Everett Babbitt, Victor; three stepdaughters, Virginia Thomas and Dorothy Martin, both of Hereford, Tex., and Minnie Fulton, Butte; one sister, Louise Robb, Victor; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Friday at 2 p.m. in the Whitesitt Chapel with Rev. Lewis Harro officiating. Burial will be in the Victor Cemetery.

Obituary of Maude Eva Hare McClung Babbitt McClung – “The Missoulian” (Missoula MT)
Thursday 13 May 1976 p 12

Siblings:

Minnie Fulton

Dies at 93

Minnie Elenore Fulton, 93, died of natural causes, at the home of her daughter, Mary Stewart, in Two Dot, on Friday.

She was born in Victor in 1897, to Mr. and Mrs. Homer Babbitt. She was a graduate of Montana State University.

On June 16, 1920 she married Joseph Fulton, in Victor.

Survivors include her daughter, Mary Stewart of Two Dot; a brother, Everett Babbitt of Yakima, Wash.; a step brother, Guy McCong of Hamilton; and seven grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. on Tuesday at the Presbyterian Church in Butte. Burial will be in the Corvallis Cemetery. Perkins Funeral Home of Harlowton is in charge of arrangements.

Obituary of sister Minnie Elenore Babbitt Fulton (1896-1990) – “Helena (MT) Independent-Record” Saturday 24 Mar 1990 p 5

Stepbrother:

Guy K. McClung

1906-2003

VICTOR – Guy K. McClung, 97, a former resident of Victor, died at the Riverside Health Care Center in Missoula on Tuesday, Nov. 25, 2003.

He was born July 10, 1906, in Quanah, Texas, and was the son of James T. and Maude R. (Hare) McClung. He was a graduate of Victor High School.

On Aug. 12, 1925, Guy married Louise E. Schweitzer in Victor. They raised their sons, Sid and Dick, throughout the Northwest.

Guy was employed in various occupations, including driving buses for Intermountain Bus Lines and driving trucks.

Guy and Louise returned to Victor in the 1950s. They remained in the area where Guy worked for Al Smith driving a milk truck between Salmon and Missoula until he retired.

He enjoyed their farm near Big Creek. He loved to read, work crossword puzzles and fish. In their later life, Guy and Louise retired to the Missoula Manor.

He was preceded in death by his wife in 1998; his sons, Sidney Guy and James Richard "Dick"; a granddaughter, Tami; a half-brother; two half-sisters; and a stepbrother and a stepsister.

Guy is survived by a half-brother, Billy Joe McClung of Texas; a daughter, Jeannine McClung-Hackett (Prescott Hackett) of Victor; five grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 28, at the Whitesitt Funeral Home in Stevensville.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Victor School Foundation, P.O. Box 1047, Victor, MT 59875; or to the Missoula Manor Endowment Fund, 909 W. Central, Missoula, MT 59801.

Obituary of stepbrother Guy Keith McClung – "The Missoulian" (Missoula MT) Thursday 27 Nov 2003 p 25

Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

F: = Find A Grave (www.findagrave.org)

NOK = next-of-kin

Name: James Edward Babbitt

Name variations: Everett Babbitt

Military:

On Tuscania: 20th Eng. 16th/Co. D - private

Serial number: 250,253

Entered service from: Victor, Ravalli MT

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: James E. Babbitt

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": father Homer F. Babbitt, Victor MT

Returned from war on: on "Susquehanna" May 1919

Sailed on return ship as: James E. Babbitt

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: father Homer F. Babbitt, Victor MT - "sick and wounded in hospital" (varicocele lt) (pvt, 16th Co., 20th Engrs)

World War I draft registration (1917): as Everett Babbitt: b. 10 Jan 1896 Victor MT; res: Victor MT. Married. Farming, H.F. Babbitt, 3 miles north of Victor MT. Tall in height, medium build.

Found at: https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/2289110:6482?tid=28388323&pid=13919177353&queryId=d43ece789fbfb7c56c35aed326f07ab2&_phsrc=cPx3401&_phstart=successSource

National Tuscania Survivors Association 1939 roster: Bitter Root Post, VFW, Hamilton MT

World War II draft registration (1942): as James Everett Babbitt – b. 10 Jan 1896 Victor MT; res: Victor, Ravalli MT. NOK Mrs. Elizabeth Babbitt, same address. Employed at U.S. Post office, Victor MT, postmaster, Victor, Ravalli MT. "scar on right shin" – Height: 5'11 ½" – 150 lbs.

Application for Victory Medal: enlisted at age 21 years 10 months. Occupation: butcher. Born Victor MT. Enlisted 12 Dec 1917 in Victor MT. Single.

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlisted 12 Dec 1917

Discharged 26 Jun 1919

Address: Victor MT

Rank/unit: PFC, 16th Co., 20th Engineers

Birth & death:

Born: 10 Jan 1896 Victor, Ravalli MT

Died: 14 Apr 1991 Yakima, Yakima WA (Yakima Valley Memorial Hospital)

Find A Grave record: 122661781 -presence on Tuscania noted in flower

Burial location: Victor, Ravalli MT

Cemetery: Victor

Tombstone: veteran flat - US Army WWI

Father: Homer Freeman Babbitt, 18 Apr 1860 Lebanon, Warren OH – 10 Dec 1943 Victor, Ravalli MT. Son of James Madison Babbitt & Eleanor (Ellen) Hall.

James Everett was Homer's son by his 1st wife, Emma Alford.

His second wife was Mrs. Maude Hare McClung, whom he married 17 Jul 1914 in Missoula, Missoula MT.

Obituary: "Ravalli Republic" 16 Dec 1943 p 6 – d. age 83, former Ravalli County assessor, d. at his home in Victor 10 Dec 1943, buried in Corvallis Cemetery. Born 18 Apr 1860 Lebanon OH. Came to MT in 1881, first moving to Ross Hole. Lived in Victor all life except 1911-1912 when in Hamilton as county assessor. Rancher until 1904, then butcher (sold operation in 1918), then from 1921-1925 Victor Garage operator from which he retired in 1925. Married Emma Alford in Corvallis 1891; she d. 1908. In 1914 married Mrs. Maude McClung. Survived by daughter James Everett (the Victor postmaster) & daughter Mrs. Minnie Fulton (Power MT) & stepson Guy McClung (Bremerton WA). Buried in Corvallis Cemetery, Corvallis, Ravalli MT.
Find A Grave: 107948765

Mother: Emma Alford Babbitt, 4 Sep 1866 Rogersville, Chariton MO – 7 Aug 1909 Victor, Ravalli MT. Name also found as Sarah Emily Margaret Alford. Daughter of William Denton Alford & Grazilda Menees. Died of typhoid fever. Buried in Corvallis Cemetery, Corvallis, Ravalli MT.

Find A Grave: 107948756

Parents' marriage: found as 24 Sep 1890, also 1891, but license taken out in Missoula, Missoula MT as of 22 Dec 1890

Stepmother: Maude Eva / Eva Maude Hare McClung Babbitt McClung, 23 Feb 1881 Albion, Boone NE – 11 May 1976 Hamilton, Ravalli MT. Her mother was Eva Dresser Hare. Everett's father Homer married Mrs. Maude McClung in Missoula, Missoula MT on 17 Jul 1914.

Her first (and third) husband was James Thomas McClung (1880 TX – 1974 MT, F: 124551320). Their son, Guy Keith McClung, was born 10 Jul 1906 in TX. Following Homer Babbitt's death, and the death of James's 2nd wife, Maude Babbitt & James McClung remarried, in TX in May 1945 & she is buried with James as Maude McClung.

"Ravalli Republic" 24 Jul 1914 p 5 – Homer Babbitt surprised Victor residents by returning from Missoula with a bride, the former Mrs. Maude McClung, who was night operator at Independent Telephone for some time. She & son Guy McClung went to TX last winter. On her return, she was met by Homer at Missoula where they were married. – Maud's sister was Louise Hare (Mrs. Perkins) Robb, married in Victor 10 Dec 1920; the two frequently are mentioned in the same newspaper articles with Maud's surname was McClung.

Maude's obituary: "Missoulain" 13 May 1976 p 12 – came to the Bitterroot in 1911, then moved to TX, returned to Victor in 1968. Was married to Homer Babbitt & Thomas McClung (he d. 1974). Survived by son Guy McClung & 3 stepsons, B.J. McClung (Anahuac TX), J.D. McClung (Victoria TX) & Everett Babbitt (Victor MT) & 3 stepdaughters: Virginia Thomas & Dorothy Martin of Hereford TX & Minnie Fulton [i.e. Minnie Babbitt Fulton] of Butte MT. Maud's 91st birthday: "Ravalli Republic" 2 Mar 1972 p 3 – Mrs. J.T. (Tom) McClung of Victor celebrated her 91st birthday. Maude Hare McClung was b. Albion NE 23 Feb 1881. Moved with family to AR by covered wagon & then to TX. The McClungs moved to their Victor home 6 years ago from Hereford T. Her sister is Mrs. W.P. Robb. F:124551172).

Buried in Victor Cemetery, Victor, Ravalli MT.

Stepmother's Find A Grave: 124551172

Stepmother's marriage: 17 Jul 1914 Missoula, Missoula MT

Spouse: On his WWI draft registration, dated 5 Jun 1917, "Everett Babbitt" reports he is married. Unable to find documentation.

Spouse: Elizabeth Marie Rose Babbitt, 30 Oct 1898 MT – 18 Dec 1999 Yakima, Yakima WA. She died at age 101. Daughter of Theodore Rose & Mary Jane Williams.

Buried in Victor Cemetery, Victor, Ravalli MT.

Spouse Find A Grave: 14302849

Marriage: James Everett & Elizabeth married 16 Sep 1924 Missoula, Missoula MT.

Children:

- Gordon Everett Babbitt, 10 Oct 1927 Stevensville, Ravalli MT – 13 May 2018 Bellingham, Whatcom WA. Married to Sally Kemper on 29 Oct 1945 in Missoula, Missoula MT. Buried in Victor MT. Buried in Victor Cemetery, Victor, Ravalli MT. F: 195348380.
- Betty Jane Babbitt McMillen, 3 Jul 1929 Missoula, Missoula MT - . She was the Yakima County clerk. In Jun 1999, she & husband Jim were living in Ocala FL. Betty Jane Babbitt & James Arnold (b. 26 Aug 1927 Red Lodge MT) McGillen, son of Walter McGillen, married 26 Dec 1948 in Victor, Ravalli MT. A resident of Ocala FL.
- Donna Jean Babbitt Hansard Notar, reverted to Hansard, 16 Feb 1939 Missoula, Missoula MT - . Age 1 in 1940, 10 years younger than her sister Betty. - Married on 10 Dec 1960 in Fort Walton Beach FL to James Melvin Hansard (1933-1987, F: 159828849), son of L.V. Hansard. Divorced 21 Oct 1977 in Whatcom Co. WA. - Donna Jean Hansard married John Robert Notar (1944-2015, F: 180433137) on 8 Apr 1979 in Whatcom Co. WA. They divorced 23 Nov 1982 in Whatcom Co. WA & she reverted to the surname Hansard. ("Ravalli Republic" 23 May 1979 p 8 – Mr. & Mrs. Everett Babbitt returned from 7 months at Apache Junction AZ to announce the marriage of their daughter, Donna Jean Hansard, to John Notar. Both are residents of Bellingham WA. They were married 8 Apr 1979 in the Lutheran Church in Victor. Attending were her siblings: brother Gordon & his wife Sally from Port Neches TX & sister Betty McGillen of Yakima).–

Siblings:

- Emmett Babbitt, 8 May 1892 – 18 Dec 1895. Died at age 3 after falling on picket fence. Buried in Corvallis Cemetery, Corvallis, Victor MT. F: 107948758
- Florence E. Babbitt, 2 Feb 1894 – 14 Oct 1894. Died at age 8 months of diarrhea. Buried in Corvallis Cemetery, Corvallis, Victor MT. F: 107948763
- Minnie Elenore Babbitt Fulton, 6 Nov 1896 Victor, Ravalli MT – 21 Mar 1990. Minnie received a B.S. degree from the MT State College of Agriculture & Mechanic Arts. Wife of Joseph Warren Fulton (1894-1977, F: 116132400) whom she married 16 Jun 1920 in Victor, Ravalli MT. Buried in Corvallis Cemetery, Corvallis, Ravalli MT. F:116132382.

Stepsibling: son Everett's stepmother Maude Hare by her 1st (and 3rd) husband, James Thomas McClung

- Guy Keith McClung, 10 Jul 1906 Quanah, Hardeman TX – 25 Nov 2003 Missoula Co. MT. Married 12 Aug 1925 to Louise E. Schweitzer. Buried in Victor Cemetery, Victor, Ravallia MT. F:133007294.

Notes:

"Ravalli Republic" 22 Jan 2001 p 3 – a history of Victor which features the Babbitt family Everett & Elizabeth (Rose) Babbitt, he b. 1896 & she b. 1898. Everett's father Homer Freeman Babbitt & his brother James arrived around 1880 from OH driving a team of mules & a wagon. Homer first ranched near Ross's Hole near Sula, then went north to the Victor/Corvallis/Stevensville area. He operated a slaughterhouse, was a butcher, coal distributor, operated the 1st auto garage in Victor & was Ravalli County assessor 1911-1912. He was one of the founders of the Farmer's State Bank. This information is taken from a history by his daughter, Betty McGillen. Homer owned the first motorized school bus. His wife was Emma S. Alford, b. 4 Sep 1866 Rodgersville MS, died 7 Aug 1909 Victor MT, having spent 10 years in MT. Their children were Everett Babbitt (died at age 3 after falling on a picket fence; Florence Babbitt (died at age 8 months of diarrhea), James Everett (who died in 1991 at age 95) & Eleanor [Minnie?], who died in 1990 at age 94. Homer's second wife was Maude Hare McClung, whom he married in 1914. She was born in 1881 in Allrin NE. Her son Guy McClung married Louise Schweitzer in 1925. Everett's wife Elizabeth Marie Rose, was b. 30 Oct 1898 in Hamilton MT, daughter of Theodore & Mary Jane Rose. Theodore, born in Sweden in 1854, emigrated in 1858. Her parents were married in IL in 1881, coming to MT in 1889 & to Victor in 1906 when Elizabeth was age 8. She graduated from Normal School at Dillon MT in 1919 and was a pioneer woman car driver, having owned her own auto before her marriage. [There are numerous errors in this article.]

Wartime:

"Ravalli Republican" 15 Mar 1918 p 4 - letters home from Lawrence Watters & Babbitt (Babbitt's 13 Feb) - both remark on loss of Elmer Cowan, "Elmer isn't here" but they are together

Post-war: From family biography:

Graduate of Victor High School. His sister Minnie also a graduate. Gifted athlete, won the high jump championship at the state high school meet when he was a senior. "Left Victor, Mont., on Dec. 12, 1917 for Missoula, Mont., and on to see the world." Enlisted in Missoula, sworn into Co. D., 6th Battalion, 20th Engineers on 12 Dec 1917 in Spokane. Took a Pullman car with 42 others on the Northern Pacific RR to American University in Washington DC. After Christmas, went to Camp Belvoir VA. Rescued from Tuscania by Grasshopper, landed in Lough Swilly in northern Ireland around 4 a.m. on 6 Feb 1918 &

walked to Londonderry that same day. Went by foot to Dublin via Randalstown, then took local boat to Holyhead, Wales, then by rail to Winchester, England. On payday on 15 Feb 1918 he got 2 pounds, 1 shilling, 6 pence, 3 pence & 2 half-pennies. He left Camp Mary Hill 23 Mar & hiked 3 miles with backpack to train for Southampton. There he boarded the "Archimedes" & entered the harbor of Le Havre, France, at 6:30 a.m. on 24 Mar 1918. He received his 1st mail from home on 29 Mar. He kept a wartime diary. On 1 Jun 1919 he left Bordeaux, France, on the "Susquehanna," a German freighter converted to a troopship. Most of his unit was on a different ship & got home quicker. There were 6,000 men aboard & the voyage took 14 days, heading around the south of the Azores. He landed in Newport News VA, met 2 friends from Victor MT, spent a few days in VA, then took a train to Cheyenne WY. At home he joined his father in business, including the 1st auto garage in Victor. In 1924 he married Elizabeth Rose, who was born in Hamilton MT. She was the daughter of Theodore & Mary Jane (Williams) Rose. She was also a Victor High School graduate & also taught there. They had 3 children: Gordon, Betty & Donna Jean (Jeanie).

"Ravalli Republic" 21 Aug 1974 p6 – photo

50th wedding anniversary celebrated on 17 Aug in Victor Community Church annex, with over 150 attendees. Everett & Elizabeth married 16 Sep 1924 in Missoula MT, at the home of Rev. Livingston. Elizabeth was born west of Hamilton MT & moved to Victor at age 7. Everett was born in Victor. She graduated from Victor High School in 1919, he in 1915. They have lived in Victor since their 1924 marriage. Elizabeth taught school before & during her marriage. Everett retired as Victor postmaster in 1961. They spent their winters in AZ. They have 3 children: Gordon (Sally) Babbitt, Mrs. James McGillen (Yakima) & Jeannie (Mrs. James) Hansard of Bellingham WA. The anniversary was celebrated in August rather than September for convenience of the guests.

"Ravalli Republic" 21 Sep 1978 p 4

54th wedding anniversary for Everett & Elizabeth. Attending were their children: son Gordon (area & plant manager for Texaco at Port Naches TX, daughters Betty McGillen (Yakima) & Donna Jean Hansard (Bellingham WA).

"Yakima (WA) Herald" Feb 1988 – for a long time, Everett could not talk about the Tuscania. Retired postal worker, age 92. Was in chow line when the torpedo struck. A very loud crash from the other side of the ship, which began to list. He was wearing his life preserver. Some men went crazy, some were calm, lots were "cussing" Kaiser Bill. Had been in Army 3 months & completely lacking in military training. Tried to roll a cigarette but gave up. He "sort of drifted up on the hurricane deck to get out of the way" and didn't want to go into the water. "Some of the boys went over but it was so cold you'd only hear a few cries from them and then nothing." After almost 3 hours an English subchaser came up. Everett saw a rope dangling from the hurricane deck & decided to slide down it to the other ship. Another guy went in front of him; he lost his grip and grabbed Everett's pants, which almost came off. His one daughter is Yakima County Clerk Betty McGillen; his other daughter is Jean Hansard. Once ashore, he reunited with the rest of the 20th Forestry Engineers, which had 48 casualties. He had to march 7 days to reach Dublin, then went to Southampton, then to

France. The rest of the war was uneventful. He enlisted because he was single, age 21 & figured he'd get drafted. He attended NTSA conventions for several years, and is now only 1 of 9 survivors. When asked once "How did you feel about being left behind when the life boats departed?" he answered "Real disappointed."

Obituary:

"Ravalli [MT] Republic" 17 Apr 1991 p 3 - James "Everett" Babbitt, age 95, of Yakima WA, d. in Yakima Valley Memorial Hospital, b. Victor MT 10 Jan 1896, son of Homer F. & Emma (Alford) Babbitt, enlisted US Army 1917, discharged 1919, "one of the few survivors" of Tuscania, married Elizabeth M. Rose 16 Sep 1924 in Missoula MT, VFW charter member (Hamilton MT), was Victor MT postmaster for 25 years until 1961 retirement, couple moved to Yakima in 1987, survived by wife, 2 daughters Betty (Mrs. Jim) McGillen & Jean Hansard (both of Yakima) & son Gordon Babbitt of Port Arthur TX. Also a stepbrother Guy McClung of Hamilton MT. His sister Minnie Fulton d. 1990. Funeral on 19 Apr 1991. WA Death Certificate: b. 1 Jan 1896 MT, d. Yakima County 14 Apr 1991. SSN 516-50-6988. Wife Elizabeth M. Rose. Postmaster for US Postal Service. Residence: 211 N. 40th Ave., #102, Yakima WA. Cremated 15 Apr 1991 at Terrace Heights Memorial. Died of cerebral hemorrhage.

Social Security Number: 516-50-6988

Censuses:

1900 cannot locate

1910 Corvallis, Ravalli MT - Broadway

Homer F. Babbitt, 49 OH, father b. US, mother b. OH, widowed, butcher, shop

Everett J., 13 MT, father b. OH, mother b. MO

Minnie E., 12 MT, father b. OH, mother b. MO

1920 Victor, Ravalli MT

Homer F. Babbitt [sic], 59 OH, parents b. OH, farmer, farm

Maude E., 38 NE, father b. Ireland, mother b. OH [2nd wife]

James E., 23 MT, father b. OH, mother b. MO, laborer, working out

Guy K. McClung, 13 TX, father b. TX, mother b. NE [stepson]

Etta L. Hare, 23 TX, father b. Ireland, mother b. OH, single, teacher, country school [sister-in-law]

1930 Corvallis, Victor MT – conducted 16 Apr 1930

James E. Babbitt, 34 MT, father b. OH, mother b. NE, age 29 at 1st marriage, truck driver, US Mail, WWI veteran, age 29 at 1st marriage

Elizabeth M., 31 MT, father b. Sweden, mother b. PA

Gordon E., 2 MT

Betty J., 9 months MT

On same census page, with note "Taken in Stevensville" –

Homer F. Babbitt, 69 OH, parents b. OH, age 30 at 1st marriage, bus driver, public school

Eva M., 49 NE, father b. Ireland, mother b. IA, age 21 at 1st marriage

& lodger Esther Schneider, 25 WA, parents b. WA, single, teacher, public school

1940 Corvallis, Ravalli MT

James E. Babbitt, 44 MT, postmaster, US Post Office

Elizabeth M., 42 MT

Gordon E., 12 MT

Betty J., 11 MT

Donna J., 1 MT

1950 Corvallis, Ravalli MT – Main St.

James E. Babbitt, 54 MT, postmaster, Post Office

Elizabeth M., 51 MT, grade teacher, district grade school

Donna J., 11 MT