

TUSCANIA

Ballentine, Charles Nelson
1886 MI – 1938 FL



CHARLES NELSON BALLENTINE, B Θ II.
Port Huron
Treasurer Junior Hop Committee, (3), Tri-
angles, Vulcans.

Engineering Seniors

University of Michigan 1909 yearbook -

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Nelson Ballentine Expires In Florida On Business Trip

C. Nelson Ballentine, 52, World war veteran, and son of the late A. R. Ballentine, president of the Ballentine Dry Goods company many years, died unexpectedly Sunday in a hotel in Lakeland, Fla.

Mr. Ballentine, who was southern manager for the Bucyrus Erie company, a large dredge firm, and who made his headquarters in Birmingham, Ala., was in Lakeland on business.

He was born in Port Huron and was graduated from Port Huron High school in 1905. He and his brother, James M. Ballentine, Glencoe, Ill., general manager of factories for the International Harvester company, entered the engineering school of the University of Michigan, joined the same fraternity, Beta Theta Phi, and spent their college days together.

After graduation from the university, Mr. Ballentine started to work with the company with which he was associated at the time of his death. He started at the bottom and worked himself up to the responsible position he held when he died.

The World war interrupted his business career. He joined the army, in which he was a captain, and served overseas. He was a member of the crew of the Lusitania when it sank but he was rescued and landed on the coast of Ireland.

At the time of his death, he and his brother owned the Ballentine block, at the northeast corner of Huron avenue and Quay street, which houses the Ballentine Dry Goods company.

Mr. Ballentine is survived by his brother and two aunts, Mrs. B. C. Farrand and Mrs. Elizabeth Neville, both of Port Huron.

The remains will be shipped to Port Huron for funeral and burial services. Funeral arrangements have not been completed.

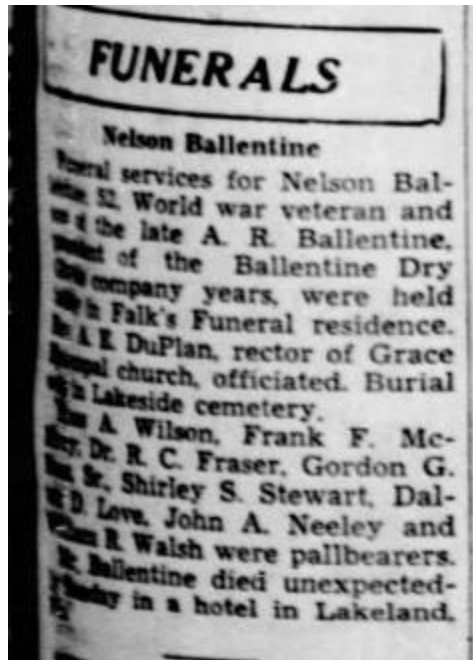
Obituary of Charles Nelson Ballentine, who was NOT on the Lusitania – "Port Huron (MI) Times Herald" Monday 25 Jul 1938 p 1

PORT HURON — Services at 2 p .m. Friday in Falk's Funeral Home here for **Charles Nelson Ballentine**, 52 years old, former resident of Port Huron who died Sunday in Lakeland, Fla.

Mr. Ballentine was southern district sales manager for the Bucyrus Erie Co. with headquarters in Birmingham, Ala. He was a 1909 graduate of the University of Michigan Engineering College. In the World War he was a captain of the 100th Engineers, 32nd Division, and was rescued from the Tuscania when it was sunk off Ireland.

A son of the late A. R. Ballentine, founder of a Port Huron department store, Mr. Ballentine is survived by his brother James, an executive of the International Harvester Co.

Obituary of Charles Nelson Ballentine – “Detroit (MI) Free Press” Thursday 28 Jul 1938 p 16



"Port Huron (MI) Herald Times" Friday 29 Jul 1938 p 7 -
<https://www.newspapers.com/image/209426065/>

*Port Huron
Boy Wins His
Commission*



LIEUT. C. N. BALLENTINE

*Charles Nelson Ballentine - "Port Huron (MI) Times-Herald" Friday 16 Nov 1917 p 1 -
<https://www.newspapers.com/image/208821346/>*



LIEUT. C. N. BALLENTINE,
of Port Huron.

MICHIGAN SOLDIERS SAVED FROM TUS CANIA.



LIEUT. C. N. BALLENTINE,
of Port Huron.



HENRY BRONDYKE
of Grand Rapids.



SERGT. JOHN E. STEVENS
of Kalamazoo.

Three Michigan soldiers aboard the Tuscania, whose friends have received assurances of their safety, are Lieut. Charles N. Ballentine, of Port Huron, a first lieutenant of the One Hundred, Seventh Engineer train; Henry Brondyke, of Grand Rapids, a private in this organization, and Sergeant John E. Stevens, of Port Huron.

Charles Nelson Ballentine – “Detroit Free Press” Monday 11 Feb 1918 p 3 -
<https://www.newspapers.com/image/118576347/>

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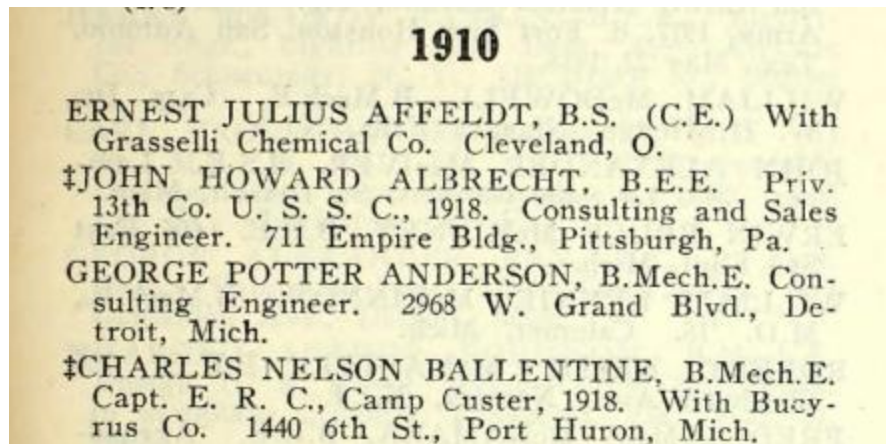
Indexed Information	
Charles Nelson Ballentine	
Military • Michigan, Census of World War I Veterans with Card Index, 1917-1919	
Name	Charles Nelson Ballentine
Residence Place	Port Huron, St Clair
Birth Date	16 Jul 1886
Birthplace	Port Huron
Military Final Rank	Capt
Military Unit Note	Co 7 107 Engrs 32 Div
Father's Name	Albert R Ballentine
Mother's Name	Jennie L Ballentine
Event Type	Military Service
Event Date	11 May 1917
Event Place	Fort Sheridan, Lake, Illinois, United States
Event Place (Original)	Ft Sheridan, Ill

<https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/sources/G7W8-1L3>

MI Census of WWI Veterans: inducted 11 May 1917 Ft. Sheridan, Lake IL, resident of Port Huron, St. Clair MI. Co. 7, 107th Engineers, 32nd Division. Captain. Son of Albert R. & Jennie L. Ballentine.

U.S., College Student Lists, 1763-1924 for Charles Nelson Ballentine

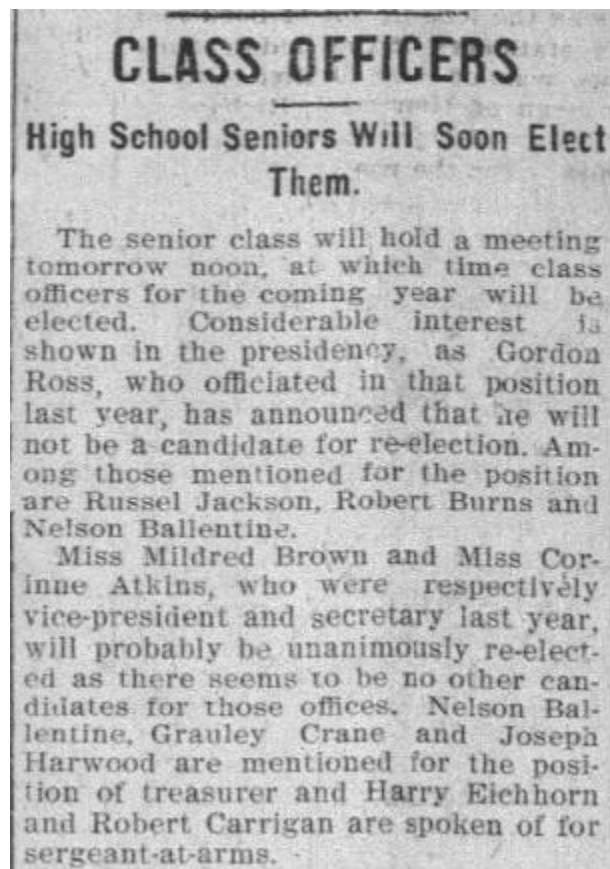
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University of Michigan 1923 list, Class of 1910 -

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Life:



"Port Huron (MI) Times Herald" Tuesday 6 Sep 1904 p 5

CLASS OFFICERS

Russell Jackson Elected President Class of 1905.

The Class of 1905 held an enthusiastic meeting at the high school this noon for the purpose of electing class officers for this, their senior year. The first office to be filled was that of president, Gordon Ross who made an able presiding officer last year declined a nomination and Russel Jackson who has been very active in the affairs of the class since its organization, was elected. Mildred Brown was again elected to the office of Vice-President. The selection of a secretary brought about the closest contest of the meeting, Aileen Stevenson being elected over Corinne Atkins by the small majority of three votes. Nelson Ballentine was again made custodian of the finances of the class by a big majority, while Harry Eichhorn defeated Robert Carrigan for Sargeant-at-Arms by a good margin.

"Port Huron (MI) Daily Herald" Wednesday 7 Sep 1904 p 3

THE HIGH SCHOOL

Students Will Organize First Class
Foot Ball Team.

Junior Class Will Elect Officers on
Monday Next.

The students of the high school are already discussing the foot ball situation. A meeting will probably be called soon to elect a captain and a manager for the team. Nelson Ballentine and Wilson Montieith are spoken of for captain, while SaVerne B. Mann will probably be selected as manager. The strong team of last year has lost many of its best players, but there is plenty of good raw material in the school with which to build up a fast team. The boys would need considerable practice and training before the team would be able to even hold its own. Wilson Montieith, the strong halfback of last year's team, is back taking post graduate work and will strengthen the team considerably.

"Port Huron (MI) Times Herald" Friday 9 Sep 1904 p 6

39 GRADUATES

List of Students Who Will Receive Sheepskins.

**Class is Not as Large as Was at First
Expected.**

Principal Allen J. Easton, of the Port Huron high school, furnishes a list of 39 students who, if they maintain their present standard of scholarship until the close of the year, will be graduated in June. It was at first expected that there would be over 50 graduates, which would have been the largest class that ever left high school in this city. The graduates are as follows:

Nelson Ballentine, Robert Burns, Grauley Crane, Lee Deland, Russell Jackson, Lee Stephenson, Wesley Wood, Corinne Atkins, Mabel Bell, Mildred Brown, Beatrice L. Campbell, Bess Carey, Grace Cassidy, Bella Clark, Beatrice Cook, Aimee Corcoran, Ruth Crane, Queen Currie, Jennie M. Dawe, Mary Fayram, Florence C. Fish, Catherine E. Greer, Alta Hayward, Frances Jarvis, Clara H. Kuhn, Carrie Lewis, Cecil U. Madden, Daisy C. McKenzie, Velma C. Mills, Olive V. Sinclair, Minnie Smith, Amy Stormes, Maude E. Slay, Lois C. Steel, Annie B. Thompson, Phebe Treat, Lulu M. Trent, Anna Welsh, Laura Young.

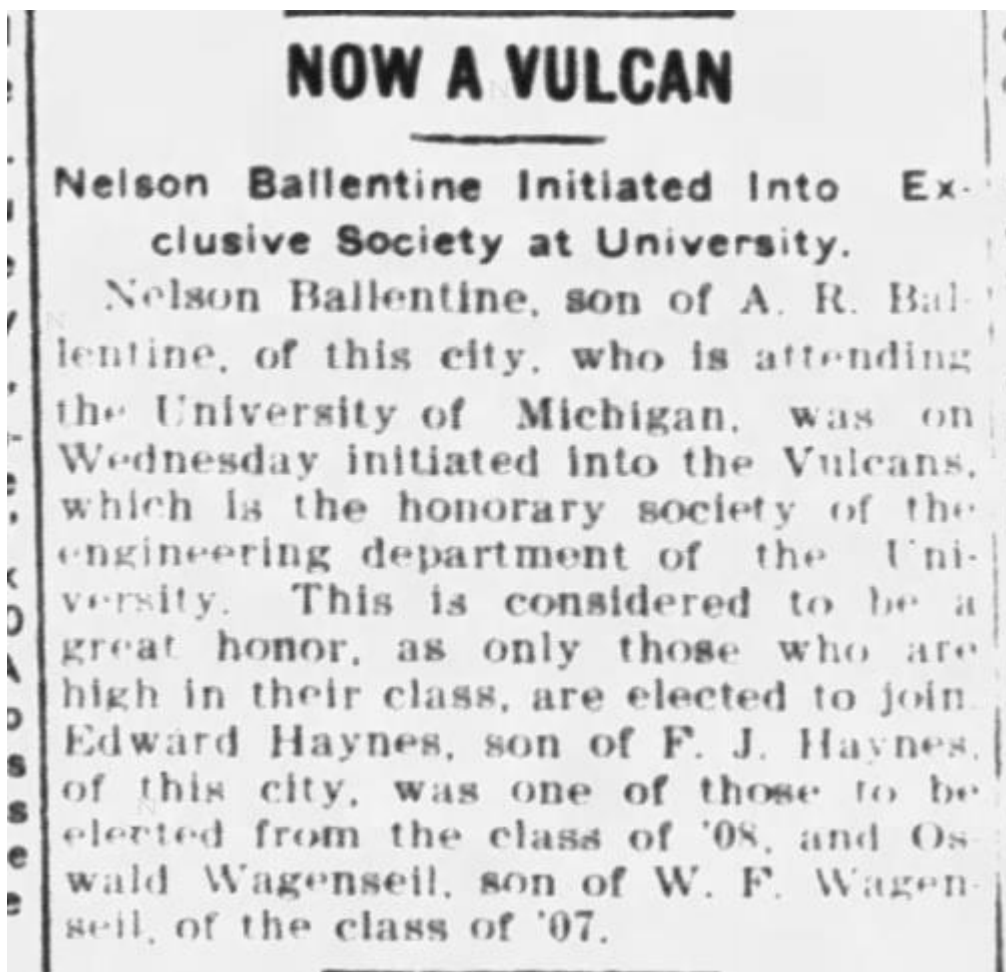
"Port Huron (MI) Daily Herald" Thursday 2 Mar 1905 p 3

GAME WITH YALE

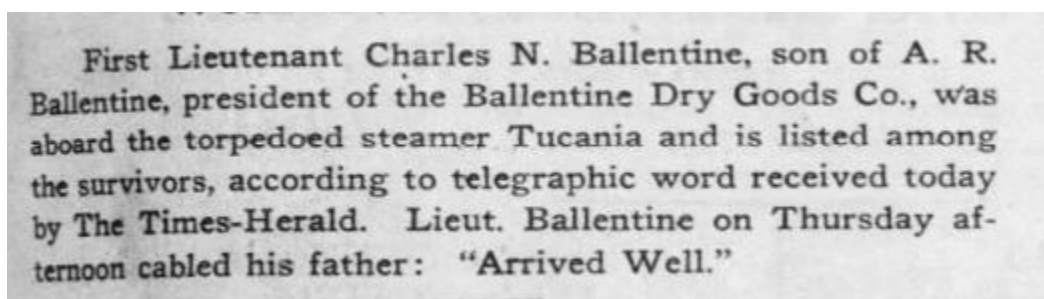
May be Played in This City Next Saturday.

Manager J. J. Schmitt, of the high school base ball team, expects to secure a game with Yale high school, to be played in Port Huron next Saturday afternoon. The Port Huron boys are getting regular practice, but as yet Captain Nelson Ballentine has made no selection of his team, and it is probable that the material will not be properly worked out until after the first game.

Yale High School, not University – "Port Huron (MI) Daily Herald" Monday 10 Apr 1905 p 7



"Port Huron (MI) Times Herald" Friday 23 Oct 1908 p 5



"Port Huron (MI) Times Herald" Friday 8 Feb 1918 p 1 -

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"THIS WORK AHEAD."

We have just seen a letter written by Lieut. Nelson Ballentine, of this city, to his father here, as the son was about to board the ill-fated Tuscania for his trip across. We quote this paragraph:

"Don't get the idea that this work ahead is bothering me any. I can say positively that it is NOT. Have taken bigger chances many times before in my work in various parts of the country."

That's the spirit of the true American soldier boy! That's the kind of stuff of which our lads are made! That's what makes us proud to call this our country!

God bless and protect these boys who are going "over there" to fight for us.

*"Port Huron (MI) Daily Herald" Saturday 9 Feb 1918 p 4 -
<https://www.newspapers.com/image/209748735/>*

OBEYS ORDER OF BALLENTINE AS HE FACES DEATH

Port Huron Lieutenant Mention-
ed For His Level Headedness
On Tuscania

The following reference is made to Lieut. Charles N. Ballentine of this city, by Harry E. Peterson in a letter to his father, H. H. Peterson of Milwaukee, in connection with the Tuscania disaster. The letter, which follows, was published in the Milwaukee Journal:

"H. H. Peterson, president of the L. Bartlett Co., has just received a letter from his son, Harry E. Peterson, who was with the One Hundred Seventh Engineer train, and who for two weeks was believed to have been lost with the ill-fated Tuscania. The letter, in part, is as follows:

"I was sitting in my stateroom (I was not in the hold with the rest of the boys, because I had a stateroom) about 5:50 p. m. when crash! a torpedo hit the starboard side of the liner. All lights went out immediately, and there was a scramble for the life boats. Lieut. Ballentine ordered me up on the top of the boat to assist in lowering our lifeboats, and told me to stick to the boat till it came down. There were four boats at each davit to be lowered. When one boat got down the blocks had to be pulled up again and attached to the next. Well, the first boat got down O. K.. The second got stuck and had to have the tackle ropes chopped to free it. That rendered the tackle useless. Now my orders were to stay with my boat, which was to be the third down. What was I to do when I knew it could never be lowered? It is a peculiar feeling to be standing on the top of a sinking boat, under orders to stay there, and think of what was going to happen. I stuck, though. While sitting on the edge of my boat I smoked about ten cigarettes, which helped me wonderfully. At last Lieut. Ballentine came up to see what was wrong. I gave him my report. He shook hands and said 'Take your chance whenever it comes,' and went back to his men. About half an hour later a torpedo boat destroyer pulled up to take off some of the boys. I

found a rope and threw it to the destroyer. Soon there were about thirty ropes connecting the two boats and I went down one. It was a long slide for life. Had all the boys kept their heads, and not jumped, all would have been saved."

"Port Huron (MI) Times-Herald" Friday - 15 Mar 1918 p 5 -

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Father:

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
Division of Vital Statistics
CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

County St. Clair City Port Huron Registrar No. 37 1277 3365

1. FULL NAME Albert Reid Ballentine
a) Residence No. 1480 b) (If non-resident give city or town and state) Port Huron

2. Length of residence in city or town where death occurred 25 yrs. 0 mos. 0 ds. How long in U. S. if of foreign birth? 25 yrs. 0 mos. 0 ds.

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

3. SEX Male 4. Color or Race White 5. Single, Married, Widowed or Divorced (WRITE the word) Widowed

6a. If married, widowed or divorced HUSBAND of (or) WIFE of Jennie L Nelson

6. DATE OF BIRTH (Month, day and year) Jan 14 1857

7. AGE Years 72 Months 0 Days 7 IF LESS than 1 day... hrs. OR... min.

8. OCCUPATION OF DECEASED
(a) Trade, profession or particular kind of work Dry Goods Merchant
(b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer)
(c) Name of employer.

9. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) (state or country) Canada

10. NAME OF FATHER James M. Ballentine

PARENTS

11. BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (city or town) (state or country) Atlantic Ocean

12. MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Sarah Reid

13. BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (city or town) (state or country) Maine

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

14. IS DATE OF DEATH (Month, day and year) Jan 21 1929

15. I HEREBY CERTIFY, that I attended deceased from Jan 4 1929 to Jan 21 1929 and that I last saw him alive on Jan 21 1929 and that death occurred on the date stated above at 4:20 P.M.

The CAUSE OF DEATH was as follows:
Streptococcus infections
of Throat (hemolytic type)

CONTRIBUTORY (Secondary) acute nephritis

16. Where was disease contracted? at home 17. If not at place of death? no

18. Did an operation precede death? no Date of no

19. Was there an autopsy? no

20. What test confirmed diagnosis? clinical

(Signed) Edgar C. Titus M.D.
1/27/29, at Port Huron

*State the Disease Causing Death, or its death from Violent Cause, state (1) means and nature of injury, and (2) whether Accidental, Suicidal, or Homicidal.
(See reverse side for further instructions.)

21. PLACE OF BURIAL, CREMATION, OR REMOVAL Lakeview Cemetery Date of Burial 1/24 1929

22. UNDERTAKER Walter Falk City Port Huron

23. Informant Mrs. Elsie J. J. J. City Port Huron

24. Filed 1/22 1929 by J. J. J. Registrar.

MI death record of father Albert Reid Ballentine -

https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/60872/images/44471_355020-01635?pld=1549171

***Veteran Merchant
Here Expires***



A. R. BALLENTINE

A. R. BALLENTINE DIES, MERCHANT HERE 57 YEARS

**Long Business Career Won
High Public Esteem
For Him**

Albert R. Ballentine, 72, prominent in the mercantile and business life of Port Huron for 57 years and president of the Ballentine Dry Goods company 27 years, died at 5 p. m. Monday at his home, 1440 Sixth street, after an illness which confined him to his bed for two weeks.

Mr. Ballentine had also been a director of the First National Bank & Trust Co., continuously since March 24, 1908 and was a director of the Port Huron Loan & Building association for a number of years until his death. Although never seeking political advancement, he served several terms as alderman from the second ward from 1901 to 1905 and had also been a member of the board of education.

education.

Mr. Ballentine was perhaps as widely known and highly esteemed as any merchant in Port Huron. His long record of conducting his business and personal affairs on the highest ethical plane had won him an enviable reputation. His interests extended into every effort to advance his home city in every direction. His contributions to charitable and civic enterprises were many and generous. They were backed up by personal effort which was always given to the fullest measure.

Born in Ontario

Mr. Ballentine was born in Tillsonburg, Ont., Jan. 14, 1857. He moved to Bay City and subsequently to Brockway township, St. Clair county, with his parents, when he was a child. He came here when he was 15 to enter the employ of the company with which he was identified until his death. The company is now in its seventieth year, one of the oldest mercantile establishments of Port Huron.

At the time Albert R. Ballentine entered the company it was owned by his uncles, Silas L. and David Ballentine, and was known

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A. R. BALLENTINE, VETERAN MERCHANT, TAKEN BY DEATH

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as the S. L. & D. Ballentine Co. David Ballentine died in 1874. Almost 54 years ago the company built the present three-story building which it occupies on Huron avenue.

Enters Firm in 1881

Albert R. Ballentine was admitted to a partnership in the business in February, 1881, under the firm name of S. L. Ballentine & Co. In 1896 the name was changed to the Ballentine company, managed by Albert R. Ballentine.

Upon the death of S. L. Ballentine, the present firm of the Ballentine Dry Goods company was organized by A. R. Ballentine in 1902. He had been president of the company since then.

He was one of the foremost men

He was one of the foremost men in retail drygoods merchandising in this part of Michigan. Under his direction the company advertised in every issue of The Times-Herald as it had in every day's issue since the beginning of the Port Huron Times Mar. 23, 1873.

In 1921 Mr. Ballentine purchased the Normandie hotel property, adjoining the store on the east, and obtained possession in 1924, when it was included in the present Ballentine Dry Goods company building, more than doubling the original space.

Active in Church Work

Mr. Ballentine had always been active in the work of the First Baptist church, of which he was a member for many years. He was a life member of the executive board and was a member of the board of trustees at his death. He had formerly been a member of the board of deacons. He was a strong supporter of the Y. M. C. A. and served as a director at one time. He had been a member for years of the Masons, Knights Templar and Elks.

He married Miss Jeannie Nelson of Kalamazoo Feb. 18, 1884. She died Jan. 9, 1888. Mr. Ballentine is survived by two sons, Charles Nelson Ballentine, Birmingham, Ala., and James M. Ballentine, of Chicago, both of whom were here when he died; a brother, A. James Ballentine, Portland, Ore., and two sisters, Mrs. B. C. Farrand and Mrs. Elizabeth Neville, both of this city. The brother is expected arrive here Wednesday night from Portland. Funeral services will be held at the residence at 3 p.m. Thursday. Complete funeral arrangements will be announced later.

The Ballentine Dry Goods company store was closed today and will remain closed Wednesday and Thursday. A special meeting of the board of directors of the First National Bank & Trust Co., was called this morning, at which suitable resolutions honoring Mr. Ballentine were passed. A copy of the resolutions is to be sent to the family Thursday.

“Port Huron (MI) Times-Herald” Tuesday 22 Jan 1929 p 1 & p 14 -
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Will Of Prominent Merchant Filed In Probate Court Today

Charles Nelson Ballentine, Birmingham, Ala., and James McAllen Ballentine, Chicago, Ill., sons of Albert R. Ballentine, prominent local merchant who died Jan. 21, will each receive \$25,000 as chief beneficiaries of the will of their father under the terms of the will filed for probate today.

The sons are named as executors, and Charles Nelson Ballentine today filed petition for the probating of the will with Probate Judge Clair R. Black. The will is dated Jan. 11, 1928. The petition lists the value of the estate at \$5,000 and upwards in real estate and \$25,000 and upwards in personal property. No mention of the Huron avenue store is made in the petition or the will.

Amos J. Ballentine, Portland, Ore., a brother, Anna M. Farrand, Port Huron, a sister, and Bertha E. Neville, a sister, are each bequeathed \$1,000, and each is left an annuity of \$1,000.

The will lists the following bequests: To David Landt Ballentine, Detroit, a cousin, \$500; Mrs. Laura W. Johnstone, an aunt, \$500; E. Farrand Ballentine, a cousin, \$500; Miss Elizabeth Downs, a cousin, \$250; and the Women's union of First Baptist church of Port Huron, \$500.

The remainder of the estate is to be divided equally between the two sons.

"Port Huron (MI) Times Herald" Wednesday 30 Jan 1929 p 1

Mother:

Death of Mrs. Jennie Nelson Ballentine.

Mrs. Albert L. Ballentine of Port Huron, better remembered here as Miss Jeanie L. Nelson, only daughter of Hon. C. D. Nelson, died at her home in Port Huron Sunday night. She was one of the earliest graduates of the Somerville school at St. Clair. She leaves two sons, the second one born New Year's eve. Her home was in Kalamazoo about a year and a half.

Mrs. Ballentine's life in Kalamazoo was a sad one, owing to the failing health and death of her mother, but she is held in warm regard by the friends she made while here. Her marriage took place here, her home since that time being in Port Huron. They had a beautiful home there and her married life has been very happy. She was in Kalamazoo one day the middle of last autumn, coming to visit the grave of her mother. Her death is a crushing bereavement to her husband and to her father, of whose family only the son, Mr. H. M. Nelson, remains. Mrs. Ballentine's funeral occurred at 2 P. M. today. Her death was the result of an organic heart trouble, and entirely unexpected.

Obituary of Janie Lynette Nelson Ballentine – published in the “Kalamazoo (MI) Daily Telegraph” 11 Jan 1888 p 7 – Find A Grave 84836879

DEATH OF AN ESTIMABLE LADY.

This community has seldom been so suddenly shocked [as] by the sad intelligence that comes to us this morning, that Mrs. Jeanie L. Nelson Ballentine, the beloved wife of Albert L. Ballentine, has passed away forever from the loving embrace of her family and friends. Her age was 29 years. She leaves two little sons, the youngest born on New Year's eve. Mrs. Ballentine was the only daughter of C. D. Nelson, of Muskegon. Her mother died at Kalamazoo only a short time before Mrs. Ballentine came to Port Huron a bride. No pains or expense had been spared in the education of their only daughter, and she entered Somerville school soon after its opening and was one of its first class of graduates. Her teachers and associates in that school were early impressed with her gentle ways and affectionate, sunshiny disposition and all of them will mourn for her as a dear companion and friend. To her husband and children and father the loss is overwhelming. Called so early from her beautiful home, surrounded by all that could make earthly life enjoyable and lovely to the higher enjoyment of the Heavenly Paradise.

"We'll sing for thee, our beautiful,
Now thou art gone away;
Softly we'll sing our sad lament,
Though but an earthly lay."

The funeral of Mrs. Ballentine will be held from the late residence on Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Obituary of mother – "Port Huron (MI) Times Herald" Monday 9 Jan 1888 p 2

Sibling:

Home Town Boy Makes Good Series Reviews Careers Of Men Who Claim District As Boyhood Home

James M. Ballentine and C. Nelson Ballentine, sons of the late Albert G. Ballentine, are two men making their names in the world who can claim Port Huron as their home town.

Nelson, 50, is southern manager for the Bucyrus Erie company, a large dredge factory. His headquarters are in Birmingham, Ala., but his work carries him on trips throughout the South.

His young brother, James, 49, has recently been promoted to general manager of factories for the International Harvester company. His headquarters are in Chicago.

The two men were born in Port Huron and are well known by Port Huron residents. With the exception of a few years' residence in Bay City, they spent all their early years in this city. They received their education in Port Huron public schools and were graduated from Port Huron High school, Nelson in 1905 and James in 1906.

Both boys upon graduation entered the University of Michigan school of engineering. They joined the same fraternity, Beta Theta Pi, and spent their college days together.

After they were graduated from the university, the two young men started to work for the company they are with today. In the manner glorified by success writers, they started at the bottom and gradually worked themselves into the responsible positions they now hold.

The World war briefly interrupted the careers of the men. Nelson became a captain in the army and served overseas. Among his experiences is one he shall never forget. He was a member of the crew of the Lusitania when it sunk, but, fortunately, he was rescued and landed on the coast of Ireland.

James was in training, but did not serve overseas.



JAMES BALLENTINE

Today, James, who lives in Glencoe, Ill., is married and has two children. Nelson is unmarried. Occasionally they return to this city to visit their aunts, Mrs. B. C. Farrand and Mrs. Elizabeth Neville, and their cousins, Mrs. Westcott T. Smith and Miss Sarah E. Farrand.

They are owners of the Ballentine block, at Quay street and Huron avenue, which houses the business formerly owned by their father, who sold it to the present owners. Recently they purchased the corner store, occupied by the Knill drug store, and announced plans for improving the corner.

"Port Huron (MI) Times Herald" Sunday 25 Apr 1937 p 7



Marriage of brother James Macallan Ballentine to Jean Virginia Birck 30 Jul 1932 – “Port Huron (MI) Times Herald” Friday 6 Aug 1932 p 8

James Macallan Ballentine	
in the Florida, U.S., Death Index, 1877-1998	
Name	James Macallan Ballentine
Race	White
Age at Death	90
Birth Date	31 Dec 1887
Death Date	17 May 1978
Death Place	Palm Beach, Florida, United States

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/1403438:7338>

Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

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

NOK = next-of-kin

Name: Charles Nelson Ballentine

Name variations: Nelson Ballentine, C. Nelson Ballentine

Military:

On Tuscania: 107th Eng., 1st lieutenant

Serial number: not assigned to officers in WWI

Entered service from: Port Huron, St. Clair MI
 Sailed on "Tuscania" as: Charles Nelson Ballentine
 Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": father Albert Reed Ballentine, 1440 - 6th St., Port Huron MI
 Returned from war on: "George Washington" Sep 1918
 Sailed on return ship as: Chas. N. Ballentine
 Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: father A.R. Ballentine, Port Huron MI (1st Lt., 107th Engrs)
 World War I draft registration (1917): b. 16 Jul 1886 Port Huron MI; res: 491 Jefferson, Milwaukee, Milwaukee WI. Single. Employed by "left as in apparently "left to go into Army"] Engineering Work, Bucyrus Co., S. Milwaukee WI. Handwritten note: Enlisted. Tall height, build left blank. Card not dated. Note: Ft. Sheridan, Ill. Claimed exemption from draft: "Yes, attending R.O.T.C."

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlistment date not given
 Discharge date not given
 Address: 1440 – 6th St., Port Huron MI
 Rank/unit: 1st Lt., 107th Engr. Train

Birth & death:

Born: 16 Jul 1886 Port Huron, St. Clair MI
 Died: 23 Jul 1938 Lakeland, Polk FL (in hotel while on business trip)
 Find A Grave record: 84837322 - presence on Tuscania noted in flower
 Burial location: Port Huron, St. Clair MI
 Cemetery: Lakeside
 Tombstone:

Father: Albert Reid Ballentine, 14 Jan 1837 Tillsonberg, Ontario, Canada – 21 Jan 1929 Port Huron, St. Clair MI. Son of James R. Ballentine & Sarah Reid. Obituary: "Port Huron Times-Herald" 23 Jan 1929 p 1 – Albert R. Ballentine, age 72, 1 of the best-known merchants of Port Huron, died 21 Jan after 57 years in business here. Funeral 24 Jan at his home with Masonic rites. All stores will close from 3 to 4 p.m., prominent Chamber of Commerce member. Merchants Credit Exchange will also close. [James came from Cleveland OH when his father was dying.] Testimonial in "Port Huron Times-Herald" of 22 Jan 1929 p 6, to one of Port Huron's most highly respected & successful businessmen, whose store was an institution.

Buried in Lakeside Cemetery, Port Huron, St. Clair MI.
 Find A Grave: 84836879

Mother: Janie (Jennie) Lynette Nelson Ballentine, 14 Jul 1858 Muskegon, Muskegon MI – 9 Jan 1888 Port Huron, St. Clair MI. Listed as Jennie L. Ballentine on military records. Daughter of Charles D. Nelson & Caroline Wason. Buried in Lakeside Cemetery, Port Huron, St. Clair MI.
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Parents' marriage: Albert R. Ballentine married Jennie Lynette Nelson in Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo MI on 18 Feb 1885 - he age 28, b. Ontario, Canada, merchant – she age 26, b. Muskegon MI.

Spouse:

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Children:

Siblings:

- James Macallan Ballentine, 31 Dec 1887 MI – 17 May 1978 Palm Beach Co. FL. Married 30 Jul 1932 in Chicago, Cook IL to Jean Virginia Birck (1908-1989, F: 84837737). Buried in Lakeside Cemetery, Port Huron, St. Clair MI. F: 848837134

Notes:

Wartime:

Post-war:

Obituary:

Social Security Number:

Censuses:

1900 – Charles & brother are living with their paternal grandmother, while their father lives with his sister

1900 Bay City, Bay Co. MI – conducted 2 Jun 1900

Sarah R. Ballentine, 73 ME, Jul 1827, parents b. ME, widow, gave birth to 5 children, 5 are living, housekeeper

Edwin D., 44 ME, May 1856, parents b. ME, single, steamboat captain [son]

Nelson C. Ballentine, 13 MI, Jul 1886, father b. ME, mother b. MI, at school [grandchild]

James M., Ballentine, 12 MI, Jan 1888, father b. ME, mother b. MI, at school [grandchild]
& servant Martha Novak, 20 MI, Jul 1880

1900 Port Huron, St. Clair MI – Military St. – conducted 4/5 Jun 1900

Bethnel Farrand, Jr., 40 MI, Dec 1860, father b. NY, mother b. CT, married 11 years, merchant, shoes

Anna M. Farrand, 39 Canada, Mar 861, father b. at sea, mother b. New Brunswick, Canada, emigrated 1863, in US for 37 years, gave birth to 2 children, 2 are living [wife]

Helen L. Farrand, 10 MI, Nov 1890, father b. MI, mother b. Canada (English), at school [daughter]

Sarah E. Farand, 9 MI, Jan 1891, father b. MI, mother b. Canada (English), at school [daughter]

Albert R. Ballentine, 41 Canada, Jan 1859, father b. at sea, mother b. New Brunswick, Canada, widowed, emigrated 1863, in US for 37 years, clerk, dry goods [brother-in-law] & servant Anna B. Wilke, 21 MI

1910 Port Huron, St. Clair MI – 1440 – 6th St.

Albert R. Ballentine, 52 Canada (English), widowed, father b. ME, mother b. Canada, emigrated 1865, naturalized

Charles N. Ballentine, 24 MI [son]

James M. Ballentine, 22 MI [son]

Sarah R. Ballentine, 81 Canada (English), father b. Canada (English), mother b. MI, widowed, gave birth to 6 children, 5 are living [mother]

Bertha E. Neville, 35 MI, father b. ME, mother b. Canada, divorced[sister]

Marjorie Neville, 9 MI, parents b. MI [niece]

Edward Ballentine, 55 Canada, father b. ME, mother b. Canada (English), single, captain, Great Lakes [brother]

& servant Mollie Zielke, 21 MI

1920 cannot locate

1930 cannot locate