

TUSCANIA

Bell, William Robert
1887 CA – 1944 WA



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William Robert Bell

Military • Oregon, World War I, County Military Service Records, 1919-1920

Name	William Robert Bell
Residence Place	Coquille, Oregon
Birth Date	17 Feb 1887
Birthplace	Smithville, California
Military Service Branch	Army
Father's Name	William Hartman Bell
Father's Birthplace	Cali
Mother's Name	Mary L Goodwine
Mother's Birth Date	1862
Mother's Birthplace	Calif
Event Type	Military Service
Event Date	7 Dec 1917
Event Place	Vancouver, Clark, Washington, United States
Event Place (Original)	Vancouver, Washington

<https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/sources/KPM9-RGX>

OR WWI County Military Service Records: enlisted 7 Dec 1917, Vancouver, Clark WA. Resident of Coquille OR. Born 17 Feb 1887 Smithville CA. Son of William Hartman Bell (b. CA) & Mary L. Goodwine [sic] (b. CA)

William Robert Bell

Military • Oregon, World War I, Veteran State Aid Applications, 1921-1938

Name	William Robert Bell
Residence Place	Battle Ground, Washington
Birth Date	17 Feb 1887
Birthplace	No Town California
Military Final Rank	Private 20th Engineers
Relative's Name	H Witschey
Event Type	Military Service
Event Date	12 Dec 1917
Event Place	Portland, Washington, Oregon, United States
Event Place (Original)	Portland, Oregon, United States
Serial Number	250763

<https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/sources/KPM9-RGX> - OR WWI Veteran State Aid Applications – serial 250763, enlisted 12 Dec 1917 Portland/Washington, resident of Battle Ground WA. Final rank: private, 20th Engineers. Born 17 Feb 1887 CA. NOK H. Witschey

U.S., Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936-2007

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Name	William H Bell
Gender	Male
Spouse	Mary L Goodwin
Child	William Robert Bell

<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/85019068/person/380171263142/facts>

Life:

MARSHFIELD, Ore., Feb. 7.—Six or seven men from the Coos bay district are members of the companies of the 20th engineers reported aboard the Tuscania. Included in the list are W. G. Robertson of Coos bay and Portland; William Curtis, son of a former postmaster of Marshfield; Sidney Bernitt, William Durrand, H. H. Hazelton, Millington J. Johnson and William Bell, all of Marshfield.

“Billings (MT) Evening Journal” Thursday 7 Feb 1918 p 5

Tuscania Floated for Several Hours

(United Press)

LONDON, Feb. 7.—The Tuscania floated several hours after the torpedoing in Irish waters. The Americans aboard the other vessels who witnessed the torpedoing said they heard a report.

The fact that she was afloat probably aided the big rescue. Reference to other vessels indicates the possibility that either American ships convoyed the Tuscania or she was one of a group carrying Americans.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—Army officers are hopeful the number lost may be reduced as isolated parts of the Irish coast report. Thus far only thirty names of survivors have been received. No details of the encounter have been received yet.

PORTLAND, Feb. 7.—Harry Keller of Klamath Falls was saved. Other Oregonians believed aboard are: Guy Jamieson, W. G. Robertson, Portland; W. B. Curtis, Jr., Sidney Bernitt, William Durrand, H. Hazelton, William Bell, Marshfield.

“La Grande (OR) Observer” Thursday 7 Feb 1918 p 1

TWELVE OREGONIANS ABOARD TUSCANIA

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 7.—At least twelve Oregonians are members of companies D and F of the 20th engineers, the relatives report today. Two of these are Portlanders, Guy W. Jamieson being in company F. W. G. Robertson, formerly of Portland, Coos Bay and Eugene Land Company is also with that unit, his friends say.

Six men from Marshfield are believed to have sailed on the Tuscania. They are: Will Durrant, first sergeant company F, 6th battalion; H. A. Elton, William Bell, Fred Johnson, Sydney Bernitt and Will Curtis.

Harris Eddee, of Dallas, and Earl Withycombe, son of Governor Withycombe, were assigned to units aboard the Tuscania.

Fully one thousand men from all parts of the northwest were recruited here for the forestry regiment.

"Roseburg (OR) News-Review" Friday 8 Feb 1918 p 2

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—Among the survivors are:

Albert F. Amen, The Dalles; Edward T. Beletski, Portland; Lewis C. Blym, Dufur; William R. Bell, Coquille; Harry Carrer, Promise.

"La Grande (OR) Observer" Saturday 9 Feb 1918 p 1

William Robert Bell, a seaman, is being held in the city jail, booked for investigation. A marlinspike and a belaying pin, both wrapped in cloth padding, and a rubber sap were found in his possession, Police Chief Frank Cushman said.

Is this him? – “The Olympian” (Thurston WA) Saturday 14 Mar 1931 p 5

Wife Anna Laura Whitted (1912)

PLACE OF MARRIAGE		RETURN OF MARRIAGE	
County of <u>Coos</u>	Registered No. _____		
City of <u>Coquille</u>	No. _____	Street _____	
Date of Marriage <u>June</u> , <u>19</u> , 191 <u>2</u>		MONTH DAY YEAR	
HUSBAND		WIFE	
Name <u>William Robert Bell</u>	Full Maiden Name <u>Anna Laura Whitted</u>		
Residence <u>Manlyfield Ave.</u>	Residence <u>Manlyfield Ave.</u>		
Color <u>White</u> ; Age <u>35</u> <u>4</u> <u>2</u>	Color <u>White</u> ; Age <u>17</u> <u>2</u> <u>5</u>	YEARS MONTHS DAYS	
Birthplace <u>Clay Co. California</u>	Birthplace <u>Oregon</u>		
Occupation <u>Seaman</u>	Occupation <u>House keeper</u>		
No. of Marriage _____	No. of Marriage <u>1</u>		
Father's Birthplace <u>California</u>	Father's Birthplace <u>Oregon</u>		
Mother's Birthplace <u>California</u>	Mother's Birthplace <u>Missouri</u>		

marriage of William Robert Bell on 19 Jun 1912 to Anna Laura Whitted in Coquille, Coos OR

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Anna Whitted Warner

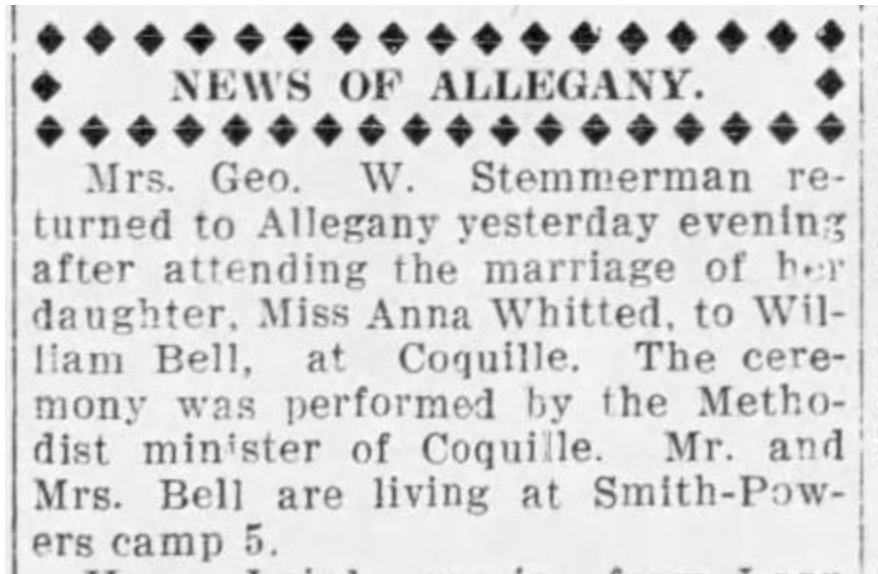
in the U.S., Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936-2007

Name	Anna Whitted Warner [Anna Whitted Whitted]
Gender	Female
Birth Date	14 Apr 1897
Birth Place	Coos Bay, Oregon
Claim Date	12 Mar 1959
Father	Robert Whitted
Mother	Minnie Blake
SSN	540244370
Notes	11 Mar 1959: Name listed as ANNA WHITTED WARNER

Social Security – Anna Laura Whitted Bell Warner - <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/7577775:60901>

Miss Anna Whitted, daughter of Mrs. Geo. Stemmerman, was accompanied to Coquille yesterday by her mother to be married to William Bell, a logger at Smith-Powers camp No. 5. The young couple plan to spend the summer camping out at Camp 5.

“Coos Bay (OR) World” Thursday 20 Jun 1912 p 3



"Coos Bay (OR) World" Friday 21 Jun 1912 p 1

Wife Edna Mae Cunningham (1928)



Edna Mae & Clifford Alvah Cunningham – ca. 1914 - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/3989887/person/-1441346136/media/41701963-f6ca-4096-ae1f-a16569c0809b>

Edna May Stephens

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

Name	Edna May Stephens
Maiden Name	Cunningham
Gender	Female
Race	White
Residence Age	27
Birth Place	Ronan, Montana
Spouse	Clem Stephens
Child	Alvah Stephens

Birth of son Alvah Stephens to Edna May Cunningham & Clem Stephens -
<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/30333037:61591>

No. 7652

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
J. R. Bell a man whose color is white
 whose residence is Portland Ore.; whose age is 39 years.

Born at _____, County of Calusa and
 State of California and who has _____ been previously married or divorced.

His Father's Christian and Surname ~~is~~ was J. R. Bell

His Mother's Christian and Maiden name was Mary Grodwin
 and Edna Cunningham a woman, whose color is white, whose residence
 is Missoula; whose age is 17 years.

Born at Ronan County of Lake and
 State of Montana and who has not been previously married or divorced.

Her Father's Christian and Surname ~~is~~ was Samuel Cunningham

Her Mother's Christian and Maiden name was Elaine King

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 10th day of May A. D. 1928J. M. Raven
Clerk District Court.By M. H. Perrier
Deputy.

(SEAL)

MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE

STATE OF MONTANA, }
COUNTY OF MISSOULA. }

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, That the undersigned, a Justice of the Peace
did, on the 10th day of May, A. D. 1928,
at Missoula, in the said County of Missoula, and State of Montana,
join in lawful wedlock W. R. Bell
and Edna Cunningham with their mutual consent.
In the presence of L. P. Slater and Mrs. Ray McCann Witnesses.
In the presence of
L. P. Slater } Witnesses.
and Mrs. Ray McCann }
WITNESS my hand this 10th day of May, 1928
J. A. Hutton
Justice of the Peace

Filed for Record this 11th day of May, 1928, at 2:48 o'clock P. M.
J. H. Mc. Law Clerk District Court.
By Dorothy C. McDonald Deputy.

Marriage of W.R. Bell to Edna Cunningham 10 May 1928 Missoula, Missoula MT -
https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/61578/images/48279_555343-00314?pId=105314154

TWO SECURE LICENSES.

Two marriage licenses were issued by the clerk of the court yesterday afternoon, one to Felix M. Alexander of Fort Missoula and Alice Mae Gates of Missoula, and the other to W. B. Bell of Portland, Ore., and Edna Cunningham of Missoula.

W.B. Bell = W.R. Bell – “The Missoulian” (Missoula MT) Friday 11 May 1928 p 12

Edna May Bell

in the Montana, U.S., County Marriage Records, 1865-1993

Name	Edna May Bell [Edna May Cunningham]
Gender	Female
Marriage Age	27
Record Type	Marriage
Birth Year	abt 1910
Marriage Date	27 Dec 1937
Marriage Place	Missoula, Montana, USA
Father	Samuel Cunningham
Mother	Pelenia King
Spouse	Clem Stephens
Film Number	001888859
DGS	004350513

Marriage of Edna May Cunningham Bell to Clem Stephens 27 Dec 1937 Missoula, Missoula
MT - <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/900081256:61375>

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Marriage licenses issued by Clerk of the Court J. R. Donehoo Monday include: Mainard C. Larsen and Pauline T. Keating; Walter R. Hunter and Agnes L. Hebert; Clem Stephens and Edna Mae Bell, all of Missoula; and Irving Lockwood and Esther Lehman, both of Columbia Falls.

Edna & Clem's marriage license - "The Missoulian" (Missoula MT) Tuesday 28 Dec 1937 p 10

A son was born Thursday of the past week at the Elmore hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Clem Stephens, 226 No. Second street, east.

Clem & Edna's son Alvah born Jan 1938; they married in Dec 1937 - "Missoula (MT) Times" Friday 14 Jan 1938 p 5

Two Men Arrested, Loot Is Recovered by Polson Officers

POLSON, June 24.—(P)—With the reported recovery of several truckloads of alleged loot and the arrest of two men, Lake county officers tonight believed they had broken up the operations of a countywide gang of burglars.

Clem Stephens, 23, and Wardell Stephens, 19, brothers, were arrested today after weeks of investigation. One was taken at Polson, the other in a mountain canyon 50 miles away.

Two truckloads of loot were said to have been found at a home in Polson. Harness, saddles, merchandise, household furniture and musical instruments were among the articles recovered. Officers believe the goods represent the proceeds of numerous burglaries throughout Lake county and were investigating the possibility they were the work of a well organized band.

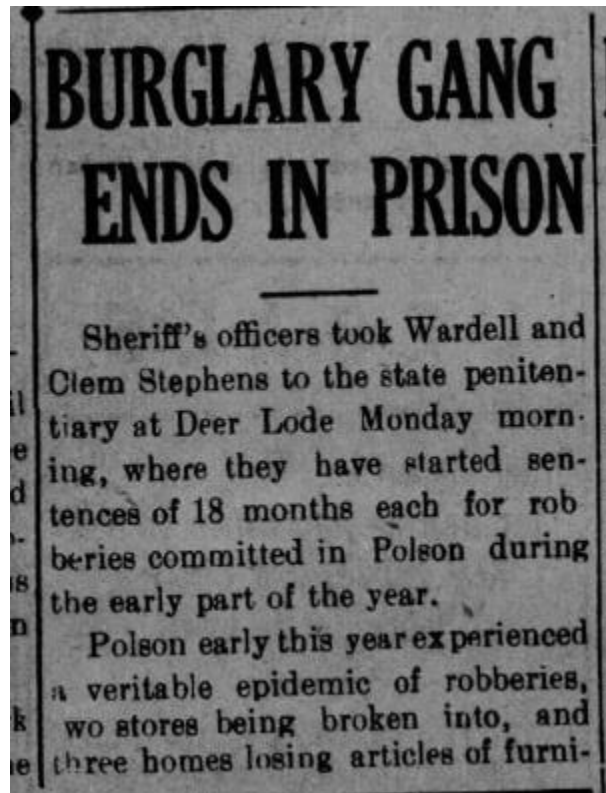
The brothers were held in bonds of \$1,000 each after their arraignment before a justice of the peace.

Burglaries committed by brothers Clem & Wardell Stephens - "Great Falls (MT) Tribune"
Sunday 25 Jun 1933 p 14

PRISONER ESCAPES FROM JAIL

Due to the overcrowded condition in the county bastille, Clem Stephens, a prisoner, escaped during the diner hour Tuesday evening. As soon as the escape was discovered, men were placed at each of the roads leading out of town, and within an hour the man was returned to the jail. Stephens was captured as he was starting out of town over the old hill road.

Clem escapes from the Flathead Co. MT jail - "Flathead Courier" (Polson MT) Thursday 14 Sep 1933 p A1



Clem & Wardell Stephens sentenced to the MT State Penitentiary for 18 months - "Lake County Vista" (Polson MT) Thursday 30 Nov 1933 p 1

Edna Stephens

Edna Mae Stephens, 70, 2113 Kensington Ave., died Friday after an extended illness. 1910, in Ronan, to Samuel and Pelinia Cunningham. She attended schools in Missoula and married Clem Stephens in November 1937 in Missoula.

She was born Oct. 31,

Survivors include her husband; two sons, Michael, Missoula, and Merton, Los Angeles, Calif.; three brothers, John, Portland, Ore., Clarence and Clifford, Seattle, Wash.; one sister, Bertie Archer, Seattle; eight grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held Monday at 2 p.m. at the Livingston-Malletta and Geraghty Funeral Home with Rev. Norman Foss officiating. Burial will be in Missoula Cemetery. Visitation will be at Livingston-Malletta and Geraghty Funeral Home from 1 p.m. Sunday until service time.

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STATE COPY
MONTANA
CERTIFICATE OF DEATH
81 3553

LOCAL FILE NUMBER
331-91

STATE FILE NUMBER
81 3553

DECEDENT - NAME FIRST MIDDLE LAST
EDNA MAE STEPHENS

SEX Female
DATE OF DEATH (Mo., Day, Yr.) July 10, 1981

RACE - White
AGE - Last Birthday (Year, Mo., Day, Hour, Min.) 70
Oct. 31, 1910

CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION OF DEATH Missoula
HOSPITAL OR OTHER INSTITUTION - Name (If not in other, give street and number) 2113 Kensington

STATE OF BIRTH (If not in U.S.A.) MONTANA
COUNTRY OF BIRTH USA
MARRIED, NEVER MARRIED, WIDOWED, DIVORCED (Specify) Married
SURVIVING SPOUSE (If wife, give maiden name) Clem Stephens

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER 517-03-6404
USUAL OCCUPATION (Give kind of work done during week of death) Housewife
KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY Home

RESIDENCE - STATE COUNTY CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION INSIDE CITY LIMITS (Specify Yes or No) STREET AND NUMBER
Montana Missoula Missoula Yes 2113 Kensington

FATHER - NAME FIRST MIDDLE LAST MOTHER - MAIDEN NAME FIRST MIDDLE LAST
Samuel Cunningham Pelina King

INFORMANT - NAME (Type or Print) ADDRESS - STREET OR R.F.D. NO. CITY OR TOWN STATE ZIP
Clem Stephens 2113 Kensington Missoula, MT 59801

CERTIFYING PHYSICIAN - NAME LOCATION CITY OR TOWN STATE
Missoula Cemetery Missoula Montana

DISPOSITION
Burial
MORTUARY OR OTHER - NAME AND ADDRESS
Livingston-Malletta & Geraghty Missoula, MT

DATE OF DISPOSITION (Mo., Day, Year) July 13, 1981
PERSON IN CHARGE OF DISPOSITION (Signature) 341

23a. To the best of my knowledge, death occurred at the time, date and place specified in this certificate.
23b. On the basis of examination and/or investigation, in my opinion death occurred at the time, date and place and due to the cause(s) stated.

DATE SIGNED (Mo., Day, Year) 7/11/81
HOUR OF DEATH 8:30P
DATE SIGNED (Mo., Day, Year) July 13, 81
HOUR OF DEATH

NAME AND ADDRESS OF CERTIFIER (PHYSICIAN OR CORONER) (Type or Print)
Dr. Gerald Dietert 501 W. Broadway Missoula, MT 59801

LOCAL REGISTRAR (Signature) DATE RECEIVED BY LOCAL REGISTRAR (Mo., Day, Yr.)
J. S. Thompson July 13, 81

27. IMMEDIATE CAUSE (ENTER ONLY ONE CAUSE PER LINE FOR (a), (b) AND (c))
PART I - (a) Underlying Cause of Death
Stroke
DUE TO, OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF
5 years

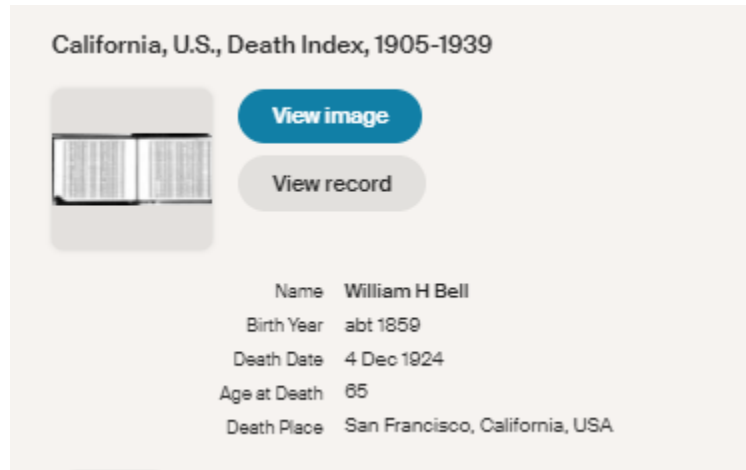
PART II - OTHER CONTRIBUTING CONDITIONS - Conditions contributing to death but not related to cause given in Part I
Stroke
DUE TO, OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF
28. No 29. Yes

ACCIDENT, SUICIDE, HOMICIDE, UNDET. OR PENDING INVESTIGATION (Specify)
INJURY AT WORK (Specify Yes or No) PLACE OF INJURY - At home, farm, street, factory, office, building, etc. (Specify) LOCATION - STREET OR R.F.D. NO. CITY OR TOWN STATE

Edna Mae Stephens
in the Montana, U.S., State Deaths, 1907-2018

https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/1141616:5437?tid=&pid=&queryId=75ed36d7-690c-49e4-9985-4bce50d2fad4&_phsrc=cPx6006&_phstart=successSource

Father:



CA Death Index of William Hartman Bell - <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/85019068/person/380171263142/facts>

Mother:



Mary Luticia Goodwin - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/85019068/person/380171252894/media/31d47c58-628f-4c3d-80ec-e5d987faaf60>

Mary Goodwin's husband Marcus Pluth:

Marriage License

State of California }
County of Lake } ss.

These present are to authorize and license any justice of the Supreme Court - Judge of the Superior Court - Justice of the Peace - Priest or Minister of the Gospel of any denomination to solemnize within said County the marriage of Marquis Pluth native of Austria aged 26 years resident of County of Lake State of California and Miss Mary Quakenbush native of California aged 18 years resident of County of Lake State of California said parties being of sufficient age to be capable of contracting marriage Parents of Miss Mary Quakenbush consenting to her marriage

In Testimony Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of the Superior Court of said County this 10th day of May 1880

H. A. Oliver County Clerk and ex officio
Clerk of the Superior Court in and for
said Lake County

SEAL.

Marriage Certificate

State of California }
Middle town County of Lake } ss.

I hereby certify that I believe the facts stated in the above License to be true and that upon due inquiry there appears to be no legal impediment to the marriage of said Marquis Pluth and Miss Mary

Mary Quakenbush

Marriage • California, County Marriages, 1850-1953

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Name **Marquis Pluth**

Sex **Male**

Age **26**

Birth Year (Estimated) **1854**

Birthplace **Austria**

Spouse's Name **Mary Quakenbush**

Spouse's Sex **Female**

Spouse's Age **18**

Spouse's Birth Year (Estimated) **1862**

Spouse's Birthplace **California**

Event Type **Marriage**

Event Date **1880**

Event Place **Lake, California, United States**

Event Place (Original) **Lake County, California, United States**

as Mary Quackenbush, married Marcus Pluth
<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:939V-MJVJ?view=index&personArk=%2Fark%3A%2F61903%2F1%3A1%3AKZ3K-PVX&action=view>

Mary Goodwin's husband Lycurgus Means:

SUSTAINED THE CRUELTY CHARGE

**Mary L. Means Granted Divorce From
Lycurgus Means B, Judge
Burnett Today**

Judge Albert G. Burnett this morning heard the divorce case of Mary L. Means versus Lycurgus Means, and at its conclusion gave the plaintiff a divorce on the ground of cruelty. The story recounted by the plaintiff abounded in the alleged cruelties and there was no hesitancy on the part of the court in granting the legal separation.

Mrs. Means testified that her husband had many times called her vile names and had abused and choked her. She declared that she had been forced to support her husband when she lived with him, and had chopped wood and worked in the field. She declared that when her baby was born she was not permitted to have a doctor or nurse, and that within ten days after its birth she was compelled to resume work on the farm.

Mrs. Means further declared that when her baby was five months old, her husband became angered at her and whipped the child. She took the child's part and received a whipping for her interference.

"Santa Rosa (CA) Republican" Wednesday 24 May 1905 p 5

Mary L. Means brought an action for divorce today from Lycurgus Means. The parties were married in Healdsburg in 1892. The plaintiff charges the husband with extreme cruelty and relates a number of specific acts. Attorney R. F. Crawford represents plaintiff.

"Santa Rosa (CA) Republican" Monday 1 May 1905 p 1

WIFE FORCED TO DO FARM LABOR

Sonoma Woman Is Promptly
Granted a Divorce on Tell-
ing of Inhuman Treatment.

Special Dispatch to the "Chronicle."

SANTA ROSA, May 24.—When Judge Albert G. Burnett heard the story of Mary L. Means in her divorce case against Lycurgus Means this morning, he unhesitatingly granted her a legal separation. The plaintiff testified that her husband had called her names, abused and choked her repeatedly. She averred that she had supported her husband, chopped wood and done farm work.

When her child was born she was not permitted to have a physician or nurse, and within ten days had to resume her farm labor. The Court was informed that when her infant was five months old the father became angry at the mother and whipped the child. When the mother interfered in behalf of her offspring she was subjected to chastisement. The separation was granted on the ground of cruelty, and plaintiff was awarded the custody of the child.

"San Francisco Chronicle" Thursday 25 May 1905 p 3

Mary Goodwin's husband Henry Witschey

No. 8191—05-9-57
 WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH—BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS
 CERTIFICATE OF DEATH
 SCALE FILE NUMBER 11448

1. DECEASED—NAME FIRST MIDDLE LAST
 HENRY WITSCHY
 SEX Male
 DATE OF DEATH (MONTH, DAY, YEAR) May 22, 1977

2. RACE (SPECIFY) White
 AGE—(LAST BIRTHDAY) 97
 UNDER 1 YEAR UNDER 1 DAY
 MONTHS DAYS HOURS MIN.
 DATE OF BIRTH (MONTH, DAY, YEAR) Oct. 25, 1879, Snohomish
 CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION OF DEATH
 INSIDE CITY LIMITS (SPECIFY YES OR NO) Yes
 HOSPITAL OR OTHER INSTITUTION—NAME (IF NOT IN EITHER, GIVE STREET AND NUMBER)
 Valley General Hospital

3. STATE OF BIRTH (IF NOT IN U.S.A., NAME COUNTRY)
 Hawaii
 CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY U.S.A.
 MARRIED, NEVER MARRIED, WIDOWED, DIVORCED (SPECIFY) Married
 SURVIVING SPOUSE (IF WIFE, GIVE MARRIED NAME)
 Virgie Rowe

4. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER 537-03-7483 T
 USUAL OCCUPATION (GIVE KIND OF WORK DONE DURING MOST OF WORKING LIFE, EVEN IF RETIRED) Forestry
 KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY Lumber Industry

5. RESIDENCE—STATE COUNTY CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION
 Washington Snohomish Sultan
 INSIDE CITY LIMITS (SPECIFY YES OR NO) Yes
 STREET AND NUMBER P.O. Box 141

6. FATHER—NAME FIRST MIDDLE LAST MOTHER—MAIDEN NAME FIRST MIDDLE LAST
 No Record No Record

7. INFORMANT—NAME MAILING ADDRESS
 Mrs. Virgie Witschey-wife P.O. Box 141 or 402 High St., Sultan, Wa 98294

PART I. DEATH WAS CAUSED BY: (ENTER ONLY ONE CAUSE PER LINE FOR (a), (b), AND (c))
 (a) Cardiorespiratory arrest 15 minute
 (b) Sepsis 12 hours
 (c) Small bowel obstruction and fistula formation

PART II. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS: (CONDITIONS CONTRIBUTING TO DEATH BUT NOT RELATED TO CAUSE GIVEN IN PART I. (a))
 Adenocarcinoma of the colon - resected

8. ACCIDENT, SUICIDE, HOMICIDE, OR UNDETERMINED (SPECIFY) DATE OF INJURY (MONTH, DAY, YEAR) HOUR HOW INJURY OCCURRED (ENTER NATURE OF INJURY IN PART I OR PART II, ITEM 18)
 20a. 20b. 20c. M 20d.

9. INJURY AT WORK (SPECIFY YES OR NO) PLACE OF INJURY AT HOME, FARM, STREET, FACTORY, OFFICE BLDG., ETC. (SPECIFY) LOCATION (STREET OR R.F.D. NO., CITY OR TOWN, STATE)
 20e. 20f. 20g.

10. CERTIFICATION—PHYSICIAN: I ATTENDED THE DECEASED FROM 1 77 TO 5-22-77 AND LAST SAW HIM ALIVE ON 5-22-77. I DID NOT VIEW THE BODY AFTER DEATH. DEATH OCCURRED AT THE PLACE, ON THE DATE, AND TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, DUE TO THE CAUSE(S) STATED.
 CERTIFICATION—CORONER: ON THE BASIS OF THE EXAMINATION OF THE BODY AND/OR THE INVESTIGATION, IN MY OPINION, DEATH OCCURRED ON THE DATE AND DUE TO THE CAUSE(S) STATED.
 CERTIFIER—NAME (TYPE OR PRINT) SIGNATURE DEGREE OR TITLE DATE SIGNED (MONTH, DAY, YEAR)
 James Replik, M.D. James E. Replik M.D. 5-25-77

11. MAILING ADDRESS OF CERTIFIER 23a. 23b. 23c. 23d.
 909 W. Main Street Monroe Washington 98272

12. BURIAL, CREMATION, REMOVAL (SPECIFY) CEMETERY OR CREMATORY—NAME LOCATION CITY OR TOWN STATE
 Burial Sultan Cemetery Sultan, Washington

13. DATE (MONTH, DAY, YEAR) FUNERAL HOME—NAME AND ADDRESS (STREET OR R.F.D. NO., CITY OR TOWN, STATE, ZIP)
 May 26, 1977 Purdy & Kerr Chapel, 441 W. Main St., Monroe, Washington 98272

14. FUNERAL DIRECTOR—SIGNATURE REGISTRAR—SIGNATURE DATE RECEIVED BY LOCAL REGISTRAR
 Herb Smith Marcelle Kern 5-25-77

WA death record of Henry Witschey - https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/6273620:6716?tid=85019068&pid=380171263149&queryId=476157bf-dbd6-493f-81fd-6917d8e1a44e&_phsrc=cPx6017&_phstart=successSource

Full siblings: children of Mary Goodwin & William Hartman Bell

Sister Mabel May Lucinda Bell Minto Witschey Hilts (1885-1946)

Marriage License:

Minto, William Edward
to
Bell, Mabel

16 May 1901

Name	William Edward Minto
Gender	Male
Event Type	Marriage
Marriage Date	16 May 1901
Marriage Place	Santa Clara, California, USA
Spouse	Mabel Bell

Marriage of [sister Mable May Lucinda Bell](#) to William Edward Minto 16 May 1901 -

https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/34144:61460?tid=&pid=&queryId=950f83c7-b870-4481-a157-da16439ebcdc&_phsrc=cPx5941&_phstart=successSource

MINTO—in Santa Rosa, Tuesday, Nov. 26, 1940. William E. Minto, loving father of Mrs. Frances Elizabeth Faulkner of Santa Rosa, brother of Mrs. Jennie Morris and John Minto of San Francisco and Mrs. Bertha Johnson of Rodondo Beach. A native of Antioch, Ill., aged 80 years, 5 months and 5 days.

Friends are invited to attend the funeral Friday Nov. 29 at 10:30 a. m. from the chapel of Fred Young and Company, Healdsburg, the Rev. Hugh Brunk officiating. Interment, Olive Hill cemetery, Geyserville.

Obituary of William Edward Minto – “Santa Rosa (CA) Press Democrat” Thursday 28 Nov 1940 p 5

Louie Witschey

in the California, U.S., County Birth, Marriage, and Death Records, 1849-1980

Name	Louie Witschey
Gender	Male
Event Type	Marriage
Marriage Date	2 Aug 1909
Marriage Place	Santa Rosa, California, USA
Spouse	Mabel Minto

Marriage of Mabel Bell Minto to Louis Witschey 2 Aug 1909 Santa Rosa CA - <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/900264388:61460>

PLACE OF BIRTH 2416		CERTIFICATE OF BIRTH	
County of <u>Douglas</u>		Registered No. <u>534</u>	
or <u>Village Fernvale, Ore</u>		Street	
City of <u>Fernvale, Ore</u>		(If in country, distance and direction from city)	
Full Name of Child <u>Helen Olga Witschey</u>		(If child is not yet named, make supplemental report as directed)	
Sex of Child <u>Female</u>	Twin, Triplet, or other <u>X</u>	No. in order of birth <u>First</u>	Legitimate <u>Yes</u>
Date of birth <u>Feb. 8</u> , 19 <u>11</u>		month day year	
FATHER		MOTHER	
Full Name <u>Louis Witschey</u>		Full Maiden Name <u>Mabel Bell</u>	
Residence <u>Fernvale, Ore.</u>		Residence <u>Fernvale, Ore.</u>	
Color <u>White</u>	Age at last birthday <u>26</u> years	Color <u>White</u>	Age at last birthday <u>25</u> years
Birthplace <u>Helo, Hawaiian Island</u>		Birthplace <u>Lake Co., Calif.</u>	
Occupation <u>Locksmith & Logger</u>		Occupation <u>Housewife</u>	
REMARKS:		(Signed) <u>H. R. Kauffman MD.</u> Physician or person reporting	
		Address <u>Glendale, Ore</u>	
		Filed - 1911	

Birth of daughter Helen Olga Witschey on 8 Feb 1911 in Fernvale, Douglas OR -
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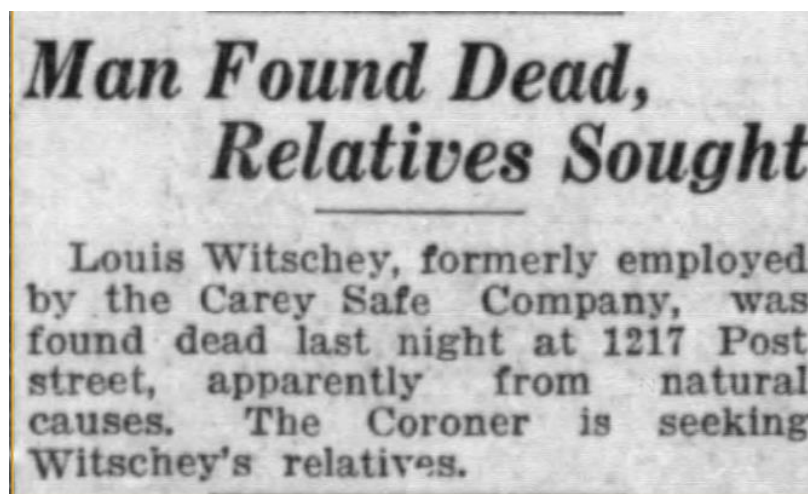
Source citation for San Francisco Area, California, U.S., Funeral Home Records, 1850-1931

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San Francisco Area, California, U.S., Funeral Home Records, 1850-1931
View record

Name	Louis Witschey
Gender	Male
Age at Death	33
Marital Status	Single
Birth Date	1885
Birth Place	Hilo Hawaii
Death Date	17 Dec 1918
Death Place	San Francisco, San Francisco, California
Funeral Home	H. F. Suhr & Co. Funeral Records
Funeral Place	San Francisco, San Francisco, California
Obituary Included	YES
Father's Name	Edward Witschey
Mother's Name	Annie
Record Type	Record Book
Source Reference	Vol. 09, p. 7001-7300, 1918-1919
Number of Images	1

CA funeral record of Louis Witschey, naming parents as Edward & Annie Witschey – marital status: single - https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/85019068/person/380171292621/facts?_phsrc=cPx6021&_phstart=succ
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Death of Louis Witschey in 1918 - "San Francisco Examiner" Wednesday 18 Dec 1918 p 11

Washington, U.S., Death Index, 1940-2017

View record

Name Mabel Hilts
 Gender Female
 Age 61
 Birth Date abt 1885
 Death Date 19 Dec 1946
 Death Place Seattle, Washington, USA
 Burial Date 1946
 Certificate Number 5420
 Father William Bell
 Mother Mary Goodwin
 Spouse Frank Hilts

WA death record of Mabel Hilts - <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/85019068/person/380171263144/facts>

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF THE CENSUS

Washington State Department of Health
VITAL STATISTICS
CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

State File No. 5420
Registrar's No. 5517

1. PLACE OF DEATH: (a) County King
 (b) City or town Seattle
 (c) Name of hospital or institution King County Hospital #2
 (d) Length of stay: In hospital or institution 12-23-46
 In this community (Year, month or day)

2. USUAL RESIDENCE OF DECEASED: (a) State Washington (b) County King
 (c) City or town Auburn
 (d) Street No. Route 3
 (e) If foreign born, how long in U. S. A. ? _____ years

3. (c) Social Security Number _____

4. (a) FULL NAME Mabel Hilts
 (b) Was decedent ever a member of the Army, Navy or Marine Corps of the United States? _____ Name of organization in which such service was rendered: _____

5. Color or race White
 6(a) Single, widowed, married, divorced Widowed
 (b) Name of husband or wife Frank Hilts
 (c) Age of husband or wife if alive _____ years
 Birth date of deceased March 21 1885
 AGE: Years 61 Months 8 Days 28 If less than one day _____ hr. _____ min.

Birthplace California
 (City, town or country)
 Usual occupation Housewife
 Industry or business _____

7. Name William Bell
 Birthplace California
 (City, town, or country)
 Maiden name Mary Goodwin
 Birthplace Healsberg California
 (City, town, or country)

(d) Informant's own signature Records - King Co.
 Address Hospital, Seattle
 (e) Burial (b) Date thereof 12-23-46
 (c) Place of burial or cremation Sultan Cem
 Signature of funeral director Purdy & Kern
 Address Monroe Wash.

DEC 27 1946 (b) _____

8. MEDICAL CERTIFICATION
 20. Date of death: Month December day 19 year 1946 hour 8 minute 10 PM
 21. I hereby certify that I attended the deceased from September 3, 1946 to December 19, 1946
 that I last saw h. er alive on December 19, 1946
 and that death occurred on the date and hour stated above.
 Immediate cause of death Cerebral vascular accident
 Due to Hypertensive cerebrovascular disease
 Due to Old cerebral vascular accident with paralysis
 Other conditions (Include program or within 3 months of death) 93D
 Major findings: Of operations _____
 Of autopsy no autopsy
 Underline the cause to which death should be charged statistically.

22. If death was due to external causes, fill in the following:
 (a) Accident, suicide, or homicide (specify) _____
 (b) Date of occurrence _____
 (c) Where did injury occur? _____
 (d) Did injury occur in or about home, on farm, in industrial place, in public place? _____
 (e) Means of injury _____
 23. Signature Les J. Sulzberg (M. D. or nurse)
 Address King Co. Hospital Date signed 12-20-46

WA death certificate of Mabel Hilts - <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/7315066:6716>

The Alice Minto sensation of 1909 San Francisco CA:

ALICE MINTO, HE SAYS, WAS SOLD TO CHINESE

**Teamster Declares Mother,
Anxious to Be Rid of Child,
Had Her Disposed Of for \$15**

HER PARENT IS IDENTIFIED

**She Is Mrs. Mabel Minto, and
Has Just Obtained a License
to Marry Again; Denials Made**

The mother of Alice Minto, the 9-year-old white girl who was rescued from a Chinese den in Spofford Alley, is Mrs. Mabel Minto. Her identity was established by William Baker, a teamster living in Cypress Alley. She obtained a license here yesterday to marry Louie Witschey of this city. She has been living in Healdsburg as Mrs. Mabel Ritchie since she left her position as dancer in the O. K. dance hall in Pacific street here three months ago.

"The little girl found with the Chinese last week was born in Geyserville in 1900," Baker said last night. "She was taken to her grandmother's home in San Jose in 1903, and I have heard that she was sold afterward into Chinatown for \$15.

All Were Destitute.

"The maiden name of the child's mother was Mabel Bell. She was a daughter of Mrs. Mary Means, the woman who yesterday wrote to Judge Van Nostrand from Preston, Sonoma county, and signed herself 'Mrs. H. Witschey.'

"Mabel Bell married William Minto, an employee of the Chutes, in May, 1901. They went to live in San Jose, and shortly after this the woman took the child to her mother's home there.

"Now Mrs. Means and her two daughters, Mabel and Alice, were destitute themselves, and all stories about their having adopted the child seem ridiculous to me. The little girl is the daughter of the Minto woman, and she was named for her aunt, then about 13 years old.

Given to the Chinese.

"Mrs. Minto and her husband had quarreled during their absence from San Jose and the woman returned without him. But she finally went to live with him again. About two months after this the woman came back to San Jose without either husband or child. I believe Minto went to Fort Bragg.

"Mrs. Laura Thomas, afterward a member of the Salvation Army in Santa Rosa and Geyserville, probably knows more than anybody else of what became of the child during the next few months. She was engaged to marry a cousin of Mabel Bell, Hugh Robbins, and when the mother decided that she could be hampered no longer with her daughter she selected Miss Thomas to dispose of the child. It was then that little Alice was given to the Chinese.

Real Mother Called.

"The real mother called on Miss Cameron of the Presbyterian Mission several days ago, but she didn't disclose her identity. She said she was Mrs. Ritchie, the first fostermother of little Alice Minto.

"There is only one part of the entire affair which I cannot understand. Little Alice's mother and grandmother both now seem to have the same name. The child's grandmother is known in Preston as Mrs. H. Witschey and the former Mrs. Minto is now Mrs. Mabel Witschey."

The marriage license which was issued yesterday follows:

Witschey—Minto—Louie Witschey, 25, San Francisco, and Mabel Minto, 24, Healdsburg.

Superintendent's Denial.

H. W. Brayton, superintendent of the Children's Home Finding Society of California, yesterday denied that his organization is responsible in any way for the condition in which Alice Minto was found in Chinatown. His statement to "The Examiner" follows in part:

Editor Examiner: In view of recent published statements in regard to the Chinatown affair, we wish to state the following:

The child mentioned, presumed to be the same child, a nameless, dark child, was placed by us, as we had good reason to believe, in a Christian Chinese family on the recommendation of those in whom we had implicit confidence, and on our own personal investigation. All went well with the child up to the time of the fire, since which time, although repeated efforts were made to locate it, it could not be found. How it could occur that the child should be found in a den is more than we can understand, and a mystery we would like to have explained, if it is the same child and in the hands of the same family.

I wish to add to the above that this home and its desire for a child would never have been known to me but for Captain Williams, who came to my office soliciting a child for the family.

H. W. BRAYTON.

Mabel Bell Minto [AKA Ritchie] apparently sold her daughter to Chinese people for \$15 – newspaper notes that she is now marrying Louis Witschey and her biological mother [Mary Luticia] is also a Witschey – "San Francisco Examiner" Wednesday 4 Aug 1909 p 1 - <https://www.newspapers.com/image/457867740/>

SALVATIONIST UNDER PROBE

Army Officials Investigate Miss Williams' Connection With Minto Case

SAN FRANCISCO, July 31. — Aroused by the startling disclosures in connection with the strange case of little Alice Minto, or Mah Ho, as she was christened by her Oriental fosterparents, that an accredited agent of the Salvation Army, ranking as captain, had aided in placing a Caucasian child in the custody and keeping of an Oriental family, high officials of the army have begun a sweeping and thorough investigation.

Colonel C. Miles, in command of the southern province of the Salvation Army, including the western and southwestern States and Hawaii, with headquarters in San Francisco, yesterday sent a telegraphic demand to Captain Williams that she wire him immediately all the facts pertaining to her connection with the transaction. She is now at Bellingham, Washington.

Was in Command

At the time of the transfer Miss Williams was in command of the Chinatown squad of the Salvation Army corps. Closely affiliated with her in the work was Miss Bertha Hynes. Such an intimate friendship existed between the two that they shared apartments and confided to each other all the details of their work.

But, strangely, Captain Williams failed

to confide the details of the transaction involving a child to her most intimate friend and companion. She did, however, tell Miss Hynes that she had brought the baby from the Home Finding Society in Berkeley and placed it in the hands of the Mah family. She acted only as a messenger, she said, for Rev. H. W. Brayton, in charge of the society, had investigated the Chinese family and himself decided it a proper ward for the little Caucasian girl.

Story Contradicted

Miss Williams, as she explained to Miss Hynes, had no other connection with the transaction, but Mah Chee, sister-in-law of Mah Tun Hin, foster-mother of the girl, tells other details. She says Mah Tun Hin paid \$25 to procure the child, and that actual notaries' fees and incidentals amounted to more than \$5. She admits that she herself took \$5 additional from Mah Tun for the purpose of procuring adoption papers, but forgot to see an attorney.

The statement of Rev. Brayton, superintendent of the home from which the child was taken, also differs from that of Miss Williams. It was at her earnest solicitation, he says, that he consented to give the child into the keeping of a Chinese family. She represented to him, he says, that the Mah family was a Christian one, though Chinese. She also declared that the family was an excellent one in which to give the little Italian girl who had endured so many hardships at the hands of white families.

Identification Certain

Miss Hynes last night called at the Chinese Presbyterian Mission, 920 Sacramento street, and positively identified little Mah Ho as the tiny Alice Minto, who was conveyed from Berkeley by Miss Williams and given into the custody of the Chinese family. Colonel Miles, who has demanded the explanation of Captain Williams, expects a reply from her at any moment and will proceed at once with the investigation.

LITTLE MAH HO'S HISTORY IS TOLD

Back to the basement opium den in one of the dark Chinatown alleys or into the hands of the State?

Which is to be the fate of Little Mah Ho or Alice Minto?

In Judge Van Nostrand's court this afternoon it will be decided whether the 9-year-old child who was rescued by Miss Cameron of the Presbyterian mission—the child with the white face and Oriental manners, the dark eyes that blink in the sun because they have seen only the blackness of dark basements—is to be made an American or a Chinese.

The whole course of a little life will be changed in the decision this afternoon. Without her knowledge or consent this little girl, who is neither American nor Chinese, has had an eventful life. According to the facts supplied by a Chinese woman yesterday, she has had many homes and many mothers, but her Chinese home is the only one of which she has any recollection and her Chinese mother the only one she wants to see. Her American conversation must be carried on by an interpreter, for she has forgotten the English words she learned in babyhood and only the Chinese comes naturally to her.

If the Chinese woman's story is true, and there seems little reason to doubt it, Mah Ho is really Alice Minto. She was born of Italian parents in a rescue home and was there deserted. She was sent to the Children's Home Finding Society of Berkeley, and by them placed in several white families, but each

time returned to the home on account of the cruel treatment she received. Later she was given into the hands of Captain Williams of the Salvation Army, who said she had a home for the child.

A couple of years before the earthquake it appears there was among the Chinese a craze for adopting white children. It appears that several were taken from the rescue homes, and at this time Mah Lin and Tan See, who were without children, tried to secure a little one. They are said, by the Chinese woman, to have appealed to Captain William, who either directly or indirectly gave Alice Minto into their possession.

The child was four years of age at this time and very easily adapted herself to her new conditions of life. During the five years' residence with the Chinese she has become Chinese in every particular except in looks. Dressed in American clothes and with her hair brushed like other American girls one would not have suspected her of being anything but an American.

The Chinese mother wept real American tears yesterday when she asked to have Mah Ho back. She has a paper which she believes will prove her right to the little girl. H. W. Brayton, president of the Home Finding Society, is said to have known of Alice Minto's adoption into the Chinese family, but it is believed that he thought she had Chinese blood in her veins.

Captain Williams of the Salvation Army is not in the State of Washing-

ton and has not been reached. Mr. Brayton is also away, so his opinion has not been secured.

The court proceedings are expected to establish beyond a doubt the strange facts concerning the child.

"San Francisco Bulletin" Friday 30 Jul 1909 p 14

TO DETERMINE CUSTODY OF NINE-YEAR-OLD GIRL

SAN FRANCISCO, July 30.—Mah Ho, the nine-year-old girl who was rescued from a den in Chinatown, and who is believed to be Alice Minto, the daughter of Italian parents, appeared before Judge Von Nostrand in the juvenile court today to determine whether she will return to the Presbyterian Chinese mission or to the dungeon at 54 Spofford alley, where she has been held a prisoner for five years past.

“Los Angeles Evening Express” Friday 30 Jul 1909 p 11

LOS ANGELES WOMAN IS WANTED IN CHINESE CASE

At Salvation Army headquarters here, Friday, it was stated that the Miss May Thomas, mentioned in the San Francisco dispatches as a necessary witness, is an adjutant of the local corps and lives at 437 Beaudry av. She is out of town, however, on her vacation, and is not expected to return until Saturday or Sunday.

By United Press.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 30. — Fighting for the possession of Little Alice Minto, the 9-year-old Italian girl whom they adopted five years ago, Chas. Mahlin and his wife, Tun See, both Chinese, will appear in court late Friday. Action has been started by W. P. Hatch of the juvenile detention home to have the child declared dependent.

Investigation which led to the

also anxious to find Miss May Thomas, another Salvation Army worker, who knows the history of the case. Miss Thomas is somewhere in California, and it is thought that she will be found in Los Angeles.

From Chinese it is learned that after the great fire in April, 1906, little Mah Ho or Loy Ho, as Alice is known in Chinatown, was taken to Oakland and Sacramento by her foster parents, and when the local Oriental quarter was rebuilt, was brought back here to again take up her abode in an underground opium den.

So completely did the Chinese cut the little girl off from connection with the Caucasian race that she forgot the little English that she once lisped, and today knows nothing of any language but Chinese. She was attired in Oriental garments when found by the authorities.

discovery of the identity of the little white girl, who for five years has lived in Chinese opium dens and today knows no word of English, failed to clear up the mystery which surrounds her parentage. Chinese interpreters investigated the case Friday and said that without doubt the child was Alice Minto, who was brought into Chinatown five years ago, but further than that they could learn but little of her history.

SALVATION ARMY CASE

Efforts are being made to locate Capt. Williams, a Salvation Army worker, who is believed to have placed the child in the hands of the Chinese. Miss Williams is supposed to be somewhere in the state of Washington. The authorities are

ties and protested volubly in pure Cantonese when compelled to don the garb of a European.

CHILD TRANSFORMED

The child is fond of the Chinese couple, the only parents she knows, and grieves deeply because she is not allowed to return to the vile-smelling basement she calls home. She is afraid of Americans and declared to an interpreter that whether or not she belonged to the white race she would never adopt its customs or language.

Although less than 10 years of age, the child is remarkably well versed in Chinese affairs and expresses her mind on the subject of her future mode of living with the decision and promptitude of a full grown woman.

Says Minister Gave Child.
BELLINGHAM, Wash., July 30. — Denying indignantly that she was the person who placed the child known as Alice Minto into the hands of a Chinese family of San Francisco, and asserting that the little girl is of Syrian instead of Italian parentage, Miss Mabel Williams, a Salvation Army captain of this city, avers the child was given to the Chinese by Rev. Baynton of the California Home of the Foundling society.
"Rev. Mr. Baynton gave the child to the Chinese family," said Miss Williams this morning. "All I had to do with the matter was simply bringing the child from Alameda for Mr. Baynton and turning it over to the Chinese woman. I did this simply as an accommodation to Mr. Baynton, because I was familiar with the Chinese, having worked among them for eight years.
"I protest against the assertion that I gave the child to the Chinese family. Mr. Baynton informed me that the child had oriental blood in its veins and for that reason it was difficult to place it in a white family. In fact, it was placed in white families three times and given up. I cannot understand how the records of the society show that it was in my possession at any time."

"Berkeley (CA) Gazette" Friday 30 Jul 1909 p 4

WHITE CHILD IS FOUGHT FOR

Found in Chinese Den, Alice
Minto is Contested for in
Frisco Court

SAN FRANCISCO, July 30.—Fighting for the possession of nine-year-old Alice Minto, the white child found in Chinatown Wednesday, Charles Mahlin and his wife, Tan See, will appear in court this afternoon. Juvenile court officers will make a fight to have her declared dependent.

The girl is alleged to have been kept in Chinese dens for five years. She speaks no English. The child was abandoned by her parents and adopted by the Chinese couple. She is apparently fond of her Chinese foster parents, who say they will fight to the last court to keep her.

The child protested volubly in Cantonese when an attempt was made to change her Chinese garments for Occidental clothing. May Thomas, a Salvation Army worker, who is supposed to have placed the child with the Chinese, is believed to be in Los Angeles, and the authorities are anxious to find her.

"Santa Ana (CA) Register" Friday 30 Jul 1909 p 1

Foster Mother No. 1 Claims Alice Minto; Bitter Contest Is on

Woman Explains She Took Child Held by Chinese When but a Baby.

And now it develops that Alice Minto, the little white girl rescued from Chinatown by Miss Donaldina Cameron of the Presbyterian Mission, took her name from her first foster-mother, Mrs. Alice Minto of Geyser-ville, who says she is now Mrs. Alice Ritchie of this city.

This information was imparted to Miss Cameron Friday, but she was requested by Mrs. Ritchie to keep the matter secret until she could prove her identity and make application for the child.

Dispatches from Healdsburg and a letter to "The Examiner" from Santa Rosa last night induced Miss Cameron to explain Mrs. Ritchie's connection with the case. The dispatches refer to the child as "adopted," but the letter calls her the daughter of Mrs. Minto.

Mrs. Ritchie called at the Mission last Friday. She asked to see the child. At first she would give no explanation of her visit, but when the little girl was brought before her she burst into tears and said:

"Yes, this is the child given me by the Children's Home Finding Society. I took Alice when she was nine months old. Then an agent of the society came and took her away. He said that as I was separated from my husband I could not keep her. He told me that should I marry again I could have my child. I did marry again, but when I went to the home I was told they had lost all trace of my little girl. When I saw the story I came at once. I want my baby."

Mrs. Ritchie left, saying she would return with the proofs to show that she is entitled to the custody of Alice.

Mah Lin and Tun See have announced their determination of making a fight for the possession of the girl and this new development promises a bitter contest for the custody of Alice.

"San Francisco Examiner" Monday 2 Aug 1909 p 1

NEW CLAIMANTS FOR CHILD OF CHINATOWN



ALICE MINTO

By United Press.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 2.—Discovery that the first foster mother of "Alice Minto" or "Wah Ho," as the little Syrian girl found recently in a Chinese opium den is known, was Mrs. Alice Minto, of Healdsburg, has further complicated the search for the child's identity. Mrs.

Minto adopted the child when she was nine months old and gave her own name to the waif.

Mrs. Minto, now Mrs. Ritchie, owing to re-marriage, has put in her claim to the girl and as the result a bitter contest between the Chinese foster parents and the white foster mother is promised.

According to Mrs. Ritchie's story, she adopted the child from the Home Finding society and was compelled to return the child to the organization about three years later for the reason that the then Mrs. Minto and her husband separated. She avers that Rev. Brayton, the superintendent, told her that she could have the baby girl whenever she remarried, and now she has announced her intention of regaining possession.

Mrs. Ritchie stated that she had inquired for the child before, but was told that all track of Alice had been lost.

Once Alice was Italian, now she is Syrian - "Los Angeles Evening Post-Record" Monday 2 Aug 1909 p 6

GIVES NEW LINK IN MINTO GIRL MYSTERY

Woman From Sonoma County
Believes Child Is One Her
Daughter Once Adopted.

A letter received yesterday by Superior Judge Van Nostrand from Mrs. H. Witsahey of Preston, Sonoma county, is thought to supply the missing link in the chain of mysterious circumstances which have surrounded the past of the little white girl who was rescued from a Chinese home a week ago by Miss Donaldina Cameron, head of the Presbyterian Mission.

The discovery that the girl was known as Alice Minto brought the letter from Mrs. Witsahey, who says that she is the mother of Mrs. Minto, who is said to be the foster-mother of the little child. It appears that the real identity of the child may never be established, for when she became the ward of Mrs. Minto she was adopted from a family not known to the Mintos. Mrs. Witsahey calls the girl Mah Ho.

Letter Given Police.

Judge Van Nostrand turned the epistle over to the police, believing that it may assist them in unraveling the mystery of Alice's parentage.

It is believed that the woman referred to as Mrs. Minto is Mrs. Ritchie, who called on Miss Cameron of the Presbyterian Mission several days ago and stated she was the first foster-mother of little Alice Minto. The story told by Mrs. Ritchie to Miss Cameron and the facts related by Mrs. Witsahey are identical. The letter written by Mrs. Witsahey is as follows:

Mrs. Witsahey is as follows.
Preston, July 30th.

Judge Van Nostrand—Dear Sir: I have been watching the papers to see if little Mah Ho was Alice Minto. I have been trying to find that child for four years, and will tell you why. Mrs. Minto was only 16 when she married. Six months after marrying she took the baby, Alice. They gave the baby's age at 9 months—name, Olga. She changed it to Alice and she loved the child like it was her own.

Husband and she separated, and he was the cause of the child being taken from her. He wrote to the home and told them that she was not a proper woman to take care of the child.

One of the agents came after the child, and she promised Mrs. Minto to let her hear from the child, and as soon as she could take care of the child she could have her back.

Little Girl Beloved.

Now, Judge, I am Mrs. Minto's mother. As God is my judge, I am telling you the truth. We all loved that little girl and love her still, and my daughter would give her life for that child.

She is married now and has a nice husband. She lives in the city, but she has not seen this in the papers.

I am writing to see if you think she can get the baby again. If not, I don't want her to know.

Will you please answer and tell me what to do. She has no children and she is looking to find her beloved baby.

May God give you right and send the blessing to my daughter's home, and God bless baby Alice. He only knows how we all loved her and mourned for her.

MRS. H. WITSAHEY,
Preston, Sonoma, Cal.

WILL FIGHT TO BITTER END FOR FOSTER CHILD

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 2.—A lengthy and complicated litigation over the possession of little Alice Minto, the white child found in a Chinatown den, is threatened by the child's foster mother, Mrs. Richie Healdsburg, who contests the claim of the Chinese who adopted the waif.

Mrs. Richie, who was Mrs. Minto, claims she adopted the girl when nine months old, taking her from a foundlings home. She claims when she separated from her husband, Minto, the superintendent of the Home took the child, and she never heard from her again until she was found in Chinatown. She promises to fight to the bitter end for the little girl.

"Santa Ana (CA) Register" Tuesday 3 Aug 1909 p 1

MAH HO BORN IN COUNTY

White Girl Has Lived With Chinese Family

Little Mah Ho, the Italian child who for six years was kept in a dark room in the home of her adopted father, a Chinaman in San Francisco, has been found to have been born at Geyserville in 1900. William Baker, a teamster residing on Cypress Alley, in the metropolis, has made a statement of what he knows about the child's early life, and his knowledge of the child's mother.

Baker declares that little Alice Minto is the daughter of Mrs. Mabel Minto who Tuesday secured a marriage license to wed Louis Witschey, of San Francisco and who was until 3 months ago employed as a dancer in the O. K. dance hall on Pacific street.

Since that time she has been living as Mrs. Mabel Ritchie in Healdsburg.

According to Baker's story Alice Minto was born in Geyserville in 1900, and the woman who called upon Miss Cameron at the Presbyterian Mission and represented herself to be the first foster mother of the child, is really its own mother, and the woman who wrote to Judge Van Nostrand is the real grandmother.

"Alice Minto was named for her aunt, who was a girl of thirteen years of age when the child was born," declared Baker.

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LITTLE MAH HO IS NO LONGER A MYSTERY

Teamster Says Child's Own
Mother Sent Missionary to
Rescue Her.

The missing links in what is believed to be the true story establishing the identity of the white child taken from a den in Chinatown, have been supplied by William Baker, a teamster living in Cypress alley.

Baker declares that little Alice Minto is the daughter of Mrs. Mabel Minto, who yesterday secured a marriage license to wed Louie Witschey of this city and who was until three months ago employed as a dancer in the O. K. dance hall on Pacific street.

Since that time she has been living as Mrs. Mabel Ritchie in Healdsburg.

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"San Francisco Bulletin" Wednesday 4 Aug 1909 p 4

DENIES HE SOLD WHITE GIRLS TO THE CHINESE

The disposition of Alice Minto, the white child rescued from a Chinese opium den, which will be discussed in the Juvenile court this afternoon, has started an investigation into the methods of societies having the placing of children in private homes.

Charges have been made by leaders in other charitable institutions against Rev. W. H. Brayton, superintendent of the Children's Home Finding society of Berkeley.

Miss Catherine Felton of the Associated Charities says that previously she investigated the methods of Brayton and found them such that she recommended that the Merchants' Association withdraw its support. Brayton is accused of having sold children into bondage in Chinatown and robbing them, not only of their names and of all knowledge of their real parents, but of obliterating their nationality.

Brayton admits that money was passed at the time Alice Minto was given into the hands of the Chinese, but says that it was only to pay for the care of the child while in the institution and that this course is the regular one.

"There is not a word of truth in any charge that I have sold children into slavery in Chinatown," said Mr. Brayton this morning. "I have received money for the society when children have been placed in new homes, but that is only to

recompense the society for its care of the children. It costs money to care for children and that money must come from somewhere."

In addition to the Chinese claimants of little Alice Minto, there will be in court Mrs. Mabel "Minto-Witchey," who claims to have been for four years the foster mother of the child, and her newly acquired husband.

Mrs. Witchey says she is the one who has the best right to Alice Minto and

says that Brayton can prove all she says if he will only do so.

William Baker, a teamster, declared the other day that Alice Minto is not the foster child, but the real daughter of Mrs. Minto, but the woman still sticks to her story that she adopted the dark-eyed little one, but loves her as a real mother and wants her back. She will make her claim in court, but it is probable Alice will continue to play with the Chinese children in the Mission yard for many a day yet, while all the claims are being investigated. Those in charge of her are determined that the home she goes into this time shall be a home in which she will be brought up to be the right sort of a woman.

"Alice is quite happy here and is learning English very rapidly," said Miss Donaldina Cameron this morning. "It is really remarkable how many words she has picked up already and she has grown more natural as the days go on. She still clings to us a great deal now and then but most of the time is quite happy to play with the children."

"As to Mr. Brayton, I really cannot say that he sold children to the Chinese because I do not know that for a fact and it would be wrong of me to say it, but I know that, before the fire, four white children were placed in Chinatown and we have reason to believe that all of them came from Brayton's home. Miss

Felton came to me some time ago and I assisted her to find one of the children. A second died a few months after it was placed with the Chinese and a fourth we have never been able to find.

"I do not think that American children should be brought up by Chinese. I know many fine Chinese families who might give a child a good home, yet I don't think it would be right to bring up a white child as a Chinese and rob it of its nationality."

CHINESE ASSERTS HE GAVE AGENT \$10 FOR ALICE MINTO

The legal fight over the possession of little Mah Ho, otherwise known as Alice Minto, the white child found in a basement of Ross alley, was postponed yesterday by Superior Judge Murasky until next Friday. In the meantime Attorney E. L. Webber and Stidger & Stidger are to make an application to the court to have their client, Mah Lin, declared the legal guardian of the child taken by Miss Donaldina Cameron of the Presbyterian Mission Home from its Chinese foster parents.

Upon the hearing of this action will determine the question of whether the white child is to be permitted to be assimilated by the Chinese as an integral unit. The process of changing the child from its original nationality had succeeded to the extent that she lisped her answers in the Chinese language and looked upon Mah Lin, the kindly old Chinese potato grower, as her father.

Judge Murasky, when looking at the child dressed in the garb of her own people, said he was satisfied that there was no Chinese blood in her and evinced considerable interest in the problem that has been presented to him for solution.

Paid Society \$10.

The proceedings yesterday consisted of interrogating through an interpreter the child, her foster father and Mrs. Mabel Witschey, who was formerly

Mrs. Mabel Minto, whose name the child bears. It was developed from the story told by Mah Lin that he had no children of his own and wanted a child to cheer his wife, who was getting old and whom he had to leave alone in the city while he went away to work at his business of growing potatoes.

Judge Murasky was interested in knowing why Mah Lin had wanted a white child. The Chinese replied that his own children were all dead and that he had applied to a representative of the society for a child and had been told that the best they could do would be to give him a child of a Chinese type. He said that he was glad to get her, and that he had paid the representative of the society \$10 for expenses.

Judge Murasky then inquired into the kind of a home Mah Lin had and the old man told him that he had half of a basement in Ross Alley and that the other half was occupied by his cousin, a herb doctor. Mah Lin said that he had his half of the basement partitioned off and that no one could see into his part of the room.

Admits Opium Smoking.

In answer to the question as to whether there was any opium smoking there Judge Murasky indicated that he had in mind the Elsie Siegel case in New York. The Chinese said that he did not smoke opium but that his cousin did a little. Sometimes when his cousin had friends come in to see him, the friends would smoke.

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After he had concluded the inquiry Judge Murasky said to the interpreter: "Tell Mah Lin that this is a white child and that I cannot let him have her."

Through the interpreter the answer came that Mah Lin had his lawyer. Judge Murasky asked who he was and asked Mah Lin to go and get him. E. L. Webber then made his appearance. He told the judge that he and his associates took the ground that the case was a guardianship matter rather than a juvenile one and that he would file a petition to have Mah Lin appointed the legal guardian of the child. To this Judge Murasky agreed and the case was put over for one week.

Denies Dance Hall Record.

In the hopes of getting the child back, Mrs. Alice Witschey with her husband and mother were present. Mrs. Witschey made indignant denial of the published statement credited to a teamster that she had worked in a dance hall in Pacific street. In an effort to prove her character such as will entitle her request for the child to consideration by the Judge, Mrs. Witschey was anxious that any such statement should be corrected and in her own defense said:

"To say that I ever followed any sort of occupation in Pacific street is a malicious falsehood. This man Baker boarded at my mother's home for two months and never knew anything about me or what I was doing or any of the things he has talked about.

"I am here to fight for this baby that I raised from the time she was nine months old until she was four years of age. I had trouble with my first husband, whose name was Minto, and in some way it was reported to the society, from whom I got the child that I was not a fit person to have her. One day a representative of the society came to my house and demanded the child. I did not know my rights in the matter or they would never have got her. They took the child away from me and gave her to this Chinaman."

Brayton Denies Charges

BERKELEY, Aug. 6.—Rev. W. H. Brayton, superintendent of the Children's home finding society, tonight denied the charges of misconduct in disposing of children under his care, made by Miss Catherine Felton, secretary of the Associated Charities of San Francisco.

In reference to placing Alice Minto with a Chinese family in San Francisco, Brayton said that no money had been paid to him, although he acknowledged that several Chinese contributed to the support of his society. He said that he never asked for money from people with whom he placed children, but admitted that he was not averse to receiving donations if they were offered to him.

Brayton said that he did not know who the parents of Alice Minto were, although he denied that Mrs. Minto of Ukiah had any claim to the child. He said that the girl was brought to him in 1904 by two white women, who went away without telling him their names. There is no record of the identity of these women on the books of the society.

"I believed that the girl was of Chinese parentage," said Brayton, "on account of her dark skin and oriental features. In this belief I placed her with a Chinese family in San Francisco. I would not think of placing a white girl among Chinese."

"San Francisco Call & Post" Saturday 7 Aug 1909 p 6

Demands Investigation Of "White Slave" Charges

Home Finding Superintendent Indignantly Denies Accusation of Selling Waifs to Chinese

BERKELEY, Aug. 8.—Reiterating his denial of carrying on a white slave traffic from his home finding society, and emphatically denying that at any time he confessed to selling white children into Chinese families, Rev. Henry W. Brayton, superintendent of the Children's home finding society, accused of selling little Alice Minto into a Chinese brothel, today issued a letter to the directors of the organization asking a rigid investigation as early as possible next week.

Dr. Brayton further asked that the state board of charities and corrections take up the matter and expressed a willingness to undergo examination at the hands of the Associated Charities.

In his letter to the directors of the society Dr. Brayton wrote as follows:

In view of the attacks to which the Children's home finding society has been subjected during the last week on the part of the press I feel that in justice to the society and to me a thorough investigation of the home, of the methods of disposing of children, and of the financial affairs of the society should be made. There have been gross misrepresentations of conditions and I have been willfully misquoted in several instances.

The society depends for its usefulness on the backing of the pub-

lic at large, and I believe that so far as is possible the public should be taken into our confidence. Both the Children's home finding society and its superintendent court an investigation, conducted along fair lines, by those in whom the authority to make such an investigation may be vested. I am, therefore, asking you to hold a meeting at the earliest convenience of the directors of the society for the purpose of beginning a careful investigation of the charges which have been made. I would also suggest that the board of directors invite an investigation on the part of the state board of charities and correction. I have been willing to place the books of the society at the disposal of such persons as would show that they had a right to see them, but on account of the delicate character of the work in which this society is engaged it would be not only unwise but absolutely fatal to the usefulness of the institution to do this in all cases.

I have nothing to conceal and the home has everything to gain from an investigation, the more thorough the better. Deeply regretting as I do the unpleasant notoriety which has fallen upon the home I take this means of clearing up, as far as possible, the misrepresentations which have resulted from the grave accusations made by Miss Felton. Respectfully, H. W. BRAYTON.

"San Francisco Call & Post" Monday 9 Aug 1909 p 6



"San Francisco Examiner" Monday 9 Aug 1909 p 6

CHINESE PAID \$10.00.

That Was Sum for Which White Girl Was Purchased.

San Francisco, Aug. 9.—The Chinese and whites interested in the fate of Alice Minto, the white child rescued Mah Lin Kee, her Chinese "foster father," who rechristened her Mah Ho, appeared before Judge Murasky in the Juvenile Court today when the petition of Kee for guardianship of the child was taken up. The petition was opposed by the ladies of the Presbyterian Chinese Mission, who took the child from Mah, and after questioning the little girl, the Court postponed the hearing until Friday in order to learn something more of the way in which Kee and his wife secured little Alice from H. W. Brayton of the Home Finding Society of Berkeley. Kee declared that a Chinese woman secured the child for him on payment of \$10.

"Porterville (CA) Record" Tuesday 10 Aug 1909 p 2

WHITE CHILD CASE

Alice Minto Not to Be Given Back
to the Chinese Family Which
Adapted Her

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 24.—Alice Minto, or Mah Ho, the white child taken from the Chinese family who had adopted her, will not be restored to them. She will be placed with some responsible white family, according to the decision of Judge Muraskey.

"Santa Ana (CA) Register" Thursday 24 Aug 1909 p 8

CHINESE PLEAD IN VAIN TO GAIN ALICE

Oriental Foster-Parents of Girl
Bring Presents, but the
Court Denies Request.

TO FIND HOME FOR HER

Matter With Associated Char-
ities—Minto Writes of
Child's Past.

There were two conferences relative to little Alice Minto in the Superior Court yesterday. Judge Murasky at noon discussing the case with Miss Donaldina Cameron of the Presbyterian Mission Home and Miss Theresa McCarthy of the Children's Agency, and two hours later giving audience to Mah Lim Kee and wife, the Chinese who adopted the little white girl and for a long time had charge of her.

As a result Judge Murasky declared positively that the child would not be returned to the Chinese custodians and that he would send her to live with people of her own race.

No suitable home for little Alice has yet been found, but Miss Cameron and Miss McCarthy are making investigations in regard to several applications that have been made.

The Associated Charities will be given the responsibility of placing the girl in a new home, and on the report to be received from that organization the final order of the court will be based.

Bring Presents for Girl.

Judge Murasky yesterday questioned the Chinese foster-mother of the girl in regard to a report that other white children were living among the Chinese, but the woman declared she knew nothing about them.

Mah Lim Kee and his wife, from whose home Alice was taken, brought several presents for the girl—clothing, candy and a Teddy bear—but Alice was not there to receive them. They pleaded for the return of Alice to them, and the man produced the adoption certificate he had received from H. W. Brayton when he obtained the little one. He said he had lived here thirty-five years.

Judge Murasky said he had no doubt that the Chinese foster-parents were good people and that they had true affection for the child, yet he could not send Alice back to them. For the present the little girl will remain in the care of Miss Cameron at the mission.

Letter From Minto.

The following letter, in which W. E. Minto offers information in regard to Alice, saying that she was obtained from Brayton's home-finding society, has been received by "The Examiner":

Hornbrook, Cal., Aug. 20, 1909.

Editor of "The Examiner"—

Dear Sir: I, Mr. W. E. Minto, received some clippings from "The Examiner" last Monday in regard to the Mah Ho case. Owing to my being in the mountains, twenty miles away from the postoffice, I had no chance to tell what I know about the case. I ought to know something about the case, being the husband of Miss Mabel Bell.

I married Mabel Bell in 1901 at San Jose and left there the same day. At the time of my marriage I was employed at the Chutes, San Francisco.

Mr. Baker told that the child was born in Geyserville, but this is not so. We received the child through the help of Mr. Brayton of the home-finding society. He gave us the address of the family in Berkeley who were taking care of the child at the time. We got the child and took her back with us to San Francisco. In July we removed to San Lorenzo, Cal.

Wife Deserted Him.

In October I took my wife and the child and my wife's mother and her four children to Weaverville, Trinity county. The following May I moved to Geyserville, Sonoma county, where we lived until my wife deserted me, taking with her the child. This was in March, 1902. At the time she deserted me we were living on a rented ranch. I stayed until the harvest was over; then I went to Fort Bragg. While there I understood the authorities took the child away from my wife because she was not a proper person to raise a child; but I had nothing to do with this in the least.

All that Baker says about me, with the exception of my employment at the Chutes, is not so. I want to say here that what Baker said about my wife being destitute was not so. Her mother and the children were destitute I know, because I supplied their wants for some time. Yours truly,

W. E. MINTO.

"San Francisco Examiner" Tuesday 24 Aug 1909 p 9

ALICE MINTO IS WITH AMERICANS

Judge Murasky Will Not Al- low Her to Go Back to Chinese.

Received Over the Mail's Leased Wire.

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"Stockton (CA) Evening Mail" Wednesday 25 Aug 1909 p 2

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Sister Alice Elaine Bell Young Ensey Johnson Sweet (1888-1965):



Alice's 1st marriage – to Robert Byron Young - <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/85019068/person/380171263147/facts>

**Marriage License—Frederick Ensey
to Alice E. Young.**

Alice's 2nd marriage – to Frederick Ensey –“Ukiah (CA) Republican Press” Friday 11 Sep 1914 p 4

Mary Goodwin's Spouses and Children

OPEN ALL

Alice Elaine Young	Daughter	F	26	^
Name	Frederick Calvin Eusey			
Sex	Male			
Age	28			
Birth Year (Estimated)	1886			
Father's Name	Abraham F Eusey			
Father's Sex	Male			
Mother's Name	Eliza A Chaffin			
Mother's Sex	Female			
Spouse's Name	Alice Elaine Young			
Spouse's Sex	Female			
Spouse's Age	26			
Spouse's Birth Year (Estimated)	1888			
Spouse's Father's Name	William Bell			
Spouse's Father's Sex	Male			
Spouse's Mother's Name	Mary Goodwin			
Event Type	Marriage			
Event Date	26 Aug 1914			
Event Place	Mendocino, California, United States			
Source Details	133			
Page Number	24			

Alice's marriage to Frederick Calvin Ensey -
<https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/sources/LZDB-9Q5>



Alice Bell Young Ensey's marriage license with Warren Leslie Johnson - "Coos Bay (OR) World" Tuesday 15 May 1917 p 4

Alice ? Sweet

in the Oregon, U.S., Death Index, 1898-2008



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Detail	Source
Name	Alice ? Sweet
Age	76
Birth Date	abt 1888
Death Date	14 Jul 1964
Death Place	Lane
Spouse	Herman
Certificate	??731

OR death record of Alice Bell Young Ensey Johnson Sweet -
<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/1279872:5254?ssrc=pt&tid=85019068&pid=380171263147>

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WRITE PLAINLY, WITH UNFADING INK—THIS IS A PERMANENT RECORD. EVERY ITEM OF INFORMATION SHOULD BE CAREFULLY SUPPLIED. AGE SHOULD BE STATED EXACTLY. PHYSICIANS SHOULD STATE CAUSE OF DEATH IN PLAIN TERMS, SO THAT IT MAY BE PROPERLY CLASSIFIED.

FORM 10-5

STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

STATE OF OREGON
BOARD OF HEALTH -- PORTLAND
PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

9731
STATE FILE NO.
DATE RECEIVED JUL 28 1964

LOCAL REGISTRAR'S
NUMBER 46

1. NAME OF DECEASED
(Type or print all entries in black ink)

First Middle Last
ALICE ELAINE SWEET

2. PLACE OF DEATH
A. COUNTY Lane

B. CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION Cottage Grove

C. LENGTH OF STAY IN 28 days 4

D. NAME OF HOSPITAL (If not in hospital, give street address)
OR INSTITUTION Cottage Grove Hospital

3. USUAL RESIDENCE (If institution, give residence before admission)

A. STATE Oregon B. COUNTY Douglas

C. CITY, TOWN OR LOCATION Drain (rural)

D. STREET ADDRESS, RURAL ROUTE, ETC.
Route #1--Box #276

4. DATE OF DEATH Month Day Year July 11, 1964

5. SEX female

6. COLOR OR RACE white

7. MARITAL STATUS
☒ Married ☐ Widowed
☐ Divorced ☐ Never Married

8. SOCIAL SECURITY NO. 510-28-1439

9. USUAL OCCUPATION (Kind of work done during most of life) housewife

10. KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY own home

11. NAME OF SPOUSE Herman A. Sweet

12. DATE OF BIRTH Month Day Year May 2, 1888

13. AGE LAST BIRTHDAY Yrs. 76

14. BIRTHPLACE (State or Foreign Country) California

15. WAS DECEASED A CITIZEN OF
☒ U. S. ☐ Foreign Country Name of Country

16. IF DECEASED WAS A VETERAN, WHAT WAR? none

17. NAME OF FATHER Bell

18. MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Goodwin

19. INFORMANT'S NAME AND RELATIONSHIP TO DECEASED Herman A. Sweet/Husband

20. CAUSE OF DEATH (ENTER ONLY ONE CAUSE PER LINE IN (A), (B), AND (C).
PART I: DEATH WAS CAUSED BY:
IMMEDIATE CAUSE (A): Shock

Conditions, if any, which gave rise to above cause (b), stating the underlying cause last:
DUE TO (B): Renal Shutdown
DUE TO (C): Toxicity-post surgical for bowel obstruction

PART II: Other Significant Conditions contributing to death but not related to the terminal disease or condition given in Part I (a): old age & malnutrition

21. If deceased was female, was there a pregnancy in the past 12 months? ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Unknown

22. Was an Autopsy performed? ☐ Yes ☒ No

23. WAS DEATH RESULT OF
☐ Accidental ☐ Suicide ☐ Homicide

24. IF ACCIDENT, DID INJURY OCCUR
☐ At Work ☐ Not At Work

25A. PLACE OF INJURY (Such as Path, Home, Forest, etc.)

25B. City County State

26. TIME OF INJURY Hour Minute p. m.

27. DESCRIBE HOW INJURY OCCURRED.

28. CERTIFICATE:
I certify that I attended the deceased from or to the death of the deceased on July 11, 1964, and that the death occurred at 5:40 P. M. from the causes and on the date stated above.
William E. Wilcox, M.D. Cottage Grove, Oregon 15 July 64

29. RESERVED FOR REGISTRAR'S USE 570.5

30A. DECEASED WILL BE
☐ Buried ☒ Cremated ☐ Other

30B. DATE 18 July 1964

30C. NAME OF CREMATORY OR CEMETERY Eugene Crematorium

30D. LOCATION (City or Town) State Eugene, Oregon

31. DATE RECEIVED BY LOCAL REGISTRAR 7-18-64

32. REGISTRAR'S SIGNATURE Nellie Bukowski

33. FUNERAL DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE AND ADDRESS Robert H. Mills Cottage Grove, Oregon

Oregon, U.S., State Deaths, 1864-1971 for Alice Elaine Sweet

Klamath-Linn > 1964

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STATE OF OREGON—STATE BOARD OF HEALTH
Vital Statistics Section

183 **CERTIFICATE OF DEATH** 70 002171

Local File Number Date File Number

1. DECEASED—NAME First Middle Last HERMAN ALONZO SWEET		2. DATE OF DEATH (month, day, year) Feb. 9, 1970	
3. RACE (White, Negro, American Indian, etc. (specify)) White	4. SEX Male	5. AGE—Last birthday (years, months, days) 78	6. DATE OF BIRTH (month, day, year) July 31, 1891
7. COUNTY OF DEATH Lane	8. CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION OF DEATH Eugene	9. HUSBAND, NEVER MARRIED, WIDOWED, DIVORCED (specify) Widowed	10. HOSPITAL OR OTHER INSTITUTION—NAME (If not in either, give street and number) Emerald Nursing Home
11. STATE OF BIRTH (If not in U.S.A., name country) Oregon	12. CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY U.S.	13. NAME OF SPOUSE —	14. KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY Logging
15. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER 510-07-1465 A	16. USUAL OCCUPATION (give kind of work done during most of working life, even if retired) Logger	17. STREET AND NUMBER OR R.F.D. (Specify, give or not) P.O. Box 194	18. INFORMANT—NAME and relationship to deceased Curtis Sweet—Brother
19. RESIDENCE—STATE Oregon	20. COUNTY Douglas	21. CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION Drain	22. STREET AND NUMBER OR R.F.D. (Specify, give or not) P.O. Box 194
23. FATHER—NAME Franklin Sweet	24. MOTHER—Name Grace M. Wroe	25. INFORMANT—NAME and relationship to deceased Curtis Sweet—Brother	
PART I. DEATH CAUSED BY: (ENTER ONLY ONE CAUSE PER LINE FOR (a), (b), and (c)) 16. (Immediate Cause) (a) <i>acute Pulmonary edema</i> (b) <i>multiple pulmonary metastases</i> (c) <i>Carcinoma of prostate with metastases</i> 17. (Underlying Cause) 18. (Contributing Cause) 19. (Other Significant Conditions)			
PART II. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS: conditions contributing to death but not related to cause given in Part I (a) 20. ACCIDENT (Specify yes or no) 21. DATE OF INJURY (month, day, year) 22. HOUR 23. HOW INJURY OCCURRED (Enter nature of injury in part I or part II, item 18) 24. INJURY AT WORK (Specify yes or no) 25. PLACE OF INJURY (at home, store, street, factory, office bldg., etc. (specify)) 26. LOCATION (street or R.F.D. No., city or town, county, state)			
CERTIFICATION—PHYSICIAN 27. I attended the deceased from: 28. DATE OF DEATH 29. DATE OF BIRTH 30. DATE OF DEATH 31. DATE OF BIRTH 32. DATE OF DEATH 33. DATE OF BIRTH 34. DATE OF DEATH 35. DATE OF BIRTH 36. DATE OF DEATH 37. DATE OF BIRTH 38. DATE OF DEATH 39. DATE OF BIRTH 40. DATE OF DEATH 41. DATE OF BIRTH 42. DATE OF DEATH 43. DATE OF BIRTH 44. DATE OF DEATH 45. DATE OF BIRTH 46. DATE OF DEATH 47. DATE OF BIRTH 48. DATE OF DEATH 49. DATE OF BIRTH 50. DATE OF DEATH 51. DATE OF BIRTH 52. DATE OF DEATH 53. DATE OF BIRTH 54. DATE OF DEATH 55. DATE OF BIRTH 56. DATE OF DEATH 57. DATE OF BIRTH 58. DATE OF DEATH 59. DATE OF BIRTH 60. DATE OF DEATH 61. DATE OF BIRTH 62. DATE OF DEATH 63. DATE OF BIRTH 64. DATE OF DEATH 65. DATE OF BIRTH 66. DATE OF DEATH 67. DATE OF BIRTH 68. DATE OF DEATH 69. DATE OF BIRTH 70. DATE OF DEATH 71. DATE OF BIRTH 72. DATE OF DEATH 73. DATE OF BIRTH 74. DATE OF DEATH 75. DATE OF BIRTH 76. DATE OF DEATH 77. DATE OF BIRTH 78. DATE OF DEATH 79. DATE OF BIRTH 80. DATE OF DEATH 81. DATE OF BIRTH 82. DATE OF DEATH 83. DATE OF BIRTH 84. DATE OF DEATH 85. DATE OF BIRTH 86. DATE OF DEATH 87. DATE OF BIRTH 88. DATE OF DEATH 89. DATE OF BIRTH 90. DATE OF DEATH 91. DATE OF BIRTH 92. DATE OF DEATH 93. DATE OF BIRTH 94. DATE OF DEATH 95. DATE OF BIRTH 96. DATE OF DEATH 97. DATE OF BIRTH 98. DATE OF DEATH 99. DATE OF BIRTH 100. DATE OF DEATH			
39. SIGNATURE OF PHYSICIAN 40. NAME (type or print) 41. Robert W. Lloyd MD 42. DATE SIGNED (month, day, year) 43. Feb. 12, 1970			
44. MAILING ADDRESS—PHYSICIAN 45. Eugene Medical Center 46. Eugene Oregon 47. 97401			
48. BURIAL, CREMATION, REMOVAL, MAUS (specify) 49. CREMATION 50. CREMATORIUM 51. Eugene Crematorium 52. Eugene Oregon 53. 97401			
54. FUNERAL DIRECTOR—SIGNATURE 55. Robert G. Hills 56. HILLS MORTUARY 57. 617 Wash. Ave./Cottage Grove, Ore./97424 58. DATE RECEIVED BY LOCAL REGISTRAR 59. Feb. 13, 1970 60. DATE RECEIVED BY STATE REGISTRAR 61. Feb. 24, 1970			
62. REGISTRAR—SIGNATURE 63. David Longton, deputy 64. DATE RECEIVED BY REGISTRAR 65. Feb. 13, 1970			
66. RESERVED FOR REGISTRAR'S USE			

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OR death record of Alice's final husband, Herman Alonzo Sweet -
https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/61675/images/61675_302022005598_0232-00658?pld=850445

RETURN OF MARRIAGE

PLACE OF MARRIAGE Cross Registered No. 2143 ✓

City of Cross No. _____ Street _____

County of Powers Date of marriage December, 1923
 Month Day Year

HUSBAND		WIFE	
Full name <u>Herman Alonzo Sweet</u>	Full maiden name <u>Alice Elaine Johnson</u>		
Residence <u>Powers, Oregon</u>	Residence <u>Powers, Oregon</u>		
Color <u>White</u> ; Age <u>34</u> <u>4</u> <u>30</u> Years Months Days	Color <u>White</u> ; Age <u>35</u> <u>7</u> <u>23</u> Years Months Days		
Birthplace <u>Lane County, Oregon</u>	Birthplace <u>California</u>		
Occupation <u>Logger</u>	Occupation <u>Housewife</u>		
No. of marriage <u>First</u>	No. of marriage <u>Third</u>		
Father's birthplace <u>Illinois</u>	Father's birthplace <u>California</u>		
Mother's birthplace <u>Illinois</u>	Mother's birthplace <u>California</u>		
(Signed) <u>[Signature]</u> County Clerk.			

Marriage of Alice Bell Ensey Johnson to Herman Alonzo Sweet -

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/121810034:61677>

Half-siblings: mother Mary Luticia Goodwin & Marcus Pluth:

CERTIFICATE OF DEATH.	
Los Angeles, Cal., Nov 17 1890	
This Certifies That:	
Name	Maud L. Pluth
Aged	11 years — months — days
Born in	Cal.
Died on the	17 of Nov. 1890
At	Sisters Hospital
Single or married	
Sex	Female ; Race
Occupation	Can
Term of Residence in County	8 years
Interred in	Catholic Cemetery, Lot No.
Tier No.	; Grave No.
Date of Burial	Nov 18/90
Chas. J. Smith Undertaker.	
PHYSICIAN'S CERTIFICATE.	
I certify that I am a Graduate in Medicine, of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, <u>Canada</u> , and that I have attended the above described decedent from Nov 6 1890 to Nov 16 1890 also that the cause of her death was primarily <u>Sporadic Cerebro Spinal fever</u> , and secondarily <u>Cerebro Spinal fever</u>	
W. M. Cannon M. D.	
The law requires this to be filled out in full by a Graduate in Medicine, or by the Coroner in cases which properly come within his jurisdiction.	

CA death record of **half-sister Maud L. Pluth** -
<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:QGLV-NLTC>



Half-sister Clara Kathrine Pluth Engelke (1880-1971) - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/85019068/person/380171263163/media/4b80a65c-1296-4248-9bb3-e89ced0fd5b1>

Friends of Miss Clara Pluth gave a pleasant birthday party in her honor, Thursday evening. They met at the young lady's home, 1347 South Olive street, and passed the evening in a most delightful manner, enjoying music, dancing and cards.

"Los Angeles Evening Express" Saturday 31 Aug 1901 p 15

FATHER		
Birthplace	Engelke, George	NO.
Race	America	
	White	
CHILD		
Sex	-- Engelke	DOC. 1096
Date of Birth	Male	
Birthplace	Oct. 14, 1902	
	Los Angeles City	FILED Dec. 11, 1902
MOTHER (Maiden)		
Birthplace	Clara Pluth	
Race	America	
	White	

Marriage of Clara Pluth to George Joseph Engelke -

https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/61460/images/47732_B354026-01104?pld=300055428

Clara C. Pluth

in the California, U.S., Select Marriages, 1850-1945

Name	Clara C. Pluth
Gender	Female
Marriage Date	09 Sep 1901
Marriage Place	Los Angeles, Los Angeles, California
Spouse	George J. Engelke
FHL Film Number	1033147

Marriage of Clara Pluth to George Joseph Engelke - <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/80950:60241>

U.S., Social Security Death Index, 1935-2014

[View record](#)

Name	Clara Engelke
Social Security Number	567-66-4618
Birth Date	30 Aug 1880
Issue year	1962
Issue State	California
Last Residence	90505, Torrance, Los Angeles, California, USA
Death Date	Oct 1971

Clara Pluth Engelke - <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/85019068/person/380171263163/facts>

CLARA CATHERINE ENGELKE of 22658 Nadine Circle, Torrance, died Thursday, October 21, 1971, in a local hospital. She was born August 29, 1880, in California and had lived in this area 91 years. She is survived by two daughters, Imelda Buist and Ruth E. Milne, both of Torrance; a son, G. Marcus Engelke of Costa Mesa; seven grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren. Rosary was recited 7:30 p.m. Sunday in Nativity Catholic Church. Funeral Mass was 9:30 a.m. Monday, Nativity Catholic Church. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery in Los Angeles. Halverson-Leavell Mortuary of Torrance, directing.

Obituary of Clara Catherine Pluth Engelke - "Redondo (CA) Reflex" Wednesday 27 Oct 1971 p 51

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Half-siblings: by mother Mary Goodwin & Lycurgus Means

Half-sister Violet Means Martin Sheppard Chisholm Polley McBride:

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Violet Means and Francis Martin are visiting Violet's mother, Mrs. H. Witschey.

"Coos Bay (OR) World" Tuesday 24 Jun 1913 p 4

Mary Goodwin's Spouses and Children

OPEN ALL

Violet N Martin	Daughter	F	23	^
		Name	Ralph C Shepeard	
		Sex	Male	
		Age	21	
		Birth Year (Estimated)	1898	
		Father's Name	J E Shepeard	
		Father's Sex	Male	
		Mother's Name	Harriett Bassett	
		Mother's Sex	Female	
		Spouse's Name	Violet N Martin	
		Spouse's Sex	Female	
		Spouse's Age	23	
		Spouse's Birth Year (Estimated)	1896	
		Spouse's Father's Name	Lyurgus Means	
		Spouse's Father's Sex	Male	
		Spouse's Mother's Name	Mary Goodwin	
		Event Type	Marriage	
		Event Date	2 Sep 1919	
		Event Place	Vancouver, Clark, Washington, United States	
		Event Place (Original)	Vancouver	

Marriage of Violet Means to Ralph Cassius Shepeard -

<https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/sources/LZDB-9Q5>

This Blank to be filled in by the Minister, Priest or official performing the marriage ceremony and returned to the County Auditor of the county in which the marriage took place, within ten days from the date of marriage. Write PLAINLY with unfading ink. This is a permanent record. See that EVERY BLANK is properly filled in.

Certificate of Marriage

1775

PLACE OF MARRIAGE, County of Clarke Town of Van Cour

GROOM

Personal and Statistical Particulars

BRIDE

Full Name Ralph C. Shepard
 Residence Van Cour Wash.
 Age at last Birthday -21- years
 Color or Race white
 Single, ~~Widowed~~ or ~~Divorced~~
 Number of Marriages First
 Birthplace State or Country Wash.
 Occupation woodsman
 Name of Father J. E. Shepard
 Birthplace of Father State or Country minn.
 Maiden Name of Mother Harriett Bassett
 Birthplace of Mother State or Country minn.

Full Name Violet N. Martin
 Residence Clarke Wash.
 Age at last Birthday -28- years
 Color or Race white
 Single, ~~Widowed~~ or ~~Divorced~~
 Number of Marriages Second
 Birthplace State or Country Cal.
 Occupation Housekeeper
 Name of Father Syrgus means
 Birthplace of Father State or Country mo.
 Maiden Name of Mother Mary Goodson
 Birthplace of Mother State or Country Cal.

Maiden Name of the Bride, if She Was Previously Married Violet means - V

We, the groom and bride named in this certificate, hereby certify that the information given herein is correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Ralph C. Shepard Groom Violet Martin Bride

CERTIFICATE OF PERSON PERFORMING CEREMONY

I HEREBY CERTIFY That Ralph C. Shepard and Violet N. Martin were joined in Marriage by me in accordance with the laws of the State of Washington, at Van Cour this 2 day of Sept. 1911

Signature

of

Witnesses

Myrtle A. Means
 Res. Millwau Wash. St. No.
W. H. Adams
 Res. Millwau Wash. St. No.

Signature of the person performing the ceremony
J. H. Nicwonder
 Official Station Minister
 Residence City

Marriage of Violet Means to Ralph Cassius Shepard -

<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-C91V-YSFV-9?view=index&personArk=%2Fark%3A%2F61903%2F1%3A1%3AQ2ZK-WK3M&action=view>

Mary Goodwin's Spouses and Children

OPEN ALL

Violet Means Sheppard	Daughter	F	28	^
Name	John D Chisholm			
Sex	Male			
Age	41			
Birth Year (Estimated)	1883			
Father's Name	John Chisholm			
Father's Sex	Male			
Mother's Name	Isabella Ross			
Mother's Sex	Female			
Spouse's Name	Violet Means Sheppard			
Spouse's Sex	Female			
Spouse's Age	28			
Spouse's Birth Year (Estimated)	1896			
Spouse's Father's Name	L Means			
Spouse's Father's Sex	Male			
Spouse's Mother's Name	Mary Goodwin			
Event Type	Marriage			
Event Date	1 Nov 1924			
Event Place	Vancouver, Clark, Washington, United States			
Event Place (Original)	Vancouver			

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CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE

PLACE OF MARRIAGE, County of Clarke Town of Vancouver

GROOM		Personal and Statistic Particulars		BRIDE	
Full Name	<u>John D. Chisholm</u>	Full Name	<u>Violet Sheppard</u>		
Residence Street and No.	<u>Kalamia Wash.</u>	Residence Street and No.	<u>411 1/2 Main Vancouver Wash</u>		
Age at last Birthday	<u>41</u> Years	Age at last Birthday	<u>28</u> Years		
Color or Race	<u>White</u>	Color or Race	<u>White</u>		
Single, Widowed or Divorced	<u>Widower</u>	Single, Widowed or Divorced	<u>Divorced</u>		
Number of Marriages	<u>Second one</u>	Number of Marriages	<u>second</u>		
Birthplace	<u>Canada</u>	Birthplace	<u>California</u>		
State or County	<u>Canada</u>	State or County	<u>California</u>		
Occupation	<u>Laundryman</u>	Occupation	<u>Waitress</u>		
Name of Father	<u>John D. Chisholm</u>	Name of Father	<u>R. Means</u>		
Birthplace of Father	<u>Canada</u>	Birthplace of Father	<u>Ms. Maryland</u>		
State or County	<u>Canada</u>	State or County	<u>Calif.</u>		
Maiden Name of Mother	<u>Isabella Ross</u>	Maiden Name of Mother	<u>Mary Goodwin</u>		
Birthplace of Mother	<u>Canada</u>	Birthplace of Mother	<u>Calif.</u>		
State or County	<u>Canada</u>	State or County	<u>Calif.</u>		
Maiden Name of Bride, if She Was Previously Married	<u>Violet Means</u>				

We, the groom and bride named in this certificate, hereby certify that the information given herein is correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

John D. Chisholm Groom Violet Sheppard Bride

CERTIFICATE OF PERSON PERFORMING CEREMONY

I HEREBY CERTIFY that John D. Chisholm and Violet Sheppard were joined in Marriage by me in accordance with the laws of the State of Washington, at Vancouver this 1 day of Nov 1924

Signatures of Witnesses: Mrs. Elmina F. Snaggs Res. Vancouver 11 St. No. 5-7
Emma C. Short Res. 411 1/2 Main St. No. Van Wash

Signature of the person performing ceremony: Edna L. Snaggs Official Station Minister Residence 810 W. 1st Vancouver Wash

Marriage of Violet to John D. Chisholm -

<https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/sources/LZDB-9Q5>

Mary Goodwin's Spouses and Children

OPEN ALL

[Violet Nicena McBride](#)

Daughter

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Name [Violet Nicena McBride](#)Event Date **26 Aug 1941**Event Place **Kelso, Cowlitz, Washington**Gender **Female**Age (Formatted) **45 years 3 months 1 day**Birth Year (Estimated) **1896**Marital Status **Married**Spouse's Name [Dan McBride](#)Father's Name [Lycurgus Means](#)Mother's Name **Mary Goodwin**

WA death record of Violet Means Martin Sheppard Chisholm Polley McBride -


<https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/sources/LZDB-9Q5>

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE BUREAU OF THE CENSUS		WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH DIVISION OF VITAL STATISTICS CERTIFICATE OF DEATH		State File No. <u>132</u> Registrar's No. <u>29</u>	
1. PLACE OF DEATH:			2. USUAL RESIDENCE OF DECEASED:		
(a) County <u>Cowlitz</u>			(a) State <u>Washington</u> (b) County <u>Cowlitz</u>		
(b) City or town <u>Kelso</u> (If outside city or town limits, write RURAL)			(c) City or town <u>Kelso</u> (If outside city or town limits, write RURAL)		
(c) Name of hospital or institution: <u>106 1/2 South First West</u> (If not in hospital or institution write street number or location)			(d) Street No. <u>106 1/2 South First West</u> (If rural give location)		
(d) Length of stay: In hospital or institution In this community (Years, months or days) <u>6 years</u> (Specify whether)			(e) If foreign born, how long in U. S. A.? _____ year		
3. (a) FULL NAME <u>Violet Nienna McBride</u>			3. (c) Social Security Number <u>None</u>		
3. (b) Was decedent ever a member of the Army, Navy or Marine Corps of the United States? <u>No</u> Name of organization in which such service was rendered _____ Period of service _____			MEDICAL CERTIFICATION		
4. Sex <u>Female</u>	5. Color or race <u>White</u>	6(a) Single, widowed, married, divorced <u>Divorced</u>	20. Date of death: Month <u>August</u> day <u>26</u> year <u>1941</u> hour <u>1</u> minute <u>25</u> a.m.		
6. (b) Name of husband or wife <u>Dan McBride</u>	6(c) Age of husband or wife if alive <u>42</u> years	21. I hereby certify that I attended the deceased from <u>July 1</u> , 19 <u>41</u> , to <u>Aug 26</u> , 19 <u>41</u> , that I last saw her alive on <u>Aug 25</u> , 19 <u>41</u> , and that death occurred on the date and hour stated above.			Duration <u>13 1/2</u>
7. Birth date of deceased <u>May 25, 1896</u> (Month) (Day) (Year)	8. AGE: Years <u>45</u> Months <u>3</u> Days <u>1</u> If less than one day hr. min.	Immediate cause of death <u>Pulmonary tuberculosis with terminal heart failure</u>			Due to _____
9. Birthplace <u>Windsor, California</u> (City, town or county) (State or foreign country)	10. Usual occupation <u>Housewife</u>	Due to _____			Physician _____ Underline the cause to which death should be charged statistically.
11. Industry or business <u>At home</u>	12. Name <u>Lycurgus Means</u>	Other conditions _____ (Include pregnancy within 3 months of death)			
13. Birthplace <u>Missouri</u> (City, town, or county) (State or foreign country)	14. Maiden name <u>Mary Goodwin</u>	Major findings: Of operations <u>none</u> Of autopsy <u>none</u>			
15. Birthplace <u>California</u> (City, town, or county) (State or foreign country)	16. (a) Informant's own signature <u>Myrtle Skilton</u> (b) Address <u>Kelso, Washington</u>	22. If death was due to external causes, fill in the following: (a) Accident, suicide, or homicide (specify) _____ (b) Date of occurrence _____ (c) Where did injury occur? _____ (d) Did injury occur in or about home, on farm, in industrial place, in public place? _____ While at work? _____ (Specify type of place) (e) Means of injury _____			23. Signature <u>J. A. Nelson, M.D.</u> (M. D. or other <u>MD</u>) Address <u>Longview, Wash.</u> Date signed <u>8-27-41</u>
17. (a) Removal-Burial (b) Date thereof <u>8/29/1941</u> (Burial, cremation, or removal) (Month) (Day) (Year)	(c) Place: burial or cremation <u>Sultan, Washington</u> <u>DITLEVSEN FUNERAL HOME</u>				
18. (a) Signature of funeral director <u>John E. Hendricks</u> (b) Address <u>Kelso, Washington</u>	19. (a) <u>8-27-41</u> (b) <u>[Signature]</u> (Date received local registrar) (Registrar's signature)				

WA death certificate of Violet Means - <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:S3HY-DCTW-7WB?i=1533>

Half-sister Myrtle Means Jones Adkins Cameron Dillon:

California, U.S., County Birth, Marriage, and Death Records, 1849-1980



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Name	Myrtle A Means
Gender	Female
Event Type	Marriage
Marriage Date	27 Mar 1911
Marriage Place	Los Angeles, California, USA
Spouse	Rollie R Jones

Marriage of Myrtle Means to Rollie Randall Jones - <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/85019068/person/380171263139/facts>

Myrtle Adah Means	Daughter	F	18	^
Name	Rollie Randell Jones			
Sex	Male			
Age	25			
Birth Year (Estimated)	1886			
Father's Name	Gordan L Jones			
Father's Sex	Male			
Mother's Name	Emma Tibbets			
Mother's Sex	Female			
Spouse's Name	Myrtle Adah Means			
Spouse's Sex	Female			
Spouse's Age	18			
Spouse's Birth Year (Estimated)	1893			
Spouse's Father's Name	L Means			
Spouse's Father's Sex	Male			
Spouse's Mother's Name	Mary Goodwin			
Event Type	Marriage			
Event Date	27 Mar 1911			
Event Place	Los Angeles, California, United States			
Source Details	1190			
Page Number	119			

Marriage of Myrtle Means to Rollie Randall Jones -
<https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/sources/LZDB-9Q5>

Washington, U.S., Marriage Records, 1854-2013

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Name	Myrtle A Means
Gender	Female
Marriage Age	26
Birth Date	abt 1893
Birth Place	Windsor California
Marriage Date	16 Sep 1919
Marriage Place	Stevenson, Skamania, Washington, USA
Father	L Means
Mother	Mary Means
Spouse	William F Adkins

MARRIAGE RETURN

This return must be made to the County Auditor of the county in which the marriage took place, within five days from the date of the marriage.

1. Date of License September 16 - 1919
2. Full name of groom William F. Adkins
3. Age last birthday 25 years
4. Color (a) White
5. No. of groom's marriages Second
6. Residence Portland, Oregon
7. Birthplace (b) Hillsborough, Oregon
8. Occupation Steamship man
9. Father's name James C. Adkins
10. Mother's maiden name Martha Seery
11. Full name of bride Myrtle A. McNeus
Maiden name if a widow _____
12. Age last birthday 26 years old
13. Color (a) White
14. No. of bride's marriages Second
15. Residence Portland, Oregon
16. Birthplace (b) Windsor, California
17. Occupation L. McNeus
18. Father's name _____
19. Mother's maiden name Mary Lindwin
20. Date of marriage September 16 - 1919
21. Place of marriage Steunson, Washington
22. { By whom married W. A. Arnold
Official station Justice of Peace
23. Names of witnesses and their residences:
No. 1 W. R. Bell
No. 2 Mrs. F. A. Arnold

STATE OF WASHINGTON, . } ss.
County of Skaunama

I hereby certify that the above is a true return of said marriage.
Dated at Steunson, Wash., September 16, 1919
W. A. Arnold

Marriage of Myrtle Bell Jones to Rollie Randall Jones - <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/85019068/person/380171263139/facts>

Oregon, U.S., Marriage Indexes, 1906-2009

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Name Myrtle A Cameron
 Gender Female
 Marriage Date 10 Feb 1926
 Marriage Place Multnomah, Oregon, USA
 Spouse Maurice B Dillon

Marriage of Myrtle Cameron to Maurice Bernard Dillon - <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/85019068/person/380171263139/facts>

RETURN OF MARRIAGE

FEB 9 1926

HUSBAND		WIFE	
Maurice B Dillon		Full maiden name Myrtle A. Cameron	
Lancaster Wash		Residence Portland Ore	
White	Age 30 6	Color white	Age 30 6
Years	Months	Years	Months
Wash		Birthplace Calif	
Salmon		Occupation Housewife	
Marriage 1st		No. of marriage 2nd time 1st	
Birthplace Wash		Father's birthplace Ill	
Birthplace Ill		Mother's birthplace Calif	
PLACE OF MARRIAGE		Registered No. 7038	
No.		Street	
Date of marriage Feb 10, 1926		Month Day Year	
(Signed) Joseph Bernard		County Clerk.	

Marriage of Myrtle Cameron to Maurice Bernard Dillon - https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/61677/images/61677_172028004420_0588-04080?pid=121820677

Half-sibling: son of Mary Goodwin & Henry Witschey

STATE OF WASHINGTON, }
County of _____ } ss. **Series A** **190254**

THIS CERTIFIES, that the undersigned, a Presbyterian Minister
by authority of a License bearing date the 12th day of June A. D. 1953
and issued by the County Auditor of the County of King, did on the 13th day of June
A. D. 1953, at the hour of 6:30 p.m. in the Wedgwood Presbyterian Church, Seattle
County and State aforesaid, join in LAWFUL WEDLOCK Cecil B. Witschey
(Place of Birth) Healdsburg, Calif. (Age last Birthday) 45
of the County of Sauvoma and Myrtle L. Collins
(Place of Birth) Seattle (Age last Birthday) 37
of the County of King with their mutual assent, in the presence of
Cecil C. York and Agnes V. York witnesses.
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, witness the signatures of the parties to said ceremony, the witnesses and myself,
this 13th day of June A. D. 1953

WITNESS:	PARTIES:	OFFICIATING CLERGYMAN OR OFFICER:
<u>Cecil C. York</u>	<u>Cecil B. Witschey</u> M.	<u>Otis D. Frommenger</u> 9269 Sand Point Way
<u>Agnes V. York</u>	<u>Myrtle L. Witschey</u> F.	
Filed JUN 22 1953 19		P. O. ADDRESS <u>Seattle 5</u> , WASHINGTON.

This Certificate must be filled out and filed with the King County Auditor 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 King County Auditor within 30 days is punishable by a fine of not less than \$25.00 or more than \$300.00.—

Marriage of Cecil Bernard Witschey to Myrtle L. Collins -

https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2378/images/85667095_f8495d00-5fcd-42ef-8017-2fd8c6ba240b?pld=3017451



Newlyweds – “Spokane (WA) Spokesman-Review” Friday 19 Jun 1953 p 22

Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

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

NOK = next-of-kin

Name: William Robert Bell

Name variations:

Military:

On Tuscania: 20th Eng. 18th/Co. F - private

Serial number: 250,763

Entered service from: Marshfield, Coos OR

Sailed on “Tuscania” as: William R. Bell

Next-of-kin on “Tuscania”: mother Mrs. Mary Witschey, Coquille, Coos Co. OR

Returned from war on: “Housatonic” Jul 1919

Sailed on return ship as: William R. Bell

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: mother Mrs. H. Witschey, Coquille (sic) OR (pvt, 18th Co., 20th Engrs)

World War I draft registration (1917): as William Robert Bell - b. 17 Feb 1887 Colusa Co. CA; res: 170 – 13th St., Portland OR. Single. Laborer. Medium height & build.

World War II draft registration (1942): as William Robert Bell - b. 7 Feb 1887 Colusa CA; RFD 1, Box 107, Sumner, Pierce WA. NOK C.B. Witschey, Box 141, Sulton WA [his half-brother Cecil B.]. Self-employed. Height & weight left blank.

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlisted 12 Dec 1917

Discharged 28 Jul 1919

Address: 5618 – 62nd St., Portland OR

Rank/unit: private, Co. F, 20th Engrs.

Birth & death:

Born: 17 Feb 1887 Colusa, Colusa CA (WWII draft - 7 Feb 1887) (or Smithville CA)

Died: 5 Jan 1944 Monroe, Snohomish WA (died enroute to hospital of pneumonia, resident Sultan, Snohomish WA)

Find A Grave record: 66143439 - presence on Tuscania noted in flower

Burial location: Monroe, Snohomish WA

Cemetery: Odd Fellows

Tombstone:

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Father: William Hartman Bell, ca. 1862 CA – 4 Dec 1924 San Francisco, San Francisco CA.
Son of Henry Bell & Mary McCready.

He appears to be the William H. Bell, 38 CA, b. Jul 1861 CA, single, who resided at 513 Lyon St. in the 1900 San Francisco, San Francisco CA census. His father was b. Scotland, his mother b. Ireland. He was a commercial seaman. Eddie C. Bell, 36 CA, b. Apr 1864, father b. Scotland, mother b. Ireland, was also in the household; Eddie was a salesman, provision. Also Mary Bell, 73 Ireland, b. 1827 [no month], emigrated 1842, in US for 58 years, gave birth to 6 children, 3 of whom were living.

Find A Grave:

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Mother: Mary Luticia Goodwin Quackenbush Pluth Bell Means Witschey, 7 Feb 1862
Healdsburg, Sonoma CA – 6 Sep 1943.

Daughter of Andrew Jackson Goodwin (1818 OH - 1884) & Elizabeth Wimmer (1824-1891).
Her parents married 2 Mar 1843 Adams Co. IL.

In the 1870 census for Pacific, Humboldt CA, Mary L. Goodwin, age 8, b. CA lived with her parents Andrew Goodwin (51 OH) & Elizabeth (48 IN).

Her husbands:

- [Quackenbush](#) – identified as MISS Mary Quackenbush when she marries Marcus Pluth
- [Marquis \(Marcus\) M. Pluth](#), 24 Mar 1854 Krain, Solvinia, Austria – 24 Feb 1939 Daggett, San Bernardino CA. Mary Quackenbush, age 18, b. CA, resident Lake Co. CA, married Marquis Pluth, age 26, b. Austria, resident Lake Co. CA. on 10 May 1880

in Lake Co. CA. In the 1900 census Marcus Pluth in Belville, San Bernardino CA, b. May 1854 Austrian, with daughter Clara Pluth, b. Aug 1880 CA, he a blacksmith, married 22 years. - In the 1910 census, Marcus Pluth is living in Los Angeles, Los Angeles CA, married 2 years in his 2nd marriage, engineer – but only person listed in household. In Mar 1928, Marcus, age 70, resident of Los Angeles CA, applies for a marriage license with Nora Pluth Cherry, age 42, b. IA, a resident of Long Beach CA. “West Side Index” 13 Jun 1907 p 2 – San Bernardino, Marcus, “a desert prospector, who has never been anything but penniless,” sold 10 claims 8 miles from Amboy for \$135,000. Numerous newspaper articles about his prospecting history. “San Bernardino County Sun” 26 Feb 1939 p 14 – Death of a Daggett pioneer, 1 of the earliest operators of the rich Calico mining properties. Funeral 26 Feb 1939 in Barstow. Marquis is buried in Daggett Pioneer Cemetery, Daggett, San Bernardino CA. F: 57730555. Children by Marcus Pluth: Maude Pluth (1879) & Clara Pluth (1880).

- [William Hartman Bell](#), 1860 MO – Feb 1924 San Francisco, San Francisco CA. Children by William Bell: Mabel Bell (1885), William Robert Bell (1887), Alice Elaine Bell (1888).
- [Lycurgus Means](#), 1850 or 1852 MO – 23 Dec 1914 Mendocino Co. CA. Mary married Lycurgus in 1892 in Healdsburg CA, divorced 24 May 1905 Santa Rosa CA. He is usually listed as “L. Means.” “Santa Rosa (CA) Republican” 24 May 1905, p. 5 – Mary L. Means was granted a divorce from Lycurgus Means by Judge Albert G. Burnett today. The plaintiff [Mary] was granted the divorce on grounds of cruelty. “The story recounted by the plaintiff abounded in the alleged cruelties” and the court did not hesitate to grant the divorce. She said her husband called her vile names, and abused & choked her. She had been forced to support her husband while living with him; she chopped wood & worked in the field. After their baby was born, a birth for which she was not permitted a doctor or nurse, she was compelled within 10 days to resume work on the farm. When the baby was 5 months, her husband became angered at “her” (presumably a female baby) & whipped the baby. When she took the child’s part, he whipped her for her interference. “Santa Rosa Republican” 1 May 1905 p 1 – Mary L. Means petitioned for a divorce today. The couple was married in Healdsburg CA in 1892. She charged Lycurgus with extreme cruelty, listing specific acts. Her attorney is R.F. Crawford. Not living with Lycurgus in 1900, but indicates they were married 8 years earlier [i.e. 1892] Children by Lycurgus Means: Myrtle Means (1894) & Violet Means (1896).
- [Henry Witschey](#), 25 Oct 1879 HI (then called the Sandwich Islands & not part of the US) – 26 May 1977 Monroe, Snohomish WA. Sometimes his parents are listed as born in Germany, sometimes in HI. Henry had to be naturalized a citizen. Mary’s child by Henry Witschey: Cecil Bernard Witschey (1907). His WA death record says there is “no record” of his parents. Buried in Sultan Cemetery, Sultan, Snohomish WA. F: 35847707

Mary Witschey is buried in Sultan Cemetery, Sultan, Snohomish WA.

Find A Grave: 35847708

Family tree at: <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/85019068/person/380171252894/facts>

Spouse: Anna Laura Whitted Bell Warner, 14 Apr 1897 Coos Bay, Coos OR – 6 May 1985. Daughter of Robert Lenius Whitted (1863 OR – 1903 OR, F: 49712939) & Minnie Adeline Blake (1869 MO – 1945 OR, F: 184340287). Her father was killed by falling tree branch. Minnie then married George Wesley Stemmerman (1854-1914) & then William Hampton Stull (1853-1922).

Anna Bell married Frederick Hugo Warner (9 Nov 1893 – 3 Oct 1969, F: 3942733), the son of John L. Warner & Mary Nancy Alberson.

Frederick & Anna are buried in Willamette National Cemetery, Portland, Multnomah OR. Find A Grave: 739816

Marriage: 19 Jun 1912 Coquille, Coos OR. Anna Laura Whitted's name is often indexed as Anna Tawa Whitted from the marriage record. Both report it is their 1st marriage. She was age 17, b. OR. William was age 25, b. Clay Co. CA. Newspaper accounts list her mother as Mrs. George Stemmerman, who accompanied Laura to a logging camp so she could marry William.

Spouse: Edna Mae Cunningham Bell Stephens, 31 Oct 1910 Ronan, Lake MT – 10 Jul 1981 Missoula, Missoula MT.

Edna's father was Samuel Frank Cunningham (1 Feb 1895 – 13 Jul 1966 WA, F: 84487236). Edna's mother was Pilinia Lee ("Pat") King Cunningham Fitzgerald (8 Jul 1873 TX – 11 Nov 1944 WA, F: 94316790). Her parents married 1889/1890 in New Mexico Territory. Circa 1920, Pilinia married Alva Roscoe Fitzgerald (1882-1958, F: 87339015).

Married in Missoula Co. MT on 27 Dec 1937 to Clem Stephens (24 Nov 1914 KY – 24 Jun 1991 MT, F: 84569354), who had served a sentence in the MT State Penitentiary along with his brother Wardell Stephens (1910-1972) for a series of burglaries in MT in 1933. Clem was the son of Albert Crawford Stephens & Verna Lee Corum. Clem & Edna are buried together. Buried in Missoula Cemetery, Missoula, Missoula MT. It appears that Clem's and Wardell's prison "mug shots" are used on their Find A Grave records.

Spouse Find A Grave:84569356

Marriage: W.R. Bell, age 39, b. Calusa CA, son of William H. Bell & Mary Goodwin, who was previously married, married Edna Cunningham, age 17, b. Ronan MT, a resident of Missoula MT, daughter of Samuel Cunningham & "Peline" King on 10 May 1928 in Missoula, Missoula MT. William was listed as divorced when he died 5 Jan 1944.

Children:

Siblings:

Full sisters by his mother Mary Goodwin's marriage to William Hartman Bell:

- Mable/Mabel May Lucinda Bell Minto Witschey Hilts, 21 Mar 1885 CA – 19 Dec 1946 Seattle, King CA. – Reported in the “San Francisco Examiner” of Wednesday 4 Aug 1909 p 1 that “Mabel Bell” had married in May 1902 to William Edward Minto, but they actually married 16 May 1901 in Santa Clara Co. CA. William was born in Antioch IL & died at age 80 on 26 Nov 1940 in Santa Rosa, Sonoma CA. He is buried in Olive Hill Cemetery, Geyserville, Sonoma CA but is not on Find A Grave as of 17 Dec 2023. –William & Mabel adopt a girl whose name was Olga, but whom Mabel renames Alice Minto. According to 1909 news reports, in which Alice Minto's story becomes the sensation of San Francisco, Alice was born ca. 1900. After Mabel & William were married about 6 months, they received Alice (age 9 months) from a foster family in Berkeley CA through the Rev. Henry W. Brayton of the Children's Home Finding Society. In a latter of 20 Aug 1909, W.E. Minto said he married Mabel Bell in San Jose in 1901 & left the same day for the Chutes in San Francisco. William said they took the baby in Jul 1901 to San Lorenzo CA & in Oct 1901 took his wife Mabel, child Alice, his mother-in-law [nee Mary Goodwin] & her 4 children (which presumably included William Robert Bell) to Weaverville, Trinity CA. The “next May” they moved to Geyserville, Sonoma CA, where Mabel deserted him, taking Alice. William says his family was not destitute, as claimed by news reports, but her family was. “Her mother and the children were destitute I know, because I supported their wants for some time.” Some news reports claim that Mabel became a dance hall girl on Pacific St. in San Francisco, which she vehemently denied. Mabel scoffs at the allegations made by a William Baker, whom she said was a boarder at her mother's house for 2 months & was not aware of family situations. Alice was removed from her home and then Rev. Brayton gave her a Chinese man named Lin who lived in San Francisco's Chinatown when Alice was around 4 years old. When Alice Minto was 9 years old, scandal rocked San Francisco when it was revealed that a white child (some reports claim she is Italian, some Syrian, some “Chinese-looking”) had been sold by Rev. Henry W. Brayton. Other cases turned up. Brayton admitted taking \$10 or \$15 to cover expenses and an investigation commenced of the society's adoption arrangements, which seemed to involve no reliance on references for prospective parents. Newspaper articles sometimes mistake Mabel's new married name as Ritchie instead of Witschey, note her recent marriage to Louis Witschey & that her mother Mary Witschey (who furnishes information about the case) has the same surname. Alice Minto, age 9, has been renamed Ho Mah and speaks only a few words of English, instead conversing in Cantonese Chinese. It is decided by the court that Alice should be given to a foster white family. She is not apparently returned to Mabel. Newspaper accounts report she was living alternatively in an opium den, a brothel or was held prisoner underground. It appears she was well-treated and loved by her Chinese “parents” who had hoped to get her back, and her foster father was a

potato farmer. - As Mabel Minto, married in Santa Rosa, Sonoma CA on 2 Aug 1909 to Louis Witschey (1884 HI – 1918 CA, the son of Edward & Annie Witschey, as the story about her adopted daughter Alice Minto was livening California newspapers. Their daughter Helen Olga Witschey was born in 1911. In the 1900 census for Township 4, Fresno Co. CA, Louis WATSCHEY, age 16, b. May 1884 in the Sandwich Islands [to become the Hawaiian Territory, then the state of Hawaii], who was at school. His biological father was born in Switzerland, his biological mother born in France. He was the adopted son of Edward F. Davis (44 CA, Apr 1856, married 12 years, in the grain business [illegible]), married 12 years to Aurelia M. Davis (30 CA, Nov 1869) who had not given birth to any children. - When she died, Mabel was listed as the widow of Frank Hilts. WA death certificate: daughter of William Bell (CA) & Mary Goodwin (Bealsburg CA). Resident of Route 3, Auburn, King WA. - Buried in Sultan Cemetery, Sultan, Snohomish WA. F: 35846222

- Alice Elaine Bell Young Ensey Johnson Sweet, 2 May 1888 Sonoma Co. CA – 14 Jul 1965 Cottage Grove, Lane OR. - **Alice Bell married Robert Byron Young Sr. on 17 Oct 1903 in Geyserville, Sonoma Co. CA. Robert was age 24, b. Scotland, resident Geyserville, Sonoma CA. Alice was b. CA, resident of Geyserville CA. – Robert Young (1885 CA – 1958 CA, F: 175384073) was the son of George Washington Young & Emily Elizabeth Loveall. Robert is buried in Oak Hill Cemetery, Red Bluff, Tehama CA. - **Alice Elaine (Bell) Young married Frederick Calvin Ensey on 26 Aug 1914 **or 2 Feb 1914** in Ukiah, Mendocino CA. Alice was age 26, daughter of William Bell (CA) & Mary Goodwin (CA). her 2nd marriage, divorced. She was a resident of Coaledo OR. Frederick was age 28, son of Abraham Fair Ensey (IN) & Eliza Ann Chaffin (CA). Single, rancher. Resident of Harris CA. (record indexed as “Eusey”). Frederick (b. 19 Aug 1885 Briceland, Humboldt CA) dies 19 Mar 1916 in Briceland CA, 19 months after their marriage. He is buried in Briceland Cemetery, Briceland, Humboldt CA, F: 530026193. “Fred” had a white father & a Native American mother & is listed as “Indian” in the census - **Listed as her 3rd marriage, Alice Elaine Young married Warren Leslie Johnson (25 Aug 1895 Douglas Co. OR – 5 Jan 1962 Yuba CA, F: 154959434) in Coquille, Coos OR on 4 May 1917. From OR WWI County Military Service card: Warren resident of Roseburg OR, son of Charles Johnson (OR) & Ella Wroe (IL). He was born 20 Aug 1893 Douglas OR. Warren is buried in Sierra View Memorial Park, Olivehurst, Yuba CA. – On 30 Dec 1923 in Powers, Coos OR, Alice Johnson married Herman Alonzo Sweet (31 Jul 1891 Lane Co. OR – 9 Feb 1970 Lane Co. OR). Herman was the son of Henry Benjamin Franklin (“Frank”) Sweet (F: 53270040) & Carolina Grace Martha Wroe (F: 53270041). Their son Earl Lawrence Sweet was born 4 Jun 1924 in Powers, Coos OR & died 13 Sep 2000 in Grants Pass, Josephine OR, F: 782688967. - Alice Sweet was cremated; the location of her remains is unknown. F: 66524231

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Half-sisters: by his mother Mary’s marriage to Marcus (Marquis) Pluth:

- Maude L. Pluth, 29 Apr 1879 CA [predates her parents' marriage?] - 17 Nov 1890 CA. [Find A Grave record used 17 Feb 1890 but CA death record indicates 17 Nov 1890]. Died of sporadic cerebrospinal fever. Buried in Calvary Cemetery, East Los Angeles, Los Angeles CA. F: 253742215.
- Clara Kathrin (Catherine) Pluth Engelke, 29 Aug 1880 Lake Co. CA – 21 Oct 1971 Los Angeles, Los Angeles CA. - Married George Joseph Engelke on 9 Sep 1901 Los Angeles Co. CA. She entered for the ceremony on the arm of her father. George & Clara will reside at 523 W. 1st St., Los Angeles. (“Los Angeles Evening Express” 11 Sep 1901 p 4) She is described as a “Hollywood beauty specialist” in Apr 1931 when making appointments for facials at a drugstore. George Joseph Engelke was born 28 Jun 1879 Chicago, Cook IL & died 25 Nov 1948 Little Bangladesh, Los Angeles CA, listed as husband of Clara Engelke, resident 208 S. New Hampshire, Los Angeles, a Catholic funeral. “Los Angeles Times” 26 Nov 1948 p 16) George Joseph Engelke, 28 Jun 1879 Chicago, Cook IL – 25 Nov 1948 Los Angeles, Los Angeles CA, at age 69, divorced when died, burial Calvary, Los Angeles CA. - In the 1920 census, George & Clara were married. In the 1940 census, listed as Clara Pluth, she is living in Los Angeles with her son-in-law Peter L. Milne & (daughter) Ruth E. Milne (31 CA). Buried in Calvary Cemetery, East Los Angeles, Los Angeles CA. F: 256891414

Half-sisters: by his mother Mary's marriage to Lycurgus Means:

- Violet Nicena Means Martin Shepeard Chisholm Polley McBride. 25 May 1896 Windsor CA – 26 Aug 1941 Kelso, Cowlitz WA at age 45 years, 3 months, 1 day. **Violet Means married a Martin. - ** Violet N. (Means) Martin married Ralph Cassius Shepeard. Violet age 23, daughter of Lycurgus Means (MO) & Mary Goodwin (CA), resident Clarke Co. WA, her 2nd marriage, married 2 Sep 1919 in Clark Co. WA. Ralph, age 21, son of J.E. Shepeard (b. MN) & Harriett Bassett (b. MN), resident WA, his 1st marriage, woodsman. One of the witnesses is Myrtle A. Means of Milwaukie OR. Ralph Cassius Shepeard was born 3 Jul 1898 Wenatchee, Chelan WA & died 20 Oct 1962 Vancouver, Clark WA. Ralph is buried in Park Hill Cemetery, Vancouver, Clark WA, F: 52402083 - **Violet (Means) Shepeard married John D. Chisholm 1 Nov 1924 Vancouver, Clark WA. Violet age 28, daughter of L. Means (MO) & Mary Goodwin (CA), maiden name Violet Means, resident 411 ½ Maine, Vancouver WA, divorced, b. CA, waitress. John age 41, b. Canada, resident Kalama WA, widower, his 2nd marriage, laundry main (spelling?), son of John C. Pushohuse (spelling?) & Isabella Ross, both b. Canada. - Violet McBride applied for a marriage license with Clifford Polley, both residents Kent WA (“Spokane Chronicle” 15 Oct 1940 p 11) – **When she died in 1941, the death certificate indicates she was divorced from Dan McBride, who was age 42. Died of tuberculosis at her home in Kelso WA; had lived there 6 years. - Husband Daniel Seymour McBride was born 27 Sep 1898 OK & died 29 Mar 1964 CA. He is buried in Sultan Cemetery, Sultan, Snohomish WA, F: 25907366. - Daniel married Violet in 1940, which means they were married about one year before her death. – Violet McBride is buried in Sultan Cemetery, Sultan, Snohomish WA. F: 35846651

- Myrtle Ada Means Jones Adkins Cameron Dillon, 7 Sep 1894 CA - 31 Dec 1948 (also found 3 Jan 1948) Sultan, Snohomish WA. - **Myrtle Adah Means, 18, b. MO (?), a resident of Los Angeles, Los Angeles CA, daughter of L. Means & Mary Goodwin, married on 27 Mar 1911 in Los Angeles, Los Angeles CA, to Rollie Randall Jones, 25, b. KS, son of Gordan L. Jones & Emma Tibbets, resident Los Angeles, Los Angeles CA. Their son Rolland Vernon Jones was born 28 Aug 1912 Los Angeles CA. Rollie Jones was born 16 Jan 1886 KS & died 29 Dec 1952 CA, F: 183095734). He remarried in 1917 & 1950. **As Myrtle A. Means, age 26, daughter of L. Means & Mary Goodwin, her 2nd marriage, resident Portland OR, b. Windsor CA, married 16 Sep 1919 in Stevenson, Skamania WA to William Francis Adkins, age 35, son of James E. Adkins & Martha Sperry, his 2nd marriage, resident Portland OR, b. Hillsborough OR, steamship [next word illegible]. One of the witnesses is W.R. Bell. – Presumably married then to a man named Cameron, since she was Myrtle Cameron when she married to Maurice Bernard (“Ben”) Dillon on 10 Feb 1926 in Multnomah Co. OR. In the 1930 census, Myrtle & Maurice lived in Portland, Multnomah OR. OR. – They were divorced by the 1940 census. - Myrtle Dillon is buried in Sultan Cemetery, Sultan, Snohomish WA. F: 35845916.

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Half-brother by his mother Mary’s marriage to Henry Witschey:

- Cecil Bernard Witschey, 16 Aug 1907 Healdsburg, Sonoma CA – 16 Aug 1995 Seattle, King WA. Reported “never married” in the 1950 census for Seattle, King WA. - Married 13 Jun 1953 in King Co. WA to Myrtle L. Collins. Buried in Acacia Memorial Park & Funeral Home, Lake Forest Park, King WA. F: 118136587
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Notes:

There would seem to be a connection between Mary Goodwin’s final husband, Henry Witschey, born in Hilo, Sandwich Islands (not yet the Hawaiian Territory) in 1879, and Louis Witschey, born in Hilo in 1884, who married Mary’s daughter Mable May Lucinda Bell. Louis is listed as the son of Edward & Annie Witschey. They presumably could be brothers, but information on them is limited.

Wartime:

Post-war:

Obituary:

WA Death Certificate: resident of Sultan, Snohomish WA. Died enroute to hospital, Monroe, Snohomish WA. Was a private in the Army 1917-1918. Divorced. No record of birth date, age 57. Born CA. Occupation: disabled veteran. Father William Bell, no record of

birth place. No information on mother. Died 5 Jan 1944 of pneumonia, of 7-8 days' duration. Doctor only saw him a short time before his death. Informant: Henry Witschey
Social Security Number:

Censuses:

1860 Santa Rosa, Sonoma CA
Lycurgus Means, 11 MO, living with:
James Philbe, 42 OH
Sarah J. Philbe, 42 OH
Sarah J. Philbe, 23 MO
Marcellus R. Philbe, 4 MO
Nicena Philbe, 1 CA

1870 Pacific Judicial township, Humboldt CA
Andrew Goodwin, 57 OH, farmer
Elizabeth, 46 IN
6 children – oldest Elizabeth 19 b. UT, others in CA), including
Mary Goodwin, 8 CA

1900 Russian River, Sonoma CA
William C. Wilkinson, 73 MO, Sep 1826, father b. VA, mother b. KY, widowed, head of household, miner
With boarders:
May Means, 38 CA, Feb 1862, father b. MO, mother b. TN, married 8 years, gave birth to 7 children, 5 are living
Willie Bell, 13 CA, Feb 1887, parents b. CA, at school [with Bell crossed through]
Mable M. Bell, 15 CA, Mar 1885, parents b. CA, at school [with Bell crossed through]
Alice Bell, 12 CA, May 1888, parents b. CA, at school [with Bell crossed through]
Myrtle Means, 8 CA, Sep 1892, parents b. CA, at school [with Means crossed through]
Violet Means, 4 CA, May 1896, parents b. CA [with Means crossed through]

1910 Squaw Valley, Siskiyou CA.
William R. Bell, 23 CA, parents b. CA, hired help, loader, donkey engine, logging camp
Head of household Harry Allen, 56 OH, gave birth to 7 children, 5 are living

1910 Sierra, Tehama CA
Henry Witschey/Watshey, 31 Hawaii, parents b. HI, 1st marriage, married 9 years, sawmill laborer
Mary, 48 CA, father b. OH, mother b. IN, gave birth to 9 children, 6 are living [this would imply that Maude Pluth has died]
Cecil, 2 CA, father b. HI, mother b. CA
Myrtle Means, 16 CA, father b. MO, mother b. CA [stepdaughter]
Violet Means, 14 CA, father b. MO, mother b. CA [stepdaughter]

1910 Russian River, Sonoma CA – on a country road
Lykurgas Means, 60 MO, parents b. KY, farm laborer

1920 Coalido, Coos OR
Henry Witschey, 40 HI, parents b. Germany, laborer in logging camp
Mary, 57 CA, father b. OH, mother b. IN
Cecil, 12 CA

1920 Rowland, Coos OR – conducted 11 Feb 1920
Warren Johnson, 26 OR, didn't know where father born, mother b. KS, logger, lumber camp
Alice, 32 CA, parents b. CA
Ethel M., 14 CA, father b. OR, mother b. CA
John R., 11 CA, parents b. US
Henry A., 1 year 10 months, OR, parents b. US

1930 Sultan, Snohomish WA – 208 Bell St.
Henry Witchey, 50 HI, parents b. Germany, age 27 at 1st marriage, faller, lumber camp
Mary L., 68 CA, father b. OH, mother b. CA, was age 44 at 1st marriage [was more likely the age when she married Henry]
Cecil B. 22 CA, garage

1930 Portland, Multnomah OR – 588 Failing
Maurice B. Dillon, 36 WA, father b. IL, mother b. WA, age 32 at 1st marriage, tobacco salesman
Myrtle Dillon, 36 CA, father b. CA, mother b. MO, age 17 at 1st marriage
Rolland B. Jones, 17 OR, father b. KS, mother b. CA [stepson]

1940 Sultan, Snohomish CA – 504 High St. – same place (Snohomish Co.) in 1935
Henry Witchey, 50 HI, saw filing at lumber co.
Mary L., 78 CA
Myrtle A. Dillon, 46 CA, divorced [daughter]
Cecil B., 32 CA, single, fire watcher, forestry dept.