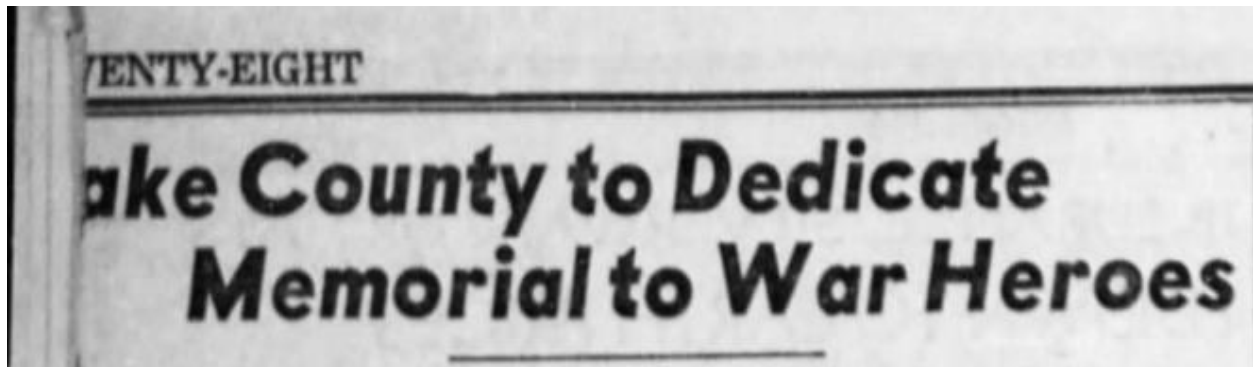


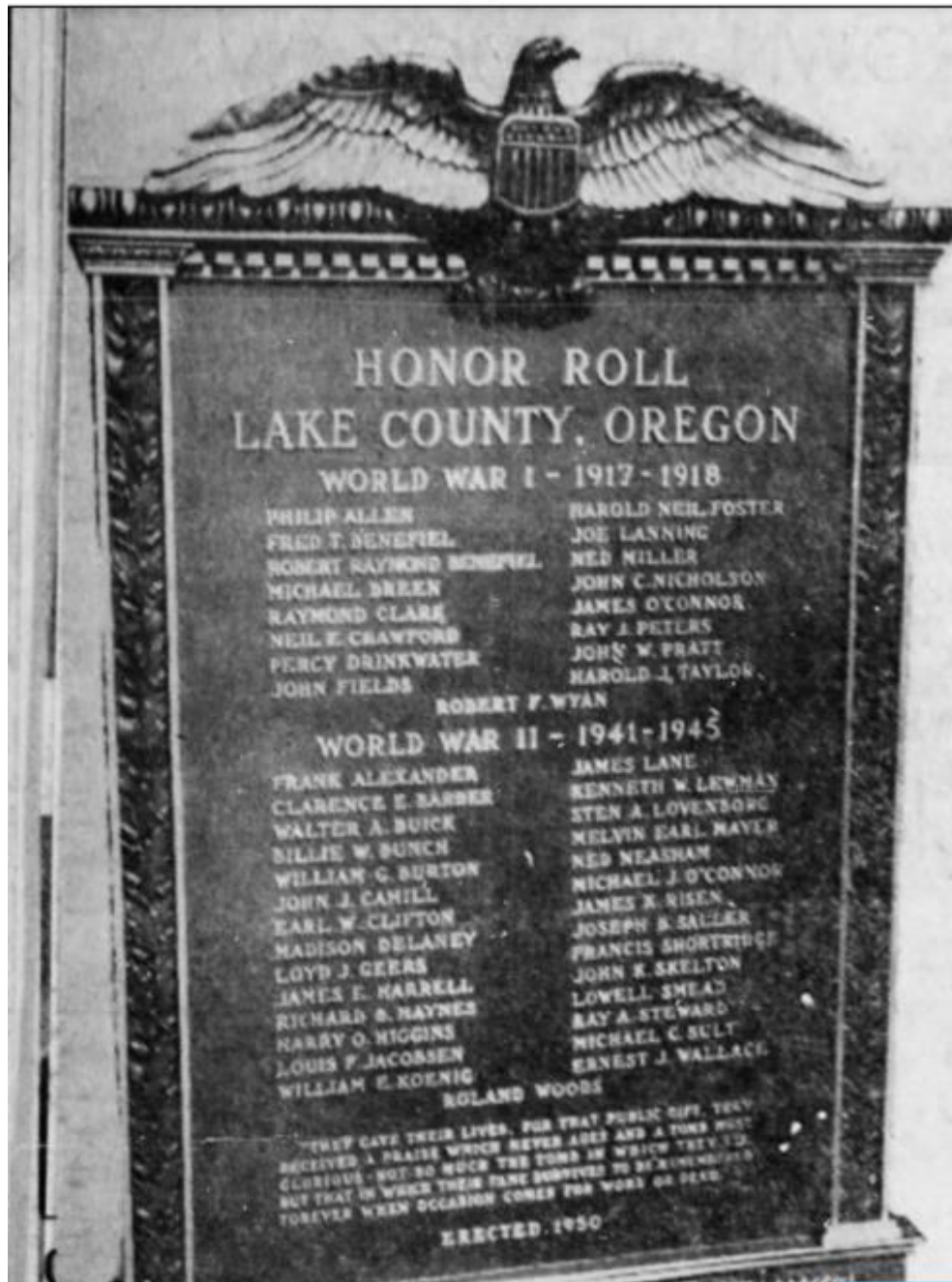
TUSCANIA

Tuscania casualty

Benefiel, Fredrick Tolman

1896 OR – 15 Feb 1918 Tuscania





MEMORIAL MONUMENT to Lake county men who have died in two World Wars is to be dedicated May 30.

LAKEVIEW — A tall monument of native stone, bearing a huge bronze plaque, will be dedicated here on Memorial day, May 30, as Memorial to 46 Lake county men who gave their lives in World War and II. Clyde Dickey, Portland, commander of the Oregon department, American Legion, will give the dedication address.

The stone monument is over 20 feet tall, topped by a perpetual light. It is located on the courthouse grounds.

The four-foot plaque, topped by a triangle and shield, bears the Honor Roll names and the following inscription from a book commemorating the Australian World War I medal: "They gave their lives. For that public gift, they received a praise which never ages and a tomb most glorious—not so much

Crawford, Percy Drinkwater, John Fields, Harold Neil Foster, Joe Lanning, Ned Miller, John C. Nicholson, James O'Connor, Ray J. Peters, John W. Pratt, Harold J. Taylor, Robert F. Wyan.

WORLD WAR II

Frank Alexander, Clarence E. Barber, Walter A. Buick, Billie W. Bunch, William G. Burton, John J. Cahill, Earl W. Clifton, Madison Delaney, Loyd J. Geers, James E. Harrell, Richard B. Haynes, Harry O. Higgins, Louis F. Jacobsen, William E. Koenig, James Lane, Kenneth W. Lewman, Sten A. Lovenborg, Melvin Earl Mayer, Ned Neasham, Micheal J. O'Connor, James K. Risen, Joseph B. Saller, Francis Shortridge, John K. Skelton, Lowell Snead, Ray A. Steward, Michael C. Sult, Ernest J. Wallace, Roland Woods.

the tomb in which they lie, but that in which their fame survives to be remembered forever when occasion comes for word or deed."

The memorial is the result of efforts by Harry J. Anthony, Lakeview accountant and former mayor of this town (1948-49). A veteran of World War I, Anthony conceived and spearheaded the plan and many local residents volunteered funds toward the memorial. In the rural communities, dances were held to raise funds. In the meantime, over a period of about three years, a campaign was carried on to secure the names of all local men who died in both wars.

Anthony secured the services of Andrew Duncan, local expert in rock construction, to select the native stone and build the monument. Then he turned the Memorial over to the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars to plan and direct the dedication ceremonies. The Honor Roll lists the following names:

WORLD WAR I

Phillip Allen, Fred T. Benefiel, Robert Raymond Benefiel, Michael Breen, Raymond Clark, Neil E.

From the Lake County OR monument to the dead of WWI & WWII, dedicated 30 May 1951
 "Klamath Falls (OR) Herald & News" 24 May 1951 p 28 -
<https://www.newspapers.com/image/95030819/>

BENEFIEL, FRED TOLMAN		X C-	7 183
Pvt. Co. D 6th Bn. 20th Eng.		RS-	
Santa Barbara, California		RH-	
Sn.	Died 2/14/18	V-	
Born 11/24/96		N-	
Enl.	Dis.	K-	
		H-	
		A-	4 273 981
		T-	518 056
		I-	10 236

VA FORM 3-7202a Existing stocks of VA Form 3-7202a, Jul 1948, will be used. MASTER INDEX CARD 10-55777-2 gpc

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WAR DEPARTMENT Q. M. C. Form No. 14 Revised Oct. 6, 1928										REPLACEMENT	
Interment in the ARLINGTON, VA.										National Cemetery	
To—The Quartermaster General, Washington, D. C.											
NAME			RANK		COMPANY		REGIMENT OR VESSEL			DIVISION, IF WORLD WAR SOLDIER	
							Number State Arm				
BENEFIEL, FRED T. Ore. (250259)			PVT.		D		20th			Engrs. 6th Bn.	
DATE OF DEATH			DATE OF INTERMENT			GRAVE MARK		REMARKS			
Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year	Section	Grave No.	Date of discharge and number of Pension Certificate, Disinterments, etc.			
Feb.	14	1918	Oct.	22	1920	White Europn.	1016	Orig. Bur. Grave #83, Row 5, #154 Kilnaughton, Port Ellen Islay Argyll, Scotland. Enl. Dec. 14, 1917; State Ore. Oct. 1920			
Tate, Georgia, May 29, 1934 815401											
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(See Instructions on Reverse Side)											
Superintendent.											
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Oregon, U.S., State Military Records, 1847-1977 for Frederick Tolman Benefiel

WWI Died in Service Index Cards > 1917-1919

Lake

Benefiel, Frederick Tolman, Private
 Born; Nov. 24th, 1896 in Crooked Creek, Lake Co. Ore.
 Residence; Lakeview, Lake Co., Oregon.
 Enlisted at Grants Pass, Ore. Dec. 12th, 1917 in Co. D. 6th Battalion, 20th Engineers (Frest)
 Died; Of lobar pneumonia Feb. 14th, 1918 in Scotland. Was buried at Kilnaughton, Isle of Islay, Scotland in grave No. 83.
 He was a survivor of the Titanic disaster.
 Nearest relatives; Mother is Mrs. R. L. Benefiel.
 He was the first Lake County soldier to lose his life in the present war.

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Fred T Benefiel

Military • United States, World War I American Expeditionary Forces Deaths, 1917-1919

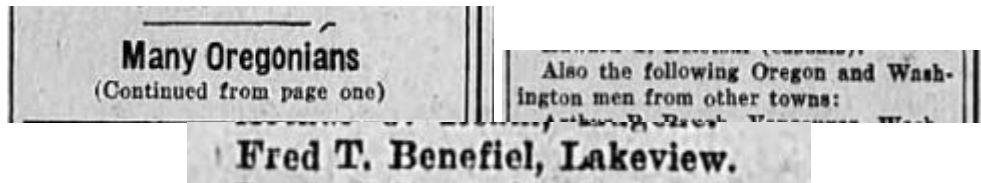
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WHITE: INDUCED INTO NATIONAL ARMY OR ASSIGNED THERETO UPON ENLISTMENT.

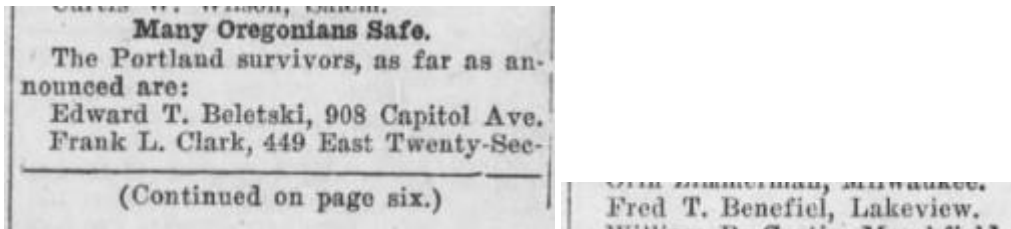
NAME	SERIAL NO	RANK	ORGANIZATION AT TIME OF DEATH	DATE OF DEATH
Ackerman, Charles G.	2,784,035	Pvt	Co D 364 Inf	July 30/18
Anderson Carl A.	3,136,662	Pvt	Co K 307 Inf	Jan 24/19
Anderson Ransom S.	815,749	Sgt	Hdq Det Ord Det	Feb 4/19
Arrell, Jason	3,133,961	Pvt	Co G 157 Inf	Sept 24/18
Barnes, Raymond W.	3,133,789	Pvt	Co E 157 Inf	Sept 24/18
Barrett, Gerald J.		Pvt	Co F 18 Engr	Dec 31/17
Bateman, Lawrence S.	3,137,998	Pvt	Co F 112 Inf	Oct 31/18
Bauer, Max Herman Jr.	1,058,854	Sgt	260 Aer Serv Sq Sig C	Nov 17/18
Benefiel, Fred T.		Pvt	Co D 6 En 20 Engr	Feb 14/18

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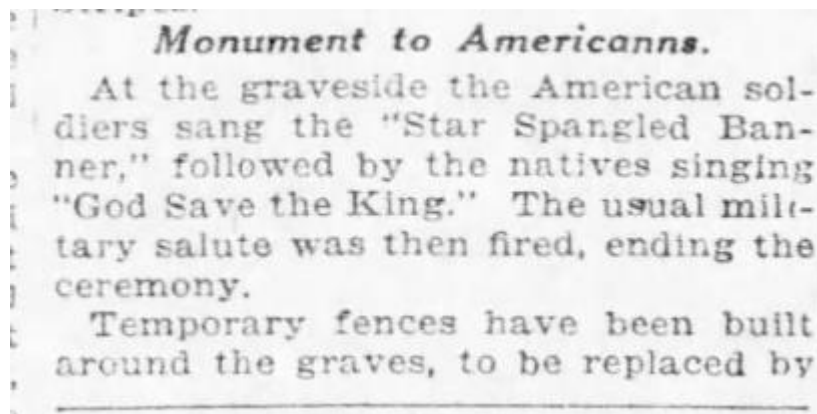
Life:



"Eugene (OR) Guard" Friday 8 Feb 1918 p 2



"Salem (OR) Capital Journal" Monday 11 Feb 1918 p 6



a permanent enclosure as soon as the materials can be brought to these desolate shores. A British colonel, who has worked day and night since the disaster, helping the Americans bury their dead, announced today that the people of the nearby countryside had started a public subscription to erect a permanent monument to the Americans.

There are eight Americans still here too ill to leave, several of them still dazed by their experiences. They are quartered in nearby farmhouses and village hotels. These men are F. I.

Benefiel, E. L. Lystrom, Wilbur C. Nutt, Boyd E. Hancock, E. E. Harpham, Henry Schurting, James J. Colwell and F. A. Gocher.

One American officer and 14 men are still in a hospital at Glasgow.

Fred died on 14 Feb 1918 - "Pittsburgh (PA) Post-Gazette" Thursday 14 Feb 1918 p 2 - <https://www.newspapers.com/image/85860159/>

Mother:

OREGON STATE BOARD OF HEALTH
CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

1 PLACE OF DEATH *Lakeview* State Registered No. *113*
County *Clatsop* Local Registered No. *78-18*
Township _____ or Village _____
City *Lakeview* No. _____ St. _____ Ward _____
(If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give its name instead of street and number)

2 FULL NAME *Robert Lewis Benefiel*
(a) Residence, No. _____ St. _____
(If independent, give city or town and state)
Length of residence in city or town _____ years, months, days, hours, minutes, seconds

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

3 SEX *male* 4 COLOR OR RACE *white* 5 Single, Married, Widowed or Divorced (write the word) *married*
6 If married, widowed, or divorced, name of spouse *Evrena May Clark Benefiel*
7 DATE OF MARRIAGE (month, day, and year) _____
8 AGE Years _____ Months _____ Days _____ If less than 1 day, _____ hrs. _____ min.

OCCUPATION OF DECEASED
(a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work *carver*
(b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer) _____
(c) Name of employer _____

9 BIRTHPLACE (city or town) *unknown* (State or country) *Oregon*
10 NAME OF FATHER *Robert Wiley Benefiel*
11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (city or town) _____ (State or country) *unknown*
12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER *Lillie R. Raymond*
13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (city or town) _____ (State or country) *unknown*

Informant *Dr. J. C. Chandler*
Address *Lakeview, Oregon*
Date *May 23, 1928* Registrar *A. J. Ausley*

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH
14 DATE OF DEATH (month, day, and year) *May 23, 1928*
15 I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from *May 21* to *May 23, 1928* that I saw him alive on *May 23, 1928* and that death occurred on the date stated above, at *5 PM*
The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows:
Appendicitis (1)
(duration) _____ days
CONTRIBUTORY *Peritonitis* (Secondary)
(duration) _____ days
16 Where was disease contracted? _____
17 Did an operation precede death? *yes* Date of *May 21 - 1928*
Was there an autopsy? *no*
What test confirmed diagnosis? *Chymast*
(Signed) *Chas. S. Keith* M. D.
May 23, 1928 (Address) *Lakeview*
* State the Disease Causing Death, or is death from Violent Cause, state (1) Means and Nature of Injury, and (2) whether Accidental, Suicidal, or Homicidal. (See reverse side for additional space.)

18 PLACE OF BURIAL, CREMATION OR REMOVAL *Lakeview*
St. Helena Public Cemetery
19 UNDERTAKER *A. J. Ausley*
DATE OF BURIAL *May 24, 1928*
ADDRESS _____

OR death record of mother Evrena May Clark Benefiel Benefiel – Find A Grave 47730614

Emelina Benefiel

ST. HELENA — Mrs. Emelina Benefiel, 86, died Thursday in a local rest home after an extended illness.

She had been a member of the Sanitarium Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Survivors include a son, James Benefiel of San Diego.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. in the Morrison Funeral Chapel with Elder Charles Mellor of the Sanitarium Seventh-day Adventist Church officiating. Burial will follow in St. Helena Public Cemetery.

Emma Benefiel

Funeral services were held last Saturday at Morrison Funeral Chapel for Mrs. Emma Benefiel, 86, who died on Thursday, July 11, in a local rest home, after an extended illness.

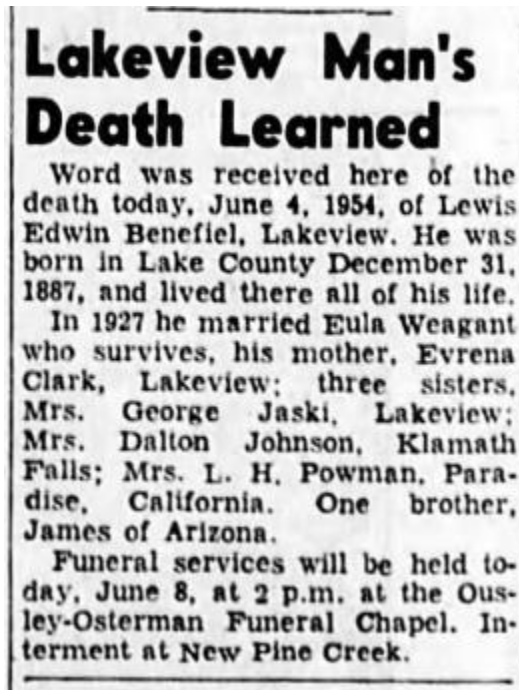
The services were conducted by Elder Charles Mellor, pastor of the Sanitarium Seventh-day Adventist Church, of which Mrs. Benefiel had been a member.

Burial was in St. Helena Public Cemetery.

She is survived by a son, James Benefiel of San Diego.

Left: "Napa Valley Register" (Napa CA) Saturday 13 Jul 1963 p 2 – right: "St. Helena (CA) Star" Thursday 18 Jul 1963 p 12

Siblings:



Obituary of Lewis Edwin Benefiel – the “sisters” appear to be Lewis & Eula’s daughters, such as Elizabeth Benefiel (Mrs. George) JASKA - “Klamath Falls (OR) Herald & News” Saturday 5 Jun 1954 p 1

STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF DEATH
 LOCAL REGISTRAR'S NUMBER 2254
 STATE OF OREGON
 BOARD OF HEALTH—PORTLAND
 FEDERAL SECURITY AGENCY—U. S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE
 STATE FILE NO. 6503
 DATE RECEIVED JUN 24 1954

1. NAME OF DECEASED (TYPE OR PRINT) Lewis Edwin Benefiel
 2. PLACE OF DEATH A. COUNTY Lake
 B. CITY (If outside corporate limits, write RURAL, Township, or TOWN) New Pine Creek Ore
 C. LENGTH OF STAY (In this place) 10 Yrs
 D. FULL NAME OF HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION At Residence
 E. STREET (If rural, give location) ADDRESS No. House Number

3. USUAL RESIDENCE (Where deceased lived. If institutional residence before admission)
 A. STATE Ore
 B. COUNTY Lake
 C. CITY (If outside corporate limits, write RURAL, Township, or TOWN) New Pine Creek Ore
 D. STREET (If rural, give location) ADDRESS No. House Number

4. DATE OF DEATH (Month) (Day) (Year) June, 4, 1954
 5. SEX M
 6. COLOR OR RACE W
 7A. MARRIED, NEVER MARRIED, WIDOWED, DIVORCED (State) Married
 7B. NAME OF HUSBAND OR WIFE Eula Benefiel

8. DATE OF BIRTH Dec. 31, 1887
 9. AGE (in years, months, days) 66
 10. BIRTHPLACE (State or foreign country) Lake Co. Oregon
 11. CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY? U.S.

12. FATHER'S NAME James Benefiel
 13. MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME Evrena Clark

14A. USUAL OCCUPATION Farmer
 14B. KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY Retired
 15. IF VETERAN, NAME WAR None
 16. INFORMANT'S OWN SIGNATURE Elybeth A. Jaska

17. SOCIAL SECURITY NO. 530-12-4945
 18. CAUSE OF DEATH
 I. DISEASE OR CONDITION DIRECTLY LEADING TO DEATH* (A) Chronic Lymphatic Leukemia
 II. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS
 ANTECEDENT CAUSES
 DUE TO (B) _____
 DUE TO (C) _____

19A. DATE OF OPERATION _____
 19B. MAJOR FINDINGS OF OPERATION _____
 20. AUTOPSY? YES ☐ NO ☒

21A. ACCIDENT SUICIDE HOMICIDE (Specify) _____
 21B. PLACE OF INJURY (e.g., in or about home, farm, factory, street, office, railroad, school, etc.) _____
 21C. (CITY, TOWN, OR TOWNSHIP) (COUNTY) (STATE) _____
 21D. TIME (Month) (Day) (Year) (Hour) (Minute) _____
 21E. INJURY OCCURRED WHILE AT WORK ☐ NOT WHILE AT WORK ☐

22. I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I ATTENDED THE DECEASED FROM 4/18 1952 TO 5/24 1954 THAT I LAST SAW THE DECEASED ALIVE ON 5/24 1954 AND THAT DEATH OCCURRED AT 1.30 A.M. THE CAUSES AND ON THE DATE STATED ABOVE.

23A. SIGNATURE (Degree or title) Paul H. Klewer M.D.
 23B. ADDRESS Lakeview, Ore
 23C. DATE SIGNED 6/7/54

24A. BURIAL, CREMATION, REMOVAL (Specify) Burial
 24B. DATE 6.8.54
 24C. NAME OF CEMETERY OR CREMATORY New Pine Creek
 24D. LOCATION (City, town, or county) (State) New Pine Creek Ore

DATE REC'D BY LOCAL REG. 6/5/54
 REGISTRAR'S SIGNATURE Paul H. Klewer
 FUNERAL DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE E. Oster
 ADDRESS Lakeview Ore

OR death record of **brother Lewis Edwin Benefiel (1887-1954)** – Find A Grave 22595562 and <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/609878:61675>

Lewis Edwin Benefiel

in the Oregon, U.S., Select Births and Christenings, 1868-1929

Name	Lewis Edwin Benefiel
Gender	Male
Birth Date	31 Dec 1887
Birth Place	Crooked Creek Valley, Lake, Oregon
Father	James T Benefiel
Mother	Evrena May Clark
FHL Film Number	2229473

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/52430:60106?ssrc=pt&tid=84974387&pid=332151375954>

HUSBAND		WIFE	
Lewis Edwin Benefield		Full maiden name Eula Weagant	
Lakeview, Ore		Residence Lakeview Ore	
Age 39 4 10 Years Months Days		Color White ; Age 18 8 - Years Months Days	
Lake Co. Oregon		Birthplace U.S.A.	
Lumberman		Occupation Housewife	
St		No. of marriage 1st	
Iowa		Father's birthplace U.S.A.	
Iowa		Mother's birthplace U.S.A.	
OF MARRIAGE		Registered No.	
Lakeview		No. Street	
Date of marriage May 11, 1927 Month Day Year			
(Signed) Carl W. Pendleton Lora Hickerson, Deputy		County Clerk.	

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/120481456:61677>

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Oregon State Board of Health
Division of Vital Statistics
Standard Certificate of Death
STATE OF OREGON

State File No. _____
Local Registrar's No. 12

65-21818

MARGIN RESERVED FOR BINDING

N. B.—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. Exact statement of OCCUPATION is very important.

STATE PRINTING BOARD

1. PLACE OF DEATH:

(a) County Deschutes
(b) City or town Bend
(c) Name of hospital or institution 509-Harriman
(If not in hospital or institution write street number or location)
(d) Length of stay: In hospital or institution _____ (Specify whether)
In this community 4 mo In state Life (years, months or days)

2. USUAL RESIDENCE OF DECEASED:

(a) State Oregon (b) County Deschutes
(c) City or town 509-Harriman (If outside city or town limits write RURAL.)
(d) Street No. Bend Cr (If rural give location)
(e) If foreign born, how long in U. S. A? _____ years.

3. (a) FULL NAME Iva Lofftus
3. (b) If veteran, _____ **3. (c) Social Security** _____
name war _____ No. _____

4. Sex Female **5. Color or** White **6. (a) Single, widowed, married,** divorced
6. (b) Name of husband or wife Paul Lofftus **6. (c) Age of husband or wife** 48 years
If alive _____ years

7. Birth date of deceased Jan 26 (Month) 2 (Day) 1893 (Year)
8. Age: Years 50 Months 4 Days 23 If less than one day _____ hr. _____ min.

9. Birthplace Coquille Creek Valley, Or. (City, town, or county) (State or foreign country)
10. Usual occupation Housekeeper
11. Industry or business Domestic

12. Name James Benefiel
13. Birthplace Idaho (City, town, or county) (State or foreign country)
14. Maiden name Corbina Clark
15. Birthplace Idaho (City, town, or county) (State or foreign country)

16. (a) Informant's own signature Paul Lofftus
(b) Address 509 Harriman St.
**17. (a) Burial (b) Date thereof 1-27-44 (Month) (Day) (Year)
(c) Place: burial or cremation Lakewood, Or.**

18. (a) Signature of funeral director Wenger & Winalow
(b) Address Bend, Oregon

19. (a) Jan 26-44 (b) Mrs. Edith Kestel (c) _____
(Date received local registrar) (Registrar's signature)

MEDICAL CERTIFICATION

20. Date of death: Month Jan day 26
year 1944 hour 6 minute 20 A.M.
21. I hereby certify that I attended the deceased from Dec 1,
1944, to Jan 26, 1944 that I last saw her alive
on Jan 24, 1944; and that death occurred on the date
and hour stated above.

Immediate cause of death Broncho-pneumonia **Duration** 1 wk.
Due to Chronic lymphatic
Due to leukemia **many**
Other conditions _____ **PHYSICIAN** _____
(Include sequela within 3 months of death)
Major findings: _____
Of operations _____
Of 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? _____ (City or town) (County) (State)
(d) Did injury occur in or about home, on farm, in industrial place,
in public place? _____ (Specify type of place)
While at work? _____ (e) Means of injury _____

23. Signature Dr. W. H. Kestel (M. D. or other) MD
Address Bend, Or. **Date signed** 4/24/44

Sister Iva Viola Ann Benefiel Shellhammer Lofftus (1893-1944) -

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PLACE OF MARRIAGE		COUNTY OF LAKE		OR		No.		STREET	
DATE OF MARRIAGE		Feb		22		1911			
Month		Day		Year					
HUSBAND					WIFE				
Pleasant Earnest Shellhammer					Full Maiden Name Ma Victoria Benefiel				
Crooked Creek, Oregon					Residence Crooked Creek, Oregon				
White : Age 22 Years one Months 25 Days					Color white : Age 19 Years 5 Months 20 Days				
Crooked Creek, Oregon					Birthplace Crooked Creek, Oregon				
Farmer					Occupation House Wife				
First					No. of Marriage one First				
California					Father's Birthplace Iowa				
California					Mother's Birthplace Iowa				
(Signed) A. W. Payne					County Clerk				

Marriage to Pleasant Earnest Shellhammer on 22 Feb 1911 in Lake Co. OR -
<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/122152666:61677?tid=84974387&pid=332151375956&queryId=8f4bb081-c300-45d8-9d95-89cde8e89632&phsrc=cPx6464&phstart=successSource>

P. E. Shellhammer			Maiden name of wife Iva Benefield		
Lakeview, Oregon			Residence of wife Paisley, Oregon		
Number (or volume of record, etc.) No. 2221			Date of marriage February 11 1911 (Month) (Day) (Year)		
Plaintiff? wife (Husband or wife)			Was case contested? no		
Judgment: May 1 1925 (Month) (Day) (Year)			Cause for which divorced Desertion		
Date of final decree May 1 1925 (Month) (Day) (Year)			Number of children affected by decree Two		
Lake			(Signed) Carl M. Pennington By Shirley Garrett, Deputy County Clerk.		

Divorce 1 May 1925 Lake Co. OR on grounds of desertion from Pleasant Earnest Shellhammer - <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/90021220:61678>

Iva Shellhammer	
in the Oregon, U.S., Marriage Indexes, 1906-2009	
Name	Iva Shellhammer
Gender	Female
Marriage Date	25 Dec 1925
Marriage Place	Lake, Oregon, USA
Spouse	Oscar P Lofftus

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/904202396:5193>

Mrs. Lofftus, 50, Taken by Death

Mrs. Iva Lofftus, 50, died this morning at her home, 509 Harri-man, after an illness of several years. Mrs. Lofftus was a native of Lake county, where she spent her entire life until coming to Bend with her husband, Paul Lofftus, several months ago.

Funeral services are under the direction of Niswonger and Winslow funeral home and will be held Thursday from the Baptist church in Lakeview.

Besides her husband, a Bend restaurant operator, and her mother, Mrs. Everena Benefield of Lakeview, who was with her at death, Mrs. Lofftus is also survived by two sons, Fred and Bob, of Bend; and two daughters, Mrs. Robert Royster of Portland and Mrs. Homer Strombaugh of San Francisco, Calif.

Obituary of Iva, which fails to mention her surviving brothers Lewis, Lester & James – "Bend (OR) Bulletin" Tuesday 25 Jan 1944 p 5

COSWAY, ST, BOTH OF SPARKS.
BENEFIEL-LAYTON — L. Leon
 Benefiel, 42, and Lillie V. Lay-
 ton, 41, both of Reno.

Marriage license of brother Lester Leon Benefiel (1900-1944) – “Reno (NV) Gazette-
 Journal” Tuesday 11 Aug 1942 p 12

HUSBAND		WIFE	
Lester Leon Benefiel		Full maiden name Marie De Carlo	
Lakeview - Oregon		Residence Cedarville - Calif	
Age 36 — 15		Color white; Age 25 — 9 — 4	
Lakeview - Oregon		Birthplace Osceola - Missouri	
Laborer		Occupation Housewife	
1st		No. of marriage 1st	
Iowa		Father's birthplace Italy	
Iowa		Mother's birthplace Oklahoma	
PLACE OF MARRIAGE			
Lakeview		Registered No.	
Date of marriage August 23, 1936		Street	
Signed by F. M. Burke		County Clerk	
Justice of the Peace		By Cora O'Connor - Deputy	

Marriage of Lester Leon Benefiel to Marie De Carlo -

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/120539926:61677>

DEC 6 - 1946		State File No. 8878	
Docket No. 4224 (Or volume and page)		Docket No. 4224 (Or volume and page)	
HUSBAND		WIFE	
1. Place of divorce: (a) County <u>Lake</u> ;		1. Place of divorce: (a) County <u>Lake</u> ;	
(b) Court <u>Circuit</u>		(b) Court <u>Circuit</u>	
2. Place of marriage <u>Nevada</u>		2. Place of marriage <u>Nevada</u>	
<u>Washoe</u> (County) <u>Reno</u> (City or town)		<u>Washoe</u> (County) <u>Reno</u> (City or town)	
3. Date of marriage <u>June 14, 1946</u>		3. Date of marriage <u>June 14, 1946</u>	
4. Date of separation <u>August, 1946</u>		4. Date of separation <u>August, 1946</u>	
5. Date of filing petition <u>Sept. 23, 1946</u>		5. Date of filing petition <u>Sept. 23, 1946</u>	
6. Date of decree or judgment <u>Nov. 14, 1946</u>		6. Date of decree or judgment <u>Nov. 14, 1946</u>	
7. Plaintiff: Husband <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wife <input type="checkbox"/>		7. Plaintiff: Husband <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wife <input type="checkbox"/>	
8. Was case contested? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		8. Was case contested? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
9. Cause or ground for divorce <u>Cruel + Inhuman Treatment</u>		9. Cause or ground for divorce <u>Cruel + Inhuman Treatment</u>	
10. Absolute divorce or conditions		10. Absolute divorce or conditions	
11. Divorce granted to: Husband <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wife <input type="checkbox"/>		11. Divorce granted to: Husband <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wife <input type="checkbox"/>	
12. Alimony granted: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		12. Alimony granted: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
13. (a) Number of children affected by the decree <u>two</u>		13. (a) Number of children affected by the decree <u>two</u>	
(b) Total number of children by this marriage <u>none</u>		(b) Total number of children by this marriage <u>none</u>	
14. Full name <u>James T. Benefiel</u>		14. Maiden name <u>Velma Marie Benefiel</u>	
15. Residence at time of divorce: State <u>Oregon</u> County <u>Lake</u>		15. Residence at time of divorce: State <u>Iowa</u> County <u>—</u>	
City or town <u>Lakeview</u>		City or town <u>—</u>	
16. Residence at time of marriage: State <u>Oregon</u> County <u>Lake</u>		16. Residence at time of marriage: State <u>—</u> County <u>—</u>	
City or town <u>Lakeview</u>		City or town <u>—</u>	
17. Color or race <u>white</u>		17. Color or race <u>white</u>	
18. Age last birthday <u>—</u> (Years)		18. Age last birthday <u>—</u> (Years)	
19. Number of this marriage <u>—</u> (1st, 2d, 3d, etc.)		19. Number of this marriage <u>—</u> (1st, 2d, 3d, etc.)	
20. Birthplace <u>—</u> (State or country)		20. Birthplace <u>—</u> (State or country)	
21. Usual occupation <u>—</u>		21. Usual occupation <u>—</u>	
22. Industry or business <u>—</u>		22. Industry or business <u>—</u>	

Divorce of brother James Thornley Benefiel (1904-1969) after 5 months of marriage -
<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/90135284:61678?tid=84974387&pid=332151375962&queryId=fe92f79e-fa2c-4768-b431-97a31a7c90f3&phsrc=cPx6470&phstart=successSource>

Abbreviations:

b = born
d = died

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

NOK = next-of-kin

Name: Fredrick Tolman Benefiel

Name variations: Frederick T. Benefiel, Fred T. Benefiel

Military:

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

Serial number: not assigned when died

Entered service from: Lakeview, Lake OR

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: Fred T. Benefiel

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": mother Mrs. R.L. Benefiel, Lakeview OR

First buried on the isle of Islay, Scotland: at Kilnaughton, Islay, Scotland - grave 83, as Fred T. Benefiel

Body returned from war on: "Antigone" arriving Hoboken 29 Sep 1920

Body listed on return ship as: F.T. Benefiel

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: NOK not reported on this list, pvt, Co. D, 20th Engrs, 6th Battalion

World War I draft registration (1917):

National Tuscania Survivors Association 1939 roster: Lakeview OR [he himself was deceased]

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlistment date not given

Discharge date not given [death date of 14 Feb 1918]

Address: Santa Barbara CA

Rank/unit:

Birth & death:

Born: 24 Nov 1896 Crooked Creek, Lake OR

Died: Tuscania, 15 Feb 1918, Islay, Scotland (pneumonia from the Tuscania experience)
(alternative dates: 12 or 14 Feb)

Find A Grave record: 57041386 - presence on Tuscania noted in flower

Burial location: Arlington, Arlington Co. VA

Cemetery: Arlington National

Tombstone: veteran tombstone - Oregon Pvt 20 Engrs

Father: James Tolman Benefiel, 24 Aug 1855 Louisa Co. IA - 15 Feb 1904 CA. Son of Robert Wiley Benefiel & Lilles Rockerfeller Raymond. James & brother Robert came in 1878 from Goleta Valley CA to Lake Co. OR in a buckboard. James homesteaded at Crooked Creek Canyon, where he built a cabin. Following his 1887 marriage, he homesteaded at the mouth of Loveless Creek. After James was injured in an accident in 1903, the family (which included 4 children) moved to Santa Barbara CA by horse to improve his health, but he died in 1904. His son James was born posthumously, a month after his father's death.

Buried in Goleta Cemetery, Goleta, Santa Barbara CA.

Find A Grave: 6121924

Mother: Evrena May ("Rena") Clark Benefiel Benefiel, 29 Jul 1865 South English, Keokuk IA – 12 Jul 1963 Saint Helena, Napa CA. She outlived all but her youngest child, James.

Following the death of her 1st husband, James Tolman Benefiel, she married his younger brother, Robert Lewis Benefiel. Buried in Saint Helena Cemetery, Saint Helena, Napa CA.

Find A Grave: 47730614

Parents' marriage: 20 Mar 1887 Ashland, Jackson OR

Stepfather: Robert Lewis Benefiel, 25 Aug 1858 IA – 23 May 1928 Lake Co. OR. Son of Robert Wiley Benefiel & Lilles Rockerfeller Raymond, and brother of Evrena's 1st husband James Tolman Benefiel.

Spouse:

Spouse Find A Grave:

Children:

Siblings:

- Lewis Edwin Benefiel, 31 Dec 1887 Crooked Creek Valley, Lake OR [or Ashland, Jackson OR] – 4 Jun 1954 Lake Co. OR. Married 11 May 1927 Lakeview, Lake OR to Eula Pearl Weagant (1908-1981, F: 1339397627). Buried in New Pine Creek Cemetery, New Pine, Lake OR. F: 22595562
- Iva Viola Ann Benefiel Shellhammer Lofftus. 2 Sep 1893 Lakeview, Lake OR – 25 Jan 1944 Bend, Deschutes OR. - Married to Pleasant Earnest Shellhammer (1888-1968) in Lake Co. OR on 22 Feb 1911. Divorced 1 May 1925 in Lake Co. OR. - Married to Oscar Lofftus (1895-1955) in Lake Co. OR on 25 Dec 1925. Buried in IOOF Cemetery, Lakeview, Lake OR. F: 38358905
- Lester Leon Benefiel, 5 Aug 1900 OR – 23 Sep 1944 San Joaquin Co. CA. Married Marie De Carlo when she was age 25 on 23 Aug 1936 Lakeview, Lake OR. She was born in Osceola MO. – Married Lillian V. Penland Layton (1901-1982, F: 104459921), obtaining a marriage license in Reno, Washoe NV in Aug 1942. Lillian was the daughter of John Milton Penland (1864-1939, F: 88762456). She had married ca. 1920 Leslie J. Layton, born c. 1891. - Buried as L. Leon Benefiel in Peoples Cemetery, San Andreas, Calaveras CA. F: 88762407
- James Thornley Benefiel, 28 Mar 1904 Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara CA – 28 Dec 1969 Foresthill, Placer Co. CA. Born the month after his father died. WWII veteran. – Married 14 Jun 1946 to Velma Marie, who reports her maiden name was also Benefiel on their 14 Nov 1946 Lake Co. OR divorce. Buried in Old Auburn Cemetery, Auburn, Placer CA. F: 49749049

Notes:

Wartime:

"Pittsburgh (PA) Post-Gazette" 14 Feb 1918 p 2

8 Americans still on Scottish coast [i.e. Islay] too ill to leave, "several of them still dazed by their experiences." One of them was F.I. Benefiel. [other newspapers report his initials as F.L.]

Post-war:

Obituary:

Censuses:

1900 Crooked Creek, Lake OR

James T. Benefiel, 45 IA, Aug 1855, parents' birthplaces unknown, married 13 years, no occupation listed

Evarena, 36 IA, parents b. PA, Jul 1864, gave birth to 3 children, 3 are living

Lewis E., 12 OR, Dec 1887, at school

Iva V., 8 OR, Sep 1891, at school

Frederick T., 3 OR, Nov 1896

1910 Crooked Creek, Lake OR

Edwin Benefiel, 22 OR, parents b. IA, farmer [i.e. Lewis Edwin] [head of household]

Rena Benefiel, 45 IA, parents b. IA, widow, gave birth to 5 children, 5 are living [mother]

Iva, 19 OR, parents b. IA [sister]

Fred, 12 OR, parents b. IA [brother]

Lewin or Lewis, 9 OR, parents b. IA [brother] [i.e. Lester]

James, 5 OR, parents b. IA [brother]