

# TUSCANIA

**Bennett, LeRoy Perley**  
**1889 PA – 1971 VT**



**3 HARTFORD BOYS  
MAY HAVE BEEN ON  
TORPEDOED TUSCANIA**

Believe H. G. Brimble and  
Joseph Fanelli Were  
Aboard Besides Sergt.  
Bennett.

**BENNETT CABLES  
LANDING IN IRELAND**

Letter Received Recently in  
Hartford From Corporal  
Brimble.

pany of this city, was on the torpedoed liner Tuscania, and has cabled that he has been safely landed in Ireland.

Mr. Bennett, 28 years old, lived at the Hartford Young Men's Christian Association, and is a brother-in-law of Warren W. Upson of No. 192 Oxford street. He left the training camp at Mineola, Long Island, January 26, and presumably embarked on the Tuscania with his command shortly after.

Mr. Upson saw his brother-in-law's name in the morning papers yesterday, the first he knew of his departure for France. About 10 o'clock he was notified through a friend in New York, that a cablegram was received telling of the safe arrival.

Mr. Bennett's parents live in Woodmont. He is a graduate of the Sheffield Scientific School, Yale, class of 1912, and lived in Hartford eighteen months, leaving here to enter the service of the United States.

First Sergeant LeRoy P. Bennett of Woodmont, who enlisted in the non-flying section of the 213th Aero Squadron in December, and until two months ago a claim adjuster for the Hartford Accident & Indemnity Com-

"Hartford (CT) Courant" Friday 8 Feb 1918 p 16 -  
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Sergt. LeRoy P. Bennett.

#### TUSCANIA SURVIVOR'S ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED

Mrs. M. T. Bartlett of New Haven has announced the engagement of her daughter, Miss Ruth Bartlett, to LeRoy P. Bennett, one of the former Hartford young men who survived the Tuscania disaster. Mr. Bennett

was graduated from Sheffield Scientific School in 1912 and is a sergeant in the 213th Aero Squadron. He is 28 years of age. Until December, he was claim adjuster for the Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company. His home is in Woodmont.


LeRoy Perley Bennett – “Hartford [CT] Courant” Friday 15 Feb 1918 p 2 [engagement announced] - <https://www.newspapers.com/image/369549792/>

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Military Census - Form No. 1

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**State of Connecticut.**  
**REC'D FEB 16 1917**

By direction of an act of the Legislature of Connecticut, approved February 7th, 1917, I am required to procure certain information relative to the resources of the State. I therefore call upon you to answer the following questions.

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MARCUS H. HOLCOMB,  
Governor.

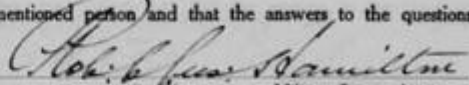
TOWN or CITY Hartford DATE Feb 16<sup>th</sup> 1917  
 FULL NAME Le Roy Lerley Bennett  
 POST OFFICE ADDRESS 315 Pearl St.  
(Street and Number or Rural Free Delivery Number)

1. What is your present Trade, Occupation or Profession? Insurance  
 2. Have you experience in any other Trade, Occupation or Profession? Wholesale grocery  
(State which)  
 3. What is your Age? 28 Height? 5' 7 1/2" Weight? 150  
 4. Are you Married? Single? or Widower? Single  
 5. How many persons are dependent on you for support? None  
 6. Are you a citizen of the United States? Yes  
 7. If not a citizen of the United States have you taken out your first papers? No  
 8. If not a citizen of the United States, what is your nationality? No  
 9. Have you ever done any Military or Naval Service in this or any other Country? No  
 Where?            How Long?            What Branch?            Rank?           

10. Have you any serious physical disability? No If so, name it.           

11. Can you do any of the following: Ride a horse? Yes Handle a team? Yes Drive an automobile? Yes  
 Ride a motorcycle? Yes Understand telegraphy? No Operate a wireless? No Any experience with  
 a steam engine? No Any experience with electrical machinery? No Handle a boat, ~~power~~ or sail? Sail  
 Any experience in simple coastwise navigation? No Any experience with High Speed Marine Gasoline  
 Engines? No Are you a good swimmer? Fair

I hereby certify that I have personally interviewed the above mentioned person and that the answers to the questions enumerated are as he gave them to me.

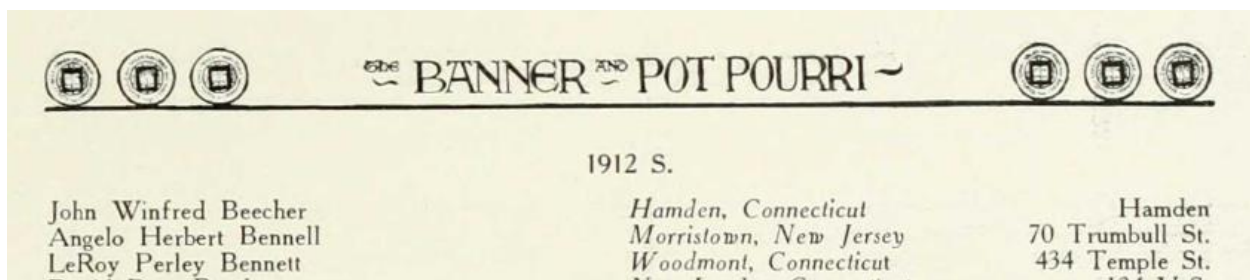
  
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### Connecticut. Military Census 1917-1918

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Yale University yearbook 1916 - <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/29044706:1265>



Yale University yearbook 1911 - <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/29078383:1265>



THIS COPY TO THE  
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ON-PHS-SC-87 LOCAL FILE NUMBER

VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
COPY OF CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

STATE FILE NUMBER  
00279

DECEASED—NAME FIRST MIDDLE LAST Leroy P Bennett		SEX Male	DATE OF DEATH (MONTH, DAY, YEAR) January 17, 1971
RACE—WHITE, NEGRO, AMERICAN INDIAN, ETC. (SPECIFY) White		AGE LAST BIRTH DAY (YEARS) 81	DATE OF BIRTH (MONTH, DAY, YEAR) 2/7/1889
CITY, TOWN OF DEATH Newport		COUNTY OF DEATH Orleans	
STATE OF BIRTH (IF NOT IN U.S.A.) Pennsylvania		CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY U.S.A.	
SOCIAL SECURITY NO. 040-18-2205		WAS DECEASED A VETERAN OF ANY WAR? (YES OR NO) IF NO, WHAT WAR? World War I	
RESIDENCE—STATE Vermont		STREET AND NUMBER 34 Skyline Drive	
FATHER—NAME Ira P Bennett		MOTHER—MAIDEN NAME Elisa Tolles	
INFORMANT—NAME Med Rec - North Country Hospital		MAILING ADDRESS (STREET OR R.F.D. NO., CITY OR TOWN, STATE, ZIP CODE) Longview Street, Newport, Vermont 05855	
PART I: DEATH WAS CAUSED BY (ENTER ONLY ONE CAUSE PER LINE FOR (A), (B), AND (C))			
(A) IMMEDIATE CAUSE Carcinoma Prostate		APPROXIMATE INTERVAL 2 yrs	
(B) DUE TO, OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF Metastatic Brain & Lungs		1 yr	
(C) DUE TO, OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF			
PART II: OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS, CONDITIONS CONTRIBUTING TO DEATH GIVEN IN PART I (A)			
ACCIDENT, SUICIDE, HOMICIDE, OR (UNDETERMINED) (SPECIFY)			
INJURY AT WORK (SPECIFY YES OR NO)		HOW DID INJURY OCCUR (ENTER NATURE OF INJURY IN PART I OR PART II)	
PLACE OF INJURY AT HOME, PARK, FACTORY, STREET, OFFICE BLDG, ETC. (SPECIFY)		LOCATION (STREET, OR R.F.D. NO., CITY OR TOWN, STATE)	
PHYSICIAN ATTENDED THE DECEASED FROM 10/15/70 TO 1-17-71		AND LAST SAW HIM HER ALIVE 1-16-71	
MEDICAL EXAMINER (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)		DEATH OCCURRED AT THE PLACE, ON THE DATE, AND TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, BUT OTHER CAUSE(S) STATED	
CERTIFIER NAME (TYPE OR PRINT) T F Gage, M.D.		SIGNATURE (DEGREE OR TITLE) T F Gage M.D.	
MAILING ADDRESS—CERTIFIER 30 East Street, Orleans, Vermont 05860		DATE SIGNED (MONTH, DAY, YEAR) 1-18/1971	
BURIAL, CREMATION, REMOVAL (SPECIFY) Entombment		CITY OR TOWN, STATE Lyndon Ctr., Vermont	
DATE (MONTH, DAY, YEAR) January 20, 1971		FUNDING HOME—NAME Woods & Trefren Funeral Home, Lyndonville, Vermont 05851	
FUNDING DIRECTOR—SIGNATURE /s/ Mack B Converse		DATE RECEIVED—BY LOCAL REGISTRAR (MONTH, DAY, YEAR) January 19, 1971	
TRUE COPY (CLARK'S SIGNATURE) ATTEST		TOWN OF City of Newport	
		DATE (MONTH, DAY, YEAR) Jan 21, 1971	

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Life

Master Leroy Bennett of Philadelphia  
is stopping with his grandmother, Mrs.  
L. A. Barney.

East Burke VT news: LeRoy visits his paternal grandmother, Lucia Kittridge Cheney Bennett  
Barney – "St. Johnsbury (VT) Caledonian" Wednesday 27 Aug 1902 p 6

Leroy Bennett of Connecticut has  
been spending a few days on his father's  
farm which is run by Harry Leach.

"St. Johnsbury (VT) Republican" Wednesday 28 Aug 1907 p 2

## FIRE TERROR IN WOODMONT

Four Blazes Laid to Work of One  
Person- Reward for  
Capture

People at Woodmont are in a state of terror over the operations of a fire bug, who, in the past five weeks, has attempted to burn down three different buildings, and in one dwelling house when the first attempt proved a failure, a second fire was started. The board of wardens and burgess has offered a reward of \$100 for the arrest and conviction of the fire bug. The board will hold a meeting this week, and then, if the incendiary is not captured, they will vote to increase the reward. Meanwhile winter residents of Woodmont are staying up all night to guard their property from the torch.

The first of these fires occurred five weeks ago, when the dwelling house of Homer Merwin, near Merwin's Point, was set afire. It was about 9:30 o'clock in the evening, when most of the residents had retired, that a bright light was discovered in the Merwin house, which is unoccupied. Leroy Bennett, who lives in the borough, was passing by and saw smoke coming out of the windows of the Merwin house. He rang in an alarm and those members of the borough fire department who stay there all winter responded, and found two beds afire in different rooms of the Merwin house. They put the fire out and an investigation proved to them that the fire had been started by someone who got into the house and

set newspapers afire in the beds.

Another fire occurred on Saturday night, the 13th of this month, in the Sanford Hotel, located down near Merwin's Point. The Sanford Hotel is a large wooden structure, and is owned by Mrs. Charlotte Sanford, of 74 Whalley avenue, widow of George W. Sanford, and the mother of George Foster Sanford, the football coach. The fire in the Sanford Hotel was discovered about the same hour as that in the Merwin house. All the window shades in the house were blazing when it was first seen, and only by the prompt discovery and the quick work of the firemen was the hotel saved from complete destruction.

The second fire in the Homer Merwin house broke out Saturday night, the 20th. A pillow soaked with oil or some other kind of inflammable liquid

Article continues – "Meriden (CT) Record-Journal" Monday 1 Mar 1909 p 5

Leroy Bennett and a party of friends  
from Woodmont, Conn., are stopping at  
the Bennett farm.

"St. Johnsbury (VT) Caledonian" Wednesday 11 Aug 1909 p 5

Leroy Bennett, who has been spending  
the summer here, returned to his home in  
Woodmont, Conn., Sunday. From there  
he goes to Yale College.

*"St. Johnsbury (VT) Caledonian" Wednesday 29 Sep 1909 p 3*

Leroy Bennett and sister, Miss Marjory, with a party of young people and chaperon from Woodmont, Conn., are camping on Burke mountain.

*"St. Johnsbury (VT) Republican" Wednesday 28 Aug 1912 p 7*

**Mrs. Austin Barney.**

The funeral services of Mrs. Austin Barney were held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lysander G. Shurtleff Wednesday afternoon, Rev. James G. Hutchinson officiating. The bearers were Almon Smith, Myron Gilson, George Kittredge, Lysander Shurtleff, Leroy Bennett and Aubrey Gray. There were many beautiful flowers. The remains were carried to Woodmont cemetery in East Burke for burial.

Lucia Ann Kittredge, daughter of Ira and Hannah Phippen Kittredge, was born in Westminster September 13, 1818, and died in Lyndonville March 10, after an illness of some weeks, caused by a general breaking down of the system due to old age. Her girlhood was spent in Lyndon. She had been married three times. Her first husband was Elias Cheney, by whom she had one daughter, Florence Cheney, deceased. For her second husband she married Perley Bennett, who died June 9, 1856. Four children were born to them, Anson and Lulu, dying in infancy, Ira P. Bennett, now residing in Woodmont, Conn., and Stella, Mrs. Charles P. Howland of Burke. In 1863, seven years after Mr. Bennett's death she was again united in marriage to Austin Barney of Kirby, who died some years ago. Since his death she has lived in her own home in Kirby, and in the homes of Michael Sullivan and Samuel Fitzpatrick in Kirby. For some years past she has lived with Mr. and Mrs. Lysander G

Shurtleff of Lyndonville, where she has been tenderly and faithfully cared for in her declining years, receiving the same love and respect as if they had been her own children. For many long years she has been a devoted and consistent member of the Baptist church at East Burke. She was a loving wife and mother, a kind neighbor and an ever-faithful friend. She was an exceedingly industrious woman and through all her long and honorable life showed one trait of character in a remarkable degree, the beautiful hospitality with which she welcomed all her friends to her home.

*Pallbearer for his paternal grandmother – "St. Johnsbury (VT) Republican" Wednesday 19 Mar 1913 p 5*



## YALE HONORS MANY MEN

Alfred Noyes Made a Doctor of  
Letters

Degrees for Noyes of Tech, Cushing of  
Harvard

The University Diploma Given to  
767

Annual Commencement Closes Yale's 212th  
Year

### BACHELORS OF PHILOSOPHY

John P. Adriance,	Haroutune G. Keshish-
Irving Alderman,	ian,
Samuel B. Alderman,	William T. Ketcham,
Edward L. Aldworth,	Luther L. Killam,
Isaac Alpert,	Chase H. Knowlton,
Charles A. Anderson,	Allen S. Lake,
Dexter P. Anderson,	Michael F. Lauro,
Waldemar E. Anderson,	Howard B. Lee,
Sherman Armstrong,	Kenneth F. Lees,
John A. Arnold,	Nathaniel M. Lerner,
Norris I. Asher,	Herman Levine,
Charles C. Ayres,	Douglas F. Linsley,
William T. Bahiman,	Franklin H. Loomis,
Louis D. Bailly-	George D. Macbeth,
Blanchard,	Charles A. McCluskey,
James T. Baird, Jr.,	Francis T. A. McDon-
Orin M. Baker,	ough,
John D. Bassette,	Walter L. McGill,
John G. Baucher,	William S. McKinney,
Allen M. Beardsley,	Jr.,
Henry A. Behre,	George MacNish,
Leroy P. Bennett,	Alvan Markle, Jr.,
Wallace Bigelow,	Clyde Martin,
Waldo H. Blackmer,	Dennis B. Martin Jr.,
Clarence V. Blake,	Joseph W. Martindale,

List continues – Yale University graduate, 1913 - "Boston (MA) Evening Transcript"  
Wednesday 18 Jun 1913 p 4

Leroy Bennett has gone to New  
Haven, Conn., where he has a situa-  
tion.

"St. Johnsbury (VT) Republican" Wednesday 16 Jul 1913 p 5

Ira Bennett and son, Leroy Bennett, Carl Narr and Warren Upson of Woodmont, Conn., are spending a few weeks at Mr. Bennett's bungalow at the foot of Burke mountain. Later Mrs. Bennett will come and with Mr. Bennett will spend the summer there.

Leroy, his father Ira, mother Eliza, brother-in-law Warren Upson – “St. Johnsbury (VT) Republican” Wednesday 6 Jun 1917 p 2

last week.—Leroy Bennett has returned to his home in Woodmont, Conn., after spending two weeks with friends at the Bennett bungalow on Burke Mountain.—Mrs. J. B. Frappied and

“St. Johnsbury (VT) Caledonian” Wednesday 13 Jun 1917 p 4

Leroy Bennett and two gentlemen friends from Woodmont, Conn., are spending a short time in the Bennett Bungalow at the foot of Burke Mt.

“Vermont Union-Journal” (Lyndonville VT) Wednesday 5 Sep 1917 p 4

**Hartford Man Rescued.**  
HARTFORD, Feb. 7.—From a cable message received today it became known that Leroy P. Bennett of this city, formerly of Woodmont, a member of an aviation command, was saved from the Tuscania. Prior to enlisting in December, Bennett, whose age is 28, was an adjuster for the Connecticut Mutual Fire Insurance Co.

“The Day” (New London CT) Thursday 7 Feb 1918 p 1

**Hartford Man Saved.**  
Hartford, Feb. 7.—From a cable message received today it became known that Leroy P. Bennett of this city, formerly of Woodmont, a member of an aviation command, was saved from the Tuscania. Prior to enlisting in December Bennett, whose age is 28, was an adjuster for the Connecticut Mutual Fire Insurance company.  
Another former Hartford boy, Corporal Harry G. Brimble, is believed to have been on the vessel.

*"Meriden (CT) Record-Journal" Friday 8 Feb 1918 p 3*

# 13 Nutmeg State Men on Tuscania

**Only 20 Names of Survivors Received Out of 2,000 Rescued --- None from Connecticut.**

**(By GEORGE H. MANNING.)**

Washington, Feb. 7. (Special)—An even 13 men from Connecticut were passengers on the transport Tuscania which was sunk by the German submarine. Up to an early hour this morning the names of only 20 of the survivors had been received by the war department out of about 2,000 who have been rescued.

The names of none of the Connecticut men appear among the first 20 known survivors. The Connecticut men on the ill fated transport were: Albert Ratkitch, 376 North Main street, Union City, private, 213th Aero Squadron; Walter P. Decker, 29 Irion street, Waterbury, private, medical corps; Charles Mead, 35 Lexington avenue, Greenwich, private, 213th Aero Squadron; Julius Wagerm, Stamford, private, 20th Engineers; Thomas P. Reid, New Haven, private, 20th Engineers; Leroy P. Bennett, Woodmont, son of Ira P. Bennett, sergeant, 213th Aero Squadron; Leo W. Harp, Greenwich, 23 Connecticut avenue, son of Mrs. John J. Harp, private, 213th Aero Squadron; Edwin C. Lewis, son of Marc Lewis, Eastford, private of 100th Aero Squadron; Emmett S. White, son of Charles W. White, Weaverville, private of 158th Aero Squadron; Frederick J. Thomas, 2754 Main street, Bridgeport, sister Mrs. Annie Manning, private, 158th Aero Squadron; Raymond W. Somerset, 53 Bond street, Hartford, son of Mrs. Rachael Somerset, private, 158th Aero Squadron; Dudley H. Marsh, Portland; private, 158th Aero Squadron and George A. Clark, son of George A. Clark, Stafford, private, 158th Aero Squadron.

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"Bridgeport (CT) Telegram" Friday 8 Feb 1918 p 5 -  
<https://www.newspapers.com/image/24448914/>

# Report Eight Connecticut Survivors From Tuscania

**Names Contained in Partial List Received By War Department of Those Saved.**

(Special to The Courant.)

Washington, Feb. 9.

A partial list received by the war department today of the survivors of the disaster which befell the transport *Tuscania*, carrying American troops to France, when she was torpedoed in British waters several days ago, gives the names of eight Connecticut men.

The names of thirteen Connecticut men appear on the passenger list of the *Tuscania*. These names were contained in the dispatch contained in this paper Friday morning.

The eight survivors reported are as follows:—

Charles Mead, No. 35 Lexington avenue, Greenwich.

Edwin C. Lewis, Eastford.

Leo W. Harp, No. 23 Connecticut avenue, Greenwich.

Leroy P. Bennett, Woodmont.

Walter P. Becker, No. 29 Irion street, Waterbury.

Thomas P. Reid, No. 78 Lawrence street, New Haven.

Albert Ratkiewicz, No. 376 North Main street, Union City.

Raymond W. Somerset, No. 53 Bond street, Hartford.

A special dispatch to "The Cour-

ant" on Friday morning announced that the passenger list of the *Tuscania* carried the names of thirteen Connecticut men. Checking off the names of those in the above dispatch from the list printed on Friday the following Connecticut men are apparently unaccounted for, according to the latest advices received in Washington:—

Julius Wagehm, Stamford, private, Twentieth Engineers.

Dudley H. Marsh, Portland, private, 158th Aero Squadron.

George A. Clark, Stafford, private, 158th Aero Squadron.

Frederick J. Thomas, private, 158th Aero Squadron.

Emmett S. White, Weaverville, private, 158th Aero Squadron.

Although Raymond W. Somerset is the only man on the list with Hartford as his address, two other survivors were formerly of this city. Thomas P. Reid of New Haven, who is the son of Rev. and Mrs. George D. Reid of No. 205 North Oxford street and a brother of Mrs. Kirby C. Pratt of the same address. The other survivor with Hartford connections is Leroy P. Bennett, first sergeant in the non-flying section of the 213th Aero Squadron and who, until two months ago, was a claim adjuster for the Hartford Accident & Indemnity Company.

"Hartford (CT) Courant" Sunday 10 Feb 1918 p 36

The relatives of Leroy P. Bennett, who enlisted some time ago in the U. S. Naval Reserves, and who was in an aero squadron that was on the "*Tuscania*," have received a cablegram from him, stating that he is all right. His parents live in Woodmont, and are Mr. and Mrs. Abner Bennett.

"Bridgeport (CT) Telegram" Monday 11 Feb 1918 p 13

## SIXTY-THREE AMERICAN SURVIVORS OF TORPEDOED TRANSPORT TUSCANIA

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—Sixty-three American survivors of the torpedoed troop ship Tuscania were reported to the war department today as recovering in Irish hospitals from the effects of injuries or exposure. The dispatch said none of the cases was serious, and that it was expected all the men soon would be discharged.

All of the sixty-three had previously been reported saved, and the presence of many of them in hospitals had been recorded in press dispatches, although today's dispatch brought the first official list of those in hospitals.

The list follows:

At Londonderry—Willie P. Leblance, Garyville, La.; William B. Curtis, Marshfield, Ore.; Charles W. McIntosh, Beltingham, Wash.; Robert J. Moody, Cambridge, Minn.; Edward J. Peterman, Bond, Ore.; Lester L. Smith, Galico, Ore.; George A. Stierlen, Ferndale, Wash.; Clifton Dolph, Walkerville, Mich.; Elmer Holden, Fort Worth, Tex.; William L. Lancaster, Kossuth, Miss.; Rex C. Orser, Kooskia, Idaho; Laurence N. Riley, 3403 West Sixty-second street, Seattle, Wash.; Harrison F. Bates, Puyallup, Wash.; Hallie M. Hoselton, Co-burg, Ore.; Gus S. Johnson, Reedsport, Ore.; Archie Q. McCracken, New Albany, Ind.; Oliver Cote, Weeden Station, Canada; Oscar McCollom, Lone Wolf, Okla.; Wilhelm Christiansen, San Francisco, Cal.; Roy O. Houston, Redding, Cal.; Howard A. Kenyon, Durand, Mich.; Emil L. Johnson, Mendocino, Cal.; Lee V. Lashua, Northland, Wis.;

Ryder Ludwig Leer, Northland, Wis.; George R. Baker, Carter Valley, Tex.; Pedro Belton, San Antonio, Tex.; Olan Binkley, Ralston, Okla.; Henry S. Burleson, R. F. D., Minco, Okla.; Lewis P. Carlile, Lometa, Tex.; Sam H. Eddins, Ladonia, Tex.; Mark T. Gibson, Batson, Tex.; Jas. T. Gore, Fred, Tex.; Silva Hensley, Boswell, Okla.; Jos. G. McAdams, R. F. D., Atlanta, Tex.; John F. McDonnell, Hinton, Okla.; Herbert D. Taylor, Santo, Tex.; Roman Sandoval, Floresville, Tex.; Wynne E. Abel, New York; Walter P. Becker, Waterbury, Conn., and Le Roy P. Bennett, Woodmont, Conn.

At Larne—William N. Pope, Tyler-town, Miss.; Virgil B. Brewer, Dexter, Mo.; Valford S. Clark, Toledo, O.; Earl G. Hinkley, Globe, Washington; William J. Lee, Chico, Cal.; Clarence C. Norgren, R. F. D., Vancouver, Wash.; Warren A. Blackman, Oliver Gulch, Mont.; Lewis C. Pereira, Lagunitas, Cal.; Charles C. Stoddard, Mount Clemens, Mich.; Harry A. Benedict, R. F. D., Mt. Vernon, Wash.; Lewis C. Bliem, Du Fur, Ore.; John L. Doane, Portland, Ore.; Julius Lewis, Barbours, Pa.; John N. Stinson, Smith Center, Kan.; George E. Schwartz, R. F. D., Richmond, Mich.; Charles R. Pelley, Farrisville, Tex.; Walter Villines, Stephenville, Tex.; Wesley Le Roy McCalley, Walker, Ia., and George Ellsworth Shaw, Chippewa Falls, Wis.

At Belfast—Roland E. Duncan, Wilmerding, Pa.; Oliver L. Flood, Port Chester, N. Y., and Evan Jones, Carbondale, Pa.

At Dublin—Charles A. Fifth, Kews Gardens, L. I., N. Y.

Recovering in hospital in Londonderry, Ireland (2<sup>nd</sup> last line in Londonderry list) –  
“Chattanooga (TN) Daily Times” Monday 25 Feb 1918 p 2

Mrs. Ira Bennett and Leroy Bennett with a friend of Woodmont, Conn., are at the Bennett bungalow for a few weeks. Leroy Bennett has just returned after several months overseas.

“Vermont Union-Journal” (Lyndonville VT) Wednesday 25 Jun 1919 p 7

## MAYOR WILSON TO TALK AT SMOKER IN MILFORD

MILFORD Feb. 26 — Mayor Wilson of Bridgeport will talk to former service men at a smoker of the American Legion, Post 24, in Red Men's hall tomorrow night. The object of the affair is to build up the membership of the post from the 700 odd Milford men who served in the great war. The roster now shows only 130 names. A quartet and an orchestra is part of the program. Other speakers are Capt Charles Lockhart, 102d Machine Gun battalion; Leroy Bennett, Bridgeport post, American Legion; Manley J. Cheney, first selectman, and Judge Omar W. Platt.

*"Bridgeport (CT) Telegram" Friday 27 Feb 1920 p 2*

**Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Bennett have returned home after spending three galow at the foot of the mountain. weeks with his parents at their bun-**

*"Vermont Union-Journal" (Lyndonville VT) Wednesday 21 Jun 1922 p 4*

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Bennett who have been with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Bennett for a couple of weeks returned home Monday forenoon.

*Leroy & Ruth — "St. Johnsbury (VT) Caledonian-Record" Thursday 22 Jun 1922 p 5*

Mrs. Ira Bennett, Leroy Bennett and family, Carl Narr from Woodmont are at the Bennett bungalow for the summer.

*"Vermont Union-Journal" (Lyndonville VT) Wednesday 8 Jun 1927 p 4*

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Bennett returned Monday to their home in Woodmont, Conn., after spending several weeks at their summer home at the foot of Kirby mountain.

*"St. Johnsbury (VT) Caledonian-Record" Thursday 30 Jun 1927 p 2*

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Bennett returned to their home in Woodmont, Conn., Saturday after spending the past three weeks at their bungalow at the foot of Kirby mountain.

*"Vermont Union-Journal" (Lyndonville VT) Wednesday 27 Jun 1928 p 4*

Leroy Bennett and family of Woodmont, Conn., have been at their summer home at the foot of Kirby mountain.

*East Burke VT news – "St. Johnsbury (VT) Caledonian-Record" Friday 5 Jul 1929 p 3*



## Kirby Mountain - South Peak, Vermont

**Elevation: 2522 feet, 769 meters**

Prominence: 322 ft, 98 m

Peak Type	Sub-Peak
Latitude/Longitude (WGS84)	44.507341, -71.888781 (Dec Deg) 44° 30' 26" N, 71° 53' 20" W (DMS)
Map Source	US Geological Survey (1:24,000) Sheet: Burke Mountain (044071e8)
Country	United States
State/Province	Vermont
County/Second Level Region	Caledonia
City/Town	Kirby

<https://www.peakbagger.com/peak.aspx?pid=60574>

days last week.  
LeRoy Bennett and family spent the week-end with his mother, Mrs. Eliza Bennett, at her camp in Kirby.

*"St. Johnsbury (VT) Republican" Monday 23 Aug 1937 p 5*

Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Bennett of Willoughby Lake were supper guests of Mrs. Marjorie Upson and Mabel Gleason September 10.

Mrs. Marjorie Upson and Miss Mabel Gleason left this week for their home in Seymour, Conn., after spending three months at the Bennett camp.

*"St. Johnsbury (VT) Caledonian-Record" Saturday 17 Sep 1949 p 4*

Historical Society.  
 Mrs. Marjorie Upson and Leroy  
 Bennett of Woodmont, Conn., at-  
 tended the commital service for  
 Mrs. Belle Gleason.

*"St. Johnsbury (VT) Caledonian-Record" Thursday 6 Jul 1950 p 6*

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**W. L.  
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 Established 1842  
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 15 PINE STREET  
 Seymour 2021  
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 Leroy P. Bennett  
 Seymour 580  
 Bennett B. Upson  
 Seymour 2665

*"Naugatuck (CT) Daily News" Saturday 17 Jun 1944 p 46*

## Lyndonville

Charles Leach of East Burke was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Bennett, who recently moved here from Connecticut, Friday.

*"St. Johnsbury (VT) Caledonian-Record" Saturday 21 Apr 1951 p 4*

### Leigh Named Trustee

Harry A. Leigh, treasurer of the Seymour Manufacturing company, was elected as a member of the board of trustees of the Seymour Trust company, to succeed LeRoy P. Bennett. Mr. Bennett resigned from the board as he is leaving Seymour to make his home in Lyndonville, Vt. Clarence G. Hummel,

president of the bank, made the announcement yesterday.

*"Naugatuck (CT) Daily News" Tuesday 8 May 1951 p 5*

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Bennett of Seymour, Conn., were callers in town on Monday, when they were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lester A. Bill of Edgehill road. They are planning to become permanent residents of Vermont and were enroute to the new home which they have recently purchased on Skyline Terrace in Lyndonville. Mr. Bennett spent his boyhood days in Kirby and owns a summer home on Willoughby Lake.

*"St. Johnsbury (VT) Caledonian-Record" Friday 18 May 1951 p 6*

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Bennett entertained about 20 guests at their new home on "Sky Terrace," Monday for a house warming. The Bennetts have moved here from Seymour, Conn. At one time Mr. Bennett lived in Kirby and has come back to settle in Vermont.

*"St. Johnsbury (VT) Caledonian-Record" Saturday 2 Jun 1951 p 6*

# **MR. AND MRS. BENNETT TENDERED HOUSEWARMING**

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Bennett, who have recently purchased a residence on Skyline Terrace, were tendered a surprise house-warming by a group of Lyndonville and St. Johnsbury friends recently.

Mr. Bennett, who formerly lived in Vermont, has retired from active business in Seymour, Conn., and friends chose this occasion to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Bennett to their new home.

A social evening was enjoyed and refreshments of sandwiches, cakes and coffee were served. The guests of honor were presented a door knocker with chimes for their new home with best wishes of the community.

Those attending the party were Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Griswold, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Darling, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Shonyo, Mrs. Willis Connor, Mrs. Ida Norris, Miss Blanche Connor, Mrs. Myra Tift all of Lyndonville and Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Kinsley, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Wood, and Mr. and Mrs. Lester Bill of St. Johnsbury. Those unable to attend were Mr. and Mrs. Howard Shonyo and Mrs. Claude Watson of Lyndonville and Milton Brown and Clark Martin of Westmore.

*"St. Johnsbury (VT) Caledonian-Record" Monday 4 Jun 1951 p 4*



## Chatfield Named To Library Board Seymour

Henry T. Chatfield has been appointed to the board of directors of the Seymour Public Library by the Board of Selectmen. First Selectman Harry W. Mannweiler has announced. Mr. Chatfield succeeds LeRoy P. Bennett, whose term will expire on Oct. 1.

Mr. Chatfield is vice-president, president and treasurer of the Seymour Grain & Coal company, and active in the work of the Seymour Chamber of Commerce.

Other library board members are: Otto L. Shemwick, president; Rev. Otto Borchert, vice-president; Miss Katherine Matthies, secretary; Morton J. Dinham, treasurer; Samuel C. Wheeler, assistant treasurer; Miss Alice Condon, Mrs. James B. Baylis and Dr. W. A. Fosdick.

*"Naugatuck (CT) Daily News" Friday 20 Jul 1951 p 10*

## Home of Leroy Bennett on Skyline Terrace



There are still eleven choice lots available, for sale now at Skyline Terrace, the beautiful new housing development just outside Lyndonville.

Public utilities, including a pipeline for fire protection, are already in. These hilltop lots, facing across the Passumpsic Valley, have been leveled off; the underbrush and trees all bulldozed out. Set safely back from the main road, in a restricted residential area, they are especially suitable for families with children. Each lot abuts directly on a 2-acre playground area, ready and waiting for you to help develop it.

Skyline Terrace is just inside the limits of Lyndonville, which grants 2 full years of tax exemption on any newly built home.

Two minutes away is the village business center, with its fine shops, two good hotels, four churches, two theaters. Lyndonville has an excellent school system and several well established industries.

Each unit in the forty-lot development measures 66' x 132', and on the eleven lots sold, four houses have already gone up.

Kermit Grant of Lyndonville has bought one lot, while George Trefren is planning to build on two. Armand Hebert is starting his new home, and Gay Smith will build a ranch house this fall. Carlton Basner, a building contractor, was one of the first to build.

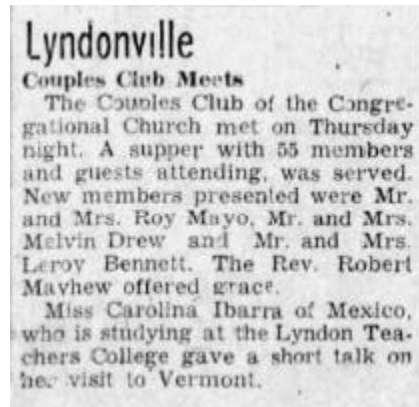
Skyline Terrace has been laid out with the needs of retired couples in mind, and two lots have been sold to Mr. Bennett, a retired business man, and a newcomer to our area.

The ski lift, just half a mile from Skyline Terrace, offers only one of the recreational opportunities available in this Northern Vermont area.

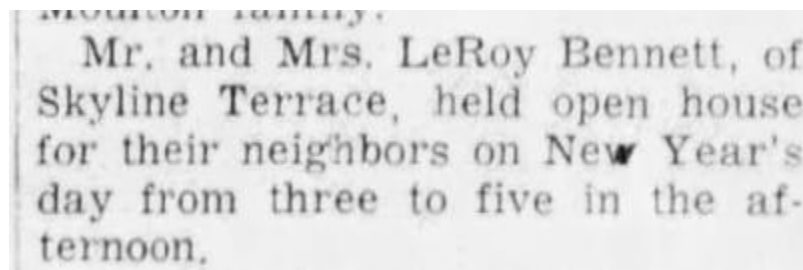
Make an appointment with me, at your convenience, to look these choice lots over, while there is still plenty of time. I will be in my office Friday and Saturday of this week.

*L. D. Shonyo*

*Leroy's purchase of 2 lots in Skyline Terrace – "St. Johnsbury (VT) Caledonian-Record"  
Wednesday 9 Jul 1952 p 8*



*"St. Johnsbury (VT) Caledonian-Record" Monday 2 Feb 1953 p 8*



*"St. Johnsbury (VT) Caledonian-Record" Wednesday 6 Jan 1954 p 2*

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*Wife Ruth Bartlett Thompson Bennett*

'13 S.—The marriage of Ruth Thompson, daughter of Mrs. Mattie T. Bartlett, and LeRoy P. Bennett took place in New Haven, Conn., on December 6. Bennett is a member of the firm of the W. L. Ward Company of Seymour, Conn.

“Yale Alumni Weekly” vol. 29 #1, 19 Dec 1919, p 316 -

[https://books.google.com/books?id=SjQ6AQAAMAAJ&pg=PA316&lpg=PA316&dq=leroy+bennett+%22yale+alumni+weekly%22&source=bl&ots=tN4WAlz\\_ZB&sig=ACfU3U0VZcCkOqWi1Muu3cQBWe\\_WkqO36w&hl=en&sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwiGgq6yjuKDAXUMk4kEHddXAb0Q6AF6BAG1EAM#v=onepage&q=leroy%20bennett%20%22yale%20alumni%20weekly%22&f=false](https://books.google.com/books?id=SjQ6AQAAMAAJ&pg=PA316&lpg=PA316&dq=leroy+bennett+%22yale+alumni+weekly%22&source=bl&ots=tN4WAlz_ZB&sig=ACfU3U0VZcCkOqWi1Muu3cQBWe_WkqO36w&hl=en&sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwiGgq6yjuKDAXUMk4kEHddXAb0Q6AF6BAG1EAM#v=onepage&q=leroy%20bennett%20%22yale%20alumni%20weekly%22&f=false)

*Wife Ruth Thompson Bartlett*

<div>Leroy Bennett</div> <div>in the Web: Connecticut, U.S., Marriage Records, 1897-1968</div>	
Name	Leroy Bennett
Gender	Male
Marriage Date	6 Dec 1919
Marriage Place	New Haven, Connecticut, USA
Spouse	Ruth Bartlett
URL	<a href="https://www.ctatatlbrarydata.org/marriage-records/">https://www.ctatatlbrarydata.org/marriage-records/</a>

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## **Mrs. Ruth B. Bennett**

Mrs. Ruth B. Bennett, age 59, died Thursday at the Orleans County Memorial Hospital following a serious operation.

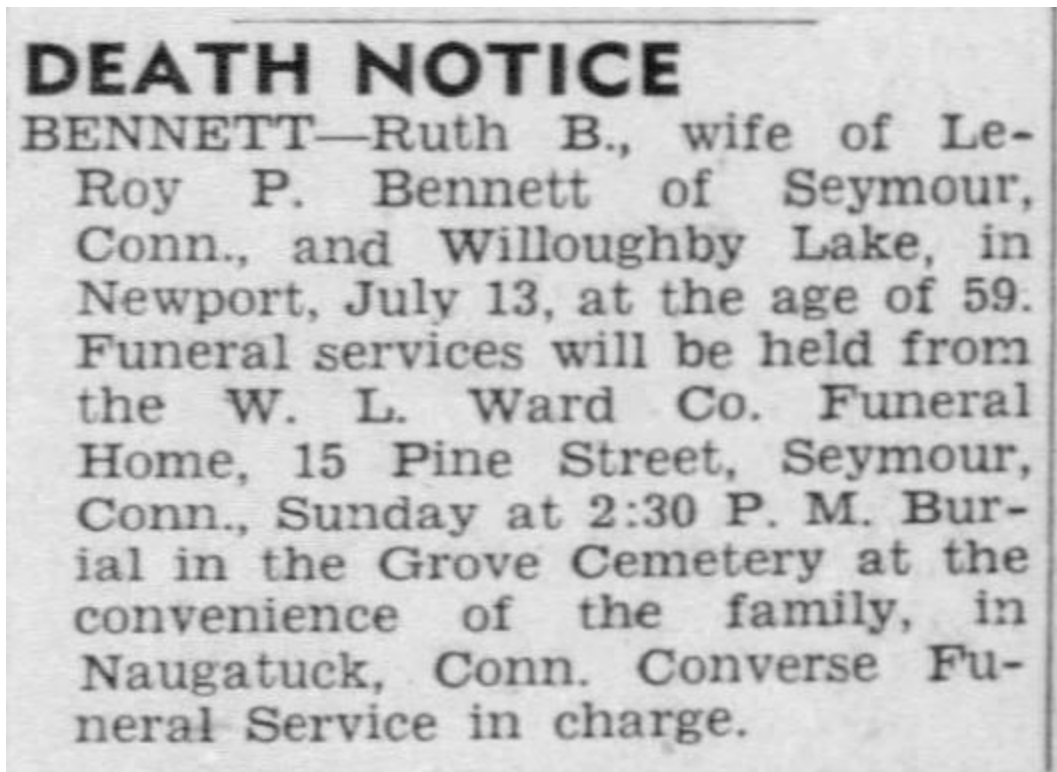
The late Mrs. Bennett is survived by her husband, Leroy P. Bennett of Seymour, Conn., two daughters, Mrs. Hope B. Godkin, Hagerstown, Md., Mrs. Barbara B. McMorrow, State Farm, Mass., and two grandchildren, Warren B. Godkin and Lynn B. McMorrow.

The late Mrs. Bennett was a resident at Seymour, Conn. Mr. and Mrs. Bennett have spent their summers for the past several years at their summer place on the west side of Willoughby Lake. Mr. Bennett is a funeral director in Seymour, Conn.

Funeral services will be held Sunday, July 16, at Seymour, Conn., with the W. L. Ward Co., Funeral Home in charge. Burial will take place at the Grove Cemetery, Naugatuck, Conn.


*"Naugatuck (CT) Daily News" Friday 20 Jul 1951 p 10*





*"Newport (VT) Daily Express" Thursday 13 Jul 1950 p 2*

Massachusetts, Birth Records, 1840-1915



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Name	Ruth T Bartlett
Gender	Female
Birth Date	31 Jul 1891
Birth Place	Northampton, Massachusetts, USA
Father	Walter L Bartlett
Mother	Mattie A Thompson

<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/15093940/person/28652720339/facts>

**DEATH RECORD**

Place of death Orleans - Newport (county & town) Usual residence Conn - New Haven (state & county)

Length of stay in this place 10 dys City or town Seymour

Hospital or Institution Orleans County Memorial Street address 15 Pine Street

NAME OF DECEASED RUTH B BENNETT Date of death Jul 13 1950

Sex Female Color or race White Marital status XXXXXXXXXX

Date of birth 7/31/91 Age in years 59 (yr. mo. da.)

If under 1 year: month -- days -- hours -- minutes --

Occupation Housewife Birthplace Florence Mass

Father's name Walter Lee Bartlett Birthplace Unknown

Mother's name Mattie Thompson Birthplace Unknown

Was deceased ever in armed forces? No (give war & dates of service)

Social Security number None Informant LeRoy Bennett

**MEDICAL CERTIFICATION**

Disease directly leading to death Uremia 3 days

Due to Circulatory Shock from hemorrhaging Duration 11 days

Due to duodenal ulcer Duration 11 days

Other significant conditions Post hemorrhagic anemia Duration 541.0

Any history of pregnancy? -- If so, date of delivery --

Date of operation July 5, 1950 Major findings Hemorrhaging Duodenal Ulcer at Gastrectomy

Autopsy No (yes or no)

VT death record of Ruth B. Bartlett Bennett -

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Wife Madeline Harris Russell

## Madeline Scovil Harris

in the Delaware, U.S., Birth Records, 1800-1932



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Detail	Source
Name	Madeline Scovil Harris
Gender	Female
Birth Date	21 Sep 1892
Birth Place	New Castle, Delaware, USA
Mother	Elizabeth Bird Harris
Father	Jno Wesley Harris

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/26965:1672>

## Madeline Bennett

in the Connecticut Death Index, 1949-2012

Name	Madeline Bennett
Race	White
Occupation	HOUSEWIFE
Industry	KEPT OWN HOME
Marital Status	Widowed
Birth Date	21 Sep 1892
Birth Place	Delaware
Address	705 NEW BRITAIN
Residence	Hartford, Connecticut
Death Date	22 Feb 1986
Death Place	Hartford, Connecticut
Age	93 Years
Spouse	Leroy
Father's Surname	Harris
State File #	02967

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/853023:4124>

The engagement of Miss Madeline Scoville Harris of Woodmont and Norton Anthony Russell of this city was recently announced.

*"Hartford (CT) Courant" Sunday 30 Jul 1915 p 20*

## Leroy Bennett

in the Web: Connecticut, U.S., Marriage Records, 1897-1968

Name	Leroy Bennett
Gender	Male
Marriage Date	23 Dec 1950
Marriage Place	Milford, Connecticut, USA
Spouse	Madeline Russell
URL	<a href="https://www.ctatatelibrarydata.org/marriage-records/">https://www.ctatatelibrarydata.org/marriage-records/</a>

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/115728:70865?tid=78207388&pid=46410963844&queryId=fb2476fa-a3b3-4729-90e4-6ab17718eec5&phsrc=cPx6826&phstart=successSource>

## Norton Russell

in the Web: Connecticut, U.S., Marriage Records, 1897-1968

Name	Norton Russell
Gender	Male
Marriage Date	15 May 1917
Marriage Place	Milford, Connecticut, USA
Spouse	Madeline Harris
URL	<a href="https://www.ctatatelibrarydata.org/marriage-records/">https://www.ctatatelibrarydata.org/marriage-records/</a>

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/1425250:70865>

*Verified U.S.N. 4-27-38*

WAR DEPARTMENT  
O. Q. M. G. FORM No. 623  
Approved Aug. 12, 1913  
Revised May 18, 1931

### APPLICATION FOR HEADSTONE

(PLEASE MAKE OUT AND RETURN IN DUPLICATE)

#1. 834435      Enlistment dates May 14, 1917      Discharge dates Oct. 31, 1918      *hon*      **ORIGINAL**

Name	Rank	Company	U. S. Regiment, State Organization, or Vessel	Date of Death
<u>Russell, Norton Anthony</u>	<u>Coxswain</u>	<u>USNRF</u>		<u>March 27, 1938</u>

FLAT MARKER

Name of Cemetery	Located in or near	If World War Veteran		
	City      State	Division	State	Emblem
<u>Milford Cemetery</u>	<u>Milford</u> <u>Conn.</u>		<u>Conn.</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Christian <input type="checkbox"/> Hebrew <input type="checkbox"/> None

To be shipped to Mrs. Madeline Harris Russell at Milford, Conn.  
(Name of consignee)      (Give R. R. station, county, and State)

Whose post-office address is 27 Anderson Avenue, Woodmont, Conn.

DO NOT WRITE HERE

To A. G. O. APR 21 1938

Ordered LEE MACE 20 JUL 1938

B/L 1954280

Shipped 9-19-38

3-8054

This application is for the UNMARKED grave of a veteran. It is understood the stone will be furnished and delivered at the railroad station or steamboat landing above indicated, at Government expense, freight prepaid. I hereby agree to promptly accept the headstone at destination, remove it and properly place same at decedent's grave at my expense. NO FEE SHOULD BE PAID IN CONNECTION WITH THIS APPLICATION.

*Madeline H. Russell*  
Applicant.

Address 27 Anderson Avenue      Date April 18, 1938  
Woodmont, Conn.

Norton Anthony Russell Sr. (d. 27 Mar 1938) - <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/247295:2375>



### Norton A. Russell

The funeral of Norton Anthony Russell, who died Sunday in New Haven, Conn., will be from the Smith Funeral Home, 89 Broad Street, Milford, Conn., this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. Interment will be in Kings Highway Cemetery, Milford, Conn. Mr. Russell was the husband of Mrs. Madeline Harris Russell, formerly of this city. He was a veteran of the World War, having served in the U. S. Navy.

*Obituary of Madeline Harris's 1<sup>st</sup> husband Norton Anthony Russell Sr. – "Wilmington (DE) Morning News" Wednesday 30 Mar 1938 p 4*



**NORTON A. RUSSELL**

Norton A. Russell, 46, of 27 Anderson avenue, Woodmont, treasurer of the borough of Woodmont and a World war veteran, died Sunday at the New Haven hospital after a short illness.

A native of Meriden, the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Y. Russell, he went to Woodmont 40 years ago. He served in the U. S. navy during the World war on the transport President Lincoln, and later on the U. S. Subchaser No. 41.

He was employed in the New Haven bank. He leaves his wife, Mrs. Madeline (Harris) Russell, and a son, Norton A. Russell, jr.

The funeral will be held at a funeral home at 89 Broad street, Milford, at 3:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. Interment will be in Milford cemetery, Milford.

*Obituary of Madeline Harris's 1<sup>st</sup> husband, Norton Anthony Russell Sr. – "Meriden (CT) Journal" Tuesday 29 Mar 1938 p 7*

**BENNETT.** Madeline (Harris) Bennett, 93, of Hartford, died Saturday (Feb. 22). She leaves a son, Norton A. Russell; a sister, Mrs. Anna (Harris) Booth; and a granddaughter, Mrs. Lynn Hickerson. Graveside services will be Tuesday (March 4), 3 p.m., in Milford Cemetery, Milford.

"Hartford (CT) Courant" Thursday 27 Feb 1986 p 60

Children:

LOCAL FILE NUMBER		VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH COPY OF CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE (DECLARATION OF INTENTION AND MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE)		STATE FILE NUMBER	
NAME: James M. Vanstone		NAME: Hope B. Godkin		NAME: Ruth T. Bartlett	
STREET (if any): 156 West Main Street		CITY/TOWN: Avon		CITY/TOWN: Shaftsbury	
STATE: Connecticut		STATE: Vermont		STATE: Massachusetts	
COUNTY: Hartford		COUNTY: Bennington		COUNTY: Franklin	
CITY/TOWN: Avon		CITY/TOWN: Shaftsbury		CITY/TOWN: Shaftsbury	
DATE OF BIRTH: 1-19-24		DATE OF BIRTH: 11-22-23		DATE OF BIRTH: 11-22-23	
STATE OF BIRTH: Connecticut		STATE OF BIRTH: Connecticut		STATE OF BIRTH: Connecticut	
NAME: Harold M. Vanstone		NAME: Marion D. Merrill		NAME: Ruth T. Bartlett	
STATE OF BIRTH: Connecticut		STATE OF BIRTH: Connecticut		STATE OF BIRTH: Massachusetts	
NAME: James M. Vanstone		NAME: Hope B. Godkin		NAME: Ruth T. Bartlett	
DATE SIGNED: 7-21-78		DATE SIGNED: 7-21-78		DATE SIGNED: 7-21-78	
I hereby certify that the above named persons have made oath to the truth of the foregoing declaration of intention of marriage and complied with the marriage laws of the State of Vermont. A medical certificate is on file in this office.		7-21-78		Sandra Hamilton	
The State of Vermont authorizes the marriage of the above named persons by any person duly authorized to perform a marriage ceremony.		Sept. 18, 1978		Shaftsbury	
August 12, 1978		August 21, 1978		Religious	
The Rev. John D. Dunden		Sandra Hamilton		8-31-78	
Sandra Hamilton		Shaftsbury		7666/78	

Daughter Hope Bennett Godkin's marriage to James M. Vanstone -  
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<b>Hope Bennett Godkin VanStone</b> in the U.S., Obituary Collection, 1930-Current	
Name	Hope Bennett Godkin VanStone
Gender	Female
Death Age	85
Birth Date	22 Nov 1923
Birth Place	Derby, Conn.
Marriage Date	12 Aug 1978
Residence Place	Ohio, Avon, Shaftsbury, ARLINGTON, VT, Route 7 A, Arlington
Death Date	2009
Burial Place	Lake Willoughby, VT.
Spouse	Warren Godkin
Child	Warren B. Godkin Joanne Godkin Kenneth P. Godkin Susan H. Blume John Blume Bruce B. Godkin
Siblings	Barbara Bennett

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/20776072:7545?ssrc=pt&tid=15093940&pid=28652723404>

## Warren Godkin, Oak Executive Succumbs at 55

HOOSICK FALLS — Warren G. Godkin, 55, manager of marketing at Oak Materials Group Inc. here, died Saturday at home in Shaftsbury, Vt. of an apparent heart attack. He was born in Derby, Conn., February 1, 1921, son of John and Bertha Asmus Godkin. He received a B.S. degree in naval architecture and marine engineering at University of Michigan.

Mr. Godkin was a WWII Navy veteran and formerly operated Godkin-Jamison Co., a manufacturer's representative in Chagrin Falls, Ohio. He was an active pilot in Ohio.

He had been a resident in the Hoosick Falls-Bennington area seven years, was a member of Hoosick Falls Kiwanis Club and the Masons in Schenectady.

Survivors include his wife, the former Hope Bennett; four sons, Kenneth and Bruce of Shaftsbury; Warren of Bennington, Larry of Kent, Ohio; a daughter, Susan of Shaftsbury; a brother, Louis of Bethel, Conn.; two sisters, Mrs. Edith McBride of Longmont, Ohio, Mrs. Alyce Bales of Woodstock, Conn.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. today (Thursday), at the United Methodist Church in Shaftsbury.

Obituary of Warren G. Godkin – "Washington County Post" (Salem NY) Thursday 22 Jul 1978 p 4

LOCAL FILE NUMBER 102		DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH VERMONT CERTIFICATE OF DEATH		STATE FILE NUMBER 89-001463	
DECEDENT'S NAME (Print name last)		James Morrill VanStone		SEX Male	
SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER 044-12-7960		AGE 65		DATE OF BIRTH April 2, 1989	
PLACE OF BIRTH Bridgeport CT		DATE OF DEATH Jan 19, 1924			
FACILITY NAME (If not institution, give street and number)		CITY OR TOWN OF DEATH		STATE	
Southwestern Vt Med Ctr		Bennington VT		WW II	
MARRIAGE STATUS married		SPOUSE'S NAME Hope Bennett		OCCUPATION Biology Professor	
EDUCATION College		WHITE		RACE	
RESIDENCE STATE Vermont		CITY, TOWN OR VILLAGE Shaftsbury VT		MAILING ADDRESS (Street, City or Town, State, Zip Code)	
				RR 1 Box 119 05262	
FATHER'S NAME (Print name last)		MOTHER'S NAME (Print name last)			
Harold VanStone		Marion Morrill			
SPOUSE'S NAME (Print name last)		MAILING ADDRESS (Street, City or Town, State, Zip Code)			
Mrs. Hope VanStone		RR 1 Box 119, Shaftsbury VT 05262			
PART 1. Enter the diseases, injuries, or complications that caused the death. Do not enter the manner of dying, such as cardiac or respiratory arrest, stroke, or heart failure. List only one cause on each line.					
IMMEDIATE CAUSE (Final disease or condition resulting in death)					
1. <i>Cardiomyopathy, Thrombotic with stroke</i>					
2. <i>Low cardiac output state</i>					
3. <i>Coronary artery disease</i>					
PART 2. Other significant conditions contributing to death but not resulting in the underlying cause given on Part 1.					
4. <i>Severe emphysema</i>					
5. <i>Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease</i>					
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## Hope VanStone

1923 - 2009

ARLINGTON, VT — Mrs. Hope Bennett Godkin VanStone, 85, a resident of Route 7A, died peacefully at her home on Wednesday March 4, 2005, surrounded by her loving family.

Hope was born in Derby, Conn., on Nov. 22, 1923, daughter of LeRoy P. and Ruth Bartlett Bennett. She was a 1941 graduate of Seymour, Conn. High School, and a 1943 graduate of Green Mountain College in Poultney. She had been employed as a secretary of the Boy Scouts of America and secretary to the principal of Seymour High School until her marriage to Warren Godkin.



After the Godkins moved to Ohio, she was den mother for the Cub Scouts and secretary for the P.T.A. She was the church school Superintendent and secretary/office manager at Valley Presbyterian Church in Bainbridge for 19 years. Upon moving to Shaftsbury she worked for Orvis Company then United Counseling Service, first in Bennington and then secretary/office manager for U.C.S. in Manchester.

Mr. Godkin died at their home on Feb. 18, 1976, she later married Dr. James M. VanStone of Avon, Conn., at her home in Shaftsbury, on Aug. 12, 1978. They relocated to Avon where she was secretary at St. Matthew Lutheran Church for three years. Upon Dr. VanStone's retirement from Trinity College in Hartford, Conn., they returned to Shaftsbury, she then worked for the Office on Aging from which she retired.

After the Godkins moved to



Following retirement, she enjoyed her family, refinishing furniture, decorating and was an avid reader. She particularly enjoyed entertaining family and friends in her home. Following Dr. Stone's death and living in Shaftsbury for 30 years, she sold the home in 2002 and moved to Arlington.

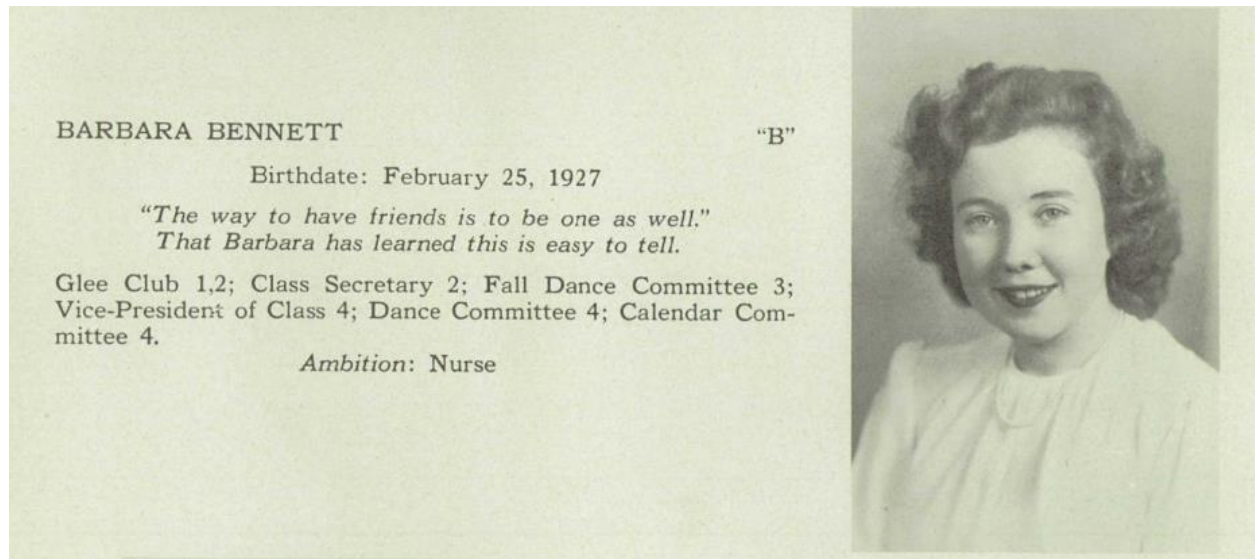
She leaves her children Warren B. and Joanne Godkin of Bennington, Kenneth P. Godkin of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., Bruce B. Godkin of Bennington and Susan H. and John Blume of Shaftsbury, daughters-in-law; Kathy S. and Keith Lewis of Pasadena, Calif., and Susan Connor of White Creek, N.Y., grandchildren W. Travis and Kaitlen Godkin of Oregon, Tyler B. Godkin of Bennington, McKenzie Blume and Christopher Blume of Shaftsbury, Chad and Sylvia Scott of Palmdale, Calif., a sister, Barbara Bennett of Enosburg, brother-in-law, L.A. and Joyce Godkin of Bethel, Conn., sisters-in-law, Alyce Boies of Colorado, and Emily Godkin of Connecticut, several nieces, nephews and cousins.

**FUNERAL NOTICE:** At her request, there will be no funeral services, instead a reception will be held at her home for family and friends for laughter and remembering. Hope was cremated and at a time chosen by her family will be buried at her favorite place- the family property at Lake Willoughby, VT.

Should friends desire, memorial gifts in her memory may be made to either the Arlington Rescue Squad or Southwestern Vt., Cancer Center in care of the Arlington Chapel of the HANSON-WALBRIDGE FUNERAL HOME, P.O. Box 528, Arlington, VT 05250.

To send e-mail condolences to the family please visit [www.sheafuneralhomes.com](http://www.sheafuneralhomes.com).

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*Daughter Barbara Bennett McMorrow Caruso, reverted to Bennett (1927-2014) – Seymour (CT) High School yearbook 1944 - <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/380507301:1265?tid=&pid=&queryId=68545acd-8126-404f-8133-b74e4b3eb0d5&phsrc=cPx6838&phstart=successSource>*



## Barbara Bennett

February 25, 1927 — June 14, 2014

ENOSBURGH - Barbara Bennett died at 1:30 am on 14 June 2014 with her son holding her hand. Barbara was born 25 February 1927 in Derby, Connecticut to LeRoy Pearly and Ruth Bartlett Bennett. Bea or Bobby was what her sister, nephews, nieces and cousins called her. She attended Green Mountain College for a year but moved onto Danbury Hospital in Connecticut to attend X-Ray technology school. She met her first husband Leo Francis McMorow (died 1966) at The State Farm Correctional Facility in Middleborough, Massachusetts when she was a student x-Ray technologist and he was a Correctional Officer. They married and settled in Middleborough where they had three children, Lynn Bennett, Thomas Earle (deceased 2012) and David Ross. The family moved to Egypt Lake, Tampa, Florida in 1956 and Barbara raised her children and worked at the little lake side beach house. Eventually we moved to Clearwater, Florida and she went back to work as an x-ray technologist at Suncoast Osteopathic Hospital in 1962.

She worked at Suncoast until her second marriage to John H. Caruso (died 1986) in 1968 and moved to Rocky Hill, Connecticut where she raised not only her two youngest children but became step-mother to Judy, Johnny and Joseph Caruso. Johnny has continued to hold a special place in her heart with his motorcycle visits to Vermont. She and John eventually divorced and Bea worked for Drs. Mancol, Truex and Monticello before moving onto American Mutual Insurance Company and retiring in 1989. She loved her grandchildren Yvonne Griswold (died 1996), Casey and Eric McMorow deeply and spent many a happy hour with them as they grew into fine young women and men. As she began to age, her concern was her long term health and so she moved to West Enosburgh, Vermont in 2008 to live with her daughter Lynn McMorow and her husband Tom Martin. Sadly she was no longer able to easily visit her old friends in Connecticut: Betty Thurber, Thomas and Doris Schreier and Ruby Bennett. She also would miss singing and quilting with the ladies of Rocky Hill Congregational Church. This was the same year David McMorow married Laurie Grunske and Barbara welcomed another wonderful woman into the family. As Barbara welcomed Laurie into the family, she lost her sister Hope VanStone to lung cancer the following year in 2009.

Barbara's general health remained good and she sewed with Shirley Jewett's group in Richford, Vermont. They quilted, sewed, laughed and made the local papers for the large and lovely painted barn quilt squares. She was delighted when we hung hers on our new garage. She attended the Richford quilt show to prevent sticky hands, small and large, from marring the amazing creations.

She was friends with Elisabeth Rawlinson and enjoyed visits, tea, cats and dogs with her. She was also friends with Nancy Murphie who sewed, swam, traveled and laughed with Barbara. They spent some wonderful hours at Shirley's. Bea was gracious and funny with all she met. People she knew well and even people she did not know well recognized by her humming. Steve Comeau recognized Barb in the St. Albans Hannafords by her humming from two aisles over as did Susan Atherton. Barbara enjoyed every adventure she could find. One of her favorites was with Gary Fiske of the Vermont Antique Automobile Society in Gary's Model A Ford Coupe as they drove through Franklin County. She loved adventures with Sharon Fiske as well. One never knew what they would do together. Regardless, she always came home safe.

Barbara's health challenges continued with a resurgence of her lung cancer last November, radiation and her final days at Franklin County Rehabilitation. We cannot thank the wonderful staff at FCR enough for their caring and dedication to making lives at the short end as comfortable as they can.

Barbara was predeceased by both husbands, her granddaughter Yvonne Noel Griswold and her second son Thomas Earle McMorow. She leaves her daughter Lynn Bennett McMorow and her husband Thomas Martin; her son David Ross McMorow and his wife Laurie; grandchildren Casey McMorow and Eric McMorow; nephew Warren Bennett Godkin and his wife Joann and their children Travis, wife Kaitlyn, nephew Tyler and his partner Savanah; Nephews Bruce and Ken Godkin; niece Susan Blume, her husband John and children McKenzie and Christopher. She also leaves many friends too numerous to mention here. A time of visitation will be held Saturday, June 21, 2014 from 2-4 PM at the Spears Funeral Home, 96 Dickinson Ave., Enosburg Falls. There will be no formal funeral service.

In lieu of flowers, Barbaras family asks that you consider a donation in Barbaras memory to the Franklin County Rehab Facility - Resident Activity Fund, 110 Fairfax Road, St. Albans, VT 05478.



## Visitation



**Saturday, June 21, 2014**

2:00 - 4:00pm



**Spears Funeral Home**

89 Grand Ave, Swanton, VT 05488

Obituary of Barbara Bennett - <https://www.gossfs.com/obituaries/barbara-bennett>

## Barbara Bennett

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Residence Date	1993
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## Barbara Bennett

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Gender	Female
Marriage Date	18 Sep 1948
Marriage Place	Seymour, Connecticut, USA
Spouse	Leo McMorrow
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## Three Policemen Promoted To Sergeant At Clearwater

Times Bureau

CLEARWATER — Two detectives and a patrolman have been promoted to sergeant, Police Chief Willis Booth announced yesterday.

The three were among five applicants who passed Civil Service examinations and a se-

ries of personal interviews, including interviews with the chiefs of police of other cities.

They are: Leo F. McMorrow, 41, 815 Edenville Ave.; Rolf H. W. Rohr, 30, 2202 Gulf-to-Bay Blvd.; Ernest Wichelns, 40, 1725 Lombardy Drive.

**ALL HAVE OVER** five years

on the Clearwater Police Department. Wichelns, an eight-year veteran, and McMorrow, seven years, were detectives.

Wichelns will remain in the detective bureau filling the vacancy created by the retirement of Det. Sgt. William Harn. Wichelns received the department's Palmitier Award in 1962.

Rohr, with six years service, and McMorrow will be assigned to the uniform division.

**"WE ARE CERTAINLY** proud of each of them," Booth said.

Meanwhile, Booth announced the appointment of two new patrolmen to the force. Joseph E. Pittman, 22, 603 N. Fort Harrison, a Clearwater native, began work yesterday and James Joseph Weber, 27, 221 Terrace Drive E., Clearwater, will start in two weeks, the chief said.



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"Tampa Bay Times" (St. Petersburg FL) Wednesday 27 Jan 1965 p 12



Police Sgt. Leo McMorrow, Ambulance Attendant Assist Pinned Man

## Clearwater Crash Injures 5 Persons

Times Bureau

CLEARWATER — Two persons were seriously injured shortly before 7 o'clock last night after a blow out of the left front tire on the 1966 Thunderbird in which they rode, the police reported.

In critical condition at Morton Plant Hospital was the driver, Dick Petty, 55, of 31 Island Way, Clearwater. In addition to other injuries, both of Petty's hips were dislocated, a hospital spokesman said.

In poor condition at the hospital was Laurie Usher, 15, of

Denver, Colo., a passenger. She suffered fractures to both wrists and possible head injury, the hospital said.

Also injured in the accident were Mary Petty, 54, same Island Way address, and John Massion 55, and Geraldine Massion, 51, both of Tucson, Ariz. The spokesman said their conditions were not known last night.

The 1966 automobile, bought in May according to Patrolman E. T. Hansell, was a total loss. It struck a concrete light pole on Memorial Causeway, near the drawbridge, after hitting another car, Hansell said. No one in the other car was injured, the report indicated. Hansell said witnesses told him both cars were moving about 40 mph, when the blowout and collision occurred.

"Tampa Bay (FL) Times" Thursday 14 Jul 1966 p 6



**LEO F. McMORROW**

## Former Policeman Is Found Dead

**Times Bureau**

**CLEARWATER** — Leo F. McMorrow, a 43-year-old former Clearwater Policeman, shot himself to death early yesterday morning in the kitchen of his home, County Medical Examiner J. O. Norton said yesterday. Patrolmen Gary Kooshian and Tom Hansell were sent to the home at 1:45 a.m. after a call from McMorrow's wife Barbara.

water; one daughter, Lynn Bennett, Clearwater; his mother, Mrs. Jennie Campbell, Tampa; a brother, John, Tampa; two sisters, Miss Elizabeth McMorrow, Tampa, and Miss Janice McMorrow, U.S. Navy, of Washington state.

A Rosary service will be at Moss Lakeside Chapel Monday at 8 p.m. Burial will be in Arlington National Cemetery.

They found his body on the kitchen floor with a .38 - caliber revolver nearby.

**McMORROW**, of 815 Edenville Ave., resigned from the Clearwater Police Department a month ago, citing medical and personal reasons. He had been with the department nine years and in the law enforcement field 20 years.

At the time of his resignation he said he had undergone a serious tumor operation recently and was told by his doctor to slow down.

Dr. Norton, who performed an autopsy yesterday, said there were no physical ailments serious enough to cause McMorrow concern. Dr. Norton attributed the death to "psychological depression."

**McMORROW** spent 11 years at the Massachusetts Correctional Institution at Bridgewater where he was senior correctional officer. He later served a year with the Federal Correctional Institution at Danbury, Conn.

The McMorrow family moved to this area in 1956, and McMorrow joined the police force here in 1957.

He worked in the detective division for four - and - one - half years before moving to the uniformed division. He was promoted to sergeant in January 1965.

**SURVIVORS** include his wife; two sons, Thomas Earl and David Ross, both of Clear-

Suicide of Barbara's husband Leo Francis McMorrow – "Tampa Bay Times" (St. Petersburg FL) Saturday 1 Oct 1966 p 27

## Leo F McMorrow

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

Name	Leo F McMorow [Leo McMorow]
Gender	Male
Birth Date	4 Mar 1923
Death Date	Sep 1966
Claim Date	11 Oct 1966
SSN	017125343

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John Henry Caruso, 39, Rocky Hill, Conn., and Barbara Bennett McMorow, 40, Clearwater.

Marriage license application with John Henry Caruso – “Tampa Bay Times” (St. Petersburg FL) Tuesday 12 Dec 1967 p 31

**CARUSO.** John H. Caruso Sr., 59, of Rocky Hill, died Friday (Dec. 4) at Hartford Hospital. He was born in Rocky Hill and was a lifelong resident. He was a real estate agent, a World War II Navy veteran and a life-member of the Lions Club. He was also a communicant of St. James Church, Rocky Hill. Mr. Caruso is survived by two sons, John H. Caruso Jr. and Joseph R. Caruso, both of Rocky Hill; two daughters, Judith Sullivan of Rocky Hill and Jacqueline Griffin in Arizona; two brothers, James Caruso and Peter Caruso, both of Rocky Hill; four sisters, Grace Kastle of Lantana, Fla., Theresa Dufour of Manchester, N.H., and Katherine Maray and Patricia Fyler, both of Rocky Hill; and four grandchildren. Funeral will be Tuesday, 10 a.m., at Rose Hill Funeral Home, 580 Elm St., Rocky Hill. Burial will be in Rose Hill Memorial Park, Rocky Hill. Calling hours are Monday, 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Rocky Hill Lions Club or the Rocky Hill Volunteer Ambulance Association.

Obituary of John Henry Caruso Sr. which does not mention Barbara Bennett – "Hartford (CT) Courant" Sunday 6 Dec 1987 p 224

Stepson:

MARRIAGE RECORD		401
<p>Race <u>White</u> STATE OF OHIO, GREENE COUNTY, ss:</p>		
For Mr. <u>Norton Anthony Russell</u>	<p>Race <u>White</u> APPLICATION FOR MARRIAGE LICENSE</p>	
His age <u>22 yrs</u> <u>November 12, 1940</u>	<p>and Miss <u>Marcia Grace Spofford</u></p>	
His residence <u>Yellow Springs, Ohio</u>	<p>Her age <u>22 yrs</u> <u>June 1, 1941</u></p>	
His place of birth <u>New Haven, Connecticut</u>	<p>Her residence <u>Yellow Springs, Greene County, Ohio.</u></p>	
His occupation <u>Student, Antioch College</u>	<p>Her place of birth <u>Brooklyn, New York</u></p>	
His father's name <u>Norton Anthony Russell</u>	<p>Her occupation <u>Student - Antioch College</u></p>	
His mother's maiden name <u>Madeline Harris</u>	<p>Her father's name <u>William Benjamin Spofford</u></p>	
If previously married, how often <u>Never</u>	<p>Her mother's maiden name <u>Morothy Grace Johnston</u></p>	
Consent of Father:	<p>If previously married, how often <u>Never</u></p>	
	<p>If widowed or divorced, give married name</p>	
	<p>Consent of Mother:</p>	
<p>Name of person expected to solemnize marriage <u>Rev. William B. Spofford</u></p>		
<p>Personally appeared <u>Norton Anthony Russell</u> and <u>Marcia Grace Spofford</u> who being duly sworn say that the statements above set forth are correct and true; that he has no wife living and that she has no husband living. That neither of said parties is an habitual drunkard, epileptic, imbecile or insane, and is not under the influence of any intoxicating liquor or narcotic drug; that they are not nearer of kin than second cousins, and that there is no legal impediment to their marriage.</p>		
<p>Sworn to and subscribed before me this <u>14th</u> day of <u>June</u> A. D. 19 <u>41</u></p>		
<p>By <u>Homer H. Henrie</u> Probate Judge. <u>Norton Anthony Russell</u></p>		
<p><u>Louise Clark Stunick</u> Deputy Clerk. <u>Marcia Grace Spofford</u></p>		
<p>Being satisfied there is no legal impediment to said marriage, license is granted this <u>14th</u> day of <u>June</u> 19 <u>41</u>, as follows:</p>		
<p>No. <u>STATE OF OHIO, GREENE COUNTY, ss:</u> To any Person Legally Authorized to Solemnize Marriages in said County:</p>		
<p>I, <u>Homer H. Henrie</u>, Judge of the Probate Court within and for the County and State aforesaid, have licensed and do hereby License and Authorize</p>		
<p>Mr. <u>Norton Anthony Russell</u> and Miss <u>Marcia Grace Spofford</u> to be joined in marriage.</p>		
<p>In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the Seal of said Court at XENIA, this <u>14th</u> day of <u>June</u> A. D. 19 <u>41</u></p>		
<p>By <u>Homer H. Henrie</u> Probate Judge.</p>		
<p><u>Louise Clark Stunick</u> Deputy Clerk.</p>		
<p>ENTRY</p>		
<p>Marriage License was this day granted to <u>Norton Anthony Russell</u> and <u>Miss Marcia Grace Spofford</u> <u>Homer H. Henrie</u> Probate Judge.</p>		
<p>No. <u>THE STATE OF OHIO, GREENE COUNTY, ss:</u></p>		
<p>I Hereby Certify, That on the <u>20th</u> day of <u>June</u> A. D. 19 <u>41</u>, I solemnized the marriage of</p>		
<p>Mr. <u>Norton Anthony Russell</u> and Miss <u>Marcia Grace Spofford</u></p>		
<p><u>William B. Spofford</u></p>		
<p><u>Antioch College Yellow Springs O.</u></p>		
<p>Filed and Recorded <u>June 23 19 41</u></p>		

Marriage of stepson Norton Anthony Russell to Marcia Grace Spofford on 14 Jun 1941  
Greene Co. OH - <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/1053667760:61378>

Rev. and Mrs. William B. Spofford and daughter Susanne left today for Yellow Springs, Ohio, to attend the graduation of Mrs. Marcia Spofford Russell from Antioch college. Rev. John E. Reilly of Atlantic Highlands will substitute for Mr. Spofford Sunday at Christ church.

*"Red Bank (NJ) Daily Register" Thursday 18 Jun 1942 p 21*



Marcia Grace Spofford - [https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/collection/1030/tree/11560972/person/1577236599/media/b48a248a-3830-43cd-89b3-42fe3869a5e0?queryId=5d23839c-0cbb-4d97-8c15-5a79ee830906&\\_phsrc=cPx6870&\\_phstart=successSource](https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/collection/1030/tree/11560972/person/1577236599/media/b48a248a-3830-43cd-89b3-42fe3869a5e0?queryId=5d23839c-0cbb-4d97-8c15-5a79ee830906&_phsrc=cPx6870&_phstart=successSource)



## Mrs. Russell Dies At Dayton, Ohio

Was Daughter Of Rev.  
And Mrs. Wm. Spofford

Mrs. Marcia Spofford Russell of Greenmont village, Dayton, Ohio, died Saturday on her 27th birthday, the victim of infantile paralysis. Mrs. Russell was the wife of Norton Anthony Russell, an engineer, and the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. William B. Spofford of Middletown. The funeral was held Monday at Dayton.

Following graduation from Antioch college in 1942 Mrs. Russell and her husband, who had been married their senior year in college, moved to Greenmont village, a large Federal housing development of 500 families. The accomplishments of this young couple in four years is noteworthy. They were the initial movers in founding a co-operative store, which began by selling a small amount of staples from the home of one of the members. This project is now a super-market, doing thousands of dollars business monthly. Mrs. Russell was the secretary of the co-operative association.

operative association.

In the fall of 1944 Mrs. Russell decided there should be a nursery in the village, since so many mothers were employed during the day. The matter was presented to a few mothers, a committee was formed and soon a nursery was opened under Mrs. Russell's direction. Today there are 40 tots attending each day in a well-equipped building with a staff of five.

The Russells, with Mr. and Mrs. John Ober, who were classmates at Antioch, next decided the village needed a newspaper. They persuaded the village activities committee that it should be included in their budget, the income of which is derived from the collection of 25 cents monthly from each family in the village. A 12-page monthly mimeographed paper, The Forum, was launched under the direction of a group of volunteers, with Tony Russell as editor. It contains, besides village news, editorials, book reviews, articles and ample space for letters from villagers.

Last year Mrs. Russell was elected president to the Greenmont Village Women's club, a position she held at the time of her death.

Survivors, in addition to the husband, are two children, Lynn, three years old, and Peter one. Mr. Russell's mother, Mrs. Norton A. Russell, Sr., who is in charge of Dwight house at Yale university, has resigned her position and has moved to Dayton to live with her son and grandchildren. Also surviving are the Rev. and Mrs. W. B. Spofford of Middletown, the Rev. William B. Spofford, Jr., Mrs. Russell's brother, who on June 1 became the executive secretary of the Church league for Industrial Democracy, national organization of the Episcopal church, and a sister, Miss Suzanne Spofford, who graduates tomorrow evening from Fairview school.

*Death of Marcia Grace Spofford Russell – relocation of her mother-in-law Madeline Harris Russell – “Red Bank (NJ) Daily Register” Thursday 6 Jun 1946 p 4*

[https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/162295710/person/182431499923/facts?\\_phsrc=cPx6876&\\_phstart=succSource](https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/162295710/person/182431499923/facts?_phsrc=cPx6876&_phstart=succSource)

## Norton Anthony Russell Jr

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

Name	Norton Anthony Russell Jr [Norton A Russell Jr]
Gender	Male
Race	White
Birth Date	12 Nov 1918
Birth Place	New Haven Ne, Connecticut
Death Date	28 Apr 1996
Father	<a href="#">Norton A Russell</a>
Mother	<a href="#">Madeline Harris</a>
SSN	049055013
Notes	Jan 1937: Name listed as NORTON ANTHONY RUSSELL JR; 07 May 1996: Name listed as NORTON A RUSSELL



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Norton Russell Jr	
in the Ohio, U.S., Death Records, 1908-1932, 1938-2018	
Name	Norton Russell Jr
Gender	Male
Race	White
Age	77
Birth Date	12 Nov 1918
Birth Place	Connecticut, USA
Death Date	28 Apr 1996
Death Hospital	Other/Other
Death Place	Dayton, Montgomery, USA
Inquest Hospital	Public - Other
Registrar's Certificate Number	039836
Father	<a href="#">Russell Sr</a>
Mother	<a href="#">Harris</a>
Inquest Questions	Time of Death: 05:20 PM
Education	5+ years college
Military service	No
Industry	Industrial and miscellaneous chemicals
Occupation	Chemical

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/2148529:5763>

*Father:*

**BIRTH—MALE**

Name of Child *Ira P. Bennett.*

Color *White* No. of Child of Mother *3<sup>d</sup>*

Date of Birth *1850,* Month *November,* Day *7<sup>th</sup>*

Maiden Name of Mother *Lucia Ann Kittredge.*

Mother's Birthplace \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Residence *Merby Vt.*

Full Name of Father *Perley Amos Bennett.*

Father's Birthplace \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Occupation *Farming*

Condition of Child as to Live or Still Birth ☒ Live ☐ Still

If Still Birth the Cause \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Informant *The Father*

Town *Merby -* *Chas. H. Graves.* Town Clerk

Birth of father Ira P. Bennett 7 Nov 1850 -

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## Ira P Bennett

in the Connecticut, U.S., Deaths and Burials Index, 1650-1934

Name	Ira P Bennett
Birth Date	7 Nov 1850
Age at Death	75
Death Date	25 May 1926
Death Place	Connecticut
Burial Place	Naugatuck, Connecticut
Cemetery	Naugatuck Grove
Gender	Male
FHL Film Number	3347

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### Mrs. Austin Barney.

The funeral services of Mrs. Austin Barney were held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lysander G. Shurtleff Wednesday afternoon, Rev. James G. Hutchinson officiating. The bearers were Almon Smith, Myron Gilson, George Kittredge, Lysander Shurtleff, Leroy Bennett and Aubrey Gray. There were many beautiful flowers. The remains were carried to Woodmont cemetery in East Burke for burial.

Lucia Ann Kittredge, daughter of Ira and Hannah Phippen Kittredge, was born in Westminster September 13, 1818, and died in Lyndonville March 10, after an illness of some weeks, caused by a general breaking down of the system due to old age. Her girlhood was spent in Lyndon. She had been married three times. Her first husband was Elias Cheney, by whom she had one daughter, Florence Cheney, deceased. For her second husband she married Perley Bennett, who died June 9, 1856. Four children were born to them, Anson and Lulu, dying in infancy, Ira P. Bennett, now residing in Woodmont, Conn., and Stella, Mrs. Charles P. Howland of Burke. In 1863, seven years after Mr. Bennett's death she was again united in marriage to Austin Barney of Kirby, who died some years ago. Since his

death she has lived in her own home in Kirby, and in the homes of Michael Sullivan and Samuel Fitzpatrick in Kirby. For some years past she has lived with Mr. and Mrs. Lysander G

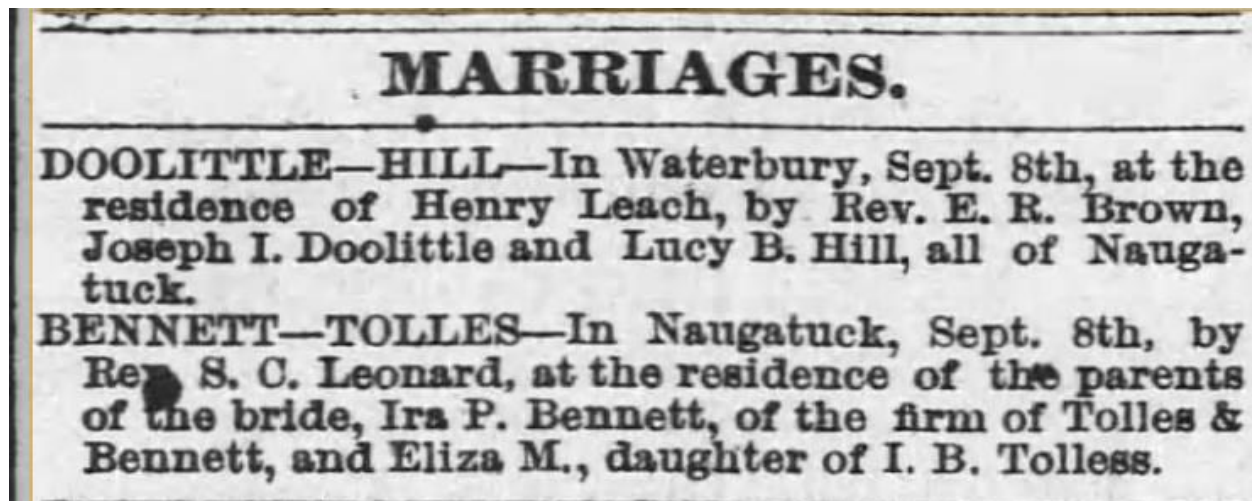
Shurtleff of Lyndonville, where she has been tenderly and faithfully cared for in her declining years, receiving the same love and respect as if they had been her own children. For many long years she has been a devoted and consistent member of the Baptist church at East Burke. She was a loving wife and mother, a kind neighbor and an ever-faithful friend. She was an exceedingly industrious woman and through all her long and honorable life showed one trait of character in a remarkable degree, the beautiful hospitality with which she welcomed all her friends to her home.

*Obituary of Ira's mother Lucia Ann Kittredge Cheney Bennett Barney – "St. Johnsbury (VT) Republican" Wednesday 19 Mar 1913 p 8*

The funeral of Ira Bennett one of the prominent residents of Woodmont occurred this afternoon. Mr. Bennett was 76 years of age, and had lived in Woodmont since his retirement from business in 1907. He is survived by a wife, two children, LeRoy P. Bennett of Seymour, and Mrs. Marjorie B. Upson of Woodmont and three grandchildren, Warren W. Bennett B. and Hope Upson. Mr. Bennett was a member of the Union League Club of New Haven, and of the New Haven Commandery, Knights Templar.

*"Bridgeport (CT) Telegram" Saturday 29 May 1926 p 7*

*Mother:*



*"New Haven (CT) Morning Journal-Courier" Friday 10 Sep 1880 p 3*

## Eliza M Tolles Bennett

in the Connecticut, U.S., Deaths and Burials Index, 1650-1934

Name	Eliza M Tolles Bennett
Birth Date	1 Feb 1856
Death Place	Connecticut
Burial Place	Naugatuck, Connecticut
Cemetery	Naugatuck Grove
Gender	Female
Marital Status	Married
Spouse	Ira P
FHL Film Number	3347

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## MRS. MARIA TOLLES DIES IN WOODMONT

### Mother of Former Councilman of this City Passed Away in Ninety-second Year

After only ten days' illness, following a cold, and developing into pneumonia, Mrs. Maria W. Tolles, mother of former councilman Ralph I. Tolles, of Westervelt avenue, this city, died Saturday night, at her home in Woodmont, Conn., aged ninety-one years. She had passed her ninety-first birthday March 15, last.

Mrs. Tolles leaves five children and a sister to mourn her death. They are, Ralph I. Tolles of this city, Harrison B. Tolles of Ansonia, Conn.; Fremont W. Tolles, of Naugatuck, Conn.; Mrs. Ira Bennett, of Woodmont, Conn.; Mrs. William Ward, of Seymour, Conn., and the sister, Mrs. Delinda Hotchkiss, of New Haven.

Mrs. Tolles was one of five children of Hezekiah and Matilda Buckingham, who were honored residents of Connecticut, where they and their ancestors had lived from the time the first members of the family came from England, in 1650. Her parents lived in Middlebury.

Mrs. Tolles was a member of the Congregational church, but aside from this affiliation had no ties outside of her home, for she was of a home-loving nature, and found her chief enjoyment in the home with the family circle. She was happy as the mother of a family whose members have gone forth to their respective callings in the world, and to homes of their own, where they are reflecting the teachings of a good New England mother, and are honored in the station in life to which they have been called.

Mrs. Tolles possessed a remarkable vitality, and up to her last illness enjoyed good health for one of her age. She had visited Plainfield, the last occasion being the time when her granddaughter, Miss Juna Tolles was married, three years ago.

Her funeral will be held Wednesday noon, at Woodmont, and the burial will be made in Naugatuck, the friends going there by funeral car. Mr. Tolles will have the sympathy of his many Plainfield friends at this time, for his filial affection for his mother was very pronounced, and his frequent visits to Woodmont in the years he has lived here were as much for his love of her as for the pleasure of the trip to his old home.

Obituary of Eliza Tolles Bennett's mother Maria Buckingham Tolles – 'Plainfield (NJ) Courier-News' Monday 25 May 1914 p 1

*Sibling:*



## Obituaries

### Mrs. Warren B. Upson

SEYMOUR - Mrs. Marjorie (Bennett) Upson, 76 Middlefield Road, Oxford, widow of Warren W. Upson, died Saturday at Shady Knoll Convalescent Hospital after a long illness.

She was born April 4, 1892, in Philadelphia, Pa., daughter of the late Ira P. and Eliza (Tolles) Bennett. She had been a resident of Seymour for over 30 years, and had been a member of the Trinity Episcopal Church.

She is survived by two sons, Bennett D. Sr., Seymour, and Warren W., Oxford; one brother, Leroy P. Bennett, Lyndonville, Vt., seven grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and two nieces.

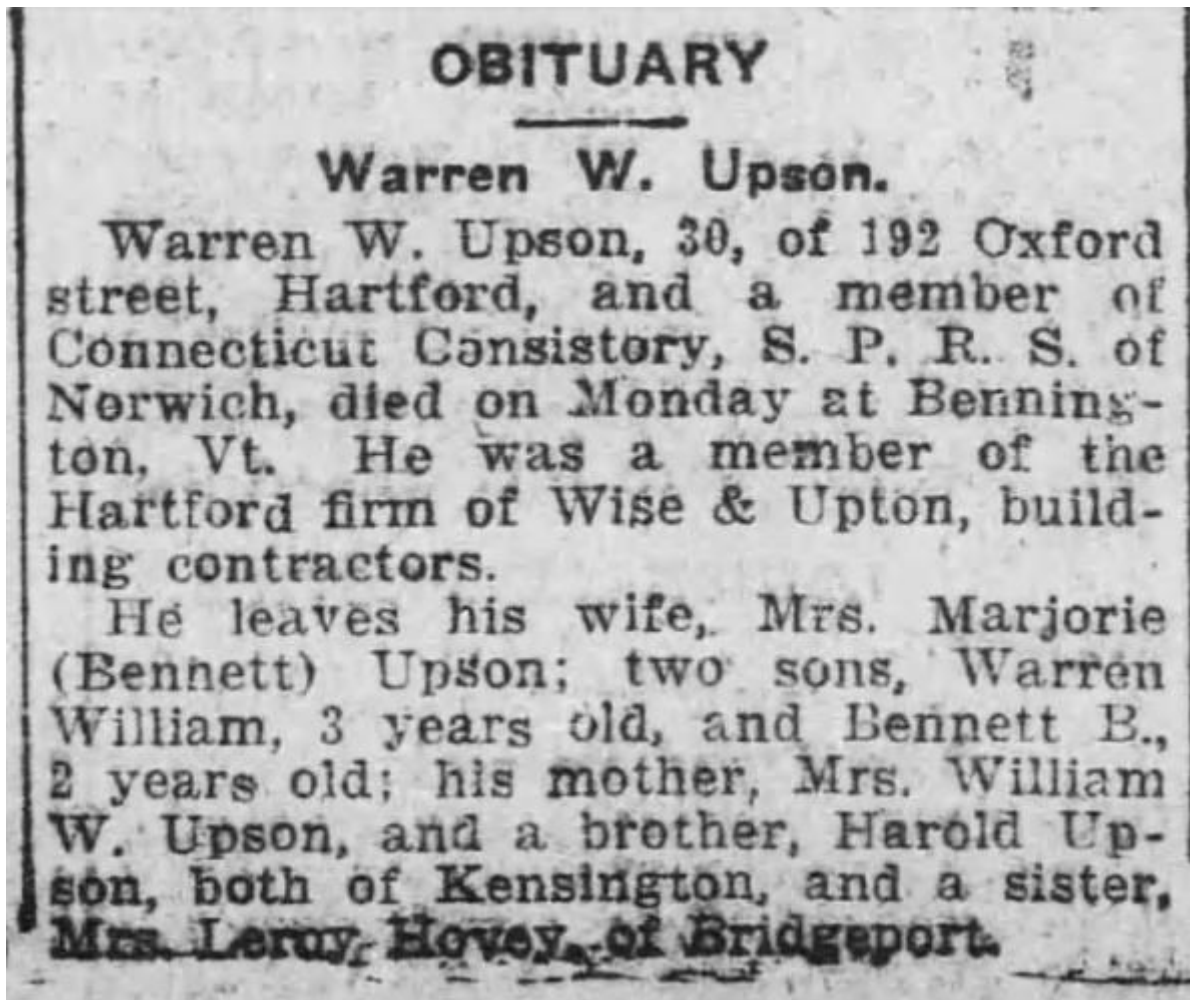
Private funeral services will be held tomorrow at 11 a.m. at the Ward-Upson Funeral Home, 260 Bank St., with the Rev. Frank A. Squires, rector of Trinity Episcopal Church, officiating. Burial will be in Grove Cemetery, Naugatuck. There will be no calling hours.

*Obituary of sister Marjorie T. Bennett Upson (1892-1968) - "Naugatuck (CT) Daily News"  
Monday 7 Oct 1968 p 5*

Miss Marjorie Tolles Bennett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ira P. Bennett of Woodmont, was married to Warren William Upson of Kensington Saturday evening at the home of her parents. The ceremony was performed by Rev. William Woodford of Seymour. Miss Ruth Bartlett of New Haven was maid of honor, the bridesmaids were Miss Evelyn Bartlett of New Haven and Miss Helen Phelps of Ansonia. The best man was LeRoy Bennett, brother of the bride, and the ushers were Carl Narr of New York and George Butler of New Haven. Mr. Upson was graduated from Yale University in 1910 and Mrs. Upson was graduated from the National Park Seminary, Washington, D. C., in 1912. After a two weeks' automobile trip through New England, Mr. and Mrs.

Upson will live in the Melven, at the corner of Jefferson and Washington streets.

*Wedding of sister Marjorie Tolles Bennett to Warren William Upson on 19 Sep 1914, with LeRoy Perley Bennett as best man – "Hartford (CT) Courant" Tuesday 22 Sep 1914 p 11*



*Obituary of Marjorie's husband Warren William Upson – "Norwich (CT) Bulletin" Thursday 5 Sep 1918 p 5*

**Abbreviations:**

b = born

d = died

F: = Find A Grave ([www.findagrave.org](http://www.findagrave.org))

NOK = next-of-kin

**Name: LeRoy Perley Bennett**

Name variations:

Military:

On Tuscania: 213th Aero Squadron - sergeant

Serial number: 250,092

Entered service from: Woodmont, New Haven CT

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: Leroy P. Bennett

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": father Ira P. Bennett, Woodmont CT

Returned from war on: "Louisville" May 1919

Sailed on return ship as: Leroy P. Bennett

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: father ira P. Bennett, Woodmont CT (sgt, 213th Aero Sq)  
World War I draft registration (1917): as Le Roy Perley Bennett - b. 7 Feb 1889 Philadelphia PA; res: 315 Pearl, Hartford CT. Single. Assistant claim examiner, Hartford Accident & Indemnity Co. Signed with a capital "R" in LeRoy. Registered 25 May 1917 in advance of 5 Jun 1917 national registration day; card was mailed 5 Jun 1917 according to handwritten note.

National Tuscania Survivors Association 1939 roster: 15 Pine St., Seymour CT

World War II draft registration (1942): as Le Roy Perley - b. 7 Feb 1889 Philadelphia PA; res: 15 Pine St., Seymour, New Haven CT. NOK Mrs. Marjorie Upson, Srokerat [spelling?] St., Seymour CT [his sister]. Employed with W.L. Ward Co., funeral directors, at 15 Pine St. Wears glasses. Signed with a capital "R" in LeRoy. Height: 5'7 ½" – 155 lbs.

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlisted 10 Dec 1917

Discharged 10 Jun 1919

Address: 15 Pine St., Seymour CT

Rank/unit: sergeant, 213<sup>th</sup> Aero Squadron A S A

#### Birth & death:

Born: 7 Feb 1889 Philadelphia, Philadelphia Co. PA (WWI & WWII draft registrations)

Died: 17 Jan 1971 Newport, Orleans VT (Bel-Aire Nursing Home, of prostate cancer which had metastasized to his brain & lungs)

Find A Grave record: 13432857 - presence on Tuscania noted in flower

Burial location: Naugatuck, New Haven CT

Cemetery: Grove

Tombstone:

Father: Ira P. Bennett, 7 Nov 1850 Kirby, Caledonia VT – 25 May 1926 New Haven Co. CT.

Son of Amos Perley Bennett (F: 22264170) & Lucia Ann Kittridge (F: 22264124). Perley was Lucia's 2<sup>nd</sup> husband. Lucia's 1<sup>st</sup> husband was Elias Cheney & her 3<sup>rd</sup> husband was Austin Barney. d

In the 1920 census, Ira P. Bennett (69 VT) was the head of household in Milford, New Haven CT. In the house were his wife Eliza M. (63 CT), married daughter Marjorie B. Upson, her husband Warren W. Upson & their 2 sons. No one had an occupation listed.

Obituary: "Bridgeport (CT) Telegram" 29 May 1926 p 7 – funeral of Ira on 29 May 1926, "one of the most prominent residents of Woodmont" died at age 76, lived in Woodmont CT since retired in 1907. Survived by widow & 2 children: Leroy P. Bennett (Seymour CT) & Mrs. Marjorie B. Upson (Woodmont CT).

Buried in Grove Cemetery, Naugatuck, New Haven CT.

Find A Grave: 13432924

Mother: Eliza M. Tolles Bennett, 1 Feb 1856 CT – 22 Jan 1939 CT. Daughter of Isaac B.

Tolles & Maria W. Buckingham. Buried in Grove Cemetery, Naugatuck, New Haven CT.

Find A Grave: 13432920

Parents' marriage: 8 Sep 1880 Naugatuck, New Haven CT

Spouse: Ruth Thompson Bartlett Bennett, 31 Jul 1891 Northampton, Hampshire MA – 13 Jul 1950 Newport, Orleans VT.

Daughter of Walter Lee Bartlett (1859-1896, F: 38952793 claims burial in MA & F: 52973404 claims burial in CT) & Mattie Ann Thompson (1862-1942, F: 52973424), who had married 24 Jan 1889 in Northampton, Hampshire MA.

When his engagement is announced just after the Tuscania sinking (Feb 1918), his fiancée's name is listed as Ruth Bartlett, daughter of Mrs. Mattie T. Bartlett. When his marriage is announced in the "Yale Alumni Weekly" vol. 29 #1 (19 Dec 1919), her name is listed as Ruth Thompson, daughter of Mrs. Mattie T. Bartlett. Thompson was her middle name. - LeRoy & Ruth were married in New Haven CT on 6 Dec 1919. He was listed as a member of the firm of W.L. Ward Co. of Seymour CT & as a 1913 graduate of Sheffield (Yale).

Ruth & LeRoy had 2 daughters: Hope & Barbara.

Died of circulatory shock from a hemorrhaging duodenal ulcer.

Buried in Grove Cemetery, Naugatuck, New Haven CT.

Spouse Find A Grave: 13432855

Marriage: 6 Dec 1919 New Haven CT

Spouse: Madeline Scovil Harris Russell Bennett, 21 Sep 1892 New Castle Co. DE – 22 Feb 1986 Hartford, Hartford CT.

Daughter of John Wesley Harris & Elizabeth Bird Hammond (the daughter of James Hammond & Ann Roberts).

Her first husband was Norton Anthony Russell, Sr., 5 Feb 1890 Meriden, New Haven CT - 27 Mar 1938, F: 237598052. He was the son of William T. & Emily B. Russell. They married 15 May 1917 in Milford CT.

Norton Sr. & Madeline had 1 son, Norton Anthony Russell Jr.

When Norton Sr. died, Mrs. Madeline Harris Russell of Woodmont CT arranged for his veteran headstone.

Madeline Russell was in charge of Dwight House at Yale University when her daughter-in-law Marcia Grace Spofford Russell died in Jun 1946 & she moved to Dayton, Montgomery OH to care for her son Norton Jr. & his two young children.

Buried with her 1<sup>st</sup> husband in Milford Cemetery, Milford, New Haven CT.

Spouse Find A Grave: 237598119

Marriage: 23 Dec 1950 Milford, New Haven CT – Ruth Bartlett.

Family tree at: <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/162295710/person/182431501282/facts>

Children: [not listed in 1930 census, although Hope would be around 6 and Barbara around 3 years old at that time] by 1<sup>st</sup> wife Ruth Thompson Bartlett

- Hope Bennett Godkin VanStone (Van Stone), 22 Nov 1923 Derby, New Haven CT – 4 Mar 2009 Shaftsbury, Bennington VT. – Married to Warren George Godkin (1921-1976). Listed as Mrs. Hope B. Godkin on Hagerstown MD in Jul 1950. In the 1950 census, Warren G. Godkin (26 CT), a sales engineer for an electric power company, lived with his wife Hope B. Godkin (26 CT), who was keeping house, in Hagerstown, Washington Co. MD on 958 Mulberry. – On 12 Aug 1978 in Shaftsbury, Bennington VT, Hope Godkin married Dr. James Morrill Vanstone (1924-1989, buried in Mountain Grove Cemetery & Mausoleum, Bridgeport, Fairfield CT, F: 192630756). He was the son of Harold M. Vanstone & Marion D. Morrill. - Obituary: “Bennington (VT) Banner” 6 Mar 2009, p. 4 – died at her home in Shaftsbury VT. Born Derby CT 22 Nov 1923, daughter of LeRoy P. & Ruth Bartlett Bennett. Graduate of Seymour (CT) High School 1941 & Green Mountain College (Poultney VT) in 1943. Secretary. Upon marrying Warren Godkin, moved to OH. Warren d. 18 Feb 1976. She married Dr. James M. VanStone of Avon CT at her home in Shaftsbury VT 12 Aug 1978. Her body was cremated & she will be buried in the family property at Lake Willoughby [Orlean Co.] VT. Survived by sister Barbara Bennett of Enosburg VT.
- Barbara (“Bea”/’Bobby”) Bennett McMorro Caruso, reverted to Bennett, 25 Feb 1927 CT – 14 Jun 2014. Married Leo Francis McMorro on 18 Sep 1948 in Seymour, New Haven CT. Leo was born 4 Mar 1923 in Rockland, Plymouth MA. He worked as a correctional officer at the State Farm in MA. – In the 1950 census for Bridgewater, Plymouth MA, Leo F. McMorro (27 MA), a correction officer at the State Farm, lived with wife Barbara (23 CT, a housewife at home) & their daughter Lynn B. McMorro, b. Oct 1949 in MA. - The couple moved to FL where he was a police officer in Clearwater, Pinellas FL. Following the discovery of a tumor, he resigned from the police force & shot himself to death in the kitchen of their home in Clearwater, Pinellas FL on 30 Sep 1966. His body was discovered by Barbara. Leo McMorro, the son of John Earle & Jennie McMorro, is buried in Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Arlington Co. VA, F: 122887979 - Listed as Mrs. John Karuso [sic] when her father LeRoy dies in 1971. She had obtained a marriage license in Pinellas Co. FL in Dec 1967 with John Henry Caruso Sr., whose former wife was Jean Elmore. They divorced. John Sr. was born in Rocky Hill CT ca. 1928 & died 4 Dec 1987 in CT. He is buried in Rose Hill Memorial Park, Rocky Hill, Hartford CT, F: 139954768. – Noted as Barbara Bennett of Enosburg VT when her sister Hope died in 2009. She died with the surname Bennett.

Stepson: child of 2<sup>nd</sup> wife Madeline Harris Russell, by her 1<sup>st</sup> husband Norton Anthony Russell Sr.

- Norton Anthony (Tony) Russell, Jr., 12 Nov 1918 New Haven Co. CT – 28 Apr 1996 Dayton, Montgomery OH. – While a student at Antioch College in OH, Norton married Marcia Grace Spofford, b. Brooklyn NY. They were both age 22. She was the daughter of William Benjamin Spofford & Dorothy Grace Ibbotson. Her father, Rev. Spofford, officiated at the ceremony on 14 Jun 1941 in Green Co. OH. [alternative wedding date: 20 Jun 1941]. Marcia Grace died of infantile paralysis (polio) on 6 Jun 1946 in Dayton, Montgomery OH. - Resident of Yellow Springs OH in 1971.



## Sibling:

- Marjorie Tolles Bennett Upson, 4 Apr 1892 Philadelphia, Philadelphia Co. PA – 5 Oct 1968 Seymour, New Haven CT. Wife of Warren William Upson (22 Nov 1887 – 2 Sep 1918, F: 13432852). Marjorie & Warren married 19 Sep 1914 in Milford, New Haven CT. Buried in Grove Cemetery, Naugatuck, New Haven CT. F: 13432849

Notes: Graduate of Yale University, 1913.

Pre-war:

Wartime:

Post-war:

## Obituary:

"Naugatuck [CT] Daily News" 20 Jan 1971 p 11

Age 81, of Lyndonville VT, retired funeral director & former owner of W.L. Ward Co. Funeral Home (located at 15 Pine St, Seymour CT), survived by wife Madeline (Harris) Bennett of Lyndonville VT, 2 daughters: Mrs. Warren Godkin (Shaftsbury VT) & Mrs. John Karuso (Rocky Hill CT), stepson Norton A. Russell (Yellow Springs OH), funeral 20 Jan 1971, burial in Grove Cemetery.

VT Death Record: Died Bel-Aire Nursing Home, Newport, Orleans VT. Born PA. Wife Madeline Harris. SSN 040-18-2205. WWI veteran. Retired funeral director. Residence: 34 Skyline Dr., Lyndonville, Caledonia VT. Son of Ira P. Bennett & Elisa Tolles. Died of prostate carcinoma, metastasized to brain & lungs.

Social Security Number: 040-05-9093

## Censuses:

1900 Philadelphia, Philadelphia PA – 1601 Tioga St.

Ira P. Bennett, 49 VT, Nov 1850, father b. VT, mother b. NH, married 19 years, farm produce dealer

Eliza M., 44 CT, Feb 1856, parents b. CT, gave birth to 2 children, 2 are living

Leroy P., 11 PA, Feb 1889, at school

Marjorie T., 8 PA, Apr 1892, at school

And 2 female servants

1910 Milford, New Haven CT

Ira P. Bennett, 60 VT, father b. NH, mother b. VT, in 1<sup>st</sup> marriage, married 29 years, occupation: "own income"

Eliza M., 54 CT, parents b. CT, gave birth to 2 children, 2 are living

Leroy P., 21 PA, single [no occupation]

Majorie T., 18 PA

Ira's mother-in-law: Maria W. Tolles, 89 CT, widow

And a female servant (housekeeper)

1920 Seymour, New Haven CT – 15 Pine St.

Leroy P. Bennett, 30 PA, father b. VT, mother b. CT, renter, undertaker, W.L. Ward Co.

Ruth, 28 MA, father b. MA, mother b. CT

1930 Seymour, New Haven CT

Le Roy P. Bennett, 41 PA, father b. VT, mother b. CT, age 30 at 1<sup>st</sup> marriage, funeral director, undertaking, WWI veteran

Ruth B., 39 MA, father b. MA, mother b. CT, age 28 at 1<sup>st</sup> marriage

[note: no children are listed, even though Hope & Barbara had already been born]

1940 Seymour, New Haven CT – 15 Pine St. – same house in 1935 – as of Jan 2024, 15 Pine St. is the location of the Seymour Farmers' Market

LeRoy P. Bennett, 51 PA, funeral director, undertaking parlor

Ruth B., 48 MA [wife]

Hope, 16 CT [daughter]

Barbara, 13 CT [daughter]

1950 Seymour, New Haven CT – 15 Pine St.

Leroy P. Bennett, 63 PA

Ruth B., 60 CT

[no occupations listed]