

TUSCANIA

Bentley, Walter Harvey
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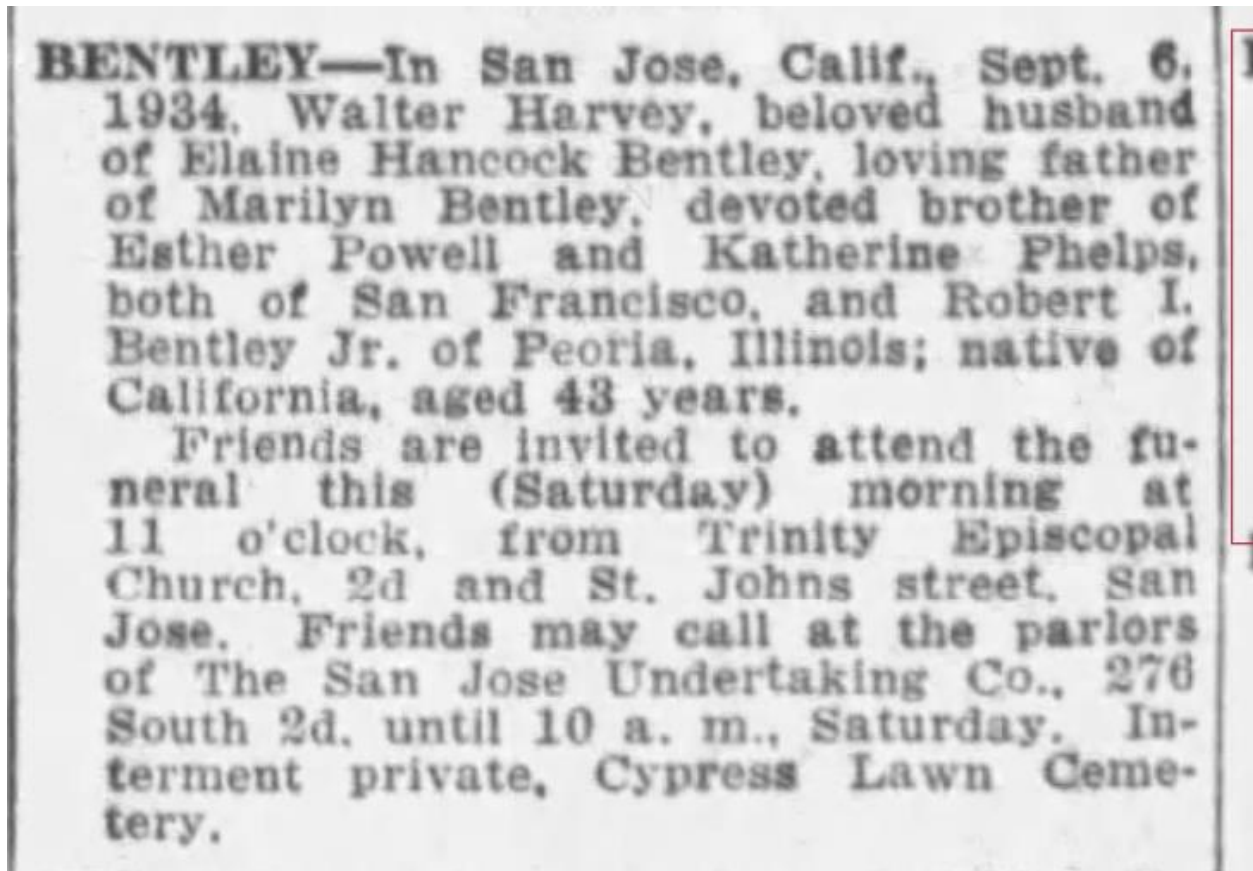


In the upper group are the participants in the Dance of the Condoliers. Below is a quartet in a specialty in the Dance of the Tyroleans. Reading from left to right, the members of the quartet are: Walter H. Bentley, Miss Elaine Hancock, Miss Elizabeth Darsie and Frank H. Allen.

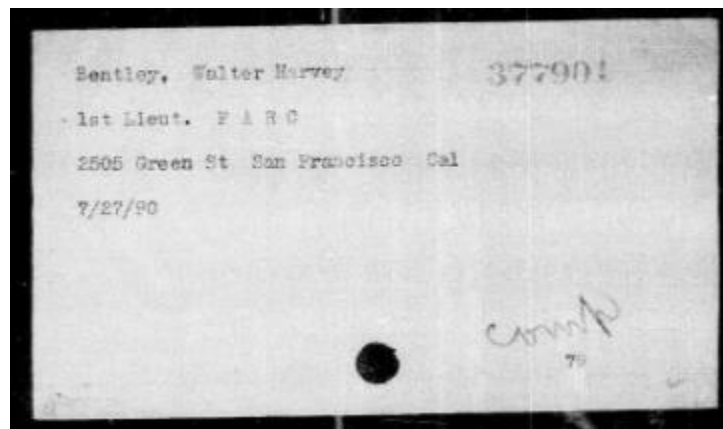
"San Francisco Chronicle" 12 Nov 1910, p 9
Walter Harvey Bentley kneeling at far left -
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Obituary – “San Francisco Examiner” Saturday 8 Sep 1934 p 15



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W. H. BENTLEY DIES FOLLOWING AN OPERATION

Walter H. Bentley, San Jose business leader who resided in Stockton for a short period over a decade ago, died yesterday at a San Jose hospital following an operation. He was operated on for appendicitis but it developed there were adhesions and an intestinal obstruction and efforts to save him were unavailing.

Funeral services will be held Saturday morning in San Jose.

Bentley was vice-president and general manager of the Muirson Label Company, with which he had been connected since his return in 1919 from overseas service as an artillery captain. He was a son of the late Robert I. Bentley, president of the California Packing Corporation.

Deceased is survived by his widow, Elaine Hancock Bentley; a daughter, Marilyn Bentley, and two sisters, Mrs. Katherine Phelps and Mrs. Esther Powell, both of San Francisco.

"Stockton (CA) Evening & Sunday Record" Friday 7 Sep 1934 p 19

San Jose Banker Taken By Death

SAN JOSE, Sept. 7 (INS).—Following an emergency operation Walter H. Bentley, vice president of the Muirson Label company and director of the first National bank, died suddenly late yesterday afternoon.

"Oakland (CA) Post Enquirer" Friday 7 Sep 1934 p 3

Walter H. Bentley.

Last Rites Held

SAN JOSE, Sept. 8.—Last rites were held at the Trinity Episcopal Church here this morning for Walter H. Bentley, 44, vice-president and general manager of the Muirson Label Company, prominent civic leader. He passed away suddenly Thursday afternoon following an intestinal operation. Private interment services were held at Cypress Lawn Cemetery. Bentley leaves a wife, Mrs. Elaine Hancock Bentley, and a daughter, Marylin.

"Oakland (CA) Tribune" Sunday 9 Sep 1934 p 31

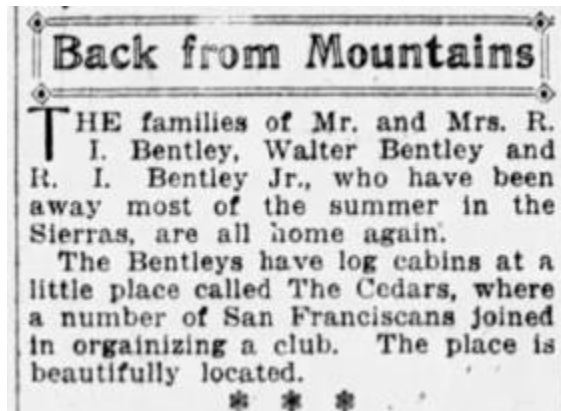
Service Held for San Jose Leader

SAN JOSE, Sept. 9.—One of San Jose's most distinguished citizens, Walter H. Bentley, vice president of the Muirson Label Company and director of the First National Bank, was laid to rest following funeral rites held here at Trinity Episcopal Church.

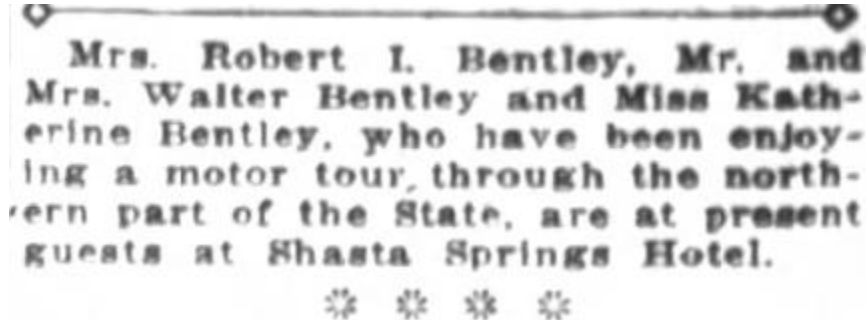
Bentley passed away Thursday following an emergency operation. In addition to his local clubs, he was a member of the Olympic Club in San Francisco and the Menlo Park Golf and Country Club. The widow, a daughter, a brother and two sisters survive.

"San Francisco Examiner" Monday 10 Sep 1934 p 32

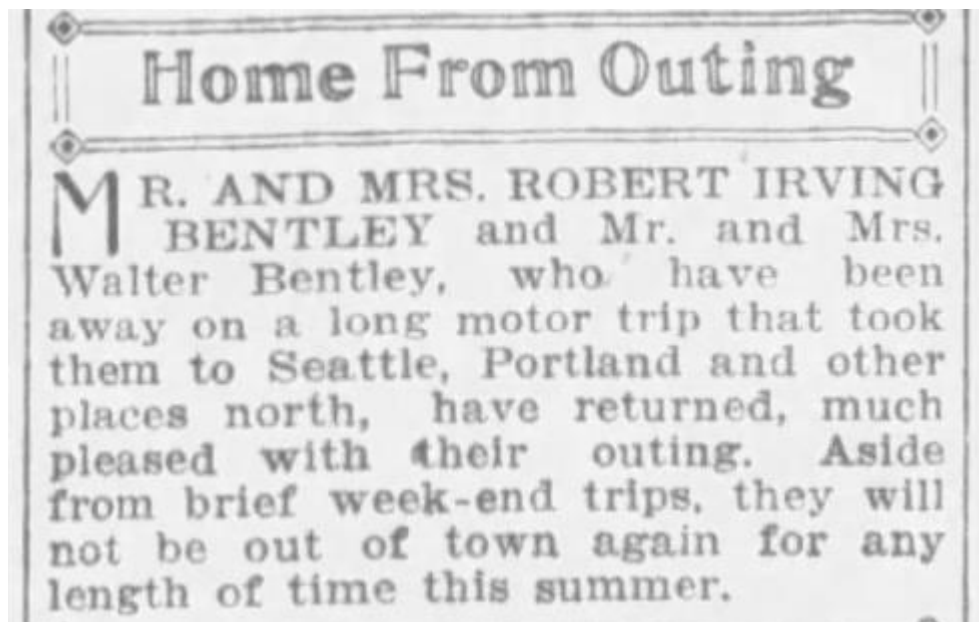
Life:



"San Francisco Examiner" Friday 25 Aug 1916 p 11



"San Francisco Chronicle" Thursday 21 Jun 1917 p 7



"San Francisco Examiner" Tuesday 3 Jul 1917 p 7

TO DATE more than \$5,000 has been realized for the children's hospital and the San Francisco maternity through the sale of season boxes and season tickets for the kirmess that opens at the Central theater on the evening of Wednesday, February 17.

As the opening evening approaches it is easy to see in the rehearsals of each day a decided improvement in detail over the rehearsals of the previous day. As a whole, the dances probably are the best executed that have ever been seen in San Francisco.

The kirmess dances have an air of freshness, of originality, that professional performances lack. There is more natural beauty and grace in one kirmess dance than in an infinity of dances by professionals. The good looks in the kirmess are permanent.

MISS BLACK	
IRISH HARVEST DANCE	
CHAPERONS	
Mrs. A. M. Simpson	Mrs. Robert Irving Bentley
Mrs. E. A. Bresse	Mrs. William Matson
Mrs. W. J. Shotwell	
DANCERS	
Miss Lurline E. Matson	Miss Marie L. Ormart
Miss Marie W. Tyson	Jerd F. Sullivan
Miss Florence E. J. Altken	Fred A. Tillmann
Miss Alma L. Birmingham	Fred H. St. Goar
Miss Metha N. McMahon	Harold E. Haven
Miss Franc Pierce	William F. Leib
Miss Janet A. Klink	Wendell C. Hammon
	Chester L. North
	Walter H. Bentley
Songs—"MY IRISH MAID" and "MOLLY SHANNON"	
Miss Matson	Miss McMahon
J. F. Sullivan	W. C. Hammon
Assisted by Messrs. Mann, Hannigan, Rosborough and Willcutt.	

Dance performance – extract – "San Francisco Call & Post" Saturday 13 Feb 1909 p 9

Dancing Party For Young Set

MISS KATHERINE BENTLEY was hostess last night at a dancing party at her home, where were gathered the young girls and boys with whom she has danced at a number of parties this vacation period.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Irving Bentley, her parents, have just returned from the southern part of the State, where they spent the holidays with their sons, who are in the service and stationed at the southern training camps. Mr. Bentley has been East, and Mrs. Bentley and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bentley went South to meet him and be with the younger generation in the military. On Christmas day they had "mess" with their sons at Camp Kearny. Later they went to Pasadena for the rose carnival.

Some of Miss Bentley's guests last night were Misses Elizabeth Watt, Margaret Buckbee, Elizabeth Terry, Geraldine Grace, Messrs. Ream Black, Monroe Greenwood, Harvey Magee and George Hooper.

"San Francisco Examiner" Saturday 5 Jan 1918 p 8

FEARS FELT FOR S. F. MEN ON TUSCANIA

Although the names of many California men have been added to the list of saved in the Tuscania disaster, several families in the San Francisco bay district are still in doubt regarding their sons or relatives who are supposed to have sailed on the doomed vessel.

Among those who have not been definitely accounted for is Lieutenant Walter Bentley of this city. His family is still in the dark as to whether he was on the doomed ship. The father of the young engineer is Robert I. Bentley, vice-president of the California Packing Company. He said today:

FATE IN DOUBT.

"We have not yet ascertained positively whether our son was on the Tuscania. Some of his young soldier friends who went East with him were on the liner, and no doubt were rescued, because their names are not among the missing. Lieutenant Bentley may not, of course, have gone with them, but our doubts make us very anxious."

Lieutenant Bentley was a member of the second officers' school at the Presidio, and was assigned to service in a field artillery unit.

"San Francisco Bulletin" Friday 8 Feb 1918 p 20

ENGINEER UNITS

These men, who were on the Tuscania, are member of the Sixth Battalion, Twentieth Engineers:

ALDEN, HARRY—Private, San Francisco.

ABBOTT, EDWIN R.—Private, San Francisco.

ADAMS, HAROLD P.—Private, Oakland.

ANDERSON, FRANK T.—Private, Colusa.

BUSTICHI, ARMANDO—Private, Santa Cruz.

BRADY, STANLEY—Corporal, Caspar.

BROWN, IRA F.—Private, Oakland.

BENTLEY, WALTER H.—Lieutenant, Foresters' Reserve Corps, San Francisco.

CEVITTA, PETER—Private, Richmond.

CURTIS, GEORGE D.—Private, San Diego.

CONOVER, HAROLD H.—Private, South Pasadena.

NEASHAM, CLARENCE T.—Private, Fort Bidwell.

OTTO, HENRY N.—Private, Santa Cruz.

OWENS, WESLEY H.—Private, Engineers' Corps; Stockton.

PATTERSON, CHARLES S.—Lieutenant, Engineers' Reserve Corps, Los Angeles.

PEREIRA, LEWIS C.—Private, Lagunitas.

PLASKETT, CARL S.—Private, Monterey.

PINE, WILLIAM D.—Private, Berkeley.

RENFOR, ANDREW A.—Private, Santa Barbara.

RICHARD, JOHN—Private, San Francisco.

ROSE, ADOLPH—Private, Engineers' Corps; Oakland.

SHEPPARD, ORR—Corporal, Los Angeles.

"San Francisco Examiner" Friday 8 Feb 1918 p 1

BRIEF SKETCHES OF BAY CITY BOYS ON TUSCANIA

FOLLOWING are a number of brief sketches showing the identity of various San Francisco and other bay city boys known to have been aboard the transport *Tuscania* at the time of sinking. Some of these are known to have been among the survivors:

Lieut. Walter Bentley

Lieutenant Walter H. Bentley, of the Twentieth Engineers, whose name appears in the list of those aboard the *Tuscania*, is a San Francisco boy and the son of Robert L. Bentley, vice president of the California Packing Company.

The father stated yesterday that he was not aware his son was aboard the ill-fated ship until he read his name in the list published in the "Examiner."

Lieutenant Bentley attended the second officers' training camp and was assigned to Battery 1 of a field artillery unit.

"San Francisco Examiner" Saturday 9 Feb 1918 p 2

Lieutenant Walter H. Bentley, 2505 Green street, was not on the *Tuscania* and has arrived safely in France, according to a cablegram received yesterday by his father, Robert L. Bentley, vice-president of the California Packing Company. Lieutenant Bentley sailed for Europe about the time the *Tuscania* left an Atlantic port.

Walter WAS on *Tuscania* & he was NOT in France – "San Francisco Chronicle" Sunday 10 Feb 1918 p 2 - <https://www.newspapers.com/image/27332794/>

Lieutenant Describes the Sinking of the Tuscania

[Special to The Indianapolis News]

CRAWFORDSVILLE, Ind., May 3.—Thrilling scenes that were enacted following the torpedoing of the Tuscania by a German submarine off the coast of Ireland on the evening of February 5 are vividly described in a letter written by Lieutenant Arthur P. Baugh to Mrs. Baugh and to his brother, Hollis H. Baugh, of this city. The letter was written from Winchester, England, under date of February 12. Lieutenant Baugh, who is a young business man of Portland, Ore., entered the second officers' reserve training camp at the Presidio, in California, and was commissioned a first lieutenant of artillery. He was promptly chosen for overseas service.

At 10:30 p.m. on February 5, Baugh and I were sitting

service.
"Lieutenant Bently and I were sitting in my stateroom on the evening of the 5th, waiting for dinner, which was to be served at 7 o'clock," Lieutenant Baugh writes. "Just as I locked my trunk and pushed it aside the explosion came. The lights went out instantly. We went for our lifebelts, which we always kept handy, and made for the top deck. I can tell you it did not take long for us to get on top. The boat trembled, just like something alive, when she was struck. The boat listed to starboard and began to settle.

"I previously had been assigned to life-boat 6-B, which was the third boat over from No. 6 on port side. I was to be in charge of fifty-four men, who would be in this boat. Lieutenant Bentley and myself, assisted by our crew, one mate and one member of the boat crew, lowered three boats very nicely, right side up and all loaded. We

"My boat was the third over. We made a graceful landing, but just as we struck the water a destroyer came alongside to rescue the men, and it smashed our lifeboat like an egg shell between it and the Tuscania. We all grabbed for the deck line of the destroyer, and I think every one of my men got aboard all O. K., but just in time. We took on seventeen officers and 286 men, and made for the northern coast of Ireland. The Tuscania was torpedoed at 5:45 o'clock, and we were landed about 2 o'clock the next morning. I don't think heaven will look any better than Ireland did that night.

"We were treated royally by the Irish and English, especially by the army officers. If I ever meet an English army officer in the good old United States of America he is going to get the best I have.

"One thing happened that touched me. A young chap came up to me when we went on deck and appeared to be very nervous. He said to me in the dark: 'Are you an officer?' I told him, 'Yes.' Then he said: 'Everything is all right then.' He asked me if I thought the boat was sinking very fast. I consoled him all I could. Then I heard him praying. But I never saw him after that time. I did not know his name, but he must have been a Christian lad."

Shared stateroom with Arthur Baugh – the two were waiting for dinner when the torpedo hit
 - "Indianapolis (IN) News" Friday 3 May 1918 p 21 -
<https://www.newspapers.com/image/35718948/>

ROTARIANS FOR BETTER CENTER STREET BRIDGE

Robert E. Inglis, president of the Lions' club, was the principal speaker today at the Rotary club luncheon at Hotel Stockton. Mr. Inglis presented the Center street bridge situation which has been before the city council for some time and asked the Rotary club to co-operate with those seeking to have the Center street bridge made serviceable. President Ralph E. Wilcox appointed a committee consisting of J. M. Perry, Phil E. Holt and C. G. Bird to co-operate with the Lions' club and others in bringing about a solution of the bridge problem.

B. E. Swenson, superintendent of the city playground, told of the municipal camp at Silver Lake and of the good time the Stocktonians vacationing there are having. Greetings from the camp were received from G. E. Reynolds and Ralph O. Yardley, who are vacationing at Silver Lake and who announced they were conducting a Rotary meeting at the camp.

I. D. Putnam, E. E. B. Devine and Walter H. Bentley were inducted into membership. C. B. Pearson made the address of welcome and explained the meaning of Rotary. President Wilcox presented the novices with copies of the code of ethics.

Joins Rotary Club – "Stockton (CA) Evening & Sunday Record" Wednesday 2 Aug 1922 p 8

New Names On Committee—New appointments to the California Raisin Festival Association committee received by Manager H. E. Patterson of the Fresno County Chamber of Commerce include L. F. Giffen, Fresno Traffic Association; Milton H. Possons, Sun-Maid Raisin Growers, and Walter H. Bentley, Stockton Rotary Club.

"Fresno (CA) Bee" Saturday 23 Dec 1922 p 6

STOCKTON COUPLE JAPAN RESIDENTS

Mr. And Mrs. A. E. Mandel
Are Now Living In
Yokohama

STOCKTON (San Joaquin Co.), Sept. 4.—No word has been received from Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Mandel, now residing in Yokohama, since Japan was first shaken by the terrible earthquake and fire, and Stockton friends are anxiously awaiting press bulletins, hoping for some news of their safety.

Mandel, former manager of the National Paper Products Company in this city, with his wife and three children, left two years ago for Japan, to superintend the building and management of a paper products company in Yokohama and another in Shanghai, China. The popular Stocktonian planned to remain in the Orient but a year longer, as Mrs. Mandel was in poor health.

In February of this year, Mr. and Mrs. John J. Roschelli, while touring Japan, visited with the former Stockton people, and at that time they were making their home at Hotel Grand. Other friends stopped in Yokohama to visit with Mr. and Mrs. Mandel in May, and then they were living in a large home on the bluff—"the foreign quarter—as it is known in press dispatches.

To-day's telegraphic reports state that practically all of the homes on this bluff were untouched, and local people are finding some comfort in this news.

Walter H. Bentley, present manager of the National Paper Products Company, who has been affiliated with Mandel in this business, received a letter a few days ago, posted a month previously, but has had no more recent news. Bentley is greatly concerned about his friend and hopes that he may have been visiting the Shanghai plant at the time of the quake.

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**To Del Monte for
Holidays**

Del Monte will be the setting for the Christmas of Mr. and Mrs. Walter H. Bentley and their cunning little daughter, Miss Marilyn.

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"Stockton (CA) Evening & Sunday Record" Monday 17 Dec 1923 p 8

**Walter Bentleys to
Return to San Jose**

Mr. and Mrs. Walter H. Bentley and their adorable daughter, Marilyn, are leaving Stockton to return to their former home in San Jose. This will cause regret in Modesto for the Bentleys frequently motor over here and visit with family folks and friends. They have been frequent guests at the Stanislaus Country club.

Mrs. Bentley was formerly Miss Elaine Hancock, of this city. She visits with her mother, Mrs. Ella Hancock, and with a host of other relatives when in town.

The Bentleys will occupy the Robert I. Bentley, Jr., residence in San Jose. The Robert Bentleys are to spend the winter months in Chicago.

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"Modesto (CA) Bee" Tuesday 15 Jan 1924 p 3

Wife:

BY CHOLLY
MR. and **MRS. E. W. HANCOCK**
 announce the engagement of
 their daughter, Miss Elaine Han-
 cock, to Walter H. Bentley, son of
 Mr. and Mrs. Robert I. Bentley.

Both families are prominently iden-
 tified with affairs in the business
 and social world of San Francisco.
 Miss Hancock has been one of the
 particular pets in the coterie of
 belles educated at the local finishing
 schools. A fairy-like wisp of a girl,
 very chic and just the sort that seems
 suited to the romantic suggestion im-
 plied by the name "Elaine." Having
 been such a favorite, there will
 likely be loads of affairs between
 now and the wedding day. Young
 Bentley has been away in Chicago
 with a business concern allied with
 that of which Mr. Bentley Sr. is
 connected, but will become a San
 Franciscan again and associate him-
 self with his father in business.

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"San Francisco Examiner" Thursday 24 Sep 1914 p 9 -
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MISS HANCOCK BECOMES BRIDE

Ceremony Performed at Beautifully Decorated Residence in Broderick Street.

MISS ELAINE HANCOCK became the wife of Walter H. Bentley at a small but very beautiful home wedding last night, the ceremony taking place at the E. W. Hancock residence on Broderick street. Mrs. Hancock gave her daughter in marriage, and the ceremony was read by the Rev. W. B. Wright of St. Stephens Episcopal Church. Only the relatives and a very few old family friends were present. A repast was served afterwards.

Mr. Bentley is a son of Mr. and

Mr. Bentley is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert I. Bentley of this city. Both families are eminent in affairs of this city. The bride has been a favorite in the younger set of society for the past two seasons, being unusually pretty and just as sweet as she looks. The period of her engagement has been filled with numerous charming affairs in her honor.

The bride was gowned in a girlish little frock of white taffeta, made in short, round length, very bouffant, over flounces of lovely silver lace, the same lace forming the corsage. The tulle veil enveloped her from head to foot, little sprays of orange blossoms clasping it here and there. Miss Pauline Wood of Modesto, a cousin of Miss Elaine, was her attendant, looking picturesque in a dainty girlish way, in a gown of pale pink taffeta and silver lace. Oscar Hueter was the best man. Mrs. Hancock was gowned in a dress of lavender charmeuse and lace and carried orchids.

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"San Francisco Examiner" Saturday 24 Apr 1915 p 9

MRS. WALTER HARVEY BENTLEY (Miss Elaine Hancock), whose marriage took place last Friday evening at the home of her mother, Mrs. E. W. Hancock, on Broderick street.



"San Francisco Chronicle" Monday 26 Apr 1915 p 5

Mrs. Robert L. Bentley is entertain-
 ing this afternoon in honor of Miss
 Elaine Hancock, whose engagement
 to her son, Walter Harvey Bentley,
 was an announcement of last week.
 Miss Hancock and Mr. Bentley's sis-
 ter, Miss Esther Bentley, are great
 friends. Robert L. Bentley Jr. is a
 brother. Miss Hancock is the daugh-
 ter of Mrs. E. W. Hancock.

"San Francisco Bulletin" Tuesday 29 Sep 1914 p 4

MISS HANCOCK A BRIDE

Miss Elaine Hancock became the bride of Walter Harvey Bentley at a small wedding Friday evening at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. E. W. Hancock, on Broderick Street, San Francisco. The ceremony was performed at 8.30 by the Rev. George H. B. Wright of St. Stephen's Church, and only the members of the two families were present.

The bride, who is an unusually beautiful girl, wore a bridal gown of white taffeta trimmed with d'Alencon lace, and wore a long tulle veil fas-

tened with orange blossoms. Her bouquet was of lilies of the valley and orchids.

Miss Pauline Wood of Modesto, a cousin of the bride, was the maid of honor and wore a dainty pink silk gown embroidered in silver. Her bouquet was of pink roses, which also adorned the wedding supper table. Oscar Hueter was best man. After a wedding trip of a month's duration the young couple will reside in San Francisco. Miss Hancock is a great favorite in her set and is a member of several dancing clubs. Mr. Bentley is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert I. Bentley, a nephew of Charles Bentley and a brother of Miss Esther Bentley and Robert I. Bentley, Jr., all of San Francisco.

Wedding – "Modesto (CA) Morning Herald" Sunday 25 Apr 1915 p 9

**To Live With
Husband's Relatives**

MRS. WALTER BENTLEY has joined her husband's family, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Irving Bentley, while her husband, Captain Bentley, is abroad. The many friends of Captain Bentley will rejoice to hear that he was one of the California men saved from the *Tuscania*. He was in Ireland a few days but is now in England, en route to France.

Mrs. Bentley Sr. visited her other son, Robert Bentley, who is at Camp Kearny near San Diego, and returned but a few days ago.

"San Francisco Examiner" Friday 15 Feb 1918 p 9

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No. 1.</p> <p>ELAINE HANCOCK BENTLEY, Plaintiff, vs. ALL PERSONS CLAIMING ANY INTEREST IN, OR LIEN UPON, THE REAL PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED, OR ANY PART THEREOF, Defendants.—No. 36115.</p> <p>Action in rem against all the world to establish plaintiff's title to certain real property situated in the City and County of San Francisco, State of California, and to determine all adverse claims thereto.</p> <p>The People of the State of California, to all persons claiming any interest in or lien upon the real property herein described, or any part thereof, defendants, greeting:</p> <p>You are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint of Elaine Hancock Bentley, plaintiff, filed with the Clerk of the above entitled Court and County, within three (3) months after the first publication of this summons, and to set forth what interest or lien, if any, you have in or upon that certain real property, or any part thereof, situate in the City and County of San Francisco, State of California, particularly described as follows:</p> <p>1. Commencing at a point in the southeasterly line of Mission street, distant thereon one hundred and twenty-five (125) feet northeasterly from the point formed by the intersection of the said southeasterly line of Mission street with the northeasterly line of Fourth street; running thence northeasterly and along the said southeasterly line of Mission street fifty (50) feet; thence at a right angle southeasterly one hundred (100) feet; thence at a right angle southwesterly twenty-five (25) feet; thence at a right angle southeasterly seventy (70) feet to the northwesterly line of Minna street; thence southwesterly along the said northwesterly line of Minna street twelve (12)</p>	<p>feet and six (6) inches; thence at a right angle northwesterly seventy (70) feet; thence at a right angle southwesterly twelve (12) feet and six (6) inches, and thence at a right angle northwesterly one hundred (100) feet to the point of commencement.</p> <p>2. Commencing at a point in the northwesterly line of Minna street, distant thereon one hundred and twenty-five (125) feet northeasterly from the point formed by the intersection of the said northwesterly line of Minna street with the northeasterly line of Fourth street; running thence northeasterly and along the said northwesterly line of Minna street twelve and one-half (12½) feet; thence at a right angle northwesterly seventy (70) feet; thence at a right angle southwesterly twelve and one-half (12½) feet; thence at a right angle southeasterly seventy (70) feet to the point of commencement.</p> <p>And you are hereby notified that, unless you so appear and answer, the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the complaint, to-wit: the judgment and decree of this Court establishing plaintiff's title to the above described property, and determining all adverse claims thereto, and declaring plaintiff to be the lawful holder of the legal title to a life estate in the above described property, subject to the trusts mentioned in the complaint on file herein, free and clear from any and all liens and encumbrances, save and excepting that certain mortgage in favor of San Jose Safe Deposit Bank of Savings, a corporation, bearing date the 24th day of January, 1916, and now appearing of record in Volume 425 of Mortgages, page 28, in the records of the Recorder in and for the City and County of San Francisco, State of California, said mortgage being that certain mortgage given in satisfaction of a certain pre-existing mortgage for five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00), dated the 18th day of August, 1910, forming a lien or charge to the extent of said sum of five thousand dollars upon the land hereinabove described, as well as upon certain other real property; and ascertaining and determining all estates, rights, titles, interests, and claims in and to said property, and every part thereof, whether the same be legal or equitable, present or future, vested or contingent, or whether the same consist of mortgages or liens of any nature or kind.</p> <p>Witness my hand and the seal of said</p>
	<p>Heirs of any nature or kind.</p> <p>Witness my hand and the seal of said Court this 13th day of July, A. D. 1917.</p> <p>(Seal) H. I. MULGREY, Clerk.</p> <p>By S. I. HUGHES, Deputy Clerk.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MEMORANDUM.</p> <p>The following persons are said to claim an interest in or lien upon said real property adverse to plaintiff:</p> <p>ROBERT J. HANCOCK, 947 S. Westmoreland avenue, Los Angeles, Calif.</p> <p>ELLA WOOD HANCOCK, 814 Twelfth street, Modesto, Calif.</p> <p>SAN JOSE SAFE DEPOSIT BANK OF SAVINGS, San Jose, Santa Clara County, California.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MEMORANDUM.</p> <p>The first publication of this summons was made in "The Recorder" newspaper on the 17th day of July, A. D. 1917.</p> <p>CHARLES S. WHEELER and JOHN F. BOWIE, Attorneys for Plaintiff, Nevada Bank Building, San Francisco.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">July 17-1917</p>	

Note her parents were not living together – Robert J. Hancock was in Los Angeles CA & her Ella Wood Hancock lived in Modesto CA – “San Francisco Recorder” Tuesday 24 Jul 1917 p

Stockton Matron to be Hostess Bridge Tea in Home

Mrs. Walter H. Bentley of Stockton has issued invitations for a bridge tea to be held in her home on Willow street, Thursday, November 1st. She will arrange for 40 or more guests at this time.

Mrs. Bentley is a popular Stockton matron and she has quite a coterie of friends here who remember her as Miss Elaine Hancock. Mrs. Ella W. Hancock of Modesto, mother of the hostess, will attend the bridge party November 1st.

"Modesto (CA) Bee" Friday 26 Oct 1923 p 3

Stockton Party of Interest Here

The society page of the Stockton Record carries the following story of a lovely bridge party given by one of Modesto's former residents, Mrs. Walter H. Bentley, who when here was Miss Elaine Hancock:

"A smart affair of the week is the bridge at which Mrs. Walter H. Bentley will preside on Thursday afternoon. The attractive home of the Bentleys in West Willow street will lend itself as a charming setting, the autumn's loveliest blossoms to combine in gracing the rooms.

*"Guests to fill eight tables or more have been extended invitations, included in the group a large number of the popular young matrons."

"Modesto (CA) Bee" Wednesday 31 Oct 1923 p 3

California Death Index, 1940-1997

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Name	Elaine Hancock Bentley
Social Security #	566666671
Gender	Female
Birth Date	14 May 1891
Birth Place	California
Death Date	16 Apr 1988
Death Place	San Francisco
Mother's Maiden Name	Wood
Father's Surname	Hancock

<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/5061698/person/1037840119/facts>

A Happy Event.

At 12 o'clock to day occurred the ceremony which united in marriage Robert J. Hancock, of San Francisco, and Miss Ella A. Wood, of Modesto. Rev. Wesley Dennett, pastor of the M. E. church, officiated. The wedding was a quiet and unostentatious one, only the relatives and a few invited friends of the high contracting parties being present. The interior of the handsome residence of the bride's parents, where the nuptials were celebrated, was profusely decorated with flowers. D. C. Wood, a brother of the bride, and Miss Florence Turner, acted respectively as groomsman and bridesmaid. The bride was richly and becomingly attired, and appeared charming in her bridal costume. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Wood,

and possesses a wealth of beauty of person and mind. She is highly accomplished and richly endowed with rare mental qualities. The groom is peculiarly fortunate in having won so estimable a wife. He is the son of the proprietor of the Hancock house, a prominent and wealthy citizen of San Francisco, and is a young man of exemplary character and good education. The happy couple took the afternoon train for San Francisco where they will reside in future.

*Wedding of parents Robert John Hancock & Ella Adora Wood – "Modesto (CA) Bee"
Wednesday 15 May 1889 p 1*

Robert J. Hancock's Answers.

Robert J. Hancock, who is resisting the action of his wife, Mrs. Ella Wood Hancock for a family allowance of \$400 per month, at San Francisco, has filed his answer. He alleges that he is not worth near so much property as she sets forth and that he is willing to allow her \$150 per month. He also alleges that he is willing to make up but has been resisted by her in all of his attempts. He sets forth his property interests and claims that there is a mortgage of \$24,000 against the property.

Marital discord between Elaine's parents – "Modesto (CA) Bee" Friday 19 Apr 1901 p 1



*Ella Wood Hancock buried on left & Robert John Hancock on the right – Find A Grave
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Daughter:

**Marilyn Bentley
Lawrence**



Marilyn Bentley Lawrence Died peacefully in her sleep Saturday morning, May 5th, 2012, at the age of 92 at her home in Marin County. Marilyn was born on September 12th, 1919 in San Francisco, California. She was the daughter of Walter Harvey Bentley and Elaine Hancock Bentley. Marilyn was a devoted and loving wife to Francis Warren Lawrence, a loving mother to Margaret Elaine Fonda and Richard Bentley Lawrence, and a loving grandmother to William Bentley deVogelaere and Elizabeth Alexandra deVogelaere. Marilyn was truly blessed and lived an extraordinary life. The love she gave was immeasurable to all who knew her. She will live on in our hearts forever. We love you Mommy. May you rest in peace and be surrounded by Gods eternal love. The Family would like to thank her caregivers and Hospice By The Bay for their loving compassion and support throughout her long illness. A memorial service will be planned in the near future at Grace Cathedral in San Francisco, California.
Published by Marin Independent Journal on May 13, 2012.

Daughter Marilyn Bentley Lawrence -

<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/marinij/name/marilyn-lawrence-obituary?id=19551683>

Marilyn Bentley Engaged To Warren Lawrence

Betrothal Climaxes Year's Romance;
Wedding Preparations Incomplete

By PEGGY TOMSON

THE SEASON'S ROSTER of exciting engagements receives another upping with the announcement from Mrs. Walter Harvey Bentley of the betrothal of her only child, Marilyn Bentley, to Warren Lawrence. The affianced pair, who have been noted as a frequent duo since their first meet-

ing a year ago, have made no wedding plans.

The popular bride-elect, whose father was the late Walter H. Bentley, is the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Robert I. Bentley and she is a grandniece of Mrs. Charles Harvey Bentley. A niece of Mrs. Stanley Powell, Mrs. Louis Benoist and Robert I. Bentley, Marilyn is a cousin of Mrs. George Lindsay, Mrs. Bruce Selfridge, Mrs. Charles R. Hughes (Florence Bentley), Mrs. Frank Wilson, Mrs. Frazer Bailey and Stanley Powell Jr.

Following her graduation from Castilleja School, the prospective Mrs. Lawrence attended the French School in New York. Marilyn, who has taken a highly prominent part in the musical activities in this area, is a member of The Spinners, the Junior League and the San Francisco Junior Auxiliary to the Stanford Convalescent Home.

Warren, son of the Clifford S. Lawrences of this city, is the brother of Dr. C. Stanley Lawrence and of W. R. H. Lawrence of Los Angeles. The benedict-to-be, who will relinquish his membership in The Bachelors with his marriage, was graduated from UC, where he was a member of Sigma Phi, and he will receive his law degree from Hastings in May. He is affiliated with Phi Delta Phi legal fraternity and during the war he served as a Naval Reserve lieutenant.

"San Francisco Examiner" Tuesday 15 Mar 1949 p 25



—Photo by San Francisco Examiner.

WEDDED ON SATURDAY afternoon at St. Luke's Church were Marilyn Bentley and Warren Lawrence, who are shown following their ritual which was performed by Dr. John C. Leffler. Reception locale was the Francisca Club. The pair will live in Larkin Street.

The Notebook

A BRILLIANT DISPLAY of flowers decking St. Luke's Church for the Saturday rites at which Marilyn Bentley and Warren Lawrence became mister and missus . . . The bride's TRIO of small cousins, Tom, Bent and Susie Selfridge, arriving with pater, Bruce Selfridge, to watch mater performing bridesmaid duties . . . INTERMINABLE waiting on the steps of the Francisca Club, while early arriving guests held LENGTHY chats with the justweds and members of the receiving line . . . The waiting stint EASED by ample passing of champagne . . . DELICIOUS viands . . . San Jose friends of the Bentleys gathering in one end of the room . . . STOCKTON representatives including Mr. and Mrs. George Ditz and Mrs. Gerald Kennedy . . . Dr. Stanley Lawrence, his brother's best man, BUSILY taking flash pictures of the proceedings . . . The Marten Barrys and the Louis McDonoughs (Betty Barry) a FAMILY quartet

. . . Mrs. Charles Bentley, in brown frock and purple orchid corsage, arriving early and staying LATE . . . The Louis Benoists, the Stanley Powells and Mrs. Edna Whitney Bentley among the bride's relatives . . . Mrs. Edward B. Stanwood at her UMP-TEENTH wedding of the season . . . The Bill Brownells down from their ranch . . . The Hugo Oswalds Jr. (Beatrice Standish), just back from an eastern trip, expecting a family addition in the near future . . . The Bill Oricks chatting with friends . . . Betty Hamilton in pretty blue tie silk frock . . . Betty Lawler, who's been bridesmaid at NUMEROUS weddings this season, relaxing as a guest for a change . . . The ENORMOUS wedding cake on pillared tiers taking up one wall of the dining room . . . Janet Lindsay, her cousin's maid of honor, on the RECEIVING end of the bridal bouquet . . . The justweds taking off on their honeymoon around 7 p. m.

"San Francisco Examiner" Tuesday 27 Sep 1949 p 25

Marilyn Bentley Newlywed

THE SPINSTERS and The Bachelors each lost members on Saturday when Marilyn Bentley and Warren Lawrence were married at fashionable St. Luke's Episcopal Church rites. For the 4 o'clock ceremony, the altar was banked with seasonal white flowers and there were clusters of white blooms on the pew entrances.

The comely bride, who was given in marriage by her cousin, George Lindsay, was gowned in ivory silk satin designed with a deep V neckline outlined with insets of Rosepoint lace, a pointed bodice and long sleeves. The dress was finished with a cathedral length train and completing her ensemble was a lace edged illusion veil which fell from a small, brimmed cap of heirloom lace. The bridal bouquet was of orchids, lilies of the valley and stephanotis.

The seven bridal attendants were frocked in light blue satin made with very full skirts, cowl

necklines and cap sleeves and they wore blue satin gauntlets and small crownless bonnet-like caps to match their dresses. Tied with blue ribbons were their bouquets of bright pink begonias. In maid of honor place was Marilyn's cousin, Janet Lindsay, and the secondary attendants included Mrs. Gerald Thompson, Mrs. Gregory Stout, Catherine Coggins and three of the bride's cousins, Mrs. Bruce Selfridge (Margery Powell), Mrs. Frank Wilson (Nancy Phelps) and Mrs. Stanley Powell Jr. (Betty Winstead).

Dr. Stanley Lawrence served his brother as best man and the ushers were Stanley Powell Jr., Lewis Byington, Edward Pinger, George Stein, Lawrence Metcalf, Robert Olson and William Dinwiddie.

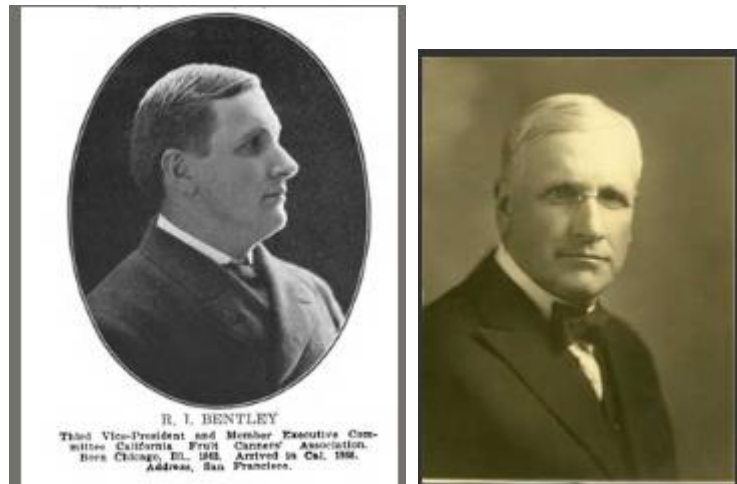
At the Francisca Club reception the new Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence received before the living room fireplace which was decorated with maple boughs, yellow and white flowers. For her daughter's wedding, Mrs. Walter Harvey

Bentley, was in sapphire blue faille taffeta with an egret trimmed black velvet hat. Her flowers were deep red-purple orchids. The benedict's mother, Mrs. Clifford Lawrence, wore a two-piece royal blue brocaded dress, a matching hat and blue orchids.

When the pair return from their wedding trip, they will occupy an apartment in Larkin Street.

"San Francisco Examiner" Monday 26 Sep 1949 p 21

Father:



Robert Irving Bentley – left: Find A Grave 85716839 – right:
<https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/5061698/person/-1505416939/media/4cb0711e-2245-4f29-b9f0-770a014c0b06>

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1932

Robert Bentley, Former Sacramentan, Pioneer Of Fruit Industry, Dies

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 23.—(Bee Bureau)—Civic leaders and representatives of the packing industry of California will pay final tribute to Robert I. Bentley, 67, pioneer of the state's fruit industry, former manager of the Sacramento Packing Company, and in recent years chairman of the board of the California Packing Corporation, at funeral services to be held at the Grace Cathedral to-morrow afternoon.

Bentley was the brother of the late Charles H. Bentley, former city councilman of Sacramento.

He died early yesterday morning from a stroke which began last Thursday.

Thursday.
Bentley began his career with the San Jose Fruit Packing Company in 1886, and six years later went to Sacramento as manager of the Sacramento Packing Company. In 1899 he became vice president and general manager of the California Fruit Canner's Association, in which capacity he served seventeen years. In 1916 he was elected president of the California Packing Corporation, becoming chairman of the board in 1930.

In 1931 Bentley was elected president of the California State Automobile Association. He was also a director of the state chamber of commerce and chairman of that organization's foreign trade committee.

Bentley was born in Chicago, and came to California when a child. He attended grammar and high school in Oakland, and later attended the College of the Pacific in San Jose.

He married Miss Georgia Dixon in 1889. She and four children, Robert L. and Walter H. Bentley, and Mrs. Esther Powell and Mrs. Katherine Phelps, all now residing in the bay district, survive. His brother, Charles, died about nine years ago.

SUCCUMBS

ROBERT I. BENTLEY, whose term as chief of the auto association was ended today by death.

AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION LEADER DIES

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 22.—(United Press)—Robert Irving Bentley, president of the California State Automobile Association and chairman of the board of directors of the California Packing Company, died at a hospital here today. He was stricken with a heart attack a week ago.

Bentley was prominent in charitable, club and civic activities.

He was born in Chicago, Ill., July 25, 1864, and came to California with his parents when a young boy.

He joined the San Jose Fruit Packing Company in 1884 and became general manager in 1890. He was named vice-president and general manager of the California Fruit Canners' Association in 1899 and served in that capacity for 17 years. He was elected vice-president and general manager of the California Packing Company in 1916 and became chairman of the board in 1920, a position he held until his death.

He was elected president of the automobile association in 1931.

"Stockton (CA) Evening & Sunday Record" Monday 22 Feb 1932 p 16

R. I. BENTLEY, CIVIC LEADER, PASSES AWAY

Industrialist and Citizen Who
Headed Many Quasi-Public
Movements Dies at Age of 67

Robert Irving Bentley, outstanding in the industrial and commercial life of California and prom-



ROBERT I. BENTLEY
Able Career Ended

inently identified with the civic and cultural interests of San Francisco, died early yesterday morning at the Dante Sanatorium. He was 67 years old.

A protracted illness had culminated last Thursday in a stroke, following which he had been rapidly sinking despite all efforts of attending physicians.

At Bentley's bedside when the end came were his wife, Mrs. Georgia Dixon Bentley, his sons Robert Irving Bentley Jr. and Walter H. Bentley, and his daughters, Mrs. Esther Powell and Mrs. Katherine Phelps.

The funeral will take place tomorrow at 2 p. m. from the Chapel of Grace, in Grace Cathedral. Interment will be private.

MANY INTERESTS.

Associated with the packing industry for nearly half a century, Bentley for the past two years had served as chairman of the board of the California Packing Corporation. He was its president for the preceding ten years. He likewise was chairman of the Alaska Packers Association, a director of the Bank of California, and an officer of many other financial, commercial and civic organizations.

From the inception of the project to commemorate the city's World War soldiers through a great memorial, Bentley worked ardently for its success and was a member of the War Memorial Board of Trustees.

A lover of music, he was for many years a member of the Board of Governors of the Musical Association of San Francisco. At the time of his death, he was president of the San Francisco Opera Association, an office he had held since 1924.

1924.

TRAFFIC CHAIRMAN.

For five years, he served as chairman of the Traffic Survey committee, which gave San Francisco a modern traffic code in the McClintock ordinance.

Other quasi-public positions held by Bentley illustrated his wide civic interests. He was a trustee of the Hooper Foundation of the University of California, chairman of the State-wide Foreign Trade Committee of the State Chamber of Commerce, a director of the State Chamber and a vigorous director of the Community Chest.

In 1931, he was made president of the California State Automobile Association, which he served as director for many years.

Bentley was born in Chicago, July 25, 1864, the son of Robert and Frances Bentley. At an early age he came with his parents to the Pacific Coast. Part of his education he received in Oakland schools and at the University of the Pacific at San Jose.

He was married to Miss Georgia Dixon of San Jose, June 10, 1886. Their children are Robert Irving Bentley, Walter H. Bentley, Mrs. Esther Powell and Mrs. Katharine Phelps.

He was a member of the Pacific Union Club, the Bohemian Club, the San Francisco Commercial Club and of the San Francisco Golf Club, of which he was a past president.

"San Francisco Examiner" Tuesday 23 Feb 1932 p 18

Mother:

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Mrs. Robert I. Bentley was hostess at a beautifully appointed luncheon given at the Clift Hotel on Wednesday. Her guests of honor were her two daughters-in-law, Mrs. Robert I. Bentley Jr. of San Jose and Mrs. Walter H. Bentley of Stockton, and her daughter, Mrs. Stanley Powell.

Some of those who greeted Mrs. Bentley and the three young matrons were:

Meedances—	Lindsay, George
Dennis, A. R.	Stall, Floyd
Sesson, William T.	Smith, Reginald Knight
Miller, H. M. A.	Dunlap, Harry
Bradley, Frederick W.	Gartenlaub, Adolph
Lochae, John	Dickey, Frank
Bruce, Malcolm	Blackburn, Frederick
Reynolds, Lloyd	Shotwell, William J.
Corbet, Edward	Schaupp, Carl
Stine, O. C.	O'Sullivan, Curtis
Hall, Seymour	Butterworth, E. M.
Sharp, Arthur N.	Peters, Frank
Blanchard, Thomas	Misses—
Clayton, Bradley	Bentley, Katherine
Haas, Edward	Gates, Florence
Bentley, Charles Harvey	Lambert, Minnie
Wood, Leonard	Turner, Ruth
Walsh, Maurice	Bates, Mary

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"San Francisco Examiner" Sunday 4 Dec 1921 p 41

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**Mrs. Georgia Bentley
Dies at San Mateo**

SAN MATEO, Aug. 16—(P)—Mrs. Georgia Dixon Bentley, 67, widow of Robert I. Bentley, chairman of the board of the California Packing Corporation, died today at her home here. Bentley died last February 22 after heading the packing company since 1914. Mrs. Bentley was born in Santa Clara, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Dixon. She lived in Sacramento from 1890 to 1900. Funeral services are planned for Friday.

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"Oakland Tribune" Wednesday 16 Aug 1933 p 9

DEATH CALLS MRS. BENTLEY

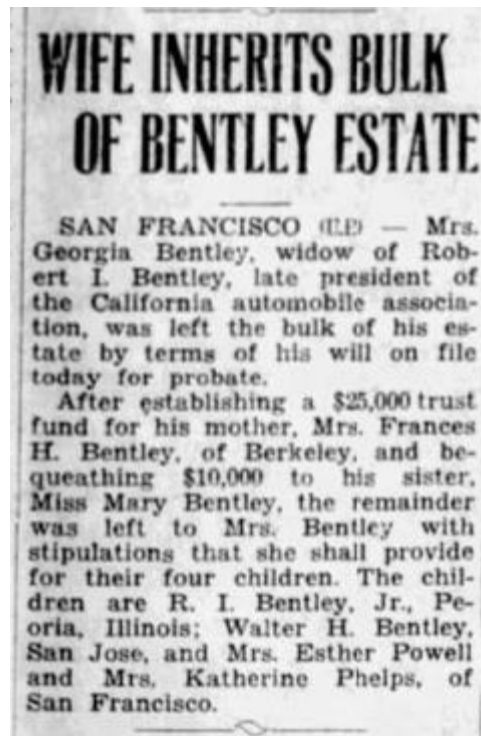
Mrs. Georgia Dixon Bentley, widow of Robert I. Bentley, San Francisco business executive and civic leader, died yesterday at her home in San Mateo.

She survived her husband by less than six months. Bentley, for nearly twenty years head of the California Packing Corporation and one of San Francisco's foremost patrons of music, died February 22.

Mrs. Bentley was born in Santa Clara, and spent her entire life in or near San Francisco, with the exception of the decade from 1890 to 1900, when she resided in Sacramento.

She is survived by two sons, Robert I. Bentley Jr. and Walter H. Bentley, and two daughters, Mrs. Esther Powell and Mrs. Katherine Phelps.

Funeral services, under auspices of N. Gray and Company, will be held from Grace Cathedral tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock.



“The Californian” (Salinas CA) Friday 26 Feb 1932 p 1

Siblings:

California, Marriage Records from Select Counties, 1850-1941



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Name	Robert I Bentley
Gender	Male
Marriage Date	22 Apr 1908
Marriage Place	Alameda, California, USA
Spouse	Edna Whitney
Spouse Gender	Female
Record Type	Index to Marriage Licenses and Certificates

Brother Robert Irving Bentley III (1887-1968) – marriage to Edna Whitney 22 Apr 1908 -
<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/5061698/person/-1505458658/facts>

Bentley-Whitney Wedding.

The wedding of Miss Edna Whitney to Robert I. Bentley Jr., will take place this evening at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. Walter Finley in Oakland. Rev. Charles R. Brown will read the marriage service in the presence of about fifty guests.

Miss Whitney is the daughter of Frederick E. Whitney, a well known attorney of Oakland. She is a graduate of the university and is a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma. Mr. Bentley is also a graduate of the university and is a member of Beta Theta Pi.

Following their honeymoon Mr. and Mrs. Bentley will make their home in Oakland.

Marriage on 22 Apr 1908, published in the "Berkeley (CA) Gazette" 22 Apr 1908 – Find A Grave 87566541

[View record](#)

Name	Edna Whitney Bentley
Social Security #	551648361
Gender	Female
Birth Date	30 Apr 1887
Birth Place	California
Death Date	13 Aug 1980
Death Place	San Francisco
Mother's Maiden Name	Adams
Father's Surname	Whitney

PLACE OF BIRTH
City of Lake
County of Calumet

INDIANA STATE BOARD OF HEALTH
DIVISION OF VITAL STATISTICS
22285
CERTIFICATE OF BIRTH

Registered No. 637
of Gary (No. 608 Harrison St. St. --- Ward ---)

NAME OF CHILD Katherine Stella Walsh
Child is not named, make supplemental report.

Sex ♀ Twin, Triplet, or other? 1 and Number in order of birth 1 Legitimate? Yes Date of Birth May 26 19 19
(To be entered only in case of girls' births) (Month) (Day) (Year)

FATHER: Vincent Walsh Full Maiden Name Maybell Brynley
Residence Gary Ind. Residence 608 Harrison
Color or Race White Color or Race Wh-
Age at last Birthday 28 (Years) Age at last Birthday 26 (Years)

Birthplace Indiana Birthplace Ill.
Occupation Lawyer Occupation House wife

Number of children born to this mother, including present birth 4 Number of children, of this mother, now living, including present birth 4 Were precautions taken against syphilis transmission? Yes

CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MIDWIFE
I hereby certify that I attended the birth of this child, who was Primipara at 2:00 M.
on the date above stated.
(Signature) Dr. J. B. Temple
(Attending physician, midwife, household,*)

*When there was no attending physician or midwife, then the father, household, etc., should make this return. A stillborn child is one that neither breathes nor shows other evidence of life after birth.

Given name added from a supplemental report ---, 19 ---
Address ---
Filed May 28, 1919 Dr. R. J. Temple
HEALTH OFFICER. HEALTH OFFICER.

Robert III's second wife Kathryn Stella Walsh -

https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/60871/images/45385_539526-01294?pid=7893137



Sister Esther S. Bentley Powell (1896-1982) – left: <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/5061698/person/-1505217552/media/7e3da994-3209-4bb0-9c54-6351a44ca0d2> and right: University of California, Berkeley yearbook 1915 - <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/1373695124:1265>

Announcement cards received through the mail yesterday notified a wide circle of the engagement of Miss Esther Bentley of San Francisco, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bentley, to Stanley Powell. The news has created special interest as both belong to families that have been long prominent around the bay. -- Both young people have themselves been prominent in college circles and in the young set. Miss Bentley, who is an attractive blonde of the willowy type, is the sister of Miss Katherine Bentley, Robert Irving Bentley Jr., and Walter Harvey Bentley, who not so long ago married Miss Elaine Hancock. Though unusually gifted along musical lines she is also an outdoor enthusiast and plays a very good game either at golf or tennis. Before attending the University of California, where she has given up her studies to prepare for the wedding, the bride-elect traveled extensively and has taken part in the social festivities in various eastern cities. Stanley Powell is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Powell, former Oaklanders, who have resided in Berkeley for the past

few years. He is the brother of Miss Eva Powell, Helen Powell and Dr. Alvin Powell. Since graduating with the 1914 class he has been connected with a San Francisco firm. At college, where he was extremely popular, he was a member of the Phi Beta fraternity.

No date has been set for the wedding but it will probably take place early this winter, and its announcement will be the signal for much entertaining in the bride-elect's honor. The Bentleys make their home at the Clift Hotel.

Stanley Powell Dies at 76

Stanley Powell, 76, retired business executive who was named by Queen Elizabeth as an honorary Commander of the Order of the British Empire, died in San Francisco yesterday after a brief illness.

Mr. Powell, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Howell A. Powell, longtime Oakland resident, grew up in this city and was graduated from the University of California in 1915. He was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity. His father was a well-known attorney, and the family home was on Myrtle Street here, except for a brief period when they lived on Dwight Way in Berkeley.

Mr. Powell was associated with the California Packing Corp., now Del Monte Foods, from 1921 until 1957, when he retired as vice president and a director.

He was a member of the boards of the San Francisco Opera Association, the San Francisco Symphony Association, British - American Chamber of Commerce and the Chartered Bank of London, English Speaking Union, Mechanics Institute, Mt. View Cemetery in Oakland, and University of California Auxiliary Board.

Mr. Powell was honored by the English queen after being honorary chairman of the 1962 London Week in San Francisco. He subsequently was also made a Knight Commander of the Venerable Order of St. John of Jerusalem.

In 1954 he was chairman of the nationwide "Help Korea" drive to raise \$10 million aid for the citizens of the wartorn nation.

Surviving are his widow, Esther Bentley Powell; a daughter, Margery (Mrs. Bruce) Selfridge of Ross; a son, Stanley Powell Jr. of Hawaii, president of Alexander and Baldwin Inc. and of Matson Navigation Co., and eight grandchildren.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. tomorrow in Grace Cathedral Chapel in San Francisco, with interment in Mountain View Cemetery in Oakland.

Obituary of Stanley Powell - "Oakland (CA) Tribune" Thursday 2 May 1968 p 22

Matson Navigation Co., died here yesterday after a lingering illness. She was 88.

Mrs. Powell was a founder of the San Francisco Conservatory of Music, a board member of the San Francisco Opera Association, which her father, the late Robert I. Bentley helped found, the San Francisco Symphony Association and the Sarah Dix Hamlin School.

A native of Sacramento, where her father helped found California Packing Corp., Mrs. Powell grew up in San Jose and San Francisco, attending the Hamlin School and graduating from the University of California, Berkeley.

She played the piano beautifully for friends, but preferred to assert her interest in cultural activities as a patron. During World War II, she helped set up The City's nurses' aid activity. Her husband, a retired vice president of Cal Pac, died in 1968.

She is survived by her son, Stanley, Jr., San Anselmo; a daughter, Marjorie D. Johnson, Kentfield; a sister, Katherine Benoit, Palm Springs; eight grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. next Wednesday at the chapel of Grace Cathedral. Preferred are donations to the opera and symphony associations or other charity.

Esther Bentley Powell

Esther Bentley Powell, patron of many San Francisco civic and cultural organizations and mother of Stanley Powell, Jr., retired president of the

Obituary of Esther Bentley Powell – "San Francisco (CA) Examiner" Thursday 28 Oct 1982 p

Katharine Bentley Benoist

in the California, U.S., Death Index, 1940-1997

Name	Katharine Bentley Benoist [Katharine Bentley Bentley]
Social Security #	568701662
Gender	Female
Birth Date	21 Sep 1901
Birth Place	California
Death Date	11 Aug 1991
Death Place	Marin
Mother's Maiden Name	Dixon
Father's Surname	Bentley

Sister Katharine Elizabeth Bentley Phelps Benoist (1901-1991) -

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Phelps-Bentley Wedding at Bay

The marriage of Miss Katherine Bentley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bentley of San Francisco, and Raymond Phelps of New York, was a brilliant affair celebrated at Grace cathedral in San Francisco last evening. They left today for New York and Europe, and after a summer spent abroad will make their home in Chicago. Mrs. Phelps is a sister of W. H. Bentley, local manager of the American Carton company.

Mr. and Mrs. Bentley went from here to be present at the wedding.

"Stockton (CA) Evening & Sunday Record" Saturday 9 Jun 1923 p 15

CATHEDRAL BEAUTIFUL FOR WEDDING

Grace cathedral was the setting last evening for the wedding of Miss Katharine Bentley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Bentley, to Mr. Raymond Phelps of New York. It was an unusually beautiful wedding the decorations being particularly elaborate. Each aisle post was converted into a flowering rose tree of Dorothy Perkins roses and from these hung garlands of pink stock. The chancel was banked with flowers, ten standards of various heights on which were large baskets filled with blue delphinium and snapdragons being used, while at the back were masses of pink hydrangeas. Garlands of green hung from upper beams.

Dean J. Wilmer Gresham read the marriage service.

The bride was lovely in a gown

The bride was lovely in a gown of white supple satin, simply made, and draped in front where it was held with an ornament of pearls. It was trimmed about the neck with Brussels lace and from the shoulders there fell a court train. The veil was of tulle and Brussels lace and was draped to form a cap which was held with clusters of pearls. The bouquet was a shower of butterfly orchids.

Mrs. Stanley Powell, sister of the bride, was matron of honor. She wore an orchid shaded chiffon made with many ruffles running diagonally up the skirt. The bridesmaids' dresses were all similarly made except that they were a blush pink chiffon. They all wore wreaths of French flowers in their hair and carried bouquets of pink roses and orchids from which fell streamers of green velvet ribbon. The bridesmaids were Miss Elizabeth Magee, Miss Barbara Seson, Miss Geraldine Grace, Miss Adrienne Sharp, Miss Newell Bull, Mrs. Hugh Porter, Mrs. John Boyden and Miss Margaret Bentley. All the bridal party had been schoolmates at an eastern finishing school.

Mr. Robert L. Bentley is now

Mr. Robert I. Bentley Jr. was best man and there were ten ushers including Mr. Stanley Powell, Mr. Kenneth Walsh, Mr. Paul McCoy, Mr. Henry Carton, Mr. Walter Bentley, Mr. Porter Sannon, Mr. Hugh Porter, Mr. John Boyden, Mr. Gordon Hamilton and Mr. Pardow Hooper.

The service was held with the full vested boys choir under Wheeler Becket, which sang a bride's song and chanted softly during the ceremony.

The bride's grandmother, Mrs. Robert Bentley, was among those attending the ceremony. She was gowned in black lace and silk. She is the widow of the late Reverend Robert Bentley, a prominent clergyman of this State. The bride is also a niece of the late Charles Harvey Bentley and her brothers are Mr. Robert I. Bentley Jr., of San Jose, Mr. Walter H. Bentley of Stockton and her sister, Mrs. Stanley Powell of this city.

Mr. Phelps is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Willis Phelps of New York. They came West for the wedding and are staying at the Fairmont Hotel. He is a graduate of Williams College.

Mr. and Mrs. Phelps are leaving for Europe on the Mauretania on their honeymoon and after an extended tour of the continent will return to the United States and will make their home in Chicago.

Wedding of Katharine Bentley – "San Francisco Examiner" Saturday 9 Jun 1923 p 11

Announcement of the engagement of Miss Katharine Bentley and Dr. Raymond Phelps of New York was made Saturday. The news was told at a luncheon given by the bride-elect at the San Francisco Golf and Country Club in honor of Miss Frances Lent, whose marriage to Mr. Hugh Porter will take place the evening of January 10. Miss Bentley is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert I. Bentley and is one of the most popular girls in the younger contingent in San Francisco society. She attended Miss Burke's school, finishing her education in the East, and made her debut year before last. Among her sister debutantes were Miss Margaret Buckbee, Miss Geraldine Grace and Miss Laura Miller.

now Mrs. John Knox. Miss Bentley is a sister of Mrs. Stanley Powell (Esther Bentley), Mr. Robert I. Bentley Jr. of San Jose and Mr. Walter H. Bentley of Stockton and a niece of Mr. Charles H. Bentley. Mr. Phelps is the son of Mrs. Henry Phelps of New York. He is a graduate of Williams College and served in the aviation corps during the war. The marriage will take place in the early summer. The coterie of young people bidden to hear the interesting news included: Miss Frances Lent, Miss Virginia Hanna, Miss Margaret Buckbee, Miss Geraldine Grace, Miss Newell Bull, Miss Elizabeth Moore, Miss Helen Perkins, Miss Elizabeth Magee, Miss Annette Rolph, Miss Margaret Bentley, Miss Adrienne Margaret Bentley, Miss Adrienne Sharp, Miss Frances Corbet, Mrs. Stanley Powell, Mrs. John Knox and Mrs. Donald Walsh.

Raymond W. Phelps, Williams '19, Dies

A Williams College graduate of 1919 who had been assistant vice president of the American Can Co. died Tuesday morning at the age of 63 in St. Luke's Hospital in New York.

He was Raymond W. Phelps who joined that concern after graduation from Williams and served for 24 years. He was an air captain in both World Wars and at his death was in the New York office of the Army Ordnance Department at 770 Broadway.

Mr. Phelps' survivors include his wife, Cecile; a daughter, Mrs. Howard Wilder; a sister, Mrs. Robert L. Eddy, and four grandchildren.

*Obituary of Raymond Willis Phelps (1896-1960) – "North Adams (MA) Transcript" Thursday
20 Oct 1960 p 4*

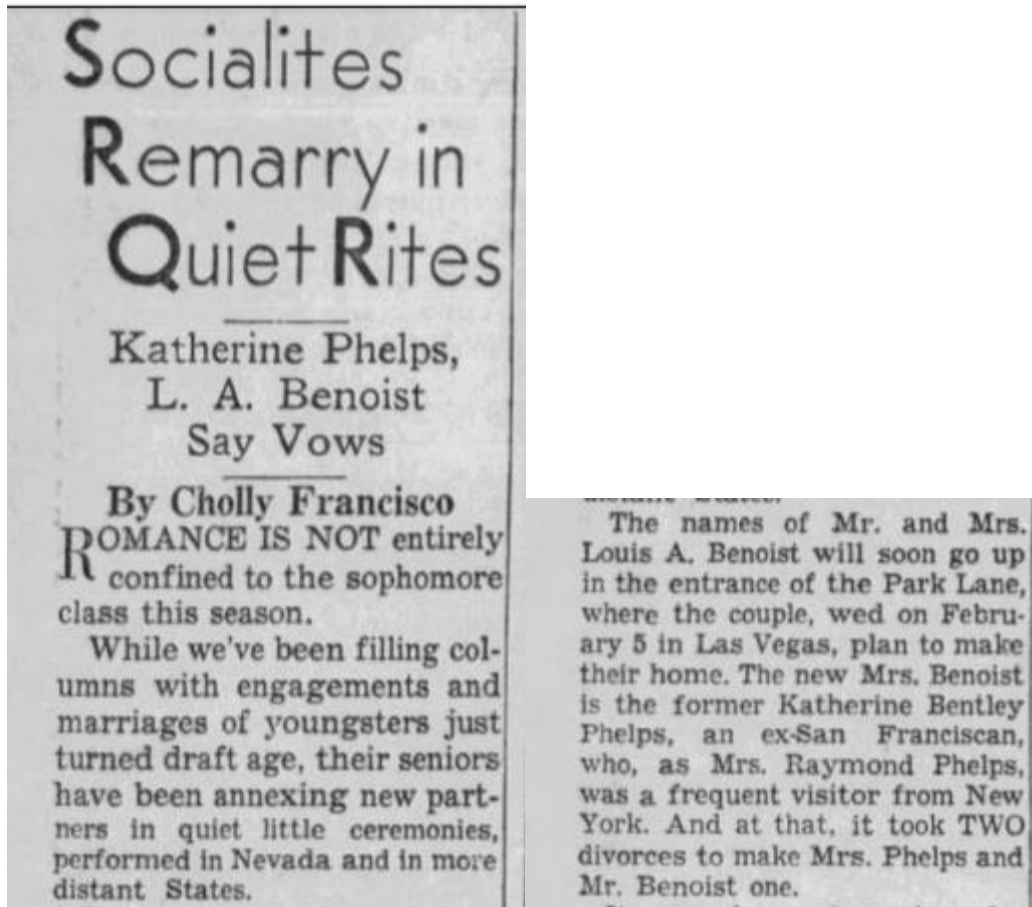
L. A. Benoist Weds Katherine Phelps

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 9. — Just a week after receiving a Reno divorce from Raymond Phelps, Mrs. Katherine Bently Phelps of San Francisco was married to Louis A. Benoist in Las Vegas, it was revealed here yesterday.

Both are socially prominent here and in the east. Benoist was divorced by Geraldine Grace Benoist last August in a suit which charged cruelty. Cruelty also was charged in the former Mrs. Phelps' suit, which was uncontested.

Benoist is an official of several San Francisco financial and industrial concerns, including the Bay Cities Ice and Cold Storage Co.

Katherine Bentley Phelps's marriage to Louis Auguste Benoist – "Petaluma (CA) Argus-Courier" Monday 9 Feb 1942 p 2



"San Francisco Examiner" Sunday 15 Feb 1942 p 40

Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

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

NOK = next-of-kin

Name: Walter Harvey Bentley

Name variations:

Military:

On Tuscania: Officer Reserve Corps – 1st lieutenant

Serial number: officer – serial numbers were not assigned to officers in WWI

Entered service from: San Francisco CA

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: Walter H. Bentley

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": father R.I. Bentley, c/o California Packing Corp., San Francisco CA

Returned from war on: COULD NOT LOCATE

Sailed on return ship as:

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank:

World War I draft registration (1917): as Walter H. Bentley - b. 27 Jul 1890 San Jose CA; res: 2442 Greene, San Francisco CA. Married, with wife. Sales department, American Can Co., 1058 Mills Building. Medium height & build.

National Tuscania Survivors Association roster (1939): Muirson Label Co., Inc., 435 Stockton Ave., San Jose CA [he was deceased]

Veterans Administration Military Index: his card is not in the usual format

Born: 27 Jul 1890

Enlistment & discharge dates not listed.

Address: 2505 Green St., San Francisco CA

Rank/unit: 1st lieutenant, FARC

Birth & death:

Born: 27 Jul 1890 San Jose, Santa Clara CA

Died: 6 Sep 1934 San Jose, Santa Clara CA (San Jose Hospital)

Find A Grave record: 85718079 - presence on Tuscania noted in text & flower

Burial location: Colma, San Mateo CA

Cemetery: Cypress Lawn Memorial Park

Tombstone:

Father: Robert Irving Bentley, Sr. (originally II) 25 Jul 1864 Chicago, Cook IL – 22 Feb 1932 San Francisco, San Francisco CA. Son of a Methodist Episcopal clergyman (Robert Bentley) & wife Frances who moved to San Jose from IL. Robert Sr. came to San Jose when 6 years old; became manager of Fifth Street Cannery. President & co-founder of San Francisco Opera Association. "One of San Francisco's foremost patrons of music." President & then chairman of the board of California Packing Corporation, a company he headed for nearly 20 years, beginning in 1914. Obituary: "San Francisco Examiner" 23 Feb 1932 p 18 (with photograph) – "outstanding in the industrial and commercial life of California and prominently identified with the civic and cultural interests of San Francisco" – for past 2 years chairman of the board of California Packing Corp. & president of company for 10 years before that, director Bank of CA, chairman of Alaska Packers Association, on board of trustees for War Memorial Board, president San Francisco Opera Association, on traffic safety committee, on board of Hooper Foundation of U of CA, active in State Chamber of Commerce, president 1931 CA State Automobile Association, Buried in Cypress Lawn Memorial Park, Colma, San Mateo CA.
Find A Grave: 85716839

Mother: Georgia E. Dixon Bentley, 19 Mar 1864 Santa Clara County CA – 16 Aug 1933 San Mateo, San Mateo CA. School teacher whose family had crossed the plains to CA.

Obituary: "San Francisco Examiner" 17 Aug 1933 p 23 – widow of Robert I. Bentley, survived him by less than 6 months. Born in Santa Clara, spent entire life in or near San

Francisco, except for residence in Sacramento 1890-1900. Survived by 2 sons: Robert I. Bentley Jr. & Walter H. Bentley, and 2 daughters: Mrs. Esther Powell & Mrs. Katherine Phelps.

Buried in Cypress Lawn Memorial Park, Colma, San Mateo CA.

Find A Grave: 85717152

Parents' marriage: 10 Jun 1886

Spouse: Elaine Hancock Bentley, 14 May 1891 San Francisco Co. CA – 16 Apr 1988 San Francisco, San Francisco CA.

Daughter of Robert John Hancock (21 May 1865 San Francisco CA – 5 Jun 1954 Livermore, Alameda CA, F: 87830460) & Ella Adora Wood (1868-1945, F: 85747072), who married 15 May 1889.

Buried in Cypress Lawn Memorial Park, Colma, San Mateo CA, where her parents & husband are buried.

Spouse Find A Grave: 85718994

Marriage of Walter & Elaine – “San Francisco Examiner” 24 Apr 1915 p 9 and “San Francisco Chronicle” 26 Apr 1915 p 5 – married Friday evening, 23 Apr 1915 in a small wedding at the E.W. Hancock residence of the bride's parents on Broderick St., San Francisco, San Francisco CA. Attended only by relatives & a few family friends. “Both families are eminent in affairs of this city.” Elaine is “unusually pretty and just as sweet as she looks.”

Children:

- Marilyn Bentley Lawrence. 12 Sep 1919 San Francisco, San Francisco CA - 5 May 2012 Marin Co. CA at age 92. Married Francis Warren Lawrence on 24 Sep 1949 in San Francisco CA. In marriage license (“San Francisco Examiner” when?) listed as Francis Lawrence & Marilyn Bentley (age 28, resident 1052 Chestnut St.) Resided in Washington DC 1961.

Siblings:

- Robert Irving Bentley, III (Jr.), 3 Apr 1887 Santa Clara Co. CA - 8 Feb 1968 Santa Clara Co. CA. President of Muirson Label & Carton Co. Attended Military Academy at Belmont CA, then University of CA. Was employed with CA Fruit Cannery Association in San Francisco until 1910, then went into business for himself. In 1914 came to San Jose & founded the Muirson Label firm with partner G.A. Muirson, who died Dec 1919, and Robert became president in his place. The company also had a branch in Stockton CA. Major in Field Artillery in WWI, enlisting as private in Jun 1917 & serving 6 months in France. – Married Edna Whitney (1887-1980, F: 87566541), the daughter of Frederick Eugene Whitney & Edith Ann Adams, in Alameda Co. CA on 22 Apr 1908. Both were graduates of the University of CA. They had 2 children (1908, Robert Irving Bentley IV & a daughter in 1911). Edna is buried in Cypress Lawn Memorial Park also, F: 87566541). – Married Kathryn Stella Walsh (1919-2000, F: 85983003); their son Walsh Edward Bentley was born 26 Oct 1946. Kathryn was the daughter of Vincent Thomas Walsh Sr. (d. 1954) & Mabel E.

Bryerly/Bryorly. - Buried in Cypress Lawn Memorial Park, Colma, San Mateo CA. F: 85720775

- Esther S. Bentley Powell, 11 Jan 1896 Sacramento CA – 27 Oct 1982 Marin Co. CA. Wife of Stanley Powell (1891-1968), the son of Howell Aubrey Powell (1846-1922) & Mary Ellen King (1853-1942); he is buried in Mountain View Cemetery, Oakland, Alameda CA but is not on Find A Grave as of 20 Jan 2024 – Esther’s obituary: “San Francisco Examiner” 28 Oct 1982 p 27 – “patron of many San Francisco civic and cultural organizations.” Mother of Stanley Powell, Jr., retired president of Matson Navigation Co. Founder San Francisco Conservatory of Music. On the board of San Francisco Opera Association (which her father helped found) & San Francisco Symphony Association. Graduate U of CA, Berkeley. Not on Find A Grave as of 20 Jan 2024.
- Katharine Elizabeth Bentley Phelps Benoist, 21 Sep 1901 Oakland, Alameda CA – 11 Aug 1991 Marin Co. CA. - First husband: Raymond Willis Phelps of NY (engagement Dec 1922; wedding 8 Jun 1923 San Francisco CA). He was the son of Henry Willis Phelps (1863-1944, F: 93049652) & Anna Olson (1870-1946, F: 230128794) of NY. Raymond was born 3 Apr 1896 in Hoopeston, Vermilion IL & died 18 Oct 1960 NYC, NY. - A debutante in San Francisco in 1930. – In 1940 Raymond Phelps, 44 IL, executive in the container industry, lived with wife Katherine (39 CA) & daughter Nancy (13 CA) at 955 Fifth Ave., NYC, NY. - Second husband: Louis Auguste Benoist, married 5 Feb 1942 in Las Vegas NV. “Petaluma (CA) Argus-Courier” 9 Feb 1942 p 2 & “San Francisco Examiner” 15 Feb 1942 p 40 – Katherine Phelps, one week after obtaining a Reno NV divorce from Raymond Phelps on the basis of cruelty, she a resident San Francisco, married Louis Benoist in Las Vegas. Both are socially prominent in San Francisco. Louis was divorced Aug 1941 by Geraldine Grace Benoist on the grounds of cruelty. The couple will reside at Park Lane in San Francisco. Katherine was a frequent visitor to San Francisco from NY when she was Mrs. Raymond Phelps. Louis Benoist (1899 MO – 1975 CA, F: 52449193) was the son of Eugene Lee Benoist & Edith Rebecca Turner. His obituary: “San Francisco Examiner” 1 Jul 1975 p 39 (photo) & “Santa Rosa (CA) Press Democrat” 1 Jul 1975 p 24 – international financier & socialite, graduate US Naval Academy 1912, All-American football player, in US Navy until 1920s. Purchased Almaden Vineyards in 1941, sold it in 1967 for over \$10 million. He & 2nd wife Katherine had a plane, racing yacht & 5 homes, while mingling with society in NY, Paris & England. – In the 1950 census for San Francisco, San Francisco CA, Louis A. Benoist (50 MO), proprietor of warehousing, lived with wife Katherine Benoist (49 CA) at 1100 Taylor St. - Buried in Cypress Lawn Memorial Park, Colma, San Mateo CA. F: 85717555

Notes:

Walter and his family were socially prominent members of San Francisco and California society. In addition to their business involvement, they were civic and cultural leaders. His sister and wife were debutantes. They were frequently featured in the society pages of San Francisco newspapers – supporting the opera, playing golf, attending horse shows.

Wartime:

"San Francisco Examiner" 9 Feb 1918 p 2 - Lt., San Francisco boy, son of Robert L. Bentley, v.p., California Packing Co., family found out he was onboard from *Examiner*, attended 2nd officers' training camp, in field artillery

"San Francisco Chronicle" 10 Feb 1918 p 2 - family says Lt. Bentley was NOT on Tuscania, they got a cable he had arrived safely in France, father Robert L. Bentley, v.p. of California Packing Co., he sailed about the same time (this was not true as Walter was aboard)

"Indianapolis (IN) News" 3 May 1918 p 21 – see entry above for BAUGH – from Crawfordsville IN – thrilling scenes vividly described in a letter from Lt. Arthur P. Baugh to Mrs. Baugh & his brother Hollis H. of this city. Written in Winchester, England, 12 Feb. He was young businessman in Portland OR. Entered 2nd Officers' Reserve training camp at the Presidio, CA. Was commissioned 1st lieutenant of artillery. Letter indicates he & Lt. Bently [i.e. Walter Harvey Bentley] & he were in their stateroom awaiting their 7 p.m. dinner when the torpedo hit, the ship trembled & listed, grabbed his lifebelt & quickly went to top deck. His lifeboat was 6B on port side. Lt. Bently & he & some crew lowered 3 boats nicely. The third boat – his – landed gracefully but then an approaching destroyer crushed it like an eggshell between itself & the Tuscania. All men grabbed lines from the destroyer & all seemed to have escaped. The torpedo hit at 5:45 p.m. He landed at 2 a.m. in Ireland. They have been treated royally by the Irish & English, especially by their army officers.

"Washington DC Evening Star" 24 Feb 1918 p 30 – Mrs. Walter Bentley, wife of Colonel (?) Bentley, US Army, will spend the time during his absence during the war with his family at San Francisco.

Post-war:

"Stockton (CA) Daily Evening Record" 18 Feb 1924 p 8 – Mr. & Mrs. Walter H. Bentley moved from Stockton CA to San Jose CA a few weeks ago

Obituary:

"San Francisco Examiner" 6 Sep 1934 p 19 and 7 Sep 1934 p 19 & 8 Sep 1934 p 15 - age 44, vice president Muirson Label Co. of San Jose, d. 6 Sep at San Jose after complications following operation for intestinal obstruction, survived by wife Elaine (Hancock), daughter Marilyn, brother Robert I. Bentley Jr. of Peoria IL, 2 sisters: Mrs.. Katherine Phelps & Mrs. Esther Powell,, b. CA, interment Cypress Lawn. Funeral 8 Sep.

"San Jose News" 6 Sep 1934 – vice president & general manager of the Muirson Label Co., funeral 7 Sep 1934. His death "came as a shock to hundreds of friends in all parts of the country." Director First National Bank of San Jose, member of Rotary, Sainte Claire & San

Jose Golf & Country clubs, also San Francisco Olympic Club and Menlo Golf & Country Club. His surviving brother Robert is the president of Muirson Label Co.

Social Security Number:

Censuses:

1900 Oakland, Alameda CA – 1206 Fifth Ave.

Robert I. Bentley, 35 IL, Jul 1864, father b. England, mother b. IL, married 14 years, vice president, CA Fruit Packers Association

Georgia D., 36 CA, Mar 1864, father b. Scotland, mother b. OH, gave birth to 3 children, 3 are living

Robert I., 13 CA, Apr 1887, at school

Walter H., 9 CA, Jul 1890, at school

Esther, 5 CA, Jan 1895

And female housekeeper

1910 San Francisco, San Francisco CA – 2505 Green St.

Robert I. Bentley, 45 IL, father b. England, mother b. NY, married 23 years, manufacturer, canned goods

Georgia D., 45 CA, father b. England, mother b. IL, gave birth to 4 children, 4 are living

Walter H., 19 CA

Esther G., 15 CA

Katherine, 9 CA

And male cook/servant born in China

1920 San Jose, Santa Clara CA – conducted 2 Jan 1920 - S. 11th

Walter H. Bentley, 29 CA, parents b. CA, renter, merchant, printing labels

Elaine, 28 CA, parents b. CA

Marilyn E., 4 months CA

And female servant

1930 San Jose, Santa Clara CA – 1257 Hedding St.

Walter H. Bentley, 39 CA, parents b. CA, age 24 at 1st marriage, labeler, labeling company, WWI veteran

Elaine B. (indexed as Eblin B.), 38 CA, parents b. CA, age 23 at 1st marriage

Marylyn, 10 CA

And female maid