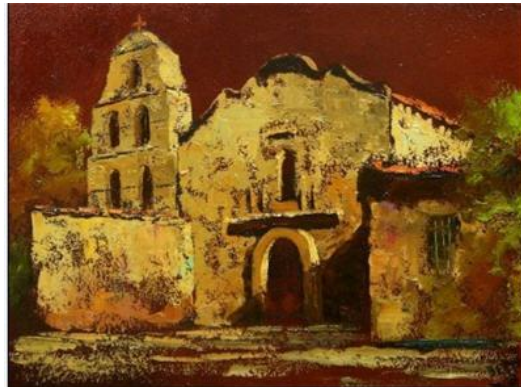
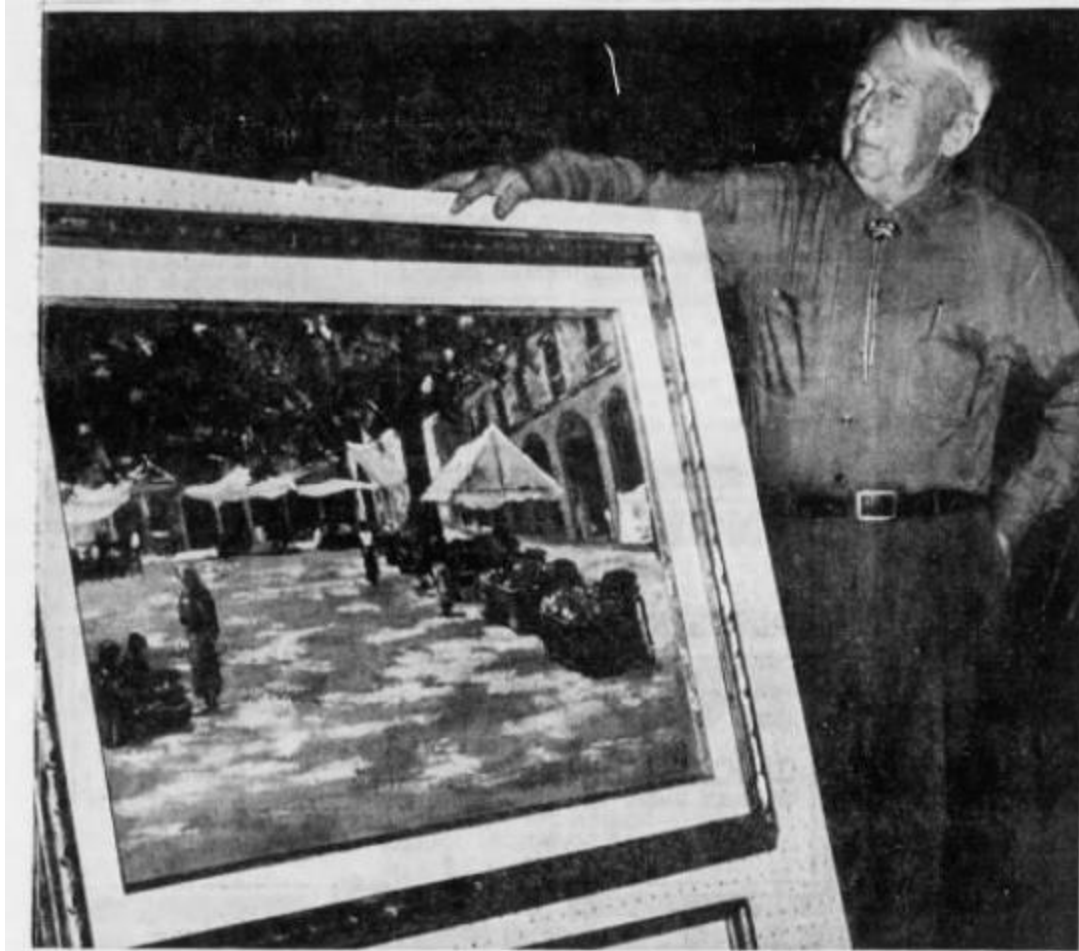


TUSCANIA

Berg, Chester Ellis
1895 OH – 1973 CA





OIL PAINTER — Chester Berg of Palm Springs features Mexican scenes in his works which will be on display along with those of some 30 other artists in a free

show this weekend at the Desert Inn Fashion Plaza on North Palm Canyon Drive.

Desert Inn Fashion Plaza Art Show For Rodeo Weekend

The Desert Inn Fashion Plaza will sponsor a free art show as part of the celebration for the Palm Springs Mounted Police Rodeo of the Stars weekend.

More than 30 artists from the Coachella Valley, Riverside and Orange Counties will exhibit a wide variety of works in the Plaza's mall Friday, Saturday and Sunday (Jan. 21-23). The

show is open from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. and all art works are for sale.

"We urge all residents and visitors to attend the Mounted Police parade on Saturday and

the rodeo performances and to visit our show in-between," said show coordinators Larry Sitter and Marj Schumacher. The Desert Inn Fashion Plaza on North Palm Canyon Drive is along the Mounted Police parade route.

Desert Inn Fashion Plaza is sponsoring a series of weekend shows to encourage interest in art and artists.

Among the artists participating in this weekend's show are:

Chester Berg, Bruce Lubo, Ronald Dunn, John and Delores Holmberg, Mickey Wheeler, Stan Rosin, Marj Schumacher, Keith Ward, Marge Singer, Sheila Hurt and Larry Sitter all of Palm Springs; Michael Roll, Tom and Evelyn Naylor and Clarice Libbey of Cathedral City; Lela Schade and Zeni Cieslikowski of Rancho Mirage; Garth Uibel and Lela Frank of Indio; Valeria Hatch of Riverside; Trever Bennett of Apple Valley; Irwin Meyan of San Clemente; Nila Collini; Maurice Mazellie and Dot

Woods of San Diego; Beebe Hopper and Edmond Woods of Chula Vista; J.R. Brown of La Mesa; Robert Landry of Lemon Grove; Nona Taylor of Paramount; and Darwin Duncan of Garden Grove.

"Desert Sun" (Palm Springs CA) Friday 21 Jan 1972 p 6 -
<https://www.newspapers.com/image/747557162/>



ONE MAN SHOW — Chester Berg, who has been painting the Southwest and Mexico for the past twenty years, will have a one-man show of his works at the Desert Art Center until April 29.

Center Starts Most Active Month Friday

April, the busiest month of the Palm Springs season is also one of the most active months for members and guests of the Desert Art Center, 444 So. Indian Ave.

Starting tomorrow there will be a demonstration by western painter Lloyd Mitchell at the monthly meeting held in the Santa Fe Federal Savings and Loan, 300 So. Palm Canyon Drive at 7:30 p.m. Mitchell has a talent to share, with much to be learned from him in regard to his execution and approach to painting.

A resident of Temple City, Lloyd Mitchell has just completed a successful month with a one-man show at the Desert Art Center gallery, and before returning home will give this last demonstration of the year.

The nominating committee of the Desert Art Center will present its slate of officers for the 1966-67 season at this monthly meeting, with nominations from the floor. An all

membership meeting; all members have this chance to vote.

Chester Berg of El Cajon will have the one-man show at the gallery March 31 - April 2.

For the past twenty years Chester Ellis Berg has been painting the Southwest and Mexico as he sees and feels it. As a child he knew life in the mining camps of Nevada and wandered the mesas and canyons of Nevada and Mexico. A member of the Desert Art Center, San Diego Art Institute, La Jolla Art Assn., he has many awards and ribbons including purchase awards at the All County Fiesta.

Next Thursday is the last paint out of the season. It will take place in Andreas Canyon where there is a choice of painting under the tall Washingtonia palms or along the stream. Time 9 a.m. till 5 p.m., when the gates are closed. Everyone is to bring lunch and a special dish to share with your fellow painters. Bill Hager will be in charge of the paint out.

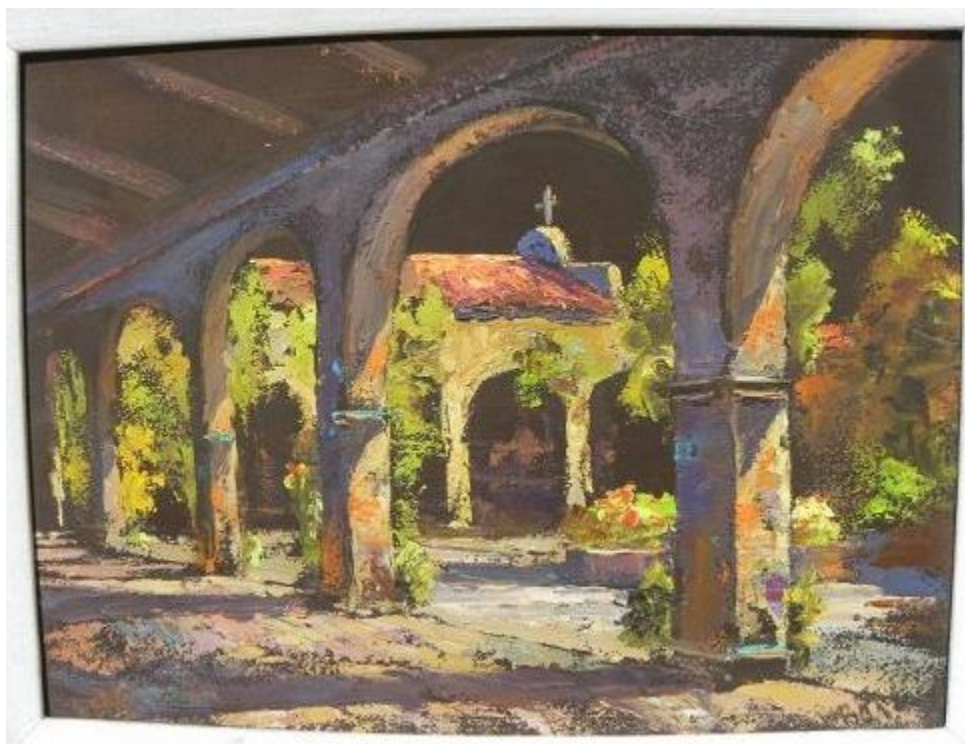
"Desert Sun" (Palm Springs CA) Thursday 31 Mar 1966 p 5 -

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"A Desert Wash" by Chester Ellis Berg –

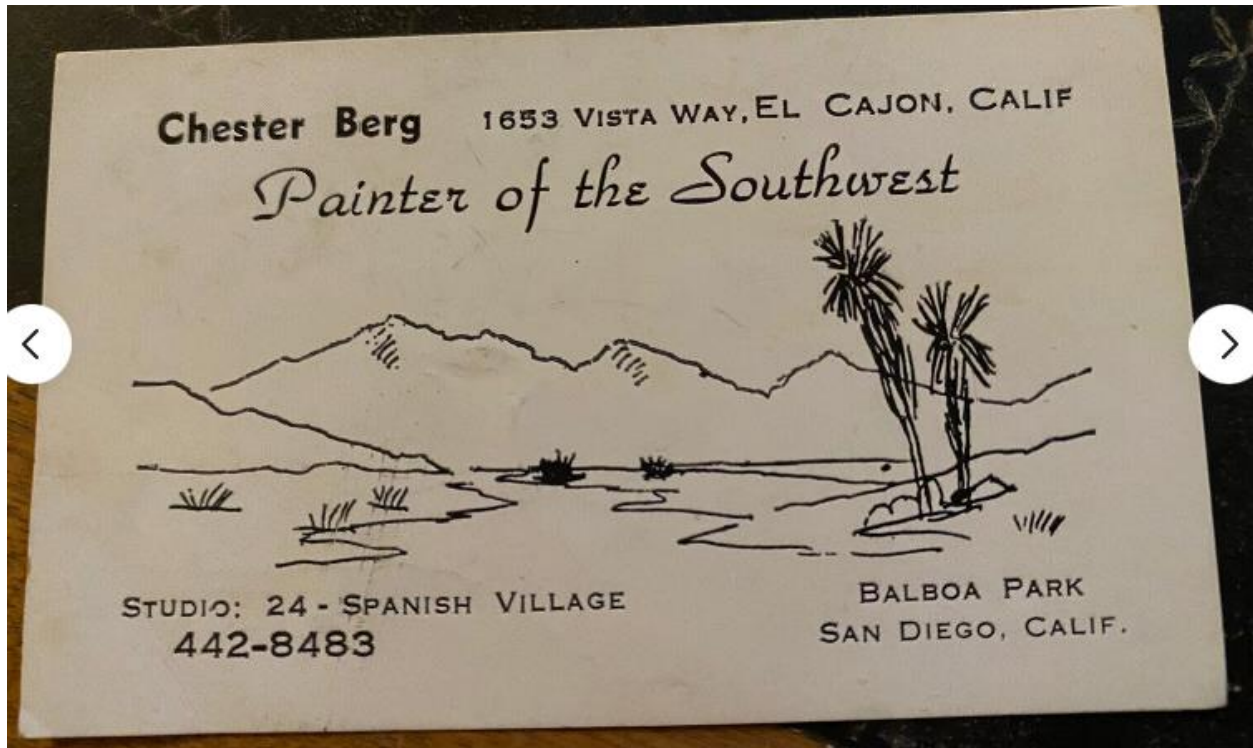
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A vintage 12" by 16" oil on panel painting (20 1/2" by 24 1/2" framed) of the mission courtyard and arcaded breezeway at Mission San Juan Capistrano, signed at lower left and at lower right "BERG". This may be by Chester "Chet" Berg (1895-1973) though this is not certain. The painter had obviously a good command of oil painting, and of perspective. The circa 1960's work is housed in a period frame that is probably hand carved and from Mexico. Condition is excellent.

this is signed just BERG as Chester Berg always did but it is thought to be by him -

<https://www.trocadero.com/stores/jbfineart/items/1460029/Vintage-impressionist-San-Juan-Capistrano-California-mission-painting>





**Business Card Of Local Artist Chet Berg With
Signed Sketch On Back**

<https://www.ebay.com/itm/266420404897>



Looking to La Jolla Shores near San Diego Calif.



Jul. 14, 2018

CHARLES BERG CALIFORNIA LANDSCAPE PAINTING

Est: \$150 - \$250

[View sold prices](#)

Fine oil on canvas featuring Northern California mountainous landscape. Signed 'Berg' LR Housed in newer ebonized wood frame. SIZE 24" x 30" overall 28" x 34" Oversize SHIPPING: Arrange UPS pack & ship CONDITION: Very good not examined out of...

Midnight Sun Antique Auction

<https://www.invaluable.com/artist/berg-charles-8aex0vh4sb/sold-at-auction-prices/>

Chester Ellis Berg

1895 - 1973

Chester Ellis Berg was an artist who was born in 1895.

The maker's first piece to be offered at auction was "Two Mexican Landscapes" at A.N. Abell Auction Company in 2023.



Two Mexican Landscapes

oil on board

Each: 18 x 24 in. (45.7 x 61 cm.), Frame: 26 1/4 x
32 in. (66.7 x 81.3 cm.)

<https://www.mutualart.com/Artist/Chester-Ellis-Berg/A3258ACA92A1D59A>

VINTAGE CALIFORNIA ART DESERT LANDSCAPE OIL PAINTING CHESTER CHET BERG LISTED



Vintage Oil Painting by Chester "Chet" Ellis Berg Description and Item Information Up for sale is this vintage, impressionistic oil painting on board by the listed California artist, Chester Berg. Please excuse any glare in the photos. This piece of art depicts a southern California desert landscape, with mountains, shrubs, and agaves. The board measures approximately 16 inches by 12 inches (the sight area is slightly smaller). The exterior frame measurements are approximately 19 inches by 15 inches.

Unpacked, this piece weighs about 2 pounds 9.2 ounces. This skillfully rendered piece would be a great addition to a collection of early California art. Identification The painting is signed at the lower right, "BERG." Chester "Chet" Ellis Berg (1895-1973) is a well-known, listed artist with listings on AskART and in Edan Hughes' Artists in California 1786-1940. Per Hughes, Berg was born in Ohio. Prior to moving to El Cajon, California in 1930, Berg lived in Nevada. He was a member of the Desert Art Center, and he painted mainly coastal scenes and desert landscapes. Condition This painting looks very good overall. It is bright and clean, with a few small areas of fine craquelure (within the peach-colored paint). The frame has light wear. Some deft touch-ups to the frame's gold finish were done. Please review the photos, and ask any [READ MORE](#)

<https://www.worthpoint.com/worthopedia/vintage-california-art-desert-1752775140>



CALIFORNIA DESERT PLEIN AIR OIL PAINTING CHESTER "CHET" ELLIS BERG PALM SPRINGS

Here is a charming little California desert plein air oil painting by the listed San Diego artist Chester Ellis Berg. It measures 11 3/4 by 13 3/4 inches overall in a wooden frame and the canvas measures 8 by 10 inches. It is lightly signed on the front "Berg" and is inscribed on the back "C. E. Berg, 119 Hudson Lane El Cajon Calif." and titled "A Desert Wash." It is in good condition but could use a cleaning; a better frame would really set it off nicely. It depicts a desert wash set near the Palm Springs mountains; it is a finished painting but a bit sketchy, perhaps a study for one of his larger paintings. I have three other similar works on auction. This is guaranteed to be the work of Chester Berg painted in oil and not a reproduction of any kind. Please see my other auctions. There is no reserve over my very low opening price. Chester (Chet) Ellis Berg (1895 - 1973) This biography from the Archives of AskART: Chester "Chet" Berg was born in Ohio on Nov. 16, 1895. "Chet" Berg was a truck driver in Round Mountain, NV in 1920. He appears to have moved to San Diego County about 1930 and settled in El Cajon. He died there on Feb. 9, 1973. His work includes landscapes of the desert around his home as well as coastal scenes. Member: Desert Art Center. Source:Edan Hughes, "Artists in California, 1786-1940" Death Record. Nearly 20,0 [READ MORE](#)

<https://www.worthpoint.com/worthopedia/california-desert-plein-air-oil-1691815126>

ORIGINAL PAINTING BY CHESTER (CHET) BERG



Chet Berg (1895-1973) maintained a studio in the Spanish Village artist's colony in Balboa Park in San Diego for over 20 years. My aunt and uncle were fortunate enough to visit his studio and purchase this painting from him, and it hung in their smoke-free home for decades. It's an oil painting on board, and is in the original frame. The painting measures about 24" x 18" (it's hard to measure exactly in the frame), with frame it's 30" x 24". I know very little about art, but can see no blemishes in this painting and the frame looks clean. This beautiful painting looked stunning in my aunt's living room, but you may prefer it in your bedroom or den. Also, my aunt taped an article about the artist from the San Diego Union, printed in 1971, to the back of the painting. Please contact me with any questions. Thank you for your interest. Posted with eBay Mobile

<https://www.worthpoint.com/worthopedia/original-painting-chester-chet-berg-411425121>



Chester E. Berg

Coast at La Jolla

oil on board, 12" x 24"

Chester ("Chet") Ellis Berg was born in Ohio on November 16, 1895. He spent his youth around the gold and silver mines of Nevada and Mexico where he was a truck driver. He appears to have moved to San Diego about 1930 and settled in El Cajon. For over 20 years he had a studio in the Spanish Village in Balboa Park. He died there on February 9, 1973. His work includes landscapes of the desert around his home as well as coastal scenes. He signed his work with only his last name, "Berg." Member: Desert Art Center; La Jolla Art Ass'n

<https://www.edanhughescollection.com/seascapes/wouy2654bruiylt7f20ir0nytq8yqu>



Painting, Chester E. Berg

<https://www.liveauctioneers.com/price-result/painting-chester-e-berg/>

From “The Sinking of the Tuscania” by Marilyn Gahm (www.tuscaniamemorial.org), p. 366:

Chester Ellis (“Chet”) Berg (1895 Ohio-1973 California), a corporal in the 100th Aero Squadron, moved to San Diego County around 1930, and settled in El Cajon, California. He painted impressionistic, almost abstract, landscapes of the desert around his home and the Southwest area as well as coastal scenes. For over twenty years, he operated a studio/gallery in the Spanish Village area of Balboa Park in San Diego. He exhibited widely in southern California and his work often won awards. He was a member of the Desert Art Center (Palm Springs), the La Jolla Art Association and the San Diego Art Institute.

Chester Ellis Berg

Birth • Ohio, County Births, 1841-2003

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Name **Chester Ellis Berg**

Sex **Male**

Father's Name [Jos Berg](#)

Father's Sex **Male**

Mother's Name [Lucy Ellis](#)

Mother's Sex **Female**


Event Type **Birth**

Event Date **16 Nov 1895**

Event Place **Holland, Springfield Township, Lucas, Ohio, United States**

Event Place (Original) **Springfield, Springfield, Ohio, United States**

OH birth record - <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:KDPN-T6K>

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Life:

An unusually large number of children were promoted in the Whittier Grammar School of North Berkeley at the close of this fall term. The following is the list of promotions announced by the teachers:

From B First to A First—De Vere Anderson, Earl Girvin, Claude Girvin, Walter Hartkop, Carl Moran, Hobart Miller, Victor Swartz, Pearl Cramer, Rose Colburn, Neva Clark, Winella Everett, Marion Griffith, Geanie Kidd, Elsie Kuhlke, Lorraine Lowe.

From A First to B Second—Philip Chamberlain, Lester Dawson, Frank Foss, Larsen Jorgensen, Irving Kolk-meyer, Lee Lemp, Lloyd Offield, Harry Stephens, Aldis Britt, Enid Moran, Carol Wright.

From B Second to A Second—Naomi Aguirre, Chester Berg, Gladys Bradford, Ruth Donahue, Lyle Griffith, Edith Herlitz, Townes Knuttsen, John Lee, De Witt Lee, Elliot Landon, Monroe Marliave, George Parrish, Alice Richards, Marion Towson, Leatha Thomas, George Wolters, Alice Watson, Eleanor Whistler.

Promoted from B Second to A Second at Whittier Grammar School, North Berkeley CA –
“Berkeley (CA) Gazette” Thursday 31 Dec 1903 p 3

From A Second to B Third—Chester Berg, Tonnes Knutzen, John Lee, De Witt Lee, Elliot Landon, Monroe Marliave, George Parrish, George Wolters, Naomi Aguirre, Gladys Bradford, Ruth Donahue, Edith Herlitz, Agnes Mealley, Mary Page, Alice Richards, Leatha Thomas, Marion Towso, Alice Watson, Eleanor Whistler.

“Berkeley (CA) Gazette” Tuesday 14 Jun 1904 p 5

From B 5th to A 5th.
 Chester Berg, Gladys Bradford, Carl
 Coe, Ruth Bonahue, Margaret Doolin,
 Gladys Duffield, Lyle Dunham, Mar-
 gary Ellis, Helena Fairbanks, Doro-
 thy Flynn, Edna Gentry, Ora Gibbs,
 Aida Gilchrist, Myra Goddard, Nuna
 Grange, Livingston Irving, Madeline
 Jackson, Fred Kealing, Ruth Kinhead,
 James Knutzen, Gertrude Kreischer,
 Margaret La Barea, Mamie Kuhecke,
 Eliot Landon, Camillia Larcher, Henry
 MacGowan, Dorothy Morris, Ruth
 Morish, Jerrold Paul, Loonie Radston,
 Gordon Richardson, Juliette Rideout,
 Lemuel Sanderson, Edward Seaman,
 Norman Slater, Viola Studen, Barnes
 Teggart, Marion Towson, Warner
 Ward, Marie Whiting, Floris Williams.

“Berkeley (CA) Gazette” Friday 28 Dec 1906 p 9

Fannie M. McKay, Teacher.
 Promoted to Seventh Year A.—
 Ethel Freeman, Mae Belle Freeman,
 Blanch Molares, Bertha Turner, Flor-
 ence Zamzow, Altha Barber, Ella
 Flores, Conrad Keeley, Will Fisher.
 Promoted to Seventh B.—Eva Ash-
 craft, Lurline Covell, Dorothy Gill,
 Vera Hill, Louise Macy, Minnetta
 Richter, Ruth Watson, Irene Wilkins,
 Chester Berg, Will Elsom, Dale Wetz-
 ler, Howard Robinson.

His family lived in Santa Cruz CA in the 1910 census – “Santa Cruz (CA) Evening News”
 Saturday 20 Jun 1908 p 1

EXERCISES AT BRANCIFORTE

PROFESSOR FORSYTHE WAS PRESENTED WITH PICTURE BY CLASS.

WELL RENDERED PROGRAM BY SCHOLARS ENJOYED BY LARGE ATTENDANCE.

Yesterday afternoon at 1:30 the scholars of Branciforte grammar school held their graduating and closing exercises in Professor Forsythe's room, the attendance being so large that many could not get in. About 120 persons in all were present. The following program was very well rendered: Dialogue, "Gossip," Vera Hill, Altha Barber, Louise Macy, Lurlene Covell, Etta Seidlager, Minnetta Richter; address of welcome, Chester Berg; recitation, "Sheridan's Ride," Chester Elliot; essay, "The Boys Our Public Schools Send Out," Irene Wilkins; school song, "Joys of Spring," eighth grades; essay, "The Beautiful in Nature," Helen McQuesten; piano solo, "The Garden of Dreams," Dale Wetzler; recitation, "Mary's the Watchword," Eunice Jones; essay, "Washington City," William Elsom; U. S. army breathing exercises; quar-

tet, "Far Away," Altha Barber, Louise Macy, Eunice Jones, Henry Molares; recitation, "Independence Bill," Leslie Kerns; piano solo, "Dance of the Raindrops," Florence Cass; recitation, "Columbus," Howard Robinson; class Prophecy, Howard Stephenson; recitation, "The Drummer Boy," Gertrude Blinn; vocal solo, Eunice Jones; valedictory, Dorothy Gill; class song.

The graduating class, represented by Miss Lurlene Covell, presented Principal Forsythe with an artistic framed picture as a token of their esteem in parting from him to go to the higher grades. Rev. H. K. Hamilton was the orator of the day and addressed the scholars for a few minutes.

The afternoon was pronounced a success by those attending. The names of the graduates are as follows: Lurlene Covell, Altha Barber, Dorothy Gill, Irene Wilkins, Louise Macy, Etta Seidlager, Helen McQuesten, Gertrude Blinn, Leslie Kerns, Dale Wetzler, Edward Convey, Vera Hill, Eunice Jones, Lowell Vetterle, Howard Stephenson, Guy Huston, Minnetta Richter, Eva Ashcraft, William Elsom, Howard Robinson, Chester Elliot, Chester Berg, Robert Elsom, Henry Molares.

Graduate of Branciforte Grammar School – "Santa Cruz (CA) Evening News" Saturday 28 May 1910 p 1

BRANCIFORTE HAS EXERCISES

The Branciforte School came through with appropriate and interesting exercises Friday afternoon, marking the close of the school year. On this occasion there was presented to Principal W. T. Forsyth for the school a beautifully framed picture of Sir Gilland, the gift of the pupils. Rev. H. K. Hamilton delivered a good practical address before the scholars.

The graduates were Lurlene Covell, Altha Barber, Dorothy Gill, Irene Wilkins, Louise Macy, Etta Seidlenger, Helen McQuesten, Gertrude Blinn, Leslie Kerns, Dale Wetzler, Edward Convey, Vera Hill, Eunice Jones, Guy Huston, Lowell Vetterle, Howard Stephenson, Minnetta Richter, Eva Ashcraft, William Elsom, Howard Robinson, Chester Elliott, Chester Berg, Robert Elsom, Henry Molares.

The program was:

Dialogue, "Gossip"—Vera Hill, Altha Barber, Louise Macy, Lurlene Covell, Etta Seidlenger, Minnetta Richter.

Address of welcome—Chester Berg.
Recitation, "Sheridan's Ride," Chester Elliot.

Essay, "The Boys Our Public School Sends Out"—Irene Wilkins.

School song, "Joys of Spring"—Eighth grade.

Essay, "The Beautiful in Nature"—Helen McQuesten.

Piano solo, "The Garden of Dreams"—Dale Wetzler.

Recitation, "Mary's the Watchword"—Eunice Jones.

Essay, "Washington City"—William Elsom.

U. S. Army Breathing Exercises.

Quartet, "Far Away"—Altha Barber, Louise Macy, Eunice Jones, Henry Molares.

Recitation, "Independence Bill"—Leslie Kerns.

Piano solo, "Dance of the Raindrops"—Florence Cass.

Recitation, "Columbus"—Howard Robinson.

Class prophecy—Howard Stephenson.

Recitation, "The Drummer Boy"—Gertrude Blinn.

Vocal solo—Eunice Jones.

Valedictory—Dorothy Gill.

Class song.

Chester gives the welcome address – "Santa Cruz (CA) Evening News" Sunday 29 May 1910 p 8

ANOTHER HAPPY SURPRISE.

Miss Edith Hibberd was pleasantly surprised Friday evening by a number of her young friends, the occasion being her fourteenth birthday. A most enjoyable evening was passed. Games and music were followed by dainty refreshments of ice cream, cake and candy. Those present were the Misses Grace McCutcheon, Miriam Berg, Wave Wasgatt, Florence Goodwin, Martha McCutcheon, Edith Hibberd; Messrs. Chester Berg, Clarence Goodwin, and Harold Rodgers.

"Santa Cruz (CA) Evening News" Saturday 7 Oct 1911 p 1

Chester Berg, formerly a clerk with the H. E. Irish company, is here for a vacation from his home in Nevada.

"Santa Cruz (CA) Evening News" Saturday 24 Jul 1915 p 4

Names Drawn From Nye County

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| Frank O. Whaley | 699 |
| Albert Silver | 248 |
| John Rados | 531 |
| Chester E. Berg | 695 |
| John Bertero | 614 |
| James Anthony Robi | 160 |
| Frank Gugs | 283 |
| George I. Rideout | 817 |

Excerpt – “Tonopah (NV) Daily Bonanza” Saturday 21 Jul 1917 p 3

SURVIVORS OF SEA TRAGEDY LISTED

(Continued from Page 1)

Clair S. Griffith, Fresno, Cal.
Stanley S. Houts, Seattle, Wash.
Edgar D. Brownell, Oakland.
Edward T. Beletski, Portland, Ore.
Chester E. Berg, Roundmountain,
Nev.
Lewis C. Blym, Dufer, Ore.
William R. Bell, Coquille, Ore.
Earl M. Blair, Placerville, Cal.

Excerpt – “Long Beach (CA) Press-Telegram” Saturday 9 Feb 1918 p 2

ROUND MOUNTAIN MAN WAS ON TUSCANIA

Special to the Gazette

TONOPAH, Mar. 18.—Chester Berg, of Round Mountain, Nev., was a passenger on the Tuscania when she was submarined and in a brief letter tells of his impressions and feelings. "It certainly is a peculiar sensation to be on a sinking ship," he writes, "not knowing what minute she will go to the bottom. It is also a peculiar sensation to be on a lifeboat without oars and the boat half full of water for seven hours after night." Berg says he did not feel the least alarm and was not the least bit scared or excited at any time." It did not seem which way things went so I did not worry," is the philosophic way the young man sums up his trying experience. The most pressing part of his letter is a renewed demand for sweets especially chocolates.

"Reno (NV) Gazette-Journal" Monday 18 Mar 1918 p 6

NYE COUNTY MEN NOW IN SERVICE

LIST COMPOSED OF NAMES OF
ENLISTED, DRAFTED AND
OTHERS THAT LEFT

Proud of the showing made by Nye county and the state of Nevada The Daily Bonanza publishes the following list of the names of enlisted men, drafted men and voluntarily inducted men that have joined the colors since June 5:

Enlisted men: Arthur V. Sunbby, A. Brooks, Hugo Silverstrini, Lionell F. Birdno, Harry K. Lorigan, Leon Clarence Gurnon, Carl Chester Howe, Frank O. Whaley, Chester E. Berg, Maurice Lebecque, George W. Riggs, Lewis A. Carr, John William Garrett.

Drafted men: Randal S. Weeks, Walter G. Swedberg, Roy S. Daniels, Joseph A. Carmody, Wesley Fitz-

Excerpts – “Tonopah (NV) Daily Bonanza” Thursday 28 Mar 1918 p 4

♦ ♦ ♦ LOST ALL ON TUSCANIA BUT MY LIFE—CHESTER BERG.

Chester E. Berg, a former Santa Cruz boy and an employe of the H. E. Irish company up to four years ago, and now in France as corporal with the 100th aero squadron, has written his family at Round Mountain, Nev., telling of his thrilling escape from drowning when the Tuscania went down off the Irish coast. The letter in part follows:

“I lost everything I had when the Tuscania went down, except my life.

It certainly is a peculiar sensation to be on a sinking ship, not knowing what minute she will go to the bottom. It is also a peculiar sensation to be in a lifeboat without oars and the boat half full of water, for seven hours after night. There were five of us in that boat and the sea was so rough that we could do nothing. I was not frightened at any time, not even when we were in the breakers against the cliffs. I just hung on to the boat as long as I could and when she hit the rocks I let go and thought I'd stick it out as long as I could. I rolled around in the water for about fifteen minutes and then a big wave threw me on the rocks and I hung on until I got enough strength to pull myself out of the water. I am so happy to be here and I would not miss it for anything. I had a treat the other day. What do you think it was? It was a Watsonville (Cal.) apple, and it tasted like a million dollars."

"Santa Cruz (CA) Evening News" Tuesday 2 Apr 1918 p 7

FORMER LOCAL BOY IS SAVED FROM TUSCANIA

Nephew of Mrs. Oscar
Young Tells of Thrill-
ing Experiences.

Corporal Chester E. Berg of the 100th Aero Squadron, American expeditionary forces, a former Springfield boy and a nephew of Mrs. Oscar Young, of 320 East Cassilly street, is one of the survivors of the Tuscania, sent to the bottom by a German torpedo. Mr. Berg is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Berg of Round Mountain, Nevada. Joseph Berg is a brother of Mrs. Young.

Mrs. Young is delighted that her nephew's life was spared and is proud of the fact that he is in the service of the United States. In a letter back home, Young Berg tells of his thrilling experiences when the submarine hit the ship, and gives the details of his rescue.

"I lost everything I had when the Tuscania went down, except my life."

(Continued on page 4, column 4.)

FORMER LOCAL BOY IS SAVED FROM TUSCANIA

(Continued from first page.)

writes the young man. "It certainly is a peculiar sensation to be on a sinking ship, not knowing what minute she will go to the bottom. It is also a peculiar sensation to be in a lifeboat without oars and the boat half full of water for seven hours after night.

"There were five of us in my boat and the sea was so rough that we could do nothing. I was not the least bit scared or excited at any time, even when we were in the breakers against the cliffs. I just hung on to the boat as long as I could and when she hit the rocks I let go and thought I'd stick out as long as I could.

"It did not seem to make much difference which way things went. I didn't worry.

"I rolled around in the water for about fifteen minutes and then a big wave threw me up on the rocks and I hung on to them until I got strength enough to pull myself out of the water. I took a sleep while we were drifting around and had a good two hours' rest. I was on the Tuscania for nearly two hours after she was hit.

"I am so happy to be here and I would not miss it for anything. It must feel funny to be a young man in good health and not be in the army. Some might think it a sacrifice, but it is a duty we owe to our country and we should be proud to think we are in a position to respond when our country calls.

"When I was in the state I thought I could imagine what conditions ever here would be, but to look at this country, after three years and a half of warfare, it is beyond the imagination of any human. If some of the boys who are reluctant to join the army, could see some of the things that I have seen they would throw aside everything, wade in and follow Old Glory to the bitter end.

Old Glory to the bitter end.

"I had a treat the other day. What do you think it was? It was a Watsonville, Cal. apple. It tasted like a million dollars. Now, dear folks, remember the chocolate. It will come in mighty handy and I think I will relish it even more than I did the parcels you sent me when I was camped in Texas and Mineola."

He gives his address as "Corporal Chester E. Berg, 100th Aero Squadron, A. E. F."

Thrown up from his lifeboat on the rocky coast of Islay, Scotland - "Springfield (OH) News-Sun" Tuesday 2 Apr 1918 p 1

Tuscania Survivor Writes of Tragedy

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Ellis are in receipt of a letter from their nephew, Chester Berg, telling of his experiences while crossing on the Tuscania which was submarined. The letter also expresses a patriotic sentiment which can be read with profit. The letter in part follows:

"I lost everything I had when the Tuscania went down, except my life. It certainly is a peculiar sensation to be on a sinking ship, not knowing what minute she will go to the bottom. It is also a peculiar sensation to be in a lifeboat without oars and the boat half full of water for seven hours after night.

"There were five of us in my boat and the sea was so rough that we could do nothing. I was not the least bit scared or excited at any time, even when we were in the breakers against the cliffs. I just hung on to the boat as long as I could and when she hit the rocks I let go and thought I'd stick it out as long as I could.

"It did not seem to make much difference which way things went, I did not worry.

"I rolled around in the water for about 15 minutes and then a big wave threw me up on the rocks and I hung on them until I got strength enough to pull myself out of the water. I took a sleep while we were drifting around and had a good two hours' rest. I was on the Tuscania for nearly two hours after she was hit.

"I am so happy to be here and I would not miss it for anything. It must feel funny to be a young man in good health and not be in the army. Some might think it a sacrifice, but it is a duty we owe to our country and we should be proud to think we are in a position to respond when our country calls.

"When I was in the states I thought I could imagine what conditions over here would be, but to look at this country, after three and a half years of warfare, it is beyond the imagination of any human. If some of the boys who are reluctant to join the army, could see some of the things that I have seen, they would throw aside everything, wade in and follow Old Glory to the bitter end."

"Oakdale (CA) Leader" Friday 12 Apr 1918 p 4

MEETS SANTA CRUZAN.

Howard Hayes was quite surprised to meet Chester Berg, a former Santa Cruzan, who worked for H. E. Irish. Mr. Berg is stationed about seventy-five miles from Howard Hayes in England.

"Santa Cruz (CA) Evening News" Thursday 19 Sep 1918 p 7

CHESTER BERG, who was on the Tuscania when that ship was torpedoed, returned from overseas this morning and continued on to his home in Manhattan. He was a member of the 100th signal corps.

"Tonopah (NV) Daily Bonanza" Thursday 19 Jun 1919 p 6

**ROUND MOUNTAIN PLANS
WELCOME FOR SOLDIERS**

Special to the Gazette

ROUND MOUNTAIN, June 23.—This camp is going to have a Liberty celebration all of its own as a welcome to the boys from this section who served with the colors. The men are Roy Daniels, Fidales Ott, Chester Berg, Charles Wilson, Dick Benn, Fred Peterson, C. E. Tracey, Alex Robillard, Walter Smithline, Lawrence Darrough, Frank Crane and Louis Heatley. The program has been set for the first of July, on the evening of which there will be a public reception, when the service men will be presented with gold badges indicating their term with the flag.

Round Mountain is the first community in Nevada that has recognized the ex-soldiers and sailors with any souvenir. This town, which went from 100 to 700 per cent over the top on every Liberty loan, will present each of its fighting boys with a medal that will be preserved for years to come.

"Reno (NV) Gazette-Journal" Monday 23 Jun 1919 p 5

New Exhibit At CV Gallery

The current exhibit at the Chula Vista Art Gallery features the work of Mrs. Lucille Stockton. Mrs. Stockton is formerly of Arizona but now makes her home in Paradise Hills. She is studying under Chester Berg and in the adult education classes of Roy White.

The out-of-doors has given inspiration for Mrs. Stockton's work. Her exhibit includes two paintings of a stream in a meadow with sycamores in soft green. Another is called "Spring" and shows a meadow with flowers.

"Meditation Hill" shows a road up a hill among eucalyptus and "Majestic Eucalyptus" again features the trees. Other paintings include "Old Road," "Old Barn," "End of Winter," "After The Storm."

The show will continue through July 28 and may be seen daily from 1 to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday at the Penthouse Gallery, 278½ Third Avenue, Chula Vista.

"Chula Vista (CA) Star-News" Thursday 17 Jul 1958 p 12

Picture Framing Topic at Meeting Of CV Art Guild

CHULA VISTA — Mrs. Lenore Sherman demonstrated methods of finishing picture frames at the Feb. 4 meeting of the Chula Vista Art Guild at the Penthouse Gallery.

At the business meeting plans were made for the March 5 desert-bingo party at the gallery. Billie Bull and Lenore Sherman are co-chairmen in charge. Harriett Kacergis and Ruth Watson are taking reservations, and Gardie Wooster is in charge of refreshments.

A new exhibit is now being shown at the gallery, 278½ Third avenue. May Smutny has a one-man show which will continue through Feb. 14.

She studies under three teachers and is showing paintings done with each. With Roy White she has painted three marines, "Storm Brewing," "Derelicts on Maine Coast," and "Evening."

With Alfred Mitchell she has painted two pictures of the mission San Diego de Alcalá, and also two red barns, titled, "U.S. Grant's Barn," and "Allen's Dairy Barn."

"Evening Glow," and "Sorrento Valley" are two landscapes done with Chester Berg.

"Chula Vista (CA) Star-News" Sunday 8 Feb 1959 p 3

Two to Exhibit, Demonstrate Art Techniques

A well known desert artist and a Hollywood mosaic expert will cap a week of Art Mart activity with exhibitions and demonstrations on the grounds of the Desert Inn from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

The pair are:

—Chester E. Berg, Village artist who will show a series of landscapes painted during his recent Mexico sojourn. Berg will also demonstrate technique in an on-the-spot painting Saturday and Sunday.

—Carl Kendrick, an associate of the Joseph Young Mosaic Studio in Hollywood. Kendrick, a devotee of the newly-revived art of the ancients, will demonstrate the making of murals and tables.

Other artists whose works will be on view throughout the week and weekend are Adele Brott, Wilton McCoy, Maryland Lewis, Colonel Sterling Moak, Sam Fleischman, Ann Bennett, Howard Gildersleeve, E. L. Forbes, Mabel Roberts, Rosa Cassidy and Urda of Laguna.

*"Desert Sun" (Palm Springs CA) Friday 27 Mar 1959 p 1 -
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Two-Man Show Now on Display At Local Gallery

CHULA VISTA — A new and interesting two-man show is being featured at the Penthouse Gallery of the Chula Vista Art Guild through Aug. 18.

The exhibit features the works of Billie Bull and Freida Roth. Mrs. Roth is a new member of the Guild, and this is her first show for the group. She has studied in Chula Vista with Roy White and Lenore Sherman.

Mrs. Paul Bull came here several years ago from Ft. Worth, Texas, where she painted under the instruction of Mrs. Fanny Givbens. She has continued her art studies in Chula Vista with Alfred Mitchell, Lenore Sherman, and Chester Berg, as well as Major Willoughby, portrait teacher.

The various pictures shown include landscapes, seascapes, portraits, and still life.

"Chula Vista (CA) Star-News" Thursday 6 Aug 1959 p 15

It may be cold in Bemidji. . . but the California sun is warming things up in our country. . . We saw an outdoor art show at the Desert Inn on Saturday and had a chat with the wife of one of the artists. . . Mrs. Chester E. Berg. She and her husband make their home in El Cajon where he conducts art classes to augment the family income. . . Mrs. B. said painting isn't a lucrative art but a wonderful life . . .

Poor quality copy – "Banning (CA) Daily Record" Tuesday 8 Mar 1960 p 2

Art Guild To Participate In Exhibit

CHULA VISTA — Plans were made at the Wednesday meeting of the Chula Vista Art Guild held in Memorial Park Gallery, to participate in a special art exhibit. The exhibit will be on display at the Clairemont Community Center Jan. 22, with Kay Howard acting as chairman.

A committee was appointed to furnish a Living Picture for the Woman's Club exhibit this spring. Committee members will be Jan Ellis, Genevieve Saubers and Billie Macy, with Helen Styles acting as advisor.

The current exhibit in the gallery is by May Smutny and Doris Cox. Mrs. Smutny is a student of Chester Berg, Alfred Mitchell and Roy White. Her work is in water colors and pastels.

Mrs. Cox teaches crafts in the Adult Education Department of the local high school district. Her display is in oils.

The show will continue through Jan. 17, followed by a memorial show for Anna Howe. The gallery is open from 1 to 4 p.m. Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays.

"Chula Vista (CA) Star-News" Sunday 8 Jan 1961 p 8

Art Guild Two-Man Show At Gallery

CHULA VISTA — Two members of the Chula Vista Art Guild who turned from the study of photography to oil paintings are holding a two-man show in the Chula Vista Art Guild Gallery.

The two exhibitors are Mrs. Goldie Stell and Fred A. Fredlund. Their show opened yesterday and will run through March 14.

Mrs. Stell's entries in the exhibit are landscapes and animal life. She studied with Frank Van Ness of Chicago and has sold many of her paintings. After moving to National City Mrs. Stell also studied commercial art. She studied with William Steinbach in Chula Vista, and is now making painted note paper.

Mr. Fredlund, interested in art from childhood, began the serious study of painting in 1936. He also turned from photographic study to oil painting and studied with Major Willoghby for three years, and two years with Mr. Van de Velt, who trained in Brussels. Other instructors were Floyd Chandler, Roy White and Chester Berg.

Mr. Fredlund, a member of the San Diego Art Institute, has shown his work in their gallery since 1957. He will have a varied exhibit of eight paintings, including portraits, land and seascapes in the current show at the Chula Vista Art Guild Gallery, which is open Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays from 1 to 4 p.m.

"Chula Vista (CA) Star-News" Thursday 2 Mar 1961 p 17

Club Members Show Paintings Through May 9

CHULA VISTA — Mrs. Marie Preble and Mrs. Mildred Holmes, two new members of the Chula Vista Art Guild, are having a joint showing of their works at the Memorial Gallery on Parkway through May 9.

Having taken art instruction from Alfred Mitchell, Chester Berg and Roy White, Mrs. Preble is exhibiting eight landscapes, two pictures of old buildings and a painting of Hope Ranch. Mrs. Preble's "Country Road," the first picture she ever exhibited, which won a second place in the Popular Award show held by the guild in November and a blue ribbon at the San Diego Art Institute, will also be exhibited.

Mrs. Holmes, who is studying with Roy White, will exhibit eight paintings. A former teacher, Mrs. Holmes taught literature and drama in El Centro and in local elementary schools. For the past three years, Mrs. Holmes has been chairman and director of the "Living Pictures" pageant at the Woman's Club.

The gallery will be open Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m.

"Chula Vista (CA) Star-News" Sunday 30 Apr 1961 p 9

From Teller to Artist; Not a Drastic Change

By EUGENIA CLARKE
Star-News Staff Writer

NATIONAL CITY — For 12 years, Mrs. Nathalie Simkin was a bank teller.

Today she's a successful professional artist.

And, amazingly enough, she says there isn't too drastic a difference between the occupations.

"Balance and order are as essential in art as in banking," said Mrs. Simkin, who lives at 1504 C Ave. and whose oil paintings are on display at the National City Public Library.

"I paint directly from nature," the artist explained. "However, I rearrange objects, in fact, I sometimes move mountains to achieve a pleasing effect."

Mrs. Simkin's showing is the fourth in a series of displays at the public library arranged to acquaint National Citizens with the work of local artists.

LIKE MANY women artists, Mrs. Simkin put off painting until the task of raising a family was practically completed.

"Four years ago I began studying art with Chester Berg at the Spanish Village in Balboa Park," Mrs. Simkin said. "I intended it only as a hobby. But somehow, it has grown into almost a full-time occupation."

Perhaps that is because Mrs. Simkin is an energetic person and a perfectionist, not given to doing things half-way. She also

has the ability to budget her time efficiently.

For 12 years before she "retired" to paint, Mrs. Simkin was a teller at the Security Trust & Savings (now Security First National Bank) Fifth avenue and E street, San Diego.

She raised three daughters, who are now married. They are: Mrs. Maxine Mendenhall of El Cajon; Mrs. Jeannette Kingery of San Diego and Mrs. Genevieve Calesebetta of Oakland.

DESIGNING and sewing clothes for three growing girls was Mrs. Simkin's form of artistic expression for many years.

In 1937 she adopted a baby girl, Renee, and decided to stop working at the bank.

"I found I hadn't enough to do," Mrs. Simkin explained. "So I took up painting."

Her "hobby" has snowballed to such an extent that the family car has been crowded out of the garage, which has become a storage place for Mrs. Simkin's paintings. It is also her studio.

Far from resenting his wife's space and time-consuming occupation, Herold Simkin appreciates and encourages it.

A NUMBER of Mrs. Simkin's scenic paintings are displayed at her husband's place of business, the Central Food Market, 222 E. Eighth St.

Her canvases also can be seen

in business and professional offices of the city.

A knowledge and love of trees can be seen in many of the artist's paintings.

Born and raised on a farm near Eugene, Ore., Nathalie worked in the orchards from the time she was a small girl until she was graduated from high school and married.

"I came from a large family," she said. "There were eight girls and four boys. We all worked in the fields."

"When I finished my chores at home, I worked for the neighbors. From the time I was nine years old, my father never had to buy a thing for me."

"IT WAS a hard life. But it was a good life because we worked out of doors. I think that was how I learned to love nature."

The Simkins were married and moved to San Diego County in 1932.

"I always wanted to paint," Nathalie confessed. "But until recently there was no time for it."

Once launched upon the career, she became an indefatigable worker.

She paints all day on Wednesday with the sun, which works out-of-doors unless inclement weather necessitates meeting in the instructor's studio.

Mrs. Simkin's grown daughters babysit with Renee on class day. Other times Renee goes with her mother and enjoys playing in the

woods.

"I like to go out early when the morning shadows and soft colors show nature at her loveliest," Mrs. Simkin explained. "And I often stay until it is too dark to continue."

SHE PAINTS swiftly and therefore produces a great many canvases. But a number of these she destroys.

"I won't keep anything that does not satisfy me. And I do not work my paintings over," she said. "I want them to have a fresh, spontaneous quality."

For a long time Mrs. Simkin refused to sell her work because she was not wholly satisfied with it.

"Now I realize I'll always be critical of my painting and desirous of doing better."

Although she enjoys some non-objective art, Mrs. Simkin disapproves the extreme surrealist type of painting.

"I don't like anything grotesque or vulgar," she said. "Nature is beautiful and I enjoy reflecting that beauty upon canvas."



"Chula Vista (CA) Star-News" Sunday 20 Aug 1961 p 7



"Chula Vista (CA) Star-News" Thursday 21 Sep 1961 p 12

Local Artists to Hold Art Gallery Exhibit

Oil paintings depicting scenery near the Barona Indian reservation in the mountains east of Lakeside, will be on display by their painters starting Wednesday through April 10 at Memorial Bowl, 369 Parkway, Chula Vista.

The artists are Mmes. Marie Preble and Gladys L. Cornish. Both have studied under Alfred R. Mitchell,

Roy White and Chester Berg.

Mrs. Preble is a member of the Chula Vista Art Guild, San Diego Art Institute and San Diego Art Mart.

Mrs. Cornish is past president of the Chula Vista Art Guild.

The gallery is open Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m. There is no admission charge.

"Chula Vista (CA) Star-News" Monday 26 Mar 1962 p 1

Winners Chosen in 'Dauberoo'

PALM DESERT — Officials and visitors of the Desert Magazine Art Gallery have labeled the first annual "Dauberoo" a big success with closing ceremonies for the art program due with an auction at 3 p.m. today.

Winning entries of the 68 submitted by artists and "hopeful" artists were chosen yesterday so that bidders today could be guided by the findings of three sets of judges — a panel of three selected by the Gallery the artists themselves in a voting, and the popular choice of Gallery visitors.

Three cups went to the winners in each division. Chosen by the judges was Lester Bonar's "Desert Shadows." The popular choice by visitors ballots was "Western Beauty" by Nicholas Yellantir, while the artists themselves picked Amy Brown O'Toole's "Bird Sanctuary." A special award went to Bert Proctor as the most popular artist.

The contest, which was termed highly successful by Curator Paula Munson, was divided into three categories for subject: man's mark on the desert, desert impressions and dune life. Ribbons were awarded for the three top winners in each category.

The "man's mark on the desert" division went to Chester Berg, Russell White and Gertrude Riest for their works, "Ghost Town of Death Valley," "Water Hole," and "Land Nobody Wanted."

In "dunes life," winners were George Lingo, Chester Berg and Elly Brown for "Desert Palms," "LaQuinta Dunes," and "Solitude."

Three chosen for "desert impressions" in order were "Serenity" by Amy Brown O'Toole, "Prospector's Dream" by Helen Abernathy and "Desert Melody" by Daisy Gray.

"Desert Sun" (Palm Springs CA) Saturday 14 Apr 1962 p 2

Versatile Local Artists Exhibiting in CV Gallery

The Chula Vista Art Guild is presenting an exhibit, through Feb. 9, of the paintings of Mmes. Lorraine Leathley and May Smutney in the gallery located at 369 Parkway in Memorial Bowl.

Mrs. Leathley, who works in oil and also pen and ink, has won several awards in past competition at the Chula Vista Art Guild. Recently she captured the Memorial Trophy as sweepstakes winner in the annual Popular Award Show with her marine painting. One of her sketches is on permanent display in New York City.

She has received most of her training from Roy White and her work reflects her versatility as it includes marines, landscapes, and still lifes.

Mrs. Smutney, whose prin-

cipal medium is oil, has studied under Alfred Mitchell, Chester Berg, and Roy White. While in Gloucester, Mass., she worked under the direction of Emile Gruppe and Paul Strisik.

During extensive travels with her husband, Mrs. Smutney accumulated a vast collection of colored slides from which she chooses the subject matter for many of her paintings.

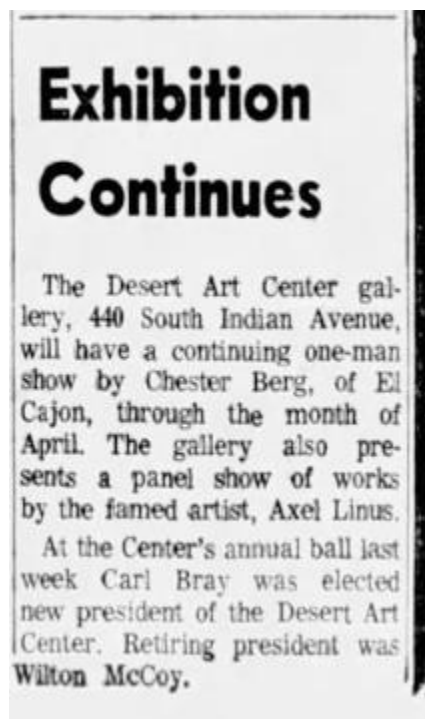
Besides her affiliation with the Chula Vista Art Guild, she is also a member of the San Diego Art Institute and the Foothills Art Gallery where she has exhibited.

Visitors are welcome to this free exhibit which is on Wednesdays, Saturdays, and Sundays from 1 to 4 p.m.

"Chula Vista (CA) Star-News" Thursday 28 Jan 1965 p 20



"Imperial Beach (CA) Star-News" Thursday 22 Jul 1965 p 8



"Desert Sun" (Palm Springs CA) Thursday 21 Apr 1966 p 14

CHESTER BERG, AXEL LINUS, works at Desert Art Center; 444 S. Indian Ave., Palm Springs.

"Los Angeles Times" list of exhibits – Sunday 24 Apr 1966 p 573

Krehm Wins First In Center's Show

Painter William Krehm of Banning, who currently has a one-man show at the Desert Art Gallery, 444 S. Indian Ave., has won a first place award in the Desert Art Center's membership painting show for his landscape "Sierra Heights."

Second place was a tie between Carl Bray, president of the group, for his painting "Moved On" and "Mt. Williamson" by Robert Wiese of Desert Hot Springs.

Third award went to Chester Berg of El Cajon for his "Tortillas For Lunch." Special place went to Signe Holechek for "Old Barn and Fence." Winners are chosen by ballots which can be had by anyone entering the gallery and casting their votes for paintings of their choice.

Under the supervision of Bill Hager of Palm Springs Friday, members of the Desert Art Center gathered for the day among the beautiful smoke trees of Whitewater wash for their monthly "paint out" in the desert. The deep blue November shadows of the mountains made a perfect background for the smoke trees where artists created individual paintings with canvas and easel.

Board Meeting

Held Monday evening at the home of president Carl Bray in Indian Wells, the Art Center board meeting saw much accomplished by the group, which included plans for the 1967 Year Book. President Carl Bray presided with first vice president Irene Fenton.

"Desert Sun" (Palm Springs CA) Thursday 24 Nov 1966 p 5

Last Show Set

An open house will be held Sunday at Desert Art Center, 444 South Indian Ave., honoring gallery artists in the final show of the season.

Among those exhibiting will be John Hilton, Elsie Gershon, Lela Schade, Wilton McCoy, Joe Stahley, Edmond Woods, Von Neschke, Frederick Becker, Don Miles, Carl Bray, Lori Bowman, Chester Berg, Marj Schumacher and others.

The event is open to the public.

The gallery will be open until May 27.

"Desert Sun" (Palm Springs CA) Thursday 30 Apr 1970 p 9

Thanksgiving Art Show At Desert Inn

Area residents and tourists will be treated to a Thanksgiving art show, extending over the four-day weekend (November 25-28), at Desert Inn Fashion Plaza on North Palm Canyon Drive in Palm Springs.

This latest in the successful series of art shows will be free to the public and will feature more than 30 artists from the Coachella Valley and coastal areas.

The show will be open from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday; from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday.

All the art works — to include oil paintings, watercolors, charcoals, pen and ink sketches, photography, porcelain pottery and copper enameling — will be for sale.

"Visitors to the area are especially invited to attend," said Marj Schumacher, co-coordinator of the show along

Schumacher, Larry Sitter, Fern Cunningham Stone, Keith Ward and Mickey Wheeler of Palm Springs.

Also exhibiting will be: Clarice Libbey, Michael Roll, Evelyn and Tom Naylor of Cathedral City; Zeni Cieslikowski and Lela Schade of Rancho Mirage; Garth Uibel of La Quinta; Lela Frank of Indio; F. Erick Johnson of Yucaipa; Irene Scoggin of Joshua Tree; Trevor Bennett of Apple Valley; Marty Tobias of Riverside; Robert Landry of Lemon Grove; Edmond Woods and Betty N. Curry of Chula Vista; J.R. Brown of La Mesa; Chester Berg of El Cajon; Henry Ramirez of Mission Viejo; Marco Massimo Sassone of Long Beach; Darwin Duncan of Garden Grove; James E. Pulley of Glendale; and Naomi Grover of Crescent City.

coordinator of the show along with Larry Sitter. "We want them to see how important the desert art colony has become. It's an all professional show."

Artists participating include: Shirley Hurd, Bruce Lubo, Stanley Rosin, Marj

"Desert Sun" (Palm Springs CA) Wednesday 24 Nov 1971 p 4

Weekend Art Show Set For Desert Inn Plaza

Another in the series of highly successful art shows will be held this weekend at the Desert Inn Fashion Plaza on North Palm Canyon Drive in Palm Springs.

The free show in the Plaza's climatized mall is open from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. Show coordinators Larry Sitter and Marj Schumacher extend a cordial

Wheeler, all of Palm Springs; Clarice Libbey, Evelyn Naylor, Tom Naylor and Michael Roll, all of Cathedral City; Zeni Cieslikowski and Lela Schade of Rancho Mirage; Lela Frank of Indio; Helen Peters Bisby and Florence B. Crosby of Idyllwild.

Also, Rocky Rau of Buena

Park; Edmond Woods of Chula Vista; Henry Ramirez of Mission Viejo; Valeria Hatch of Riverside; Trever Bennett of Apple Valley; Robert Landry of Lemon Grove; Cliff Woddowson of Fullerton; Nila Collini of San Diego; Nona Taylor of Paramount; Dot Woods of San Diego; and Erwin P. Mayen of San Clemente.

invitation to all residents and visitors to view the varied works of more than 30 area and out-of-town artists.

All art works are for sale, the coordinators noted. The series is sponsored by the Desert Inn Fashion Plaza to encourage interest in art and artists. The current series began last October and will continue through May.

Among the artists participating in this weekend's show are: Chester Berg, John Holmberg, Delores Holmberg, Sheila Hurt, F. Bruce Lubo, Stan Rosin, Marj Schumacher, Larry Sitter, Keith Ward and Mickey

"Desert Sun" (Palm Springs CA) Friday 14 Jan 1972 p 6

Weekend Events For Palm Desert Greens

The Desert Inn Fashion Plaza will sponsor a special four-day art show Friday, Feb. 18, through Monday, Feb. 21, in honor of the Washington's Birthday holiday weekend.

Featuring more than 30 professional artists, the free show will be open from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday through Sunday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday. Washington's Birthday will be celebrated Monday, Feb. 21, under the new federal holiday law.

A wide variety of works including oils, watercolors, charcoals, sculpture and photography will be on display in the Desert Inn Fashion Plaza's climatized mall. All art works are for sale. The Desert Inn Fashion Plaza is located on North Palm Canyon Drive between Tahquitz-McCallum

Way and Andreas Road in Palm Springs.

The art show is one in a series sponsored by the Desert Inn Fashion Plaza to encourage interest in art and artists. Those participating in the special four-day show include:

Mickey Wheeler, Peggy Watson, Keith Ward, Larry Sitter, Chester Berg, Marj Schumacher, Stan Rosin, Bruce Lubo, John and Delores Holmberg, Annette Freeman and Ronald Dunn, all of Palm Springs.

Also, Michael Roll, Tom and Evelyn Naylor and Clarice Libbey of Cathedral City; Lela Schade and Zeni Cieslikowski of Rancho Mirage; Robert Landry of Lemon Grove; Edmond Woods and Beebe Hopper of Chula Vista.

Also Maurice Mazellie and Nila Collini of San Diego; Henry Ramirez of Mission Viejo; Darwin Duncan of Garden Grove; Rocky Rau of Buena Park; Marco Massimo Sassone of Long Beach; Nona C. Taylor of Paramount; Trever Bennett of Apple Valley and Helen Reichle of Sacramento.

"Desert Sun" (Palm Springs CA) Friday 18 Feb 1972 p 6

Plaza Art Show Salutes Fiesta

A special art show this weekend at Desert Inn Fashion Plaza salutes the start of Desert Fiesta, a fund-raising activity for the United Fund of the Desert Communities.

of Joshua Tree.

Also, Larry W. Burry of Crestline; Valeria Hatch of Riverside; Marie Nicholson of Pomona; Darwin Duncan of

Garden Grove; Nona C. Taylor of Paramount; March Massimo Sassone of Long Beach; Henry Ramirex of Mission Viejo; Maurice Mazeille and Nila Col-

ini of San Diego; J.R. Brown of La Mesa; Robert Landry of Lemon Grove; and Edmond Woods and Betty N. Curry of Chula Vista.

"Although our show begins on St. Patrick's Day, there will be many more colors than green in the variety of media on exhibit," said show coordinators Mrs. Marj Schumacher and Larry Sitter. "We invite all residents and visitors to visit our free show and to participate in the Desert Fiesta festivities."

Featuring more than 30 artists, the show will be held in the Desert Inn Fashion Plaza's climatized mall on North Palm Canyon Drive between Tahquitz-McCallum Way and Andreas Road in Palm Springs. Show hours are from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m., Friday through Sunday.

All art works are for sale in the show which is one of a series sponsored by the Fashion Plaza to encourage interest in art and artists. Participating artists include:

Keith Ward, F. Bruce Lubo, Mickey Wheeler, Chester Berg, John and Delores Holmberg, Marj Schumacher, Lois Kress and Larry Sitter, all of Palm Springs.

Springs.

Also, Michael Roll and Tom and Evelyn Naylor of Cathedral City; Zeny Cieslikowski and Lela Schade of Rancho Mirage; Jack Alexander of Palm Desert; Garth Uibel of La Quinta; Lela Frank of Indio; Molly Graham and Lola Ades

Weekend Art Show Will Honor Mexico, Fiesta

A special weekend art show at Desert Inn Fashion Plaza, the largest one in a continuing series, will honor Mexico which is being saluted as part of Desert Fiesta activities.

Nearly 40 artists will participate in the free show at the Fashion Plaza's climatized mall on North Palm Canyon Drive between Tahquitz-McCallum Way and Andreas Road in Palm Springs. The show, with all art works for sale, is along the route for the gigantic Desert Fiesta parade Saturday morning. Show hours are 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. today through Sunday.

One of the featured artists will be Maria de los Angeles Fuentes, 14, who was born in

Mexico, now lives in Palm Springs and attends Agua Caliente School. Previously working with colored pencils and crayons, she now paints in oils every night after school. Last summer she attended the Banff School of Fine Arts in Alberta, Canada, on a scholarship.

Other artists who will exhibit in the Desert Inn Fashion Plaza Art Show include: Mickey Wheeler, Chester Berg, F. Bruce Lubo, Marj Schumacher, John and Delores Holmberg, Larry Sitter, Ronald Dunn, Lois Kress, Caroline Summers and Keith Ward, all of Palm Springs.

Also, Tom and Evelyn Naylor, Clarice Libbey and Michael

Roll, all of Cathedral City; Zeny Cieslikowski and Lela Schade of Rancho Mirage; Jack Alexander of Palm Desert; Lela Frank of Indio; Mollie Graham of Landers; Gloria Bilotta of Norco; and Valeria Hatch of Riverside.

Also, Lola Ades of Claremont; Marie Nicholson of Pomona; George Lak of Crestline; and Maurice Mazeille, Larry W. Burry and Nila Collini, all of San Diego.

Also, Henry Ramirez of Mission Viejo; Robert Landry of Lemon Grove; J.R. Brown of La Mesa; Walter Hess of Porterville; Helen L. Reichle of Sacramento; and Betty N. Curry, Edmond Woods and Beebe Hopper, all of Chula Vista.

"Desert Sun" (Palm Springs CA) Friday 24 Mar 1972 p 12

Mall Features Art Today and Sunday

Outstanding works of art by Southern California artists will fill the air-conditioned mall of Desert Inn Fashion Plaza today and Sunday.

Local co-chairmen Larry Sitter and Marj Schumacher said the free art shows would run from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. All works of art will be for sale. The shows are sponsored by Desert Inn Fashion Plaza to encourage interest in art. They are held during major weekends throughout the season.

This weekend oils, watercolors, metal sculpture and macrame will be featured.

John Doody and Maurice Mazeilie of San Diego; Edmond Woods, Chula Vista; Trever Bennett, Apple Valley; Micky Ross, Claremont; Darwin Duncan, Garden Grove; Nona C. Taylor, Paramount; Sheila Dowdell, Beverly Hills; Valerie Gold, North Hollywood; Henry Ramirez, Mission Viejo; and Laura C. Smith, San Clemente.

Exhibiting artists will be F. Bruce Lubo, Chester Berg, William S. Arms, Marj Schumacher, Lela Barrett Schade, Mildred B. Wheeler and Larry Sitter, all of Palm Springs; Clarice Libbey, Tom and Evelyn Naylor, Michael J. Roll and Val A. Samuelson of Cathedral City; and Erick Marcusson of Desert Hot Springs, who is exhibiting for the first time.

Also, Garth "Ziggy" Uibel, La Quinta; Valeria Hatch, Riverside; Julie Gregory of Laguna Beach and Hawaii; Nila Collini, William DeShazo,

"Desert Sun" (Palm Springs CA) Saturday 14 Oct 1972 p 11

Veterans' Day Art Show

A special free art showing in the mall of the Desert Inn Fashion Plaza will greet Palm Springs visitors over the long Veterans' Day weekend.

Various types of originals from oils to metal sculptures done by some 30 local area and Southern California artists will be on display. All works will be for sale.

The showing will run from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. in the mall on Palm Canyon Drive between Andreas Road and Tahquitz-McCallum Way Friday through Monday. The event is sponsored by the Desert Inn Fashion Plaza to encourage interest in art.

Show coordinators are Marj Schumacher and Larry Sitter, themselves both local artists.

Artists scheduled to exhibit this weekend are Mrs. Schumacher, Sitter, Chester Berg, William Arms and

Mildred Wheeler, all of Palm Springs; Michael Roll, Clarice Libbery, Tom and Evelyn Naylor and Val Samuelson, all of Cathedral City; Mary Rhodes, Palm Desert; Eric Marcusson, Desert Hot Springs; Dale and Suzi Mathers, Elsinore.

Also, Ralph Baker, Pomona; Mollie Graham, Landers; Robert Wee, West Covina; Trever Bennett, Apple Valley; J.R. Brown and Maurice Mazilie, San Diego; Edmond Woods, Chula Vista.

Also, Robert Landry, Lemon Grove; Laura Smith, San Clemente; Norma Jay, Laguna Niguel; Darwin Duncan, Garden Grove; Julie Gregory, Laguna Beach; Sheila Dowdell, Beverly Hills; Valerie Gold, North Hollywood; Nona Taylor, Paramount; and Joyce Wade, Concord.

"Desert Sun" (Palm Springs CA) Friday 20 Oct 1972 p 14

New Year Art Exhibit On At The Plaza

The first in the new year of a series of art exhibits sponsored throughout the season by the Desert Inn Fashion Plaza will be held Friday, Saturday and Sunday in the mall of the Desert Inn Fashion Plaza.

Show coordinators Marj Schumacher and Larry Sitter have announced that many types of original art, ranging from oils to metal sculptures, will be on display. The show will be open from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday. All art works will be for sale.

Thirty-five artists will participate including: F. Bruce Lubo, Chester Berg, Julie Gregory, Marj Schumacher, Lela Barrett Schade, Mickey B. Wheeler and Larry Sitter, all of Palm Springs; Clarice Libbey, Tom and Evelyn Naylor, Michael J. Roll and Lee Worman, all of Cathedral City.

Also, Zeni Cieslikowski of Rancho Mirage; Mary J. Rhodes of Palm Desert; Lisa Denielle of Ontario; Marie Nicholson of Pomona; Mickey Ross of Claremont; Robert Wee of West Covina; Nona C. Taylor of Paramount; William E. DeShazo, Kay M. Hendricks and Maurice Mazeilie of San Diego; Beebe Hopper and Edmond Woods of Chula Vista.

Also, R.E. Russell and Jean Spiry of Laguna Beach; Laura C. Smith of San Clemente; Henry Ramirez of Mission Viejo; Darwin Duncan of Garden Grove.

Chester dies 9 Feb 1973 - "Desert Sun" (Palm Springs CA) Friday 12 Jan 1973 p 14

Art Show At The Plaza

There will be lots for browsers to see again this weekend at the Desert Inn Fashion Plaza with the work of 31 Southern California and desert area artists on display Friday through Sunday.

The colorful displays, sponsored by the Desert Inn Fashion Plaza to encourage an interest in art, are open to the public at no charge. All art displayed will be for sale. The exhibit will be open from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday. Show cor-

dinators are Marj Schumacher and Larry Sitter of Palm Springs.

Artists who will exhibit this weekend include: Chester Berg, Ronald Dunn, John and Delores Holmberg, Lela Barrett Schade, Marj Schumacher, Larry Sitter and Mickey B. Wheeler, all of Palm Springs; Clarice Libbey, Tom and Evelyn Naylor, Michael J. Roll, all of Cathedral City.

Also, Zeni Cieslikowski, Rancho Mirage; Edmond Woods, Chula Vista; J.R. Brown, La Mesa; Robert Landry, Lemon

Grove; William E. DeShazo, John Doody, Kay M. Hendricks, Maurice Mazeilie, all of San Diego; Mollie Graham, Landers; Robert Wee, West Covina.

Also, Valerie Gold, North Hollywood; Sheila Dowdell, Beverly Hills; Darwin Duncan, Garden Grove; Henry Ramirez, Mission Viejo; Mickey Ross, Claremont; Laura C. Smith, San Clemente; Nona C. Taylor, Paramount; Kay Lettel, Mount Hermon; Jean W. Spiry, Laguna Beach; and Joyce Wade, Concord.

Chester died 9 Feb 1973 – "Desert Sun" (Palm Springs CA) Friday 2 Feb 1973 p 8

Wife:

In the Superior Court

STATE OF ARIZONA, IN AND FOR YUMA COUNTY

In the Matter of the Application of

Chester Ellis Berg

and

Lucille Kleanor Banks

For a License to Marry

AFFIDAVIT FOR MARRIAGE LICENSE

STATE OF ARIZONA, }
COUNTY OF YUMA, } ss.

Chester Ellis Berg being first duly sworn upon his oath does
declare and certify; That the above is his true name; that his age is 31 years;
that he is a resident of San Diego California, and a native of Springfield Ohio
that he is of the Cau. race, and by occupation a Grocery Business

that he is not related to Lucille Kleanor Banks; and that he has not
been divorced within the State of Arizona, during the 12 months immediately preceeding
the date hereof.

Chester E. Berg

STATE OF ARIZONA, }
COUNTY OF YUMA } ss:

Lucille Kleanor Banks being first duly sworn upon her oath does
declare and certify; That the above is her true name; that her age is 20 years;
that she is a resident of San Diego California, and a native of Lansford N.D.;
that she is of Cau. race, that she is not related to Chester E. Berg
and that she has not been divorced within the State of Arizona, during the 12 months
immediately preceeding the date hereof.

Lucille E. Banks

Subscribed and sworn to before me by the parties hereto at Yuma, Arizona, on

5th day of March, 1929.

Sara E. Bagley
Clerk.

Address 3719 - 1st

San Diego California

Deputy Clerk.

https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/60873/images/40657_542118-00467?pld=900009840

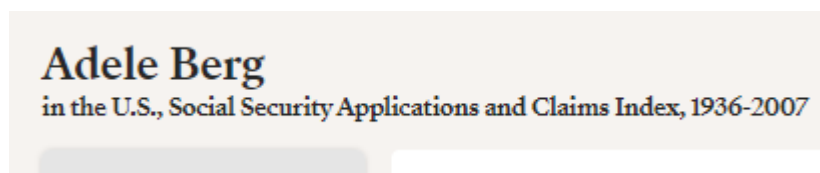
| California, Death Index, 1940-1997 | |
|------------------------------------|----------------|
| View record | |
| Name | Lucille E Berg |
| Social Security # | 551400181 |
| Gender | Female |
| Birth Date | 2 Mar 1909 |
| Birth Place | North Dakota |
| Death Date | 8 Jul 1973 |
| Death Place | San Diego |

<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/53352851/person/27552339415/facts>

Children:



Daughter Constance Adele Berg (1931 - 2005) – Grossmont High School (El Cajon CA) 1948 yearbook



| | |
|-------------|--|
| Name | Adele Berg [Adele Davis] |
| Gender | Female |
| Race | White |
| Birth Date | 26 Jan 1931 |
| Birth Place | San Diego, California |
| Death Date | 12 Jul 2005 |
| Father | Chester E Berg |
| Mother | Lucille E Banks |
| SSN | 563401182 |
| Notes | Jun 1948: Name listed as ADELE BERG; Nov 1952: Name listed as ADELE DAVIS; May 1970: Name listed as ADELE CONSTANCE DAVIS; 16 Jul 2005: Name listed as ADELE C DAVIS |

Constance Adele Berg – Social Security - <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/31686978:60901>

Constnce A Berg

in the California, U.S., Marriage Index, 1949-1959

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|----------------------|----------------------------|
| Name | Constnce A Berg |
| Gender | Female |
| Estimated Birth Year | abt 1931 |
| Age | 20 |
| Marriage Date | 8 Jun 1951 |
| Marriage Place | San Diego, California, USA |
| Spouse | William F Davis |
| Spouse Age | 21 |

Constance Adele Berg's marriage to William F. Davis on 8 Jun 1951 - <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/20118177:5186>

William F. Davis

in the U.S., Obituary Collection, 1930-Current

| | |
|-----------------|-------------------------------------|
| Name | William F. Davis |
| Gender | Male |
| Death Age | 84 |
| Birth Date | 1929 |
| Birth Place | Medford, Oregon |
| Marriage Date | Jan 2008 |
| Marriage Place | La Mesa, CA |
| Residence Place | Southern California |
| Death Date | 14 Jan 2013 |
| Obituary Date | 26 Jan 2013 |
| Spouse | Adele Berg |
| Child | Kenneth Douglas Bill Adele |

Death of Adele's husband William F. Davis - <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/195573110:7545>

DAVIS JR., WILLIAM F. Dec. 7, 1929 to Jan. 14, 2013 Bill Davis, beloved husband, father, teacher, coach, administrator and friend, died at UCSD Hospital after a brief illness that began shortly after the new year, 2013. Although his passing has hit us all very suddenly and very hard, his life was long, colorful and robust. Bill was born in 1929 in Medford, Oregon, but he spent most of his life in Southern California. He enjoyed happy years as a member of Eagle Scout Troop 46 in El Cajon. In 1948, he graduated from Grossmont High School. Who would have guessed that he'd one day return as one of Grossmont's most illustrious principals and would lead his alma mater for 10 years, 1976 to 1986? Prior to his years of teaching, coaching and administrating in the Grossmont Union High School District, Bill honed his skills at Coachella High School from 1953 to 1954, and then at Indio High School from 1957 to 1960. Bill's many devoted years in the Grossmont School District included assignments at Granite Hills H.S., where he was named Grossmont League Football Coach of the Year in 1964, El Capitan High School Principal, Grossmont District Director of Student Services and part-time Special Education Administrator, completing his career in 2001. Few have had a greater positive impact on the Grossmont Union High School District than Bill Davis. In 1951, Bill married Adele Berg in La Mesa, CA. He graduated from SDSU in 1952 with honors in Air Science. Bill lettered in varsity football at SDSU for three years and received an All CCAA Honorable Mention. His participation in the Air Force as a Second Lieutenant, serving from 1954 to 1956, followed by 35 additional years of Reserve military service, gave him the honor of the rank of Colonel upon his retirement. No one was prouder of his country and his service to its military than Bill Davis. With two sons, Douglas and Kenneth, Adele and Bill enjoyed years of family trips with dear friends to places like Lake Powell, Borrego and Baja. In spite of the painful loss of both of their young sons and, years later, Adele, Bill maintained a compassion and caring for those fortunate people still in his life. No one was a more loyal friend than Bill Davis. Bill found a perfect mate in his second wife, Sharon Galvin, a former English teacher at Grossmont High School. Bill and Sharon were married on a cruise to Mexico in January, 2008. For five years they shared a full life together. Their joy of family, friends and travels brought happiness to them and all who know them. Bill participated in life to the fullest in so many ways. He was past president of La Mesa Kiwanis, a member of Elks Lodge in El Cajon, Masonic Lodge #576, SDSU Aztec Club and a Life Loyal Sigma Chi. He was an avid golfer, a private pilot with extensive flying experience, a motor home traveler throughout the Western U.S., and loved boating at Lake Powell and in the Sea of Cortez. Baja was the scene of many wonderful vacations with family, friends, and later with a cadre of close buddies. The stories will be with us all for a long, long time. No one's will be more revered in memory than that of William F. Davis, Jr. A service celebrating Bill's life will be held at Foothills United Methodist Church, 4031 Avocado Blvd., La Mesa, 91941, on Monday, January 28th, at 1:30 p.m. A reception at the church will follow. Memorial donations may be made to Foothills or a favorite charity.

Published in San Diego Union-Tribune on January 26, 2013

William F. Davis – Find A Grave 104190380

Adele Davis Obituary

DAVIS, ADELE Adele Davis passed away peacefully on July 12, 2005 after a long courageous battle with cancer. She was born January 26, 1931 in San Diego and moved to the East County in 1938. She graduated from Grossmont High School in the class of 1948, attended San Diego State College, and worked as a Dental Assistant. In 1951 she married her high school sweetheart, Bill. After briefly living outside the San Diego area, Adele and her husband returned to the El Cajon area to raise their family. She was a dedicated wife and mother of two sons, Doug and Kenny, both of whom predeceased her. Adele was an accomplished landscape painter, a talent she appeared to inherit from her father, Chester Berg, a well known Western artist. She was a Featured Artist of the Foothills Art Association and participated in numerous art workshops. Adele and her husband traveled widely. She enjoyed camping, boating (on her beloved Lake Powell), and dune buggy travel. She was an instrument rated pilot and, with her husband, flew often to Mexico, Canada, the Bahamas and the western U.S.

Adele will be deeply missed by her husband of 54 years, her extended family and her many friends. A fiesta is planned to celebrate Adele's life. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial donations to the San Diego Hospice, 4311 Third Ave. San Diego 92103. Please sign the guest book at obituaries.uniontrib.com
Published by San Diego Union-Tribune from Jul. 17 to Jul. 21, 2005.

Obituary of Adele Berg Davis -

<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/sandiegouniontribune/name/adele-davis-obituary?id=26493443>

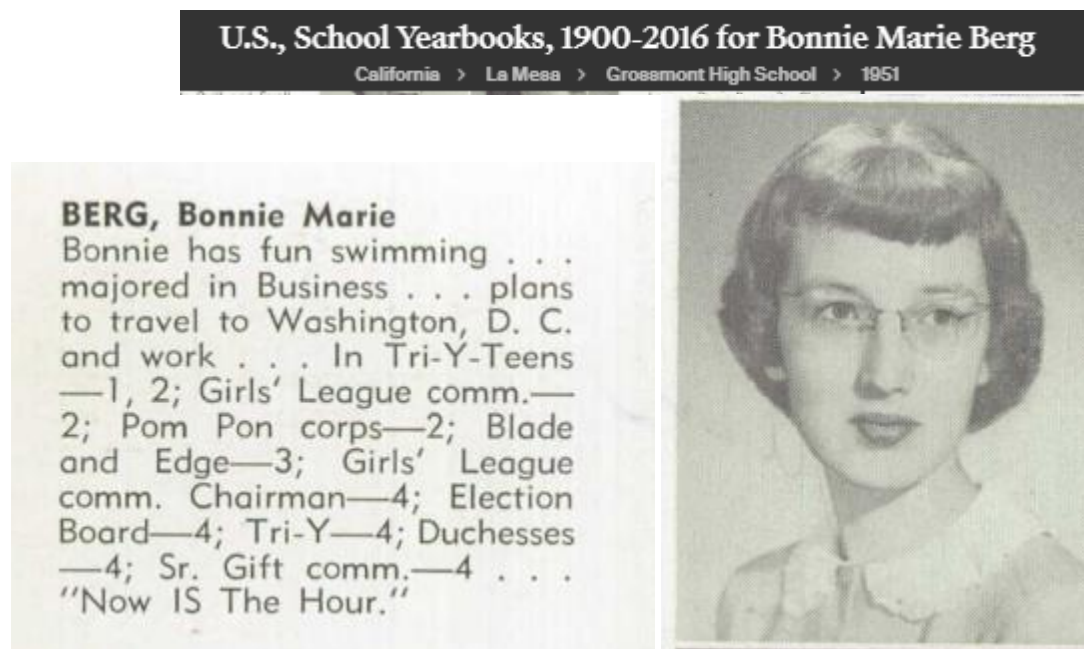
| Constance Adele Berg in the California Birth Index, 1905-1995 | |
|--|----------------------|
| Name | Constance Adele Berg |
| Birth Date | 26 Jan 1931 |
| Gender | Female |
| Mother's Maiden Name | Banks |
| Birth County | San Diego |

Birth of Constance Adele Berg - https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/1710383:5247?tid=&pid=&queryId=4d8c837f-53ad-455e-be9b-767588fe4622&_phsrc=cPx7733&_phstart=successSource

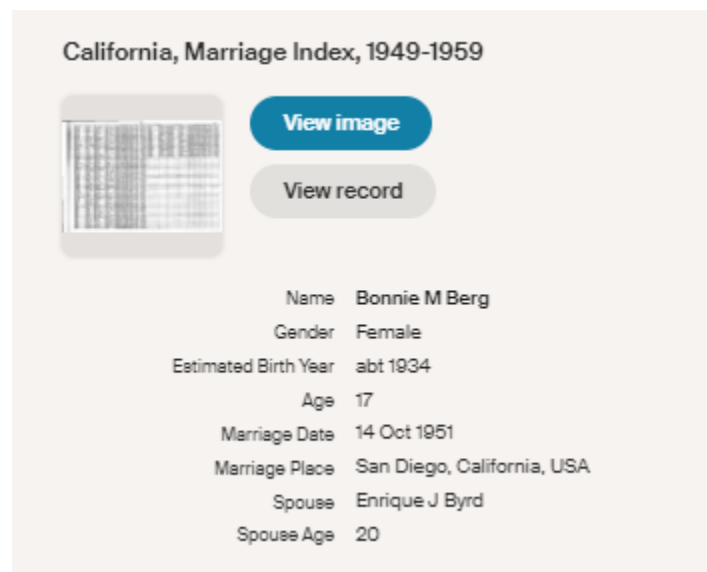


Daughter Bonnie Marie Berg Byrd (1934-1968) - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/158660119/person/132082202622/media/7575c9a5-b655-4a0f-af0f-1c906f9ba230>

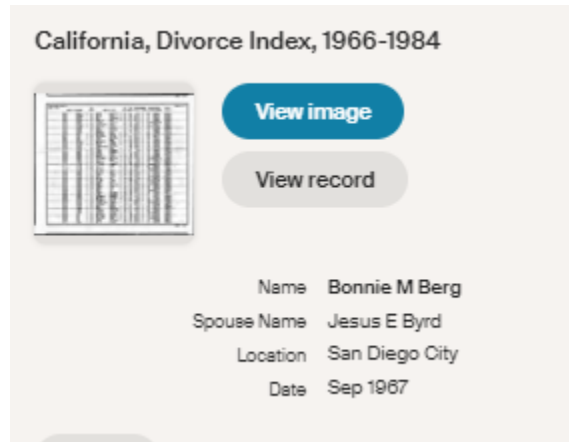
Did Chester paint/color this photo of his daughter? See below – appears to be her yearbook photograph.



Grossmont High School (LaMesa CA) 1951 yearbook -
https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/1265/images/sid_3552_1951_0044?pid=385302742

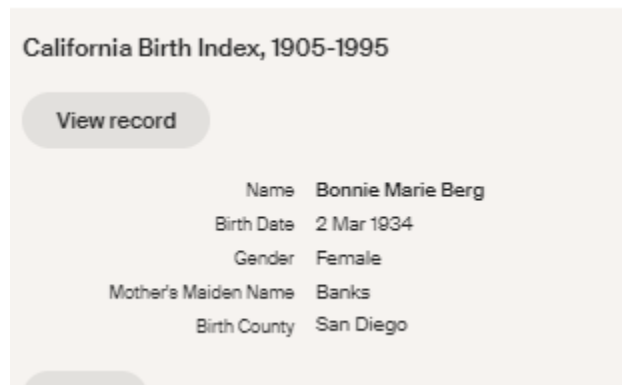


Marriage of Bonnie Marie Berg to Enrique Jesus Byrd on 14 Oct 1951 -
https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/158660119/person/132082202622/facts?_phsrc=cPx7731&_phstart=succesSource



Divorce of Bonnie M. Berg from Jesus E. Byrd in Sep 1967 -

https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/158660119/person/132082202622/facts?_phsrc=cPx7731&_phstart=succsessSource



Birth of Bonnie Marie Berg - [https://www.ancestry.com/family-](https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/158660119/person/132082202622/facts?_phsrc=cPx7731&_phstart=succsessSource)

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Mrs. J. E. Byrd

Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. today in El Cajon Mortuary for Mrs. Bonnie Byrd, 34, of 1958 Granite Hills Drive, El Cajon, a native of San Diego who died Tuesday in a hospital.

Mrs. Byrd, an office clerk at Grossmont Hospital, had been ill with cancer since January. She was a 1951 graduate of Grossmont High School.

Surviving are her husband, J. Enrique; two daughters, Diana


and Lori; a son, Nicholas; a sister, Mrs. William Davis, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Berg, all of El Cajon.

Private interment will be at Alpine Cemetery. The family suggested memorial contributions to the Cancer Fund.

Obituary of daughter Bonnie Marie Berg Byrd (1934-1968) – published in “San Diego (CA) Union” 27 Apr 1968 p A12 – Find A Grave 55029423

Father:

California, Death Index, 1905-1939



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|--------------|----------------------------|
| Name | Joseph P Berg |
| Birth Year | abt 1867 |
| Death Date | 4 Mar 1933 |
| Age at Death | 66 |
| Death Place | San Diego, California, USA |

CA Death Index of father Joseph P. Berg - https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/53352851/person/27552190746/facts?_phsrc=cPx7723&_phstart=succesSource

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|------------------------|---|
| Name | Joseph P Berg |
| Sex | Male |
| Death Date | 4 Mar 1933 |
| Event Type | Obituary |
| Event Date | 7 Mar 1933 |
| Event Place | San Diego, San Diego, California, United States |
| Event Place (Original) | San Diego, California |
| Newspaper | San Diego Union |
| Affiliate Name | GenealogyBank, Inc. |

<https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/sources/KLL4-8YM>

Mother:

Ohio, U.S., County Marriage Records, 1774-1993 for Joseph P. Berg

Greene > 1893 - 1905

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| <p>No. <u>640</u></p> <p><u>Joseph P. Berg</u> AND <u>Lucy Ellis</u></p> <p>MARRIAGE LICENSE</p> <p>Issued on the <u>21</u> day of <u>August</u> A. D. 189<u>3</u></p> <p>to the above named parties.</p> <p><u>J. M. Stewart</u> Probate Judge. By <u>E. J. Johnson</u> Deputy A. D. 189<u>3</u></p> | <p>THE STATE OF OHIO, } ss. GREENE COUNTY.</p> <p><u>Joseph P. Berg</u> having made application for a Marriage License for <u>himself</u> and <u>Lucy Ellis</u> and being duly sworn says that <u>he</u> has no wife living; and is not under the age of <u>21</u> years and that <u>Lucy Ellis</u> is a resident of said County, and has no husband living; and is not under the age of <u>18</u> years and that said parties are not nearer kin than second cousins, and there is no legal impediment to said marriage.</p> <p>Sworn to and subscribed before me this <u>21</u> day of <u>August</u> A. D. 189<u>3</u></p> <p><u>J. M. Stewart</u> Probate Judge. By <u>E. J. Johnson</u> Deputy</p> | <p>THE STATE OF OHIO, } ss. GREENE COUNTY.</p> <p>I Herby Certify, That in said County, on the <u>23</u> day of <u>aug</u> A. D. 189<u>3</u> Mr. <u>Joseph P. Berg</u> and M. <u>Lucy Ellis</u> were legally joined in Matrimony, by me, a <u>minister</u> in said County.</p> <p><u>F. E. Vance</u> Filed and recorded this <u>28</u> day of <u>aug</u>, 189<u>3</u></p> <p>ATTEST: <u>J. M. Stewart</u> Probate Judge.</p> |
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marriage of parents 23 Aug 1893 in Greene Co. OH -

<https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/61378/images/TH-1-17963-13229-44?pld=1323847>

California, Death Index, 1940-1997

[View record](#)

| | |
|----------------------|----------------|
| Name | Lucy Elis Berg |
| Gender | Female |
| Birth Date | 13 Aug 1871 |
| Birth Place | Ohio |
| Death Date | 4 Dec 1951 |
| Death Place | San Diego |
| Mother's Maiden Name | Mendenhall |
| Father's Surname | Elis |

CA Death Index of mother Lucy Ellis Berg - <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/53352851/person/27552302873/facts>

| Ohio, Births and Christenings Index, 1800-1962 | |
|--|------------------------------|
| View record | |
| Name | Lucy Ellis |
| Gender | Female |
| Race | White |
| Birth Date | 13 Aug 1871 |
| Birth Place | Miami Township, Greene, Ohio |
| Father | Aaron A. Ellis |
| Mother | Mary E. Mendenhall |
| FHL Film Number | 534095 |

OH birth record of Lucy Ellis - <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/53352851/person/27552302873/facts>

Sibling:

| California, Death Index, 1940-1997 | |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| View record | |
| Name | Miriam Berg Melvin |
| Social Security # | 550033801 |
| Gender | Female |
| Birth Date | 28 Jun 1897 |
| Birth Place | Ohio |
| Death Date | 2 Jul 1992 |
| Death Place | San Diego |
| Mother's Maiden Name | Ellis |
| Father's Surname | Berg |

CA Death Index of sister Miriam Berg Melvin - <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/53352851/person/27552302875/facts>

MELVIN-BERG — In Stockton, San Joaquin County, December 4, 1916, by Rev. L. S. Jones, Howard Joseph Melvin and Miriam Clara Berg, both of Round Mountain.

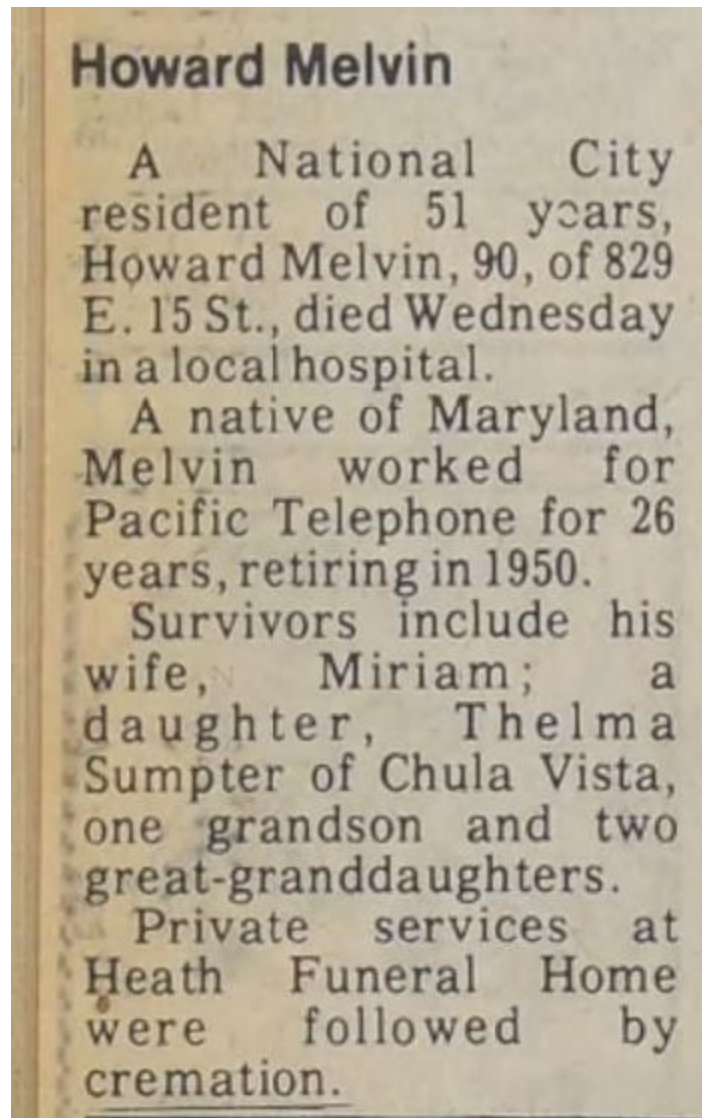
Marriage of Miriam Clara Berg to Howard Joseph Melvin - "Sacramento (CA) Bee" Tuesday 12 Dec 1916 p 7

Mariam Berg

in the Ohio, U.S., Births and Christenings Index, 1774-1973

| | |
|-----------------|--------------------------------|
| Name | Mariam Berg |
| Gender | Female |
| Race | White |
| Birth Date | 28 Jun 1897 |
| Birth Place | Springfield, Clark, Ohio |
| Father | Joseph P. Berg |
| Mother | Lucy Ellis |
| FHL Film Number | 466658 |

OH birth record of Miriam Clara Berg - <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/2080786:2541>



Obituary of Miriam Berg's husband - "Imperial Beach (CA) Star-News" Sunday 7 Sep 1975 p

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Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

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

NOK = next-of-kin

Name: Chester Ellis Berg

Name variations: Chet Berg, Chester Ellice Berg

Military:

On Tuscania: 100th Aero Squadron, 13th Squad - corporal

Serial number: 249,815

Entered service from: Round Mountain, Nye NV
 Sailed on "Tuscania" as: Chester E. Berg
 Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": father Joseph Berg, Round Mountain NV
 Returned from war on: "Louisville" May 1919
 Sailed on return ship as: Chester E. Berg
 Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: father Joseph P. Berg, Round Mountain NV (chauffeur, 100th Aero Sq)
 World War I draft registration (1917): as Chester E. Berg - b. 16 Nov 1895 Springfield OH; res: Round Mountain NV. Single. Hoist engineer, Round Mountain Mining Co., Round Mountain NV. Short in height, medium build.
 World War II draft registration (1942): as Chester Ellis Berg - b. 16 Nov 1895 Springfield OH; res: 3583 – 41st St., San Diego CA. NOK Mrs. Lucille Berg (no address). Operates own business at 4003 University. Height: 5'6" – 170 lbs.

Veterans Administration Military Index: as Chester Ellice Berg
 Enlisted 10 Aug 1917
 Discharged 13 Jun 1919
 Address: 4068 Center St., San Diego CA
 Rank/unit: chauffeur, 100th Aero Squadron

Birth & death:

Born: 16 Nov 1895 Springfield, Lucas OH
 Died: 9 Feb 1973 El Cajon, San Diego CA
 Find A Grave record: 28578859 - presence on Tuscania noted in flower
 Burial location: Nye Co. NV
 Cemetery: Round Mountain
 Tombstone:

Father: Joseph P. Berg, Jun 1865 or 1875 (1900 census) or ca. 1867 (CA Death Index) OH – 4 Mar 1933 San Diego, San Diego CA.
 Son of Jacob Pritts Berg (1828-1911, F: 219043338) & Almira Jane Smith (1844-1913, F: 219043574).
 The 1900 census lists his birthdate as Jun 1875 & age 15, but 10 years later, in the 1910 census, he is age 44.
 Find A Grave:

Mother: Lucy J. Ellis Berg, 13 Aug 1871 Miami township, Greene Co. OH – 4 Dec 1951 San Diego, San Diego CA. Daughter of Aaron A. Ellis & Mary E. Mendenhall.
 Find A Grave:
 Parents' marriage: Joseph P. Berg married Lucy Ellis on 23 Aug 1893 in Greene Co. OH

Spouse: Lucille Eleanor Banks Berg, 2 Mar 1909 (CA Death Index) or 1910 (Find A Grave) Lansford, Bottineau ND – 8 Jul 1973 San Diego, San Diego CA. Daughter of Jesse C. Banks

& Grace Gibbs. - In the 1920 census, living in San Diego CA with her parents, Jess C. & Grace Banks. - Married Chester circa 1929 as married 1 year in 1930 census.

Buried in Round Mountain Cemetery, Nye Co. NV.

Spouse Find A Grave: 28578850

Marriage: obtained license on 5 Mar 1929 in Yuma Co. AZ. Chester Ellis Berg, age 31, b. Springfield OH, resident of San Diego CA, in the grocery business – Lucille Eleanor Banks, age 20, b. Lansford ND, resident of San Diego CA.

Children:

- Constance Adele Berg Davis, 26 Jan 1931 San Diego, San Diego CA – 12 Jul 2005 El Cajon, San Diego CA. Known as “Adele.” Married William F. Davis on 8 Jun 1951 in San Diego Co. CA. William F. (Bill) Davis (7 Dec 1929 Medford OR – 14 Jan 2013 CA) is buried in Foothills United Methodist Church Columbarium, La Mesa, San Diego CA, F: 104190380. She was listed as Mrs. William Davis in her sister Bonnie’s Apr 1968 obituary.
- Bonnie Marie Berg Byrd. 2 Mar 1934 San Diego, San Diego CA – 23 Apr 1968 San Diego, San Diego CA. – Married 14 Oct 1951 in San Diego Co. CA to Jesus Enrique Byrd. - Divorced from Jesus Enrique Byrd Sep 1967 in San Diego, San Diego CA. Buried in Alpine Cemetery, San Diego, San Diego CA. F: 55029423

Siblings:

- Miriam Clara Berg Melvin, 28 Jun 1897 Springfield, Clark OH – 2 Jul 1992 San Diego, San Diego CA [also found as Chula Vista CA]. First name is Mariam on her OH birth record. Married 4 Dec 1916 in Stockton, San Joaquin CA to Howard Joseph Melvin [also found as Howard Harris Melvin] (1886-1975), son of John Melvin & Elizabeth Casey. CA Death Index under surname Melvin.

Notes:

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Pre-war:

“Santa Cruz (CA) Evening News” 24 Jul 1915 p 4 – Chester Berg, formerly a clerk at the H.E. Irish Co., was here on vacation from his home in Nevada.

Wartime:

Landed in lifeboat on shores of the island of Islay, Scotland. See letters above for details on his experiences.

“Santa Cruz (CA) Evening News” 19 Sep 1918 p 7 – Howard Hayes was “quite surprised” to meet Chester Berg, former Santa Cruzan, who worked for H.E. Irish. Berg is stationed about 75 miles from Hayes in England.

“Reno (NV) Gazette-Journal” 23 Jun 1919 p 5

Round Mountain NV will hold a Liberty celebration of his own to welcome home the area men who served with the colors, among them Chester Berg. The reception on 1 Jul will

include the awarding of gold badges to the veterans. This is the first community in NV to recognize veterans with any souvenir. The town went 100-700% of the top on every Liberty loan drive.

“Tonopah (NV) Daily Bonanza” 19 Jun 1919 p 6

Chester Berg, Tuscania survivor, returned from overseas this morning & will continue on to his home in Manhattan. He served in the 100th Signal Corps.

Post-war:

Numerous newspaper articles about his art displays and his art pupils. He exhibited annually at the Desert Inn Fashion Plaza.

He was known for his impressionist (almost abstract) painted landscapes of California & the Southwest.

“Desert Sun” (Palm Springs CA) 27 Mar 1959 p 1 – Well-known desert artist Chester E. Berg, a Village artist, will be displaying the landscapes he painted during his recent sojourn in Mexico at the Desert Inn on 28 & 29 Mar 1959, and will demonstrate technique in on-the-spot painting.

Obituary:

Social Security Number: 554-01-8883

Censuses:

1880 Xenia, Greene Co. OH – 306 Hivling St. - Chester's mother

Aron Ellis, 38 OH, parents b. OH, railroad fireman

Mary, 37 MD, parents b. VA, keeping house

Lucy, 9 OH, at school

& other siblings

1900 Berkeley, Alameda CA – 2030 Berkeley Way

Joseph Berg, 25 OH, Jun 1875, father b. PA, mother b. OH, married 7 years, box maker [age & year questionable]

Lucy, 29 OH, Aug 1871, father b. OH, mother b. MD, gave birth to 2 children, 2 are living

Chester, 5 OH, Nov 1895

Mariam, 3 OH, Jun 1897

1910 Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz CA – Fairmont St.

Joseph P. Berg, 44 OH, father b. PA, mother b. OH, in 1st marriage, married 16 years, truck gardener, own place

Lucy, 38 OH, father b. OH, mother b. MD, in 1st marriage, gave birth to 2 children, 2 are living

Chester, 14 OH

Miriam, 12 OH

1920 Round Mountain, Nye NV

Leslie August, 21 CA, head of household, father b. MI, mother b. CA, laborer, gold mine

Chester Berg, 24 OH, parents b. OH, parents b. OH, truck driver, gold mine [partner]

1930 San Diego, San Diego CA – 3583 – 41st St.

Chester E. Berg, 32 OH, parents b. OH, age 31 at 1st marriage, salesman, grocery store, WWI veteran

Lucille E., 21 ND, father b. MI, mother b. IA, age 20 at 1st marriage, telephone operator

1930 San Diego, San Diego CA – 4783 – 32nd St. – Chester's parents

Joseph P. Berg, 64 OH, father b. PA, mother b. OH, retail merchant, groceries

Lucy E., 58 OH, father b. OH, mother b. MD

1940 San Diego, San Diego CA – 3593 – 41st St., same house in 1935

Chester Berg, 43 OH, manager/owner, gasoline station

Lucille, 31 ND

Adele, 9 CA

Bonnie, 6 CA

1950 El Cajon, San Diego CA

Chester E. Berg, 53 OH, farmer, farm

Lucille E., 41 ND, farm helper, farm

Constance A., 19 CA

Bonnie M., 16 CA