

TUSCANIA

Bigger, James Coburn (Sr.)
1878 PA – 1950 MD



James Coburn Bigger

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BIGGER JAMES COBURN
 2 Lt Q MCG
 Marshfield-Coos Ore

X C 2344118
 K
 A 1 061 816
 T 1 526 466
 R
 SC 1 497 979

Sa Died 10-17-50
 Born 6-28-78
 Enl 11/27/17 5-9-98 Dis 5/26/19 8-22-99 Cl 2 441 336

U. S. VETERANS BUREAU
 MAIL AND RECORDS
 Form 7202

INDEX CARD GPO 2-13569

Pennsylvania, U.S., Spanish War Compensation, 1898-1934 for James Coburn Bigger

Best, Paul K.-Bloom, Winfield S.

CR Dates as per Card Record From 5/11/98 to 8/22/99 278
 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania 46554

VETERAN'S COMPENSATION APPLICATION

NUMBER (1)

Read instructions and then type or print answers to the following questions striking out words that do not apply. Numerals in parenthesis refer to corresponding numerals in the instructions.

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA } James Coburn Bigger
 COUNTY OF Phila }

being duly sworn, deposes and says: I am the veteran named in the following descriptive information; I served in the military or naval forces of the United States from May 9-1898 to August 22-1899; I claim veteran's compensation as authorized by Act No. 53, approved January 8, 1934; I was a resident of Pennsylvania at time of entry into service; I make this claim with full knowledge of the penalty for making a false statement relative to a material fact concerning this claim and the answers to the following questions and descriptive information are true:

(2) Bigger James Coburn = White
 (Last name) (First and middle name) (Serial number) (White or colored)

(3) Legal residence at entry into service 812 North Avenue - Allegheny City (N.S. Pittsburgh) Allegheny Co. Pa.
 (Street and number, City, County and State)

(4) Present residence: 272 South Hirst St. Philadelphia Penna.
 (Street and number, City, County and State)

(5) Enlisted, commissioned or inducted in RA; ANG; NA; NG; ERE; Navy; NRP; MG; ORG; Pa. Vols; US Vols at
 Nat 3rd Army Penna on May 9th - 1898

(6) On active duty in Navy or in Reserve from to

(7) Place and date of birth Allegheny City (N.S. Pittsburgh) Pa. June 28-1878

(8) Names and addresses of dependents: Wife (full name) Anna Roberts Bigger - 272 S. Hirst St. Philadelphia Pa.
 Minor children James Coburn Bigger - 272 S. Hirst St. Philadelphia Pa.
 Mother (full name) Sara Lois Martin Coburn Bigger
 Father Thomas W. Bigger

(9) Service in organizations, at stations or on vessels in the order named as follows:
 10th Penna Vol Infantry (Co K) from May 9-1898 to August 22-1899
 from to

- (10) Grades or ratings with dates of appointments or promotions: Private
- (11) Engagements: Battle of Manila - Capture of Manila - La Loma Church - San Francisco del Monte, P.O.,
Guillermo - Manila
- (12) Wounds or other injuries received with dates: None
- (13) Served overseas from About June 20-1898 to About August 31st 1899
- (14) Honorably discharged on September 22, 1899 at Pasig, San Francisco - Cal.
- (15) Did you ever apply for or receive a bonus or veteran's compensation from any other State? No
- (16) Did you ever refuse on conscientious, political or other grounds to perform full military duty or to render unqualified service? No

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7 day
of Feb 1934.

(17) Edw. Brown
NOTARY PUBLIC and seal of officer administering oath)

My Commission Expires
March 29, 1935

CERTIFICATE OF IDENTIFICATION

FEB - 7 1934

- (19) I, Edw. Brown, do hereby certify that I am NOTARY PUBLIC
(Name of person certifying to) (Title of officer)
- ; that James Colburn Bigger applying for Veteran's
(Name of applicant)
- Compensation is known to me to be the applicant named in the application; that he is mentally competent; that the signature of the affidavit is the signature of the applicant.

Signature and impression
of seal or stamp indicating
office or position held.

Read instructions (19) before signing.

- (1) 15 Months at \$10.00 per month; Total 150 =
(1) Computed by Edw. Brown Reviewed by Edward Brown
(1) Checked and approved by Edw. Brown
For The Adjutant General.

Bigger James H. 1697.
Captain Co. 'B' 18th Regt, Inf'ty, Pa. Vols.,
Residence *Allegheny Pa.*
APPLICATION No. *326 504* APPROVED
NATIONAL GUARD OF PENNSYLVANIA,
Enrolled *April 27th* 1898,
Mustered in *May 11th* 1898,

Mustered out with Co. 'B'
October 22nd 1898,
Copied by *G. G. B.*
Compared by *A. D. W.*
AUD. GEN.
SEP 26 1894

OFFICER-NA and USA	
Bigger, (Surname)	James Coburn White (Christian name)
Residence (Street and house number)	Seattle (Town or city)
	WASHINGTON (State)
* Born in	Pittsburgh Pa
† Appointed	June 28, 1878
Promotions:	2nd Lt QMC fr CL
	None
Organizations and staff assignments:	QMC MTS 82 Div to Disch
Principal stations:	AEF
Engagements:	XX
Wounds received in action:	None.
§ Served overseas	June 24/18 to May 20/19
Hon. disch. (date)	May 26/19 for convenience of the Government, services no longer required.
Was reported	0 per cent disabled on date of discharge, in view of occupation.
Remarks:	

Form No. 84d-1
 A. G. O.
 Mar. 17, 1921.

* Give place and date. † Insert (a) grade; (b) arm or staff corps or department; (c) date; (d) source, civil life (CL), RA, NG, ORC, NA, and USA; and (e) designation of training camp attended, if any. ‡ Strike out if he did not attend a training camp. § Give dates of departure from and arrival in the United States.

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Bigger,		James Coburn White	
(Surname)		(Christian name)	
Residence		Seattle	WASHINGTON
(Street and house number)		(Town or city)	(State)
* Born in	Pittsburgh Pa	June 28, 1878	
† Appointed	2nd Lt QMC fr CL		
Promotions:	None		
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Remarks:	(Over)		

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Private James C Bigger

in the U.S., Spanish American War Volunteers Index to Compiled Military Service Records, 1898



Detail	Source
Name	Private James C Bigger
State	Pennsylvania
Unit	10 Pennsylvania Infantry
Company	K

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/162617:2400?tid=&pid=&queryId=1ddb8693-23ff-4c77-be61-31cee1a01f93&phsrc=cPx8793&phstart=successSource>

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2 Lt Q MCG		K	
Marshfield-Coos Ore		A 1 061 816	
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BIGGER.—On October 17, 1950. JAMES C., SR., beloved husband of Anna W. Bigger (nee Roberts) and father of James C. Bigger, Jr., of 602 Walker avenue. 21

Friends may call at William J. Tickner & Sons, North and Pennsylvania avenues, until 10 P. M. Friday. Services at St. Margaret's Episcopal Church, Cold Spring lane and Reisterstown road, at 11 A. M. on Saturday. Interment in Moreland Memorial Park.

Obituary – “Baltimore (MD) Evening Sun” Friday 20 Oct 1950 p 51

Life:

COMMANDERY OF OREGON ELECTS

Twenty-Sixth Annual Meeting
and Banquet Held at
Bowers Hotel.

The twenty-sixth annual meeting of the Oregon Commandery of the Loyal Legion and the twenty-fifth annual banquet was held at the Bowers hotel Wednesday. Officers were elected and other business transacted. Following are the officers elected:

The following were elected members of the second class in the order, their eligibility being derived through original companions, who had active participation in the Civil war: Thomas Sharp, Jr., Prineville; Thomas Cummings Smith Jr., Salem, and James Coburn Bigger, Eugene, Or.

"Oregon Daily Journal" (Portland OR) Friday 12 May 1911 p 9

Seven Tar Heels Aboard Tuscania

WASHINGTON. — The following North Carolinians are shown on the list of commissioned officers on board the ill-fated transport Tuscania:

Second Lieutenant James Osburn Bigger; wife, Mrs. J. C. Bigger, 37 St Front street, New Bern, N. C. Lieutenant Bigger was not attached to a regular unit.

First Lieutenant Milton Pittman; wife, Lillian C. Pittman, 210 N. Ninth street, Wilmington, N. C., Co. D, sixth Battalion, twentieth Engineers, U. S. A.

First Lieutenant William C. Buhmann; wife, Mrs. Nannie B. Buhmann Greensboro, N. C., Co. F, Sixth Battalion, Twentieth Engineers, U. S. A.

There were only four North Carolinians in the private ranks of the ill-fated ship. They were:

Lacy E. Evans, brother of Perry Evans, of Route 21, Stem, Granville county. He was before enlisting engaged in marketing cross-ties to the Southern Railway.

James W. Logan, son of John F. Logan of Route 1, Uree, N. C.

Corporal Loomis M. Hales, a brother of Mrs. Blanche Tuhney, of Clayton.

Corporal Wesley Shell, son of John W. Shell, Route 1, Sugar Grove.

Their fate will not be known until the list of survivors is completed and checked up, when a list of those lost will be given out by the War Department.

"Greenville (NC) News" Saturday 9 Feb 1918 p 1

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE ENQUIRER.

Washington, February 9.—After the names of hundreds of survivors of the transport Tuscania had been received and posted at the offices of the Committee on Public Information up to 10 o'clock to-night, it was announced no more would be available until to-morrow.

A few more names were in possession of the War Department, but will not be arranged for publication before to-morrow, by which time it is expected the remainder of the survivors' list will have come over the cables from England.

All day long a steady stream of names saved flowed in over the cables and telegraph wires and was given the right of way over all except the most urgent business.

WM. N. BYRD, San Angelo, Texas.
 CHARLES L. BURKETT, Thayer, Mo.
 EDWARD T. BELETSKI, 908 Capitol
 avenue, Portland, Ore.
 LEWIS C. BLIEM, Dufur, Ore.
 WM. R. BELL, Coquille, Coos Coun-
 ty, Oregon.
 ERNEST C. BROWN, Thomas, Okla.
 CHARLES B. BARNETT, Moss Point,
 Mississipp.
 HERBERT B. BARTHOLF, Glencoe,
 Illinois.
 JAMES COBURN BIGGER, 37 South
 Front street, New Bern, N. C.
 EMMETT W. BLACK, Summerfield,
 Kansas.
 EARL M. BLAIR, Placerville, Cal.
 JAMES B. BOST, 496 Piedmont ave-
 nue, Atlanta, Ga.

ADDITIONAL N. C. BOYS SAVED FROM TUSCANIA

—•—
Among Number Is Wesley Sheel
Whose Sweetheart Was
Anxious About Him.

—•—
BY H. E. C. BRYANT.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 9.—Among the North Carolinians reported safe and well from the Tuscania disaster is Wesley Shell, of Sugar Grove, Watauga county. A girl said to be his fiancée asked, through The Brooklyn Eagle today, if he had been saved.

Others reported saved are: Lommis M. Hayles, Clayton; James W. Logan, Uree, Rutherford county, and James Coburn Bigger, New Bern.

"Charlotte (NC) Observer" Sunday 10 Feb 1918 p 3

Mrs. Anna Roberts Bigger, of Grant's Pass, Ore., who is in New Bern visiting her sister, Mrs. J. P. C. Davis, received a cablegram yesterday from her husband, Lieut. J. C. Bigger, who was of the troopers on the Tuscania when she was sunk by a German submarine off the coast of Ireland Wednesday, stating that he had landed safely. The cablegram contained nothing except the brief announcement of Lieutenant Bigger's arrival. Mr. Bigger is known in New Bern and Beaufort, the home of Mrs. Bigger before her marriage. He is a lieutenant in the Field Artillery, but had not been assigned when he left for "over there." So far as is known there were no New Bernians on the Tuscania when she was sunk.

"Raleigh (NC) News & Observer" Sunday 10 Feb 1918 p 3

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 9.—James Coburn Bigger of 37 South Front St., New bern, N. C., is the only survivor thus far reported of three commissioned officers from North Carolina on the Tuscania. The list is incomplete however and there is a bare chance that the other two are among the survivors.

"Asheville (NC) Citizen-Times" Monday 11 Feb 1918 p 8

JAS. C. BIGGER, travelling for Ma-
son, Ehrmann Co., went to Gardi-
ner for his company today.

“Coos Bay (OR) World” Wednesday 15 Aug 1917 p 5

Wife:

James Coburn Bigger

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

Name	James Coburn Bigger
Gender	Male
Marriage Age	29
Birth Date	abt 1878
Birth Place	Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, USA
Marriage Date	28 Dec 1907
Marriage Place	Shelton, Mason, Washington, USA
Father	Thomas W Bigger
Mother	Sarah Bigger
Spouse	Anna Wheeler Roberts

MARRIAGE RETURN.

1. Date of License Dec. 28 1907.
 2. Full Name of Groom Jared Coburn Biggs
 3. Age Last Birthday 29
 4. Color (a) White
 5. No. of Groom's Marriages first
 6. Residence Tacoma Wash.
 7. Birthplace (b) Pittsburgh Pa.
 8. Occupation Salesman
 9. Father's Name Thomas W.
 10. Mother's Maiden Name Sarah Coburn
 11. Full Name of Bride Anna Wheeler Roberts
 Maiden Name if a Widow _____
 12. Age Last Birthday 24
 13. Color (a) White
 14. No. of Bride's Marriages first
 15. Residence Beaufort N. C.
 16. Birthplace (b) Beaufort N. C.
 17. Occupation Nun
 18. Father's Name William Jackson Roberts
 19. Mother's Maiden Name Susan Robinson
 20. Date of Marriage Dec. 28 1907.
 21. Place of Marriage Shelton Wash.
 22. By whom Married, and Official Station J. C. Dorwin.
 23. Names of Witnesses and their Residences:
 No. 1 W. H. H. Donald.
 No. 2 B. H. H. H.

NOTE.—(a) State color distinctly, so race may be known, as White, Black, Mulatto, Indian, Chinese, Mixed White and Indian, etc.
 (b) Give State or foreign country, so nationality is plainly shown.
 (OVER.)

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**Mrs. Davis Hostess to Current Events
Department**

Mrs. J. P. C. Davis delightfully entertained the Current Events department of the woman's club, Tuesday afternoon from four to six o'clock.

Twelve members responded to roll call with current events on the topic for study after which minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

As Mrs. W. K. Baxter, vice chairman of the department has moved away from the city it was necessary to select some one to fill the vacancy and Mrs. J. W. Booker was unanimously elected to fill the place.

Mrs. N. A. Jones invited the department to meet with her on the evening of December 26.

The subject for study, was "Reasons Why the United States entered the War," Mrs. Clyde Eby and Mrs. D. E. Henderson each read articles on the subject. Other members were knitting for the Red Cross during the program.

At the conclusion of the program the hostess served delicious sandwiches and tea.

Guests for the afternoon were: Mrs. Tom Davis, Mrs. Thurlough Kearns, High Point; Mrs. J. C. Bigger, of Oregon; and Mrs. J. N. Woodford, of Norfolk Va.

Article continues – "Morning News Bernian" (New Bern NC) Wednesday 12 Dec 1917 p 5

BIGGER

On August 13, 1965, ANNA (nee Roberts, of Memphis Tenn., beloved wife of the late James C. Bigger, Sr., devoted mother of James C., of Memphis Tennessee. 17

Services in William Cook-Brooks Towson Funeral Home, 1050 York road, Beltway exit 26, Tuesday 11 A.M. Friends may call Monday at 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 P.M. Interment in Morland Memorial Park.

Obituary of Anna Roberts Bigger – "Baltimore (MD) Sun" Tuesday 17 Aug 1965 p 29

Children:

HVS-6-600M-9-36

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS

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File No. **60813**
Registered No. **13818**

CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

1. PLACE OF DEATH
County Philadelphia
Township _____
Borough Philadelphia
City Philadelphia
Length of residence in city or town where death occurred _____ yrs. _____ mos. _____ days. How long in U. S., if of foreign birth? _____ yrs. _____ mos. _____ days.
(If U. S. VETERAN, COMPLETE REVERSE SIDE OF CERTIFICATE)

2. FULL NAME (type or print) Thomas Allen Bigger
Residence: No. 1912 Shunk St. _____ Ward. Philadelphia
(Usual place of abode) (If nonresident, give place, county, and State)

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

3. SEX Male 4. COLOR OR RACE White 5. SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED (write the word) Single

5a. If married, widowed, or divorced HUSBAND of (or) WIFE of _____

6. DATE OF BIRTH (month, day, and year) 11/6/1912
7. AGE Years _____ Months 8 Days 4 If LESS than 1 day, _____ hrs. or _____ mins.

8. Trade, profession, or particular kind of work done, as spinner, sawyer, bookkeeper, etc. STUDENT

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

21. DATE OF DEATH (month, day, and year) July 10 1939
22. I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from November 1936, to July 10 1939.
I last saw him alive on July 10 1939; death is said to have occurred on the date stated above, at 11 A. M. (1757)
The principal cause of death and related causes of importance were as follows:
Pulmonary Tuberculosis Date of onset 1935

9. Industry or business in which work was done, as silk mill, sawmill, bank, etc. _____
10. Date deceased last worked at this occupation (month and year) _____ 11. Total time (years) spent in this occupation _____

12. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) (State or Country) PORTLAND ORE.
13. NAME JAMES C. BIGGER
14. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) (State or Country) PITTSBURGH PA
15. MAIDEN NAME EMMA W. ROBERTS
16. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) (State or Country) BEAUFORT N.C.
17. SIGNATURE (name and address) James C. Bigger 1912 Shunk
18. BURIAL, CREMATION, OR REMOVAL: Date July 12, 1939
MORELAND MEMORIAL PARK BALTIMORE M.D.
19. UNDERTAKER (name and address) Joseph A. G. Gannell
20. FILED JUL 11 1939 193 1939 Registrar.

Other contributory causes of importance:
Coronary Heart Disease
(Ischaemia of Fallow)

Name of operation None Date of _____
What test confirmed diagnosis? X-Ray Was there an autopsy? No

23. If death was due to external causes (violence), fill in also the following:
Accident, suicide, or homicide? _____ Date of Injury _____, 193
Where did injury occur? _____ (Specify city or town, county, and State)
Specify whether injury occurred in industry, in home, or in public place: _____
Manner of Injury _____
Nature of Injury _____

24. Was disease or injury in any way related to occupation of deceased? No
If so, specify _____
(Signed) John A. Gannell M. D. _____
(Address) 1630 Spruce St. S. O. _____
Philadelphia

MARGIN RESERVE
WRITE PLAINLY WITH INK
N. B.—Every item of information should be carefully supplied. Exact Statement of OCCUPATION is very important. See instructions on back of certificate.

PA death record of son Thomas Allen Bigger (1912-1939) – died at age 26 -
<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/604696458:5164>

U.S., School Yearbooks, 1900-2016 for Thomas Bigger

Washington > Seattle > Queen Anne High School > 1932



THOMAS BIGGER
*Grant High, Port-
land, Ore.*
Pres. Stamp Club IV.

Thomas Allen Bigger - Queen Anne High School, Seattle WA – 1932 yearbook –
https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/1265/images/43134_b198839-00019?pld=357639214

Eugenic Show a Big One.

If number of entries count for anything—and it certainly does—the first eugenic show ever held in Roseburg is a huge success. When it opened in the Commercial Club rooms immediately after the baby parade this morning, there were by actual count just 63 babies on hand to be judged as to their physical standards. And more were coming in.

There were all kinds of babies and every one of them was entitled to a prize. The cutest, prettiest and chubbiest babies to be found anywhere were assembled in those club rooms, and the task of selecting the champions from a eugenic standpoint is a difficult one for the doctors. In all probability a decision on the prize winners will not be reached until a late hour this afternoon. The doctors comprising the examining board are: Dr. E. B. Pickel, of Medford; Dr. Marion H. Ober, of Eugene, and Doctors Lucetta Smith, R. M. Brumfield, J. R. Chapman, F. W. Hunt and F. W. Haynes, of this city. The babies entered in the contest up till noon today were:

Helen Anderson, Dorothy M. Bartum, Charles Francis Betts, Thomas Allen Bigger, Patricia Boardman, George Le Noir Stanton, Lester Frederick Russell, Ted Arthur Roadman, Lucy Marion Ransom, Flora Lucille Morgan, Howard Michael (Melrose), Helen Michael (Melrose), Louis Edward McLain, Charles Milo Leadbetter, John Francis Koenig, Maxine Kirk, Ruth Evelyn Hoover, son of S. J. Henry, daughter of Milton B. Germond, Hazel Bernice Garvin, Annabel Clements, Troas Church, Walter Douglas Christy, John Chapman, Cecil George Campbell, Chesley C. Campbell (Ten Mile), Gladys Buttrick, Deloris Louise Boyle, Ross Wilmot Bates, Grace Mitchel, John Albert Dawson, twin daughters of E. Bahlmann, Louis Wilbur, William Delmont Gawler, Floyd Delbert Ambrose and Loyd Elbert Ambrose (twins), Catherine Lorenza Krohn, Harlan Eugene Atterbury, Willard Busenbark, Helen Busenbark, Joyce Busenbark, Thelma Esther Wright, Josephine Jennings, Rexford Eldson, Robert Knapp (Wilbur), William Beach McLaughlin, Dorothy Jerrine Smith, child of J. R. Campbell of Ten Mile, Charles Morton Webber, Mar-

garet Fields, daughter of J. W. Newlands, Raymond Carl Bloom, Harvey Dow, Ivan Clifford Starmer, Charlotte Bowman, William Randolph Staggs, Richard Leslie Staggs, Jr., John Frederick Throne, Gaylord Bowden, August Conn Peterson (Mer-

(Continued on page 6).

The parade, headed by the Chemawa Indian band, formed opposite the courthouse and moved west on Douglas, south on Jackson to Cass, countermarching to the Commercial Club rooms, the scene of the Eugenic contest.

In the line were the following babes, in the order given:

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Byers; Melba, aged two years and eight months, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Yoakum; Edith, one year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Adams; Helen Louise, eight months' old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Gilkey; Lucille, aged two years and two months, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Germond; Thomas Allen, seven months' old son of Mr. and Mrs. James C. Bigger.

Two different articles on same page - "Roseburg (OR) Review" Thursday 22 May 1913 p 1

Here Are the Prize Winners.

To Mrs. L. N. Roney of Eugene, P. H. Harth of Portland and C. A. Cogshell of Berkeley, Cal., was assigned the difficult task of judging the babies. Roy Swank won the first prize in the go-cart division, Thomas Allen Bigger, first in the perambulator division, and Lucy May Munson and Stanley Perrine, first in the baby carriage division. The work of the judges must have been good, for when I congratulated the mother of one of the prize winning babies she said: "Of course, my baby took the prize. I expected him to. In fact, the judges couldn't have made any other decision and have been fair, though the other babies were very pretty and very healthy looking."

"Oregon Daily Journal" (Portland OR) Friday 23 May 1913 p 5

FORM APPROVED
Budget Bureau No. 33-R012-42

REGISTRATION CARD (Men born on or after July 1, 1924, and on or before December 31, 1924)
(Also for the registration of men as they reach the 18th anniversary of the date of their birth on or after January 1, 1943.)

SERIAL NUMBER	1. NAME (Print)			ORDER NUMBER
W 0255-a	James	Coburn	Bigger Jr.	13/32-a
	(First)	(Middle)	(Last)	

2. PLACE OF RESIDENCE (Print)
302 Murdoch Road Gorham Bldg Ind
(Number and street) (Town, township, village, or city) (County) (State)

[THE PLACE OF RESIDENCE GIVEN ON LINE 2 ABOVE WILL DETERMINE LOCAL BOARD JURISDICTION; LINE 2 OF REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE WILL BE IDENTICAL]

3. MAILING ADDRESS
same address
(Mailing address if other than place indicated on line 2. If same, insert word same)

4. TELEPHONE	5. AGE IN YEARS	6. PLACE OF BIRTH
Evergreen 620	20	Portland
(Exchange) (Number)	DATE OF BIRTH	(Town or county)
	Sept 27 1925	Oregon
	(Mo.) (Day) (Yr.)	(State or country)

7. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS
Mr. J. H. Hooford - 403 Hopkins Rd. Ball's Ind

8. EMPLOYER'S NAME AND ADDRESS

9. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS

(Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State)

I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.

DSS Form 1 (Rev. 11-16-42) 016-21630-4 (OVER)

James C Bigger Jr.
(Registrant's signature)

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U.S., School Yearbooks, 1900-2016 for James Coburn Bigger

Maryland > Westminster > Western Maryland College > 1946

FRESHMEN MEN

Abrams, Stanley Leonard	1709 Pine St., Phila. 3, Pa.
Adamovich, John	8 Vine St., Glen Lyon, Pa.
Adams, Maurice Donovan	Trappe, Md.
Ammon, Jack Gail	471 5th St., Donora, Pa.
Anderson, William Thomas	214 South Bouldin St., Baltimore, Md.
Baldwin, George Lewis	R.F.D. No. 1, Box 48, Pylesville, Md.
Bayliff, William Henry	82 Conduct St., Annapolis, Md.
Bigger, James Coburn, Jr.	302 Murdock Rd., Baltimore 12, Md.
Blocher, Maurice Henry	Hampstead, Md.
Brown, Richard Hillis	3608 Buchingham Rd., Baltimore 7, Md.

Western Maryland College, Westminster MD – 1946 freshmen -

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U.S., World War II Army Enlistment Records, 1938-1946

[View record](#)

Name	James C Bigger Jr
Race	White
Marital Status	Single, without dependents (Single)
Rank	Private
Birth Year	1925
Nativity State or Country	oregon
Citizenship	Citizen
Education	4 years of high school
Enlistment Date	20 Oct 1943
Enlistment Place	Greensboro, North Carolina
Service Number	13141436
Branch	Air Corps
Component	Reserves - exclusive of Regular Army Reserve and Officers of the Officers Reserve Corps on active duty under the Thomason Act (Officers and Enlisted Men -- O.R.C. and E.R.C., and Nurses-Reserve Status)
Source	Enlisted Reserve or Medical Administrative Corps (MAC) Officer
Height	00
Weight	561

<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/106695434/person/100170927015/facts>

JAMES C. BIGGER, 63, of 321 Fernway Cove, former sales representative for Cello Corp., died Monday morning at Methodist Hospital after a brief illness. Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Memphis Funeral Home Union Chapel with burial in Memphis Memory Gardens. He was a 32nd-degree Scottish Rite Mason and a member of Door to Virtue Masonic Lodge No. 46 in Westminster, Md. He was a member of the director's staff of Al Chymia Shrine. He leaves his wife, Mary Jean Hughes-Bigger; a stepdaughter, Ms. Tabitha Lynn Hughes, and two stepsons, Arthur William Hughes and Gerald Wayne 'Jerry' Hughes, all of Memphis. The family requests any memorials be sent to the Memphis Humane Society, Salvation Army or to the American Cancer Society.

Obituary of James Coburn Bigger Jr. – "Memphis (TN) Commercial Appeal" Tuesday 18 Apr 1898 p 6

Gerald D. Hughes

Gerald D. Hughes, 32, of 4580 North Hollywood, electrician for Memphis Light, Gas & Water Division until his disability retirement last August, died at 9:15 a.m. yesterday at Methodist Hospital.

Services will be at 10 a.m. tomorrow at Memphis Funeral Home on Union with burial in Mount Vernon Gardens.

He leaves his wife, Mrs. Mary Jean Ford Hughes; a daughter, Miss Tabitha Hughes; two sons, Arthur Hughes and Gerald Wayne Hughes; his mother, Mrs. Myrtle Hughes; three sisters, Miss Juneann Hughes, Mrs. Carolyn Crumpton and Mrs. Joanne New, and a brother, Wayne Hughes, all of Memphis.

"Memphis (TN) Commercial Appeal" Thursday 21 Mar 1974 p 28

Father:

FORMER PITTSBURGHER DIES AT SEATTLE, WASH., SON HERE IS INFORMED

**Thomas W. Bigger Succumbs
at 76—Was Allegheny
City Auditor.**

Thomas W. Bigger, aged 76, died yesterday in his home at Seattle, Wash. According to his son, Frederick Bigger of this city, his father was in the best of health when last heard from, a little over a week ago. At that time he is said to have gone to the home of another son, near Seattle, for a short visit.

Mr. Bigger was born near Xenia, O., in 1848, and when a young man he came to Pittsburgh, where he became active in public affairs. He served as city auditor of old Allegheny City for 15 or 20 years, at the expiration of which period he went West to investigate some mining property in which he was interested. He settled in Seattle about 20 years ago and has made several trips to Pittsburgh since then to visit his son.

No final decision has as yet been reached as to the disposition of the body, although it is thought by his son, Frederick Bigger, that the remains will be cremated and shipped to Xenia, to be interred beside those of his wife. He leaves two sons, Frederick Bigger of 4181 Ceneter avenue, Pittsburgh, and James Bigger of near Seattle.

Obituary of father Thomas W. Bigger – “Pittsburgh (PA) Post-Gazette” Saturday 23 Aug 1924 p 18

Bigger, Thomas 8/21/1924

THOMAS BIGGER TO BE BURIED MONDAY

Arrangements have been made for the interment of the father of Thomas W. Bigger, who died in Seattle on August 21, near Monday September 23 at 2 p. m. The funeral will be held at the home of Mr. Bigger's wife, Mrs. Cora Bigger, who was living in the family home, 25 Woodland Cemetery in 1920.

Thomas W. Bigger was born in 1844 and was one of eight children of James Bigger and Eviea Bigger. He was married to Cora Bigger in 1870 and they lived in Pittsburgh until 1880 when he moved to Seattle with his wife and children. He was a member of the Pacific Coast. His wife, Cora, died in March 1918, and he was with her in the hospital at the time of her death. He was a member of the Pacific Coast. His wife, Cora, died in March 1918, and he was with her in the hospital at the time of her death.

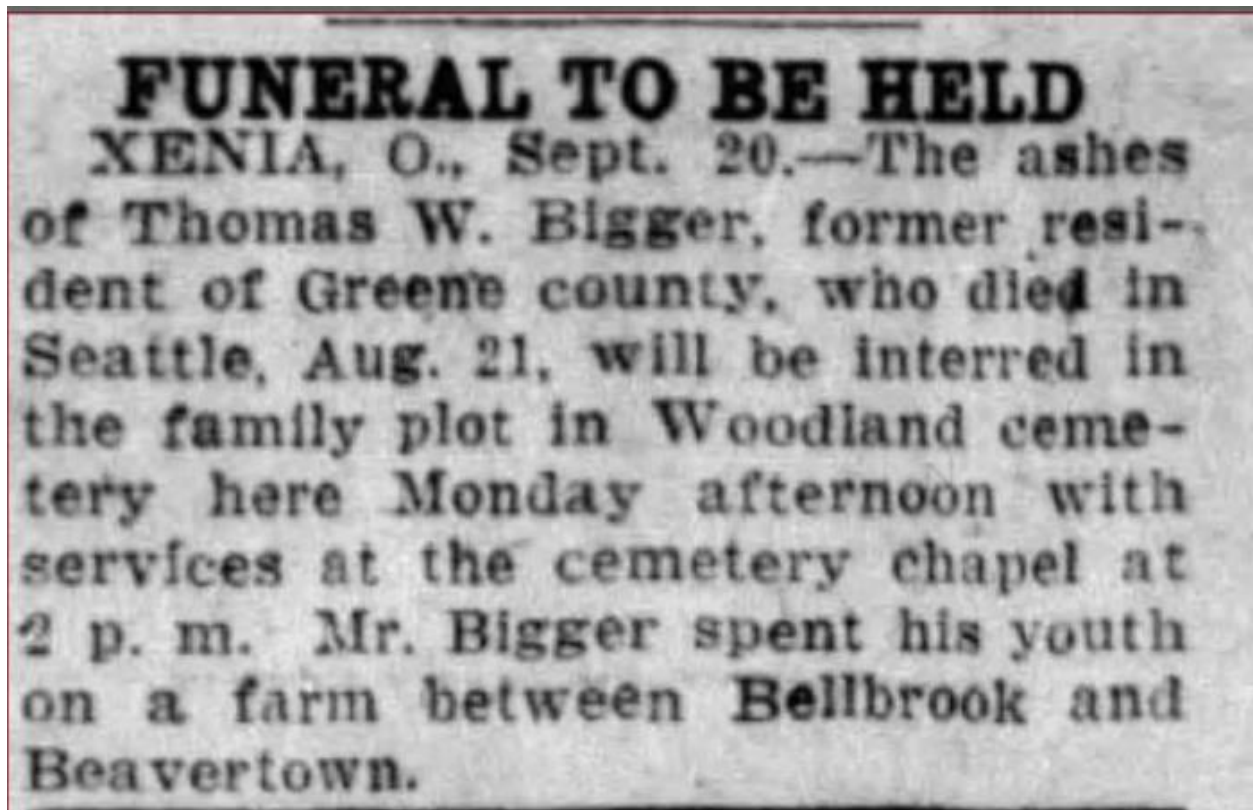
Mr. Bigger was married about 1870 to Cora Bigger of Seattle and from that date lived in Pittsburgh until 1880 when he moved to Seattle with his wife and children. He was a member of the Pacific Coast. His wife, Cora, died in March 1918, and he was with her in the hospital at the time of her death.

His youngest son, Frederick Bigger of Pittsburgh, will be present at the funeral.

J. H. Wagner, funeral director, will have charge of the arrangements in Seattle. He has been advised by Mr. Bigger's sons to take any and all of the funds which have been placed in the hands of the insurance company in Woodland Cemetery. There will be no service held at the funeral.

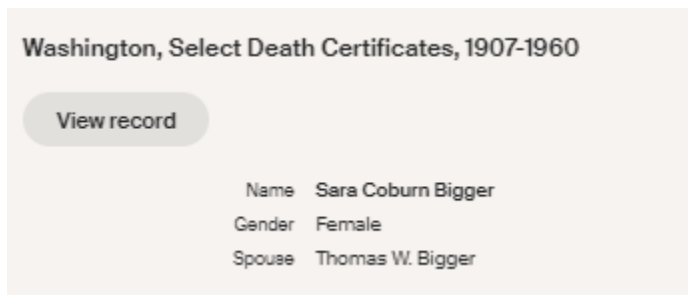
9/17/1924 Evening Gazette

Paternal grandfather Thomas W. Bigger obituary – Find A Grave 21019542 – published in “Xenia (OH) Evening Gazette” 17 Sep 1924



"Springfield (OH) News-Sun" Saturday 20 Sep 1924 p 2

Mother:



https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/23855454/person/12571514716/facts?_phsrc=cPx8776&_phstart=succesSource

Sibling:

Frederick T. Bigger achieved considerable prominence as an authority on city planning and urban renewal. He was born in Pittsburgh, the son of Thomas W. and Sarah Lois Coburn Bigger. He received his Certificate of Proficiency in Architecture from the University of Pennsylvania in 1903, and by 1908, according to his AIA application, was established in his own firm in Seattle with another graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, James S. Warner. Bigger & Warner became Evans, Bigger & Warner when the firm moved to Philadelphia in 1910 and joined forces with Edmund C. Evans. By 1914 Bigger had returned to Pittsburgh, however; and he continued to hold Pittsburgh as his base of operations until the end of his life.

Bigger joined the AIA in 1914, achieved fellowship status in 1937, and emeritus in 1963. He served on the National Capital Planning Commission from 1948 to 1954 and is credited with being the chief planner for the Greenbelt Towns in Maryland, Ohio, and Wisconsin. A lifelong commitment to Pittsburgh can be seen in his service to the Pittsburgh City Planning Commission from 1922 to 1954, during which time he initiated and directed production of "The Pittsburgh Plan."

From Find A Grave 90791263 of [brother Frederick Thomas Bigger \(1880-1963\)](#)

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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
DIVISION OF VITAL STATISTICS
CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

File No. 056086-63
Registered No. 4845

Primary Dist. No. 700

1. PLACE OF DEATH
a. County Allegheny
b. City, Borough or Township City, Pgh.
c. Length of stay in 1b. 31 days
d. FULL NAME (if NOT in hospital, give street address) of HOSPITAL or INSTITUTION Helen Martin McGinnis
e. Is Place of Death Inside Municipality Limits? Yes ☒ No ☐

2. USUAL RESIDENCE (where deceased lived. If institution: residence before admission)
a. State PENNSYLVANIA
b. County ALLEGHENY
c. City, Borough or Township PITTSBURGH
d. Street Address or Location UNIVERSITY CLUB, 123 UNIVERSITY PI
e. Is Residence Inside Municipality Limits? Yes ☒ No ☐ f. Is Residence on a Farm? Yes ☐ No ☒

3. NAME OF DECEASED
a. (First) Frederick
b. (Middle)
c. (Last) Bigger

4. DATE OF DEATH
Month Day Year
Oct 10 1963

5. SEX M
6. COLOR OR RACE W
7. MARRIED ☐ NEVER MARRIED ☒ WIDOWED ☐ DIVORCED ☐

8. DATE OF BIRTH
Oct 10 1880

9. AGE (in years last birthday) 82
If under 1 year: Months Days Hours Min.

10. FULL NAME OF SPOUSE
11. BIRTHPLACE (Also give state or foreign country) PITTSBURGH, PA.
12. CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY US

13. FATHER'S NAME
THOMAS W. BIGGER

14. MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME
SARA L. COBURN

15. USUAL OCCUPATION (even if retired) ARCHITECT-CITY PLANNER
16. Social Security No. 204-30-3737
17. INFORMANT ADDRESS JAMES M. HOUSTON, OLIVER BLDG. PGH. 22

18. CAUSE OF DEATH (Enter only one cause per line for (a), (b) & (c))
PART 1. Death was caused by:
IMMEDIATE CAUSE (a) Broncho pneumonia
DUE TO (b)
DUE TO (c)

19. WAS AUTOPSY PERFORMED? Yes ☐ No ☒

20a. ACCIDENT SUICIDE HOMICIDE
20b. DESCRIBE HOW INJURY OCCURRED.
20c. Time of Injury Hour, m. Month, Day, Year
20d. INJURY OCCURRED While at work ☐ Not while at work ☐
20e. PLACE OF INJURY (e.g., home, farm, factory, street, etc.)
20f. CITY, BOROUGH, TOWNSHIP COUNTY STATE


21. I hereby certify that I attended the deceased from 6:00 P.M., 1963, to 11:00 P.M., 1963, that I last saw the deceased alive on 17 Jan., 1963, and that death occurred at 4:30 P.M., E.S.T., from the causes and on the date stated above.

22a. SIGNATURE [Signature]
22b. ADDRESS 3505 Fifth Ave Pittsburgh, PA.
22c. DATE SIGNED 12/10/63


23a. BURIAL ☐ CREMATION ☒
23b. DATE 6/18/63
23c. NAME OF CEMETERY OR CREMATORY HOMEWOOD CREMATORY
23d. LOCATION (City, Boro., Twp. & County) (State) PITTSBURGH, ALLEGHENY, PA.

24. DATE REC'D BY REG 6/18-63
25. REGISTRAR'S SIGNATURE [Signature]
26. SIGNATURE OF FUNERAL DIRECTOR ADDRESS H. SAMSON, INC., 537 NEVILLE ST. PGH. PA.

PA death record of Frederick Thomas - <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/7484986:5164?tid=2079818&pid=24663821565&queryId=5b2d35cb-2aa0-48f7-927d-8620ee1fd419&phsrc=cPx8809&phstart=successSource>


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Frederick Thomas Bigger (Architect, City Planner)

Male, born 12/10/1880, died 06/1963

Associated with the firm

[Bigger and Warner, Architects](#)

^ Professional History

Partner, Bigger and Warner, Architects, Seattle, WA, 1909-1910; Architect and Planner, U.S. Steel Corporation, Ordinance Department, Pittsburgh, PA, 1918.

Member, American Institute of Architects, Washington Chapter, 1910-1911; Member, Seattle Architectural Club, Seattle, WA, 1910;

^ Education

B.Arch., University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA, c. 1899-1903;

^ Personal

Bigger was a native of Pittsburgh, PA; he worked in Seattle between 1909-1910. According to the U.S. Census of 1910, Bigger moved in that year from a residential hotel operated by William Shanks. He does not appear in the Seattle city directory after 1910, and probably left the city.

His father was Thomas W. Bigger, who in 1918 worked in the Epler Block, Seattle, WA.

SSN: 204-30-3737; Frederick T. Bigger, then 23, sailed on the S.S. Laurentian to New York, NY, from Glasgow, Scotland, between 09/17-1904-09/28/1904. (This may have been his return trip from an architectural "Grand Tour" of Europe after graduating from the University of Pennsylvania in 1903.) Bigger sailed on the S.S. Rotterdam from Boulogne-sur-Mer to New York between 11/03/1926-11/13/1926. Frederick Bigger, born 12/10/1880 in Pittsburgh, PA, sailed on the S.S. Berengaria from Cherbourg, France to New York between 10/19/1929-10/25/1929. (Another source, Bigger's WW I Draft Registration Card of 09/12/1918, noted his birthday to have been 10/10/1880. The October date is correct.) In 1929, he had an office in the Westinghouse Building in Pittsburgh. At age 57, Bigger stood 5-ft 10-in tall and weighed 180 lbs. Bigger had illustrations published in "Songs of the University of Pennsylvania, brought under One Cover" by William Otto Miller, '04, with drawings by Morton Livingston Schamberg, '03, Frederick Thomas Bigger, '03, James Bullen Karcher, '04.

PCAD id: 4698

<https://pcad.lib.washington.edu/person/4698/>



The Building's History

The Snohomish Carnegie Library is one of Washington State's remaining thirty historic Carnegie libraries. Its original construction represents the efforts of the City's early residents and the Carnegie Foundation, which funded libraries throughout the country from 1886 to 1923, to build a new facility. The building is currently located within the Snohomish City National Register Historic District.

Frederick Thomas Bigger and James Smyth Warner, of Bigger and Warner Architects designed the building. The two relatively young architects had been educated at the University of Pennsylvania. From available records it appears that they moved West shortly after their graduation and secured the commission for the Snohomish Carnegie Library. Both men soon thereafter returned to Philadelphia, working during the period of 1910 – 1914 as Evans, Bigger and Warner with Edmund C. Evans. By 1914, Bigger moved back to his hometown of Pittsburgh, where he subsequently became a well-known planner, serving on both the National Capital and Pittsburgh City Planning Commissions, and as the chief planner for the Greenbelt Towns in Maryland, Ohio, and Wisconsin. The City of Snohomish has retained interesting correspondence from the

original architects' files, along with letters between the city and the Carnegie Foundation.

The building's design follows an early twentieth century prototype, based on the grant requirements of the Carnegie Foundation.

Completed in 1910, it was set on a large, landscaped site. The site contains many beautiful mature trees, which have been identified by a city survey for preservation. The building's location was somewhat separate from the city's traditional commercial district, as was typical with most Carnegie Libraries. Currently single and multifamily wood frame residences fill the east side of the block.

The library building is a simple rectangular form on a tall raised base, with an original Meeting Room and services in a Basement level, and a large Reading/Reference Room on the tall Upper Floor. A central, symmetrical stair at the front, west facade provided public access. This layout was typical of most Carnegie Libraries, and it reinforced the democratic goals of early public libraries.

The building's Renaissance Revival/Prairie School style is impressive. The exterior featured large wood frame windows, and cast-in place decorative bands and book publishers' printers' insignia that enlivened the white stucco concrete walls. The interior was characterized by a 17'-tall Upper Floor Reading Room, which was a lofty and light filled space. Because it was constructed in an earlier period of library design and philosophy, the building presents challenges for contemporary use, particularly with the floor levels, set high above and below grade, which do not easily meet current universal access goals.

The library served the City of Snohomish for over 90 years, but its size was clearly inadequate to house expanded library programs of the post war era. In 1968 an addition designed by Everett architect Harry E. Bostesch, was constructed on the south. The 5,352 square foot Addition to the approximate 4,000 square foot original building appears to have been designed with a primary goal of economic construction. It is a one-story, flat-roofed, slab-on-grade, steel framed structure with a single column in the middle of the large library Reading Room and wood frame interior partitions and roof joists.

In an effort to connect the two floors of the original building and the new grade-level spaces, the 1968 Addition featured an Entry Corridor, placed over portions of the original building's west and south facades. The new Entry Corridor on the west destroyed the original building's public entry and impacted its physical integrity. The 1968 Addition also featured a 3' tall, olive-green colored plastic fascia, designed with a boxy geometric pattern. The intent of the fascia on the 1968 Addition may have been to recall the 6" tall decorative relief band on the original library's facades.

Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

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

NOK = next-of-kin

Name: James Coburn Bigger (Sr.)

Name variations: 1918 newspapers: Charles Coburn Bigger

Military:On Tuscania: Officer Reserve Corps – 2nd lieutenant

Serial number: numbers were not assigned to US Army officers during WWI

Entered service from: New Bern, Craven NC

Sailed on “Tuscania” as: James Coburn Bigger

Next-of-kin on “Tuscania”: wife Mrs. J.C. Bigger, 370 S. Front St., New Bern NCReturned from war on: “Virginian” May 1919

Sailed on return ship as: James C. Bigger

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: wife Mrs. Alma R. Bigger, 37 S. Front St. Nero (North?), New Bern NC (2nd Lt., QMC)

World War I draft registration (1917):

National Tuscania Survivors Association 1939 roster: 1421 S. Aberdeen St., Chicago ILWorld War II draft registration (1942): as James Coburn Bigger - b. 28 Jun 1878 Pittsburgh PA; res: 302 Murdock Rd., Rodgers Forge, Baltimore MD . NOK Mrs. Anna Bigger of the same address. Employed by the US Department of Agriculture, Washington DC, at 407 Appraisers Stores Bldg., Baltimore MD. Height 5 ft. 3 inches, 180 pounds.

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Spanish-American War:

Enlisted 9 May 1898

Discharged 22 Aug 1899

World War I:

Enlisted 27 Nov 1917

Discharged 26 May 1919

Address: Coos City OR

Rank/unit: 2nd lieutenant, QMCBirth & death:Born: 28 Jun 1878 Pittsburgh, Allegheny PADied: 17 Oct 1950 MD (likely in Baltimore)

Find A Grave record: 209423512

Burial location: Parkville, Baltimore Co. MD [also found in obituary in “Baltimore Evening Sun” 20 Oct 1950 p 51]

Cemetery: Moreland Memorial Park

Tombstone:

Father: Thomas W. Bigger, 19 Apr 1844 Xenia, Greene OH -21 Aug 1924 Seattle, King OH.
Son of Thomas W. Bigger (1844-1924, F: 21019542) & Sarah Lois Coburn (1848-1891, F: 21019557).

Civil War veteran. Lived in Pittsburgh until 1904, then moved to the Pacific Coast to invest in mining. His obituaries appear on his Find A Grave record & in the "Pittsburgh (PA) Daily Post" 23 Aug 1924 p 7, where he is described as a former prominent real estate & public affairs resident of Pittsburg & the "Pittsburgh Post-Gazette" 23 Aug 1924 p 18 – died at age 76, in good health according to his son Frederick a week ago when Thomas went to visit his other son near Seattle. Was the city auditor of old Allegheny City for 15-20 years. Settled in Seattle about 20 years ago, but made several trips back to Pittsburgh to visit Frederick. Funeral plans were uncertain. Expected him to be cremated, and perhaps sent to Xenia OH where wife was buried. Survived by sons Frederick (4181 Center Ave., Pittsburgh PA) & James (near Seattle).

Buried in Woodland Cemetery, Xenia, Greene OH.

Find A Grave: 21019542

Parents' marriage: 1876

Mother: Sarah Lois Coburn Bigger, 27 May 1848 Xenia, Greene OH – 7 Jun 1891 WA
Daughter of Dr. James A. Coburn (1820 IN) & Mary Jane Gest (1824-1905, F: 21019585, in same cemetery as her daughter Sarah).

Buried in Woodland Cemetery, Xenia, Greene OH.

Find A Grave: 21019557

Parents' marriage: 1876

Spouse: Anna Wheeler Roberts Bigger, 20 Dec 1882 Beaufort, Carteret NC – 13 Aug 1965
Memphis, Shelby TN. [Birth surname was Roberts]

Daughter of William Jackson Roberts (1835-1888, F: 73405019) & Susan Langdon Robinson (1851-1901, F: 73405262).

Obituary: "Baltimore (MD) Sun" 15 Aug 1965 p 41 – Anna Roberts Bigger of Memphis TN, d. 13 Aug 1965. Widow of James C. Bigger Sr., Mother of James C. Bigger of Memphis. Funeral 17 Aug, with interment in Moreland.

Buried in Moreland Memorial Park, Parkville, Baltimore Co. MD.

Spouse Find A Grave: 209423513

Marriage: James C. Bigger, son of Thomas W. Bigger & Sarah Coburn, resident of Pierce Co. WA - married Anna Wheeler Roberts in Shelton, Mason Co. WA on 28 Dec 1907 – Sarah resident of Cartaret Co. NC, daughter of William Jackson Roberts & Susan Robinson.

Children:

- Thomas Allen Bigger, 6 Nov 1912 Portland, Multnomah OR – 10 Jul 1939
Philadelphia, Philadelphia PA. "Roxburg (OR) Review" Thursday 22 May 1913 p 1 – Thomas Allen Bigger was an entry in the 1st "eugenic show" for attractive babies, held in Roseburg OR by the Commercial Club. "Oregon Daily Journal" (Portland OR)

23 May 1913 p 5 – Thomas Allen Bigger took 1st place in the perambulator division in the parade portion of the baby contest. – His PA death record lists him as a student, died at age 26 of pulmonary tuberculosis, complicated by congenital heart disease (tetralogy of Fallot). Tetralogy of Fallot is caused by 4 heart changes present at birth, resulting in circulation of oxygen-poor blood. It is rare; people with it may have deep blue or gray skin, nails & lips. The 4 defects are: a narrowing of the valve between the heart & lungs (pulmonary valve stenosis); a hole between the bottom heart chamber (ventricular septal defect); Shifting of the aorta (the body's main artery) from its usual position attached to the lower heart chamber but shifted to the right; and thickening of the right lower chamber of the heart (right ventricular hypertrophy). It requires heart surgery to correct; this was likely not an option in the 1930s. Buried in Moreland Memorial Park, Parkville, Baltimore Co. MD. F: 209423514

- James Coburn Bigger Jr. 29 Sep 1925 Portland, Multnomah OR – 12 Apr 1989 Memphis, Shelby TN. Husband of Virginia Harman (1928-1981, F: 209423538), the daughter of Reuben L. Harman & Hilda M. Wilson. – Survived by wife Mary Jean Ford Hughes-Bigger, daughter of Lawrence W. Ford (d. 3 Mar 1976 TN), F: 19501268). Lawrence is buried with Rose Nell Ford (1913-1977, F: 19501342). Mary Jean's 1st husband was Gerald Doss ("Pete") Hughes (1941 AR – 1974 TN, F: 93190021). - Buried in Memphis Memory Gardens, Memphis, Shelby TN. F: 35725162

Siblings:

- Frederick Thomas Bigger, 10 Dec 1880 Pittsburgh, Allegheny PA – 17 Jun 1963 Pittsburgh, Allegheny PA. Buried in Pittsburgh. Graduate of U of PA with degree in architecture 1903. In 1908 established firm in Seattle WA with partner James S. Warner. Bigger & Warner moved to Philadelphia PA in 1910, where it became Evans, Bigger & Warner. In 1914, Frederick moved to Pittsburgh where he lived the rest of his life. Joined the American Institute of Architects in 1937. Chief planner of Greenbelt towns in MD, OH, WI. On Pittsburgh Planning Commission 1922-1954, where he initiated & implemented "The Pittsburgh Plan." Never married. Died of bronchopneumonia. Buried in Homewood Cemetery, Pittsburgh, Allegheny PA. F: 90791263

Notes:

Was a Washington & Jefferson College student in the senior class, preparatory department 1897-1897, resident of Allegheny, room at E. Beau St. & Wade.

Earle R. Forrest wrote a book in the 1920s – "The History of Washington County" [PA] – which detailed the 10th PA Volunteer Infantry's involvement in the Spanish-American War. There were 250 Washington & Jefferson College students who enlisted, leaving the county on 27 Apr 1898 for war. The men figured they would be sent to Cuba but were instead assigned to the Philippines.

Among those mustered in on 9 May 1898 were James C. Bigger. The men went to Mt. Gretna, then to Camp Merritt in Richmond in late May, one of the 3 volunteer regiments east of the Mississippi River to composed the 1st expedition to Asia. They sailed on the “Zealandia” on 15 Jun 1898 from San Francisco, arriving in Honolulu 24 Jun, then sailing into Manila Bay on 17 Jul. On 31 Jul 1898 they became the first American troops fired upon in the Philippines, at Fort Malate. The troops advanced on Manila on 13 Aug.

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Pre-war:

Private in Spanish-American War, 10th PA Volunteer Infantry. One source said his photographs are at the US Army Heritage & Education Center, Carlisle PA - mustered in 11 May 1898 & out 22 Aug 1899

“Oregon Daily Journal” (Portland OR) 12 May 1911

The 26th annual meeting of the Oregon Commandery of the Loyal Legion held in Portland. Elected a member of the 2nd class (eligible through an original “companion” who actively participated in the Civil War) was James Coburn Bigger of Eugene OR.

Wartime:

“Kings Mountain (NC) Herald” 14 Feb 1918 p 1

One of 3 NC men for which there is no report – James Coborn [sic] Bigger of New Bern NC. [several 1918 newspapers misspelled Coburn as Coborn]

Post-war:

Obituary:

“Baltimore Evening Sun” 20 Oct 1950 p 51 – James C. Bigger, Sr., d. 17 Oct 1950, survived by wife Anna W. (nee Roberts) Bigger & son James C. Bigger Jr., of 602 Walker Ave. Funeral at St. Margaret’s Episcopal Church with interment in Moreland Memorial Park.

Social Security Number: 399-26-1556

Censuses:

1900 Allegheny Co. PA

James Bigger, 20 PA, Jun 1879, parents b. OH, time keeper

Lodger with Thomas E. & Mary A. Walsh & their 2 daughters, ages 10 & 5

1910 Portland, Multnomah OR – 415 E. 13th

James C. Bigger, 30 PA, parents b. OH, in 1st marriage, married 2 years, salesman, confectionery & bread

Anna, 26 NC, parents b. NC, in 1st marriage, has given birth to zero children
With nephew Jack Woolford, 13 NC, father b. NC, mother b. MD

1920

1930 Seattle, King WA – 201 Queen Anne Ave.

James C. Bigger, 52 PA, parents b. OH, age 30 at 1st marriage, traveling salesman, groceries
– military: in S P (Spanish-American War), Filo (in Philippines), WWI

Anna R., 45 NC, parents b. NC,, age 22 at 1st marriage

Thomas A., 17 OR

James C. Jr., 4 OR

1940 Western Springs township, Cook Co. IL – 4376 Grand Ave. – resided in Philadelphia,
Philadelphia PA in 1935

James C. Bigger, 62 PA, marketing specialist, Bureau of Agriculture

Anna R., 58 NC

James C., 14 OR

1950 Cecil Co. MD – US Veterans Hospital – line 10

James C. Bigger, 72 PA, married