

TUSCANIA

Tillman, Albert Clarence
1887 MT – 1969 MT

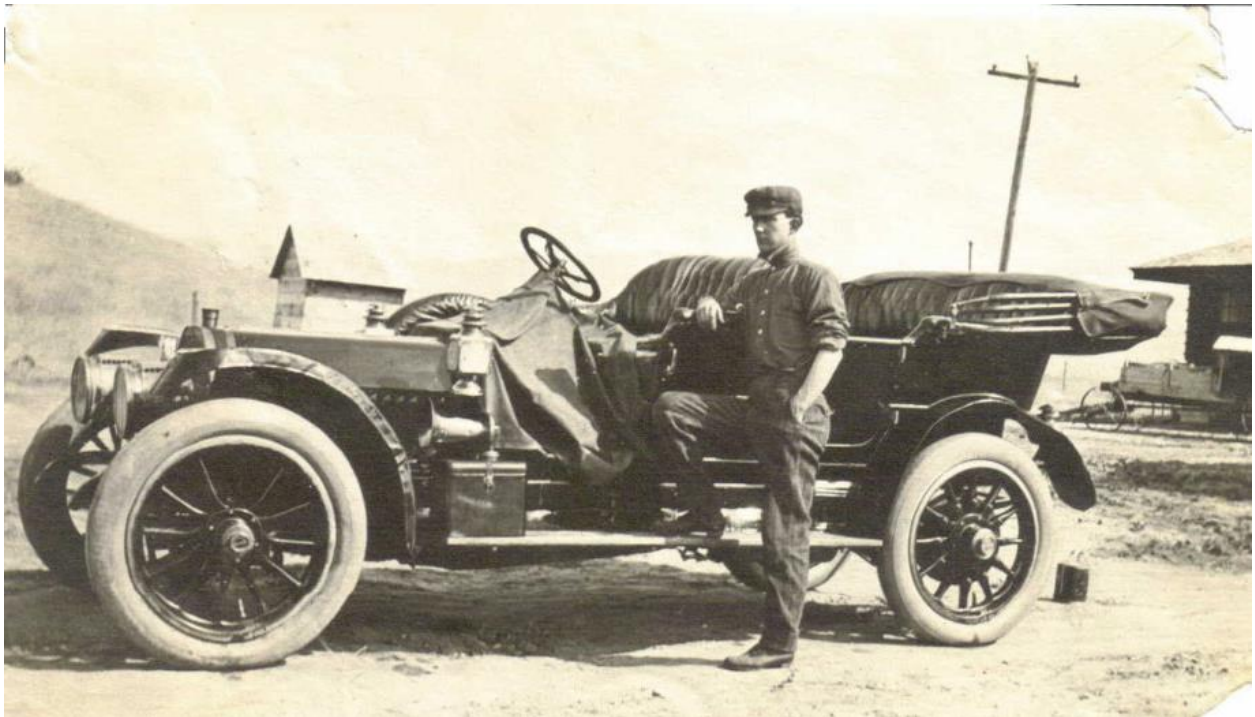


ALBERT C. TILLMAN of Florence, who tells the story of the sinking of the Tuscania 47 years ago, posed in his doughboy uniform before leaving for overseas in World War I.

Albert Clarence Tillman – “The Missoulian” (Missoula MT) Sunday 31 Jan 1965 p 26



Albert Clarence Tillman & wife Bertha Ellen Schreckendgust - https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/collection/1030/tree/113765307/person/250120003307/media/d0ba7429-0759-4a06-bb67-6a0ad7b07353?_phsrc=hFB62475&_phstart=successSource



Albert Clarence Tillman, 1912 - https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/collection/1030/tree/6953290/person/-1148106391/media/9ad9b3ec-d13d-4213-9af6-aa26451eebd0?_phsrc=hFB62476&_phstart=successSource



Tillman home in MT, with mother Julia Whaley Tillman & her oldest children (poor quality on Ancestry.com) - https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/collection/1030/tree/1601704/person/-786654564/media/d4f82a72-07f2-4c35-852b-558e43eb0be1?_phsrc=hFB62481&_phstart=successSource

Caption:

Linked to

Elizabeth Josephine Tillman ▾

Julia Whaley ▾

Earl Laurence Tillman ▾

James Vincent Tillman ▾

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Morgana Agnes Tillman ▾

Elonise Geneva Elsie Tillman ▾

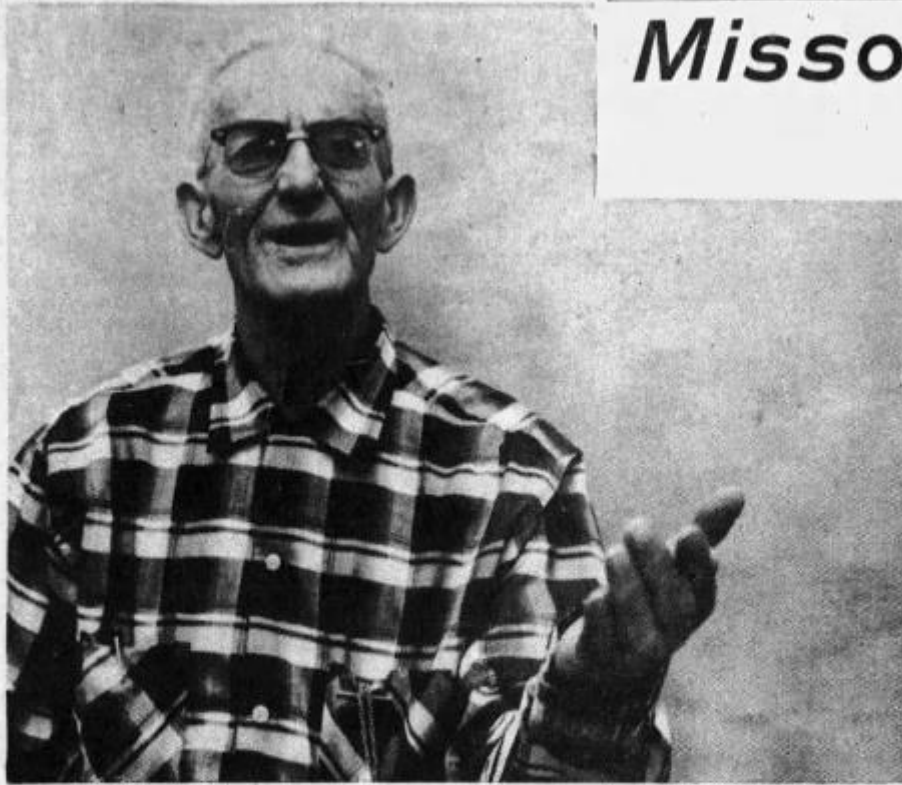
Lafayette Clair Tillman ▾

Caroline Carrie Cleo Tillman ▾

Albert T Tillman ▾

LET ME TELL YOU ABOUT:

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Albert C. Tillman, born Aug. 16, 1887, across the Bitter Root River from Florence, is a man with a vivid memory. His story of the first airplane flight in Missoula half a century ago includes many details.

He couldn't place the exact date in June (the 28th) and he forgot the elaborate special services set up by the then-new street railway company, which used nine cars, and the Northern Pacific Railway, which ran special trains to the Ft. Missoula siding, known as Post.

Tillman, who still lives near Florence, also forgot that the daring aviator, Eugene Ely, had gained fame for making the first landing on a U.S. naval vessel, the battleship Pennsylvania.

LET ME TELL YOU ABOUT:

Missoula's First Airplane Flight

JUST 50 YEARS AGO

By A. C. TILLMAN

This is a story of long ago, half a century ago, when man was first trying his wings and he tried them for the first time in Missoula.

Let us look first at what Missoula was like then. Can you visualize standing about where the Missoula Country Club is now and looking north at a wide open prairie to the end of Stephens avenue?

Old Ft. Missoula stood quite alone, and there was a small community in the Cold Springs locality, known to everyone then as the Four Mile Flat. This was the place where in May and June the Indians pitched their camps to dig the flower of their choice, the bitter root.

It also was the range land for the town herd of milk cows, watched by a boy on horseback who will enter our story later.

Missoula was then in the horse and buggy days, and there were several livery barns which, among other vehicles and horses, had hacks, fancy enclosed vehicles with glass windows and drawn by two horses. The driver sat on a high seat outside.

Rumor From Carolina

Now by this time the year 1911 had rolled around and most all of us had heard it said that a couple of fellows in North Carolina had invented a flying machine.

people were coming into Missoula from far and near, and just how Mr. Ely slipped into town with his aeroplane unnoticed remains somewhat of a mystery.

The best guess is that it was brought in by railroad and unloaded under cover of darkness from the Bitter Root tracks near the fort.

People were coming in by lathered saddlehorses, by buggy and bicycle, by side-door pullmans and passenger trains from east and west, over the Northern Pacific and Milwaukee, and still they kept on coming.

By the last evening the hotels were jam-packed and some took lodging in hay-mows of barns but still they kept coming. They came from Dillon, from Calgary, from Butte, from Salmon, from Spokane, from as far away as Fargo, N.D., Kalispell and Miles City.

Miles made no difference; they were headed for Missoula to see that flying machine.

Big Day Arrives

At last the sun came up from behind Mt. Sentinel on the big day, with more people pouring in from the Frenchtown Valley, the Blackfoot and the Bitter Root.

A big sale was on at downtown street corners with tickets at 50 cents per ticket for the big aviation meet.

I was among the many that bit; flying was quite new and it hadn't

But of course, anyone with a lick of sense in his head knew that if the Lord had intended for man to fly He would have put wings on him, so why talk any such tomfoolery.

Then out of a blue sky in June of 1911 The Daily Missoulian came out with an announcement that a man back east by the name of Eugene Ely would be coming to Missoula with his flying machine, which he called an aeroplane.

We found it hard to believe, but soon after other papers in the Northwest came out with the news, and excitement was running high all over the great Rocky Mountain region.

Elaborate plans were made by the businessmen of the city for the reception and a convenient spot was found out in the open country about a quarter of a mile east of Ft. Missoula.

Public Shut Out

A high, semi-circular board fence was erected, with the boards fitted together standing on end and closing off several acres of ground to hide the aeroplane from the prying eyes of the public.

With the big event drawing near,

occurred to us that all the air up above was as free as that below which we had been breathing all along.

It was now around 1:30 p.m. and I had taken one of those new-fangled taxicabs out from town. Already the crowd was starting to form a short distance to the east of the high board fence.

The day was clear and quite warm and as usual in those days the peanut and popcorn vendors as well as the ice-cold lemonade barkers had set up shop and were real busy selling their wares under the shade of a large canvas roof.

Corners Lemonade Market

Many horse-drawn vehicles were unloading scores of people from town and the crowd was multiplying by the minute. The lemonade vendor was well stocked with several washtub-fulls of the pink stuff sitting on benches under the shade while he was bellowing himself hoarse at five cents a glass or the cheaper kind, all you can drink for a nickel.

The town herd of cows could be seen a short distance to the east, peacefully grazing on the prairie,

minus the gangling kid, their herder, who had moved up close lest he miss something. He was sitting astride his old bay horse, just waiting, while the old horse, its head lowered, seemed to be taking an afternoon snooze.

Among those peeking through cracks in the board fence were a couple of hack drivers who had climbed down from their high seats and left their teams standing.

Came a sput-sput and then the roar of the airplane motor and next with a terrific roar the plane came out over the fence, just clearing the top of it, and all hell broke loose, with people and horses going in all directions.

Pandemonium Reigns

One of the hack teams charged into the lemonade stand, upsetting everything, and while this was going on the plane was passing a few feet over the kid on his old cow pony.

The way that old nag came out of his slumber and went into the air was in nothing flat. He swapped ends and the kid came down from above and he was astride the horse only backward to what he was when he went up.

The exhibition that old horse put on was short but furious and I'm inclined to think he could have been a pioneer relative of some of Oral Zumwalt's famed rodeo stock.

The next thing to be seen was the plane approaching the town herd of cows. Now I don't know if cows really could run faster in those days, but it has always seemed to me that those could for the first few jumps anyway. They spread out fan-shaped while going at top speed.

The plane circled at the mouth of Pattee Canyon and then returned and lit close by while a crowd rushed up to get a close look at the old pusher-type bi-plane.

Nervy Spectator

Some fellow with a lot of nerve offered Mr. Ely \$50 to take him up and Mr. Ely immediately took him up on the offer and for a ride. It was only a single-seater so he sat on the lower wing and hung on to the struts with his hands.

It was a great day in Missoula and I've been around this neck of the woods for some time and witnessed some crowds of different sizes in this locality.

But never before or since have I ever seen one like that old-time aviator brought to Missoula.

I'm sure they all went away convinced that the flying machine wasn't all just a dream.

Albert C. Tillman, 82, Dies in Florence Home

FLORENCE — Albert C. Tillman, 82, died at his home Thursday evening.

He was born Aug. 16, 1887, at Florence. He spent his entire life in the Florence area and attended schools there. He served 18 months overseas during World War I. He was one of the survivors of the first troopship, the USS Tuscania, sunk by the Germans in World War I. He was a member of the Stevensville American Legion and World War I Barracks of Missoula.

Mr. Tillman worked for a number of years in the State Highway Department and in lat-

er years was a custodian at the University of Montana in Missoula.

He married Ellen Schreckengust April 26, 1921, in Missoula.

Survivors include his wife, one sister, Mrs. Josephine Hoo-ban of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; two brothers, Roy Tillman of Hamilton and Earl Tillman of Seattle, Wash.

Funeral services will be Monday at 2 p.m. at the Whitesitt Chapel in Stevensville. Burial will be at the Carlton Cemetery at Florence. Graveside services will be held by the American Legion and the World War I Barracks.

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TYPE, OR PRINT IN
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SEE HANDBOOK FOR
INSTRUCTIONS

MONTANA
CERTIFICATE OF DEATH
DUPLICATES FOR CLERK AND RECORDER

DECEASED—NAME
FIRST MIDDLE LAST
Albert Clarence Tillman

SEX
Male

DATE OF DEATH (MONTH, DAY, YEAR)
Sept. 4, 1969

RACE (WHITE, NEGRO, AMERICAN INDIAN,
ETC. (SPECIFY))
White

AGE—LAST
BIRTHDAY (YEARS)
82

DATE OF BIRTH (MONTH, DAY,
YEAR)
Aug. 16, 1887

COUNTY OF DEATH
Ravalli

CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION OF DEATH
Florence

HOSPITAL OR OTHER INSTITUTION—NAME (IF NOT IN OTHER, GIVE STREET AND NUMBER)
no

STATE OF BIRTH (IF NOT IN U.S.A., GIVE
COUNTRY)
Montana

CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY
USA

MARRIED, NEVER MARRIED,
WIDOWED, DIVORCED (SPECIFY)
Married

SURVIVING SPOUSE (IF WIFE, GIVE MAIDEN NAME)
Bertha Ellen Schreckengust

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER
517 24 1657 A

USUAL OCCUPATION (GIVE KIND OF WORK DONE DURING MOST OF
WORKING LIFE, FROM 15 YEARS OF AGE)
Custodian

KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY
University

RESIDENCE—STATE
Montana

COUNTY
Ravalli

CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION
Florence

STREET AND NUMBER
no

FATHER—NAME
FIRST MIDDLE LAST
Newton J Tillman

MOTHER—MAIDEN NAME
FIRST MIDDLE LAST
Julia W Whaley

INFORMANT—NAME
Mrs Albert Tillman

MAILING ADDRESS
(STREET OR R.F.D. NO., CITY OR TOWN, STATE, ZIP)
Florence, Montana

PART I. DEATH WAS CAUSED BY:
(ENTER ONLY ONE CAUSE PER LINE FOR (a), (b), AND (c))

(a) **Cerebra vascular accident** **1 wk**

(b) **Arteriosclerosis** **several years**

(c) **no**

PART II. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS: CONDITIONS CONTRIBUTING TO DEATH BUT NOT RELATED TO CAUSE GIVEN IN PART I (a), (b), AND (c)

ACCIDENT, SUICIDE, HOMICIDE,
OR UNDETERMINED (SPECIFY)
no

DATE OF INJURY (MONTH, DAY, YEAR)
Aug 29-69

HOW INJURY OCCURRED (ENTER NATURE OF INJURY IN PART I OR PART II, ITEM 1a)

INJURY AT WORK (SPECIFY YES OR NO)
no

PLACE OF INJURY AT HOME, PLACE, STREET, FACTORY,
OFFICE BLDG., ETC. (SPECIFY)
no

LOCATION
(STREET OR R.F.D. NO., CITY OR TOWN, STATE)
no

CERTIFICATION—
PHYSICIAN: I ATTENDED THE
DECEASED FROM
DATE
Aug 29-69 TO
Sept 4-69

CERTIFICATION—CORONER: ON THE BASIS OF THE
EXAMINATION OF THE BODY AND/OR THE INVESTIGATION, IN MY OPINION,
DEATH OCCURRED ON THE DATE AND DUE TO THE CAUSE(S) STATED.
DATE
Aug 24-69

THE DECEASED WAS PROFOUNDLY DEAD
MONTHS DAY YEAR
no

CERTIFIER—NAME (THIS OR PRINT)
W.R.Spencer

SIGNATURE
W.R.Spencer

DEGREE OR TITLE
MD

DATE SIGNED (MONTH, DAY, YEAR)
Sept. 8, 1969

MAILING ADDRESS—CERTIFIER
Box 35

CITY OR TOWN
Stevensville, Montana

STATE
59870

BURIAL, CREMATION, REMOVAL
(SPECIFY)
Burial

CEMETERY OR CREMATORY—NAME
Carlton Cemetery

LOCATION
Florence, Montana

DATE
Sept. 8, 1969

SHORTLY—NAME AND ADDRESS
Whitesitt Funeral Home, Stevensville, Montana 59870

SIGNATURE
Marola Whitesitt

LOCAL REGISTRAR—SIGNATURE
Marola Whitesitt

DATE RECEIVED BY LOCAL REGISTRAR
Sept 8, 1969

STATE OF MONTANA) ss
COUNTY OF RAVALLI)
Filed on the 1 day of July of 1969
A. D. 19 at 8:00 Clock M. Deputy

MT death record of Albert Clarence Tillman -

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V. S. No. 4 12M 7-20
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF THE CENSUS

Original Record for State Registrar
STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH
STATE OF MONTANA

State File No. **Msia. 1599**
Bureau of Vital Statistics

Registrar's No. _____

1. PLACE OF BIRTH: (a) County <u>Missoula</u> (b) City or town <u>Florence (Rural)</u> <small>(If outside city or town list it write RURAL)</small> (c) Name of hospital or institution <u>Florence</u> <small>(If not in hospital or institution give street number or location)</small> (d) Mother's stay before delivery <u>Home</u> <small>In hospital or institution _____ In this community _____</small> <small>(Specify whether years, months, or days)</small>		2. USUAL RESIDENCE OF MOTHER: (a) State <u>Montana</u> (b) County <u>Missoula</u> (c) City or town <u>Florence (Rural)</u> <small>(If outside city or town list it write RURAL)</small> (d) Street No. _____ <small>(If rural give location)</small>	
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3. Full name of child <u>Albert Clarence Tillman</u>		4. Date of birth <u>8-16-1887</u> <small>(Month) (Day) (Year)</small>	
5. Sex: <u>Male</u>	6. Twin or triplet <u>triplet</u> If so—born 1st, 2d, or 3d _____	7. Number months of pregnancy <u>9</u>	8. Is mother married? <u>Yes</u>

FATHER OF CHILD 9. Full name <u>Newton Jasper Tillman</u> 10. Color or race <u>white</u> 11. Age at time of this birth <u>24</u> yrs. 12. Birthplace <u>Missouri</u> <small>(City, town, or county) (State or foreign country)</small> 13. Usual occupation <u>Farmer</u> 14. Industry or business <u>Farm</u>		MOTHER OF CHILD 15. Full maiden name <u>Julia Whitehead Whaley</u> 16. Color or race <u>white</u> 17. Age at time of this birth <u>25</u> yrs. 18. Birthplace <u>Central City Colorado</u> <small>(City, town, or county) (State or foreign country)</small> 19. Usual occupation <u>Housewife</u> 20. Industry or business <u>Own home</u> 21. Children born to this mother: (a) How many other children of this mother are now living? <u>2</u> (b) How many other children were born alive but are now dead? <u>None</u> (c) How many children were born dead? <u>None</u>	
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22. Mother's mailing address for registration notice: _____

23. I hereby certify that I attended the birth of this child who was born alive at the hour of am on the date above stated and that the information given was furnished by Julia W. Tillman related to this child as Mother

24. Date received by local registrar 8-18-87

25. Registrar's own signature C. E. Tillman

26. Date on which given name added _____ by _____ Registrar

Attendant's own signature Julia W. Tillman

M. D., midwife or other _____ Date signed _____

Address _____

SUPPLEMENTARY DATA BELOW ARE NOT A PART OF THE LEGAL CERTIFICATE

27. a. Pregnancy, Complications of _____ (d) Did baby have any: _____ Describe: _____

(1) Congenital malformation? _____ Describe: _____

(2) Birth injury? _____ Describe: _____

(b) Labor, Complications of _____ Induced? _____

(c) Was there an operation for delivery? _____ (Yes or No) _____

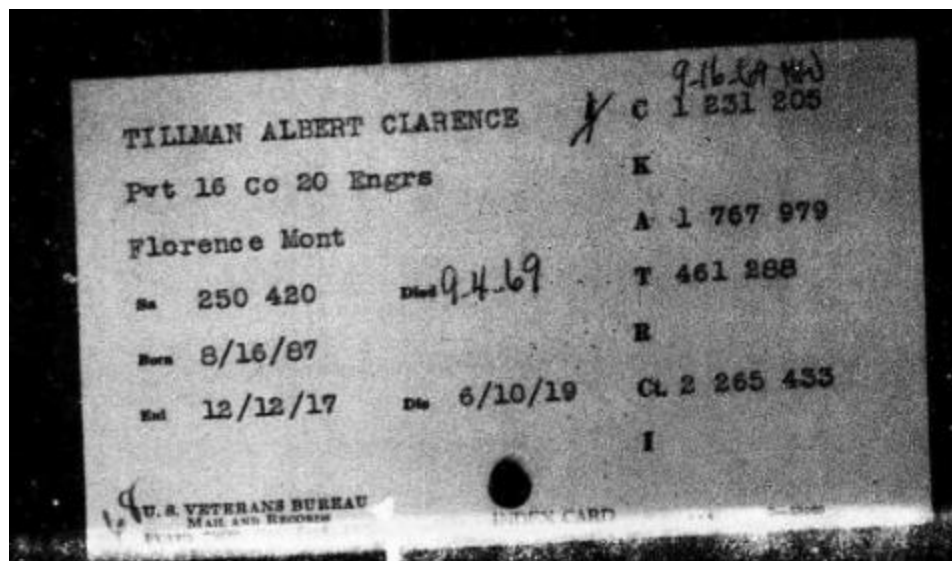
(e) Was a prophylactic drug used in the baby's eyes? No _____ (Yes or No) _____

State all operations _____

If "yes" state drug _____

THE DEMOCRAT, LEWISTOWN, MONT.

MT birth record - https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/319920:61591?tid=&pid=&queryId=63887c9a39c523717e326b26019144a0&_phsrc=hFB62487&_phstart=successSource



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Tillman, Albert C		250,420	White	1 1/2
(Surname)	(Christian name)	(Army serial number)	(Race: White or colored)	
Residence:		Florence	Ravalli	MONTANA
(Street and house number)		(Town or city)	(County)	(State)
* Enlisted in	NA Ft. George Wright	Wash	Dec 12/17	---
† Born in	Florence Mont	30 4/12 yrs		---
Organizations:	Co D Bn 20 Engrs	to Dec 12/18;	16 Co 20	---
	Engrs to disch.			---
Grades:	Pvt			---
Engagements:				---
Wounds or other injuries received in action: None.				
† Served overseas:	Feb 1/18	to May 28/19		---
§ Hon. disch.	June 10/19	on demobilization		---
Was reported	0	per cent disabled on date of discharge, in view of occupation.		
Remarks:				---

Form No. 724-11 1/2, A. G. O. March 12, 1920. *Insert "R. A.", "N. O.", "E. R. C.", "N. A.", as case may be, followed by place and date of enlistment. † Give place of birth and date of birth, or age at enlistment. ‡ Give dates of departure from and arrival in the United States. § Give date.

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Life:

Florence, Feb. 21.—The event of the season was a suprise party given to Miss Carrie Stewart, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Stewart, the occasion being the 12th birthday of that young lady. Mrs. Stewart assisted by her sister, Miss McGinley, carried out a jolly program of games, music and conundrums, after which ice cream and cake and bon bons were served. Those present were: Misses Glenne Donaldson, Eya Jamison, Etna Shaffer, Edith Taylor, Carrie Tillman, Octave Shaffer, Josie Tillman, Essie Whitesitt, Florence McGinley, Pearl Mayhew, Gladys Slaght, Nancy Goff, Carrie Stewart; Mrs. Wm. Goff; Messrs John Smith, Albert Tillman, John Slocum, Jay Donaldson, Murtin Slaght, Floyd Jamison, Charles Goff, Lafay Tillman, De Witt Faucett, Charles Taylor, Vernon Slaght, Ervin Jamison, John Donaldson, Ernest Faucett, Donald and Bertram Stewart.

Albert & sisters Carrie & Josie & brother Lafayette at birthday party - "Hamilton (MT) Western News" Wednesday 22 Feb 1905 p 1

BRIDGE FUND.		
263	N. J. Tillman, bridge work	12.00
266	J. H. White, bridge work	78.00
267	Russell Smithey, bridge work	54.00
268	Wm. Waddell, bridge work	25.50
269	Ben Oertli, bridge work	25.00
271	Geo. A. Robbins, bridge work	72.00
273	Ed Lord, bridge work	18.00
274	C. L. Flanagan, bridge work	75.00
276	J. H. White, bridge work	52.75
277	Russell Smithey, bridge work	54.00
278	Wm. Waddell, bridge work	45.00
279	Ben Oertli bridge work	54.00
281	G. A. Robbins, bridge work	12.00
283	Ed Lord, bridge work	6.00
286	N. J. Tillman, supervisor district No. 1	36.00
287	N. J. Tillman, freight on lumber	46.50
288	Jake Wagner, bridge work	50.00
291	Albert Tillman, bridge work	2.50
292	J. S. Whitsett, supervisor district No. 20	84.00

Ravalli Co. MT paid Albert & father Newton for bridge work - "Hamilton (MT) Western News" Friday 16 Sep 1910 p 6

Albert Tillman was here from Florence spending the day Sunday.

"Ravalli (MT) Republic" Friday 24 Jan 1913 p 5

Albert Tillman of Eight Mile transacted business here Tuesday.

"The Missoulian" (Missoula MT) Wednesday 22 Sep 1915 p 6

yet to be listed.
The 40 Montana survivors are:
MONTANA SURVIVORS.
Ralph S. Graves, Missoula.
George Upham, Missoula.
C. M. Fletcher, Victor.
John B. Clark, Deer Lodge.
John J. Dolson, Plains.
Alex D. Davidson, Perma.
Van W. Gladden, Sidney.
Fred D. Metcalf, Kalispell.
Herbert W. Miller, Great Falls.
Paul McCormick, Billings.
Ollie Edwin Oleson, Thompson Falls.
Charles C. Smallack, Warm Springs.
George L. St. Clair, Plains.
Albert C. Tillman, Florence.
James J. Tucker, Kalispell.
Coleman White, Augusta.
Charles G. Bennett, Ashley.
John D. Morrow, Kalispell.
Joseph D. Basye, Kalispell.
Warren A. Blackman, Oliver Gulch.
Emil A. Anderson, West Kalispell.
James E. Babbitt, Victor.
Edward C. Green, Billings.
Peter J. Lavalle, Kalispell.
John F. Mahoney, Gage.
Leon S. Richardson, Plains.
Oliver Wethern, Harlem.
Floyd Winn, Belknap.
Edward T. Mahoney, Gage.
Sidney H. Griggs, Stearns.
Walter P. Damon, Kalispell.
Fred Kristenson, Livingston.
Lawrence B. Watters, Victor.
Willard C. Hall, Butte.
Leo W. Stewart, Basin.
Clarence W. McCollin, Cascade.
David G. Hudtloff, Butte.
Stewart J. Cadnercross, Kalispell.
Peter H. Stewart, Great Falls.
Aime Van Den Driessche, Stevensville.

"The Daily Missoulian" (Missoula MT) Monday 11 Feb 1918 p 1

LANDED "OVER THERE"

**Albert C. Tillman of Florence Was
on the Tuscania, But Wired
Home "Arrived; Well."**

N. J. Tillman was in town from Florence Monday and Tuesday. He was feeling good, and he had reason to. Both of his sons have made the trip across the ocean and are with the allies. Albert C. Tillman was on the Tuscania and the father is in receipt of a cablegram stating "Arrived; well." Word has been received from another son, Lafayette C. Tillman, that he is safe in France, arriving there about Christmas. Congresswoman Jeanette Rankin wired Mr. Tillman from Washington that his son was one of the Tuscania survivors.

Florence Boy Writes of Tuscania.

From "Somewhere in England" Albert Tillman has written to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Tillman of Florence, telling of the Tuscania disaster. He was on board the ship and went through the harrowing experiences which brought death to two other Bitter Root boys—Marcus Cook of Como and Elmer Cowan of Victor. He writes: "Dear Folks:

"Well, at last I have got my feet on land again, 'thank the Lord.' Will take advantage of the opportunity to drop you a few lines to let you know that I got here safe and well. I sent you a cablegram the next day after I landed, as I know perfectly well that when you read the newspapers of the States you would be wondering and worrying to know if I was one of the lucky ones. Yes, I was one of them, for which I am duly thankful to the great Lord above and to the bravery of our noble British men (the dare-

devils of the sea) who in the face of danger and in defiance of death put all possible action into their strenuous efforts to save us.

"Well, our time hadn't come, so I still have the laugh on Fritz. The iron is in the souls of all the American boys present. They sure have got it in for Fritz now, and I think his days are numbered."

Brother on Board Ship on Earlier Trip.

Tillman speaks of writing to his brother Lafe, who went ahead of him to France. In a letter later he says:

"I have reason to believe that our ill-fated ship was the same ship that carried Lafe safely across the foaming waters of the old Atlantic on her last trip before. She had been a faithful old ship, and for several long years she had made her trips constantly, for the interest of our country's cause. But we realized she had made her last trip when we heard the 'crack of doom' sounded above where she now lies in

the depths of the channel of the Irish sea. But we have the satisfaction of knowing one thing—that the Hun that sounded her death knell is also sleeping very peacefully and quietly, right down alongside of her, with his U-boat as a coffin and a heavy depth-bomb as a tombstone. The latter was presented to him by a British submarine chaser.

"Two of the Bitter Root boys are among the few who are missing—Elmer Cowan of Victor and Marcus Cook of Hamilton. The other three Bitter Root boys—Babbitt, Glassley and Watters—are among the rescued. You know Cowan is a brother-in-law of William Jones who had the barber shop at Florence and he has a brother in the same company that Lafe is with. I have written to Lafe since I landed here, but have not had time to get an answer yet. It will probably take some time even though he may be somewhere near, for I realize that conditions at this time have to be managed accordingly with the regulations of

war and it may be some time before
I hear from him or home.

"It seems to me like a year since I
left home. I have seen a good many
places since that time. Some of the
most noted places of the world, too,
but none that suits me like old Mon-
tana."

Albert was incorrect in noting that UB-77, the German submarine that sunk the Tuscania, was itself
sunk – it survived the war & was handed over to the Allies afterwards – brother Lafayette (Lafe)
Tillman had not sailed to war on Tuscania but on Leviathan (15 Dec 1917) – "The Daily Missoulian"
(Missoula MT) Monday 25 Mar 1918 p 4 - <https://www.newspapers.com/image/328427734/>

Two Missoula women a few days ago returned from a pilgrimage which they had made of more than 3,500 miles. They went, as the only delegates of the Treasure State to Evansville, Ind., where they took a leading part in the first annual convention of a unique organization—the War Mothers of America.

In the Indiana city, Mrs. J. E. Power and Mrs. E. F. Wilburn, Missoula mothers of boys now fighting for their country in France, joined with other war mothers representing 31 states, in an inspiring three-day session. Several hundred of them, there were, and they were given the best that the city which was their host could give. They were banquetted. They heard addresses from prominent men, notably James Watson. They were greeted in special messages from President Wilson and Theodore Roosevelt, and when they left they felt sure that the fatigue of the long journey, and the hard work of making the convention a successful one, had been more than well worth their effort.

The Missoula and Montana representatives, by the way, did not come back to their homes unhonored. Mrs. Power was nominated for membership in the executive committee of the organization and Mrs. Wilburn served as a member of the committee on resolutions at the convention.

Service Flag Is Feature.

When they came back, too, they brought with them a product of the Garden city, which they had taken with them and carefully guarded—the service flag of the war mothers of this city. This honorable banner was the only one of its kind displayed at the convention, and it focussed the attention of delegates, of residents, and of officials of the state of Indiana and the city of Evansville upon the women of Montana. A hundred stars shine on this service flag, and beneath each star is painstakingly stitched the name of the boy whom it represents.

One of the stars represented Albert Tillman, a survivor of the sinking of the Tuscania, and this one star attracted the special attention of several of the war mothers there whose sons also sailed on that ship.

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“The Missoulian” (Missoula MT) Sunday 6 Oct 1918 p 9

C. Schreckendgust made a business trip to Lolo one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert C. Tillman have moved back to Florence where Mr. Tillman has taken a position at the planer.

The people around Florence will not oversleep now for they will be awakened by the shrill whistle of the Whaley Brothers planer which started operating Tuesday morning.

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FLORENCE-CARLTON.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Tillman and little daughter Mildred and Ralph Schreckendgust have returned from Grants Pass, Ore., where they have been for a short time. They are visiting at the N. J. Tillman home.

"The Missoulian" (Missoula MT) Sunday 1 Feb 1925 p 12

Albert Tillman of Florence, a survivor of the Tuscania sinking and other war experiences, was brought to the hospital Thursday and received treatment for a broken arm caused by a fall in the mountains near his home. He had difficulty in extricating himself from a windfall after the accident and was in a weak condition when he reached the nearest house, where he could get help to bring him to town.

"Butte (MT) Miner" Sunday 3 May 1925 p 13

Forest Ranger Charles Engbretson of the Florence district brought Albert Tillman to town Thursday evening for an injured arm. Mr. Tillman was working in an isolated part of the hills on Woodchuck creek, near Eight Mile, when he fell among some slippery poles of a windfall and suffered intensely.

Forest Ranger Charles Engbretson is Albert's brother-in-law – "The Missoulian" (Missoula MT) Monday 4 May 1925 p 3

Albert Tillman, an employee of the forest service, suffered a severe injury to his arm the latter part of the week while working in an isolated part of the hills in the vicinity of Woodchuck creek, near Eight Mile. He was brought to town by Forest Ranger Charles Engbretson, and is said to be getting along nicely at his home near here.

"Anaconda (MT) Standard" Thursday 7 May 1925 p 8

Albert Tillman had the misfortune to break his arm while crossing a creek on North Woodchuck by falling off a foot bridge.

"The Missoulian" (Missoula MT) Sunday 10 May 1925 p 8

Mr. and Mrs. Albert C. Tillman have moved into the Morris house for the winter.

"The Missoulian" (Missoula MT) Sunday 6 Dec 1925 p 7

Mr. and Mrs. Albert C. Tillman spent a week at the Fred Rankin home where Mr. Tillman was helping dig a well.

"The Missoulian" (Missoula MT) Saturday 20 Feb 1926 p 5

Charles Engbretson of the forest service spent the week-end with his family here.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Tillman have moved to Florence for the winter.

Miss Carrie Tillman is visiting friends in Missoula for a short time.

"The Missoulian" (Missoula MT) Tuesday 5 Oct 1926 p 3

Mr. and Mrs. Albert C. Tillman of Florence were in the city yesterday on their return from Los Angeles, Cal., where they spent the winter. They made the trip by motor, and report the highway in good condition except for places between Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, and Thompson Falls.

"The Missoulian" (Missoula MT) Tuesday 1 May 1928 p 3

Officers Are Installed

Odd Fellows and Rebekahs at Florence
Have Joint Installation.

Special to The Missoulian.

Florence, Jan 10.—Joint installation ceremonies were held by members of the I. O. O. F. and Rebekah lodges Saturday night. Dancing was enjoyed after the lodge session and a delicious supper was served.

New Rebekah officers are: Noble grand, Mabel Stewart; vice grand, Mildred Voss; warder, Nellie Larry; conductor, Lucy Korn; secretary, Neville Hendrickson; treasurer, Grace Wagner; right supporter to noble grand, Bryl Wagner; left support, Nellie Beach; right support to vice grand, Minna Duffy; left support to vice grand, Lue Townsend; chaplain, Elizabeth Howard; inside guardian, Naomi Hoblitt; outside guardian, Caroline Wagner.

Officers of the I. O. O. F. are: Noble grand, James Burton; vice grand, William Morris; warden, Charles Wagner; conductor, A. T. Hoblitt; secretary, Ralph Schrenkendgust; treasurer, P. W. Wagner; right support to noble grand, Frank Chattin; left supporter, Albert Tillman; right support to vice grand, Carl Erath; left supporter, Norman Korn; chaplain, John Miller; inside guardian, Albert Martin; outside guardian, Dewey Erath; right scene supporter, Harry Townsend; left scene supporter, Earl Hendrickson.

"The Missoulian" (Missoula MT) Friday 11 Jan 1929 p 7

Mrs. N. J. Tillman and son, Albert Tillman, motored to Hot Springs Sunday to visit with their son, and brother, Dr. J. V. Tillman.

"Montana Standard" (Butte MT) Saturday 12 Jul 1930 p 8

with her mother.

Albert Tillman returned last week from Conrad where he was employed in a garage for several months.

Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Tillman and Mrs. C. E. Engbretson returned Wednesday from a motor trip to Southern Idaho. They visited with Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Tillman and son, in Pocatello, while away.

"Montana Standard" (Butte MT) Monday 1 Sep 1930 p 12

L. C. Tillman of San Jose, Cal., who is visiting with friends and relatives here, spent several days during the week at Lake Ronan. He was accompanied on the trip by Albert Tillman and Lester Engbretson.

"Montana Standard" Monday 15 Jun 1931 p 8

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Tillman visited this week with Mrs. Tillman's sister, Mrs. Vernon Powell, and family, at Ronan.

"Montana Standard" (Butte MT) Monday 17 Aug 1931 p 5

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Tillman are planning on moving to Missoula the first of the week, where they will make their home on North Third street.

"The Missoulian" (Missoula MT) Monday 8 May 1933 p 2

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Tillman are building a house northwest of town.

Florence MT news: "The Missoulian" (Missoula MT) Sunday 10 Sep 1933 p 8

Jacob Wagner, Albert Tillman and Terry Pickering, who are with the state highway department, have been helping seal-coat the Blackfoot-Bonner road this week.

"The Missoulian" (Missoula MT) Monday 18 Oct 1937 p 5

One acre of land at Florence was deeded by the Florence School district to Albert C. Tillman. W. A. McElroy and others transferred lot 28, block 14, Sunnyside Orchards, near Stevensville, to Fred and Katie Fogel.

"Ravalli (MT) Republic" Thursday 11 Nov 1937 p 3

ORIN M. TILLMAN.

Funeral services for Orin M. Tillman, 67, Western Montana pioneer who passed away Wednesday evening, will be held at the Marsh & Powell chapel at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Rev. L. O. White will officiate. Burial will be in Missoula cemetery.

Mr. Tillman left here in 1906 for Alaska, returning here in 1922 from there.

Pallbearers will be Philip Waggoner, Oliver Lord, Albert Tillman, Irl Abbey and Earl Whitmore. Honorary pallbearers will be W. J. Babington, Dr. J. J. Flynn, Dave Graham, Frank and Dwight Mason.

Surviving him are his wife, Margaret; two boys, Everett and Elmer, both of California; a daughter, Hazel, of Portland; a brother, J. S. Tillman, of Pocatello, Idaho, and two sisters, Mrs. J. T. Green of Missoula, and Mrs. Lena Miser of Deer Lodge.

Pallbearer at funeral of paternal grandfather Orin M. Tillman – “The Missoulian” (Missoula MT) Friday 10 Dec 1937 p 16

Albert C. Tillman has resumed his position with the state highway commission.

“The Missoulian” (Missoula MT) Sunday 13 Mar 1938 p 7

Albert C. Tillman, an employe of the state highway department, resumed work Tuesday after being ill several days.

“The Missoulian” (Missoula MT) Tuesday 10 May 1938 p 5

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Tillman moved to their new home Sunday. The house vacated by Tillmans will be occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Vernon D. Powell and family.

"The Missoulain" (Missoula MT) Wednesday 1 Jun 1938 p 2

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Tillman of Hamilton spent Monday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Tillman.

"The Missoulain" (Missoula MT) Sunday 5 Jun 1938 p 13

Mr. and Mrs. Albert C. Tillman were in Hamilton Thursday and visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Tillman.

"The Missoulain" (Missoula MT) Sunday 13 Nov 1938 p 15

Mr. and Mrs. Albert C. Tillman motored to Hamilton Sunday and visited Mr. Tillman's mother, Mrs. Julia Tillman, who has been ill at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Tillman.

"The Missoulain" (Missoula MT) Sunday 19 Feb 1939 p 7

Rancher Captures Two Cubs in Field

Florence, June 21.—George Kirkpatrick captured twin cub bears on his ranch southwest of Florence Tuesday. Mr. Kirkpatrick is caring for the twins at his home.

Jacob Wagner, Albert Tillman and Terry Pickering, employes of the state highway, reported seeing a rare animal Tuesday when at work on highway No. 93 south of Florence. The animal proved to be a white gopher.

"The Missoulian" (Missoula MT) Thursday 22 Jun 1939 p 5

Family Reunion.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert C. Tillman were hosts at a family reunion dinner at their home Sunday. Those present were Mrs. Julia Tillman, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Tillman of Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. Lafe C. Tillman of San Jose, Cal., Mr. and Mrs. Robert O. Hooban, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Engbretson of Darby, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Eaheart of Missoula, Miss Carrie Tillman, Miss Eileen Hooban, Dr. James V. Tillman of Hot Springs, Earl Tillman and Homer Hooban.

This Tillman reunion was the first that had been held in 15 years.

"The Missoulian" (Missoula MT) Sunday 6 Aug 1939 p 13

Farewell Party At Florence for Brunbach Family

Florence, Sept. 16—Mr. and Mrs. Albert C. Tillman entertained Friday evening at a farewell party in honor of Mrs. Henry H. Brunbach, son, Clyde, and daughter, Alice, who departed for their home Saturday at Toppenish, Wash., after visiting with relatives and friends here for the past week.

Those joining with the Brunbach family for the evening were Mr. and Mrs. Vernon D. Powell, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Schreckendgust, Mrs. John A. Schreckendgust, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Foust, Wilma Allen, Marion Foust, Vivian Powell, Thelma Foust, Dorothy Maloney, Patricia Ann Allen, Dorah Schreckendgust, Phyllis Allen, Mary Ellen Schreckendgust, Bill Schreckendgust, Wayne Powell, Delbert Schreckendgust, Dee Powell, Carl Schreckendgust, Norman Allen, Gail Allen, John Schreckendgust, Jr., Elery Allen, Jimmy Schreckendgust and Mr. and Mrs. Tillman.

"The Missoulian" (Missoula MT) Sunday 17 Sep 1939 p 13

LEAVE FOR COLORADO.

Florence, Oct. 17.—Mr. and Mrs. John Schreckendgust and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Tillman and Miss Dlorah Schreckendgust left the first part of the week for Colorado where they will visit relatives.

"The Missoulian" (Missoula MT) Friday 18 Oct 1940 p 8

RETURN FROM COLORADO.

Florence, Nov. 3.—Mr. and Mrs. John Schreckendgust and Mr. and Mrs. Albert C. Tillman returned home Wednesday, after spending a month in Colorado with relatives.

“The Missoulian” (Missoula MT) Monday 4 Nov 1940 p 5

TILLMAN IN CITY.

Albert Tillman, Florence, employe of the state highway department, was in Missoula Tuesday.

“The Missoulian” (Missoula MT) Wednesday 4 Mar 1942 p 10

Family Reunion Marks 80th Birthday of Mrs. Julia Tillman

Six of the nine children of Mrs. Julia W. Tillman enjoyed a reunion at the home of her son and daughter-in-law, County Assessor and Mrs. Roy Tillman, Easter Sunday, the occasion honoring her 80th birthday which she observed Friday. Others present were Albert Tillman and Mrs. Robert Hoban, Florence; Miss Carrie Tillman, Mrs. Floyd Eabeart, Missoula; Dr. J. V. Tillman, Butte, and members of their families.

Mrs. Tillman, who was born April 3, 1862, in Central City, Colo., came to Montana with her parents on May 15, 1863. She is said to be Montana's oldest living pioneer in point of residence. She has lived in the Bitter Root since she was a girl and taught school in the upper Three Mile district near Stevensville before her marriage to the late Newton J. Tillman, former member of the board of county commissioners.

“Ravalli (MT) Republic” Thursday 9 Apr 1942 p 5

Florence-Carlton Grange Meets

Florence, Feb. 26.—The Florence-Carlton Grange met Wednesday evening with Master J. E. Hanson presiding. Obligation of the first and second degrees were given to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Tillman, John Schreckendgust and Stephen Anderson.

The dance given by the Grange February 17 was well attended. Music was furnished by Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Powell and Harold Schreckendgust.

The Ravalli county Pomona will be held at the Florence-Carlton gymnasium Saturday night, March 3. Lunch committee members are Hilda Wagner, Emma Hanson and Naomi Hoblitt.

"The Missoulian" (Missoula MT) Tuesday 27 Feb 1945 p 2

From Portland

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Blair and Mrs. Alice Tillman were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Price, 1629 South Eighth street, Wednesday evening on their way from Portland, Ore., to Florence, where they are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Albert Tillman.

"The Missoulian" (Missoula MT) Sunday 12 May 1946 p 9

Florence-Carlton Grange to Have Log Home in 1947

Hamilton, Feb. 13.—The Florence-Carlton Grange is to have a new log home of its own by Christmastime, John Hanson, Ravalli county Pomona master, said Wednesday. Nearly 300 logs have been cut in the hills and are to be brought to the site on the John Wagner place, as soon as hauling conditions permit. The building will be 36 by 70 feet in floor area and will be one story in height, with all modern conveniences for a social center.

Land for the hall has been donated by Mr. Wagner, Albert Tillman and Ed Martin, and is about three acres in extent. Peter Bugli is master of the Florence-Carlton Grange.

Homer Hansard Judged Top Fiddler

Homer Hansard of Polson won first in the third annual old-time fiddlers contest at the Missoula county high school auditorium Saturday night.

Second place winner was Carl Knaus of Alberton while Joe Carrier of Anaconda took third. Prizes were \$25, \$15 and \$10, respectively. The Orchard Homes Country Life club sponsored the event as it has in the past. Following the contest, there was square dancing at the clubhouse.

Mrs. Richard Dunton was in charge of the contest intermission program. On the program were songs by the Orchard Homes Woman's club chorus; dancing by Jimmy Koble, LeRoy Cole, Anna Dahlstrom, Carol Wicke, Marilyn Kinter and Marlene Waylett; a mule train specialty by Emma and her five mules, accompanied by Sharon Gibbs, and songs composed by Harry Johnson and sung by Harry Edwards, master of ceremonies.

Each contestant was allowed two and a half minutes to play a selection of his own choice, with an accompanist. The 10 judged best were chosen to play another composition, each without accompaniment. Fiddlers entered in the contest numbered 34 and came from almost all parts of western Montana. Accompanists were Mr. Edwards and Hazel Bradley on piano and Al Goodan, bass fiddler. Judges were Pat Barden, Jack Lanier and Emerson Miller of Missoula; Albert C. Tillman of Florence, and Bud Kenniston of Orchard Homes.

Music at the square dancing was furnished by the contestants, and Pat Barden, Jack Hansas and Charles Hetler were callers. Approximately 1,200 persons attended the contest.



Area Residents Recall Sinking of Tuscania

Victor—A reminder of the sinking of the Tuscania on Feb. 5, 1918, during World War I, is vividly remembered by the survivors and relatives of those lost at this time. Elmer Cowan, star athlete of the Victor high school has a large circle of relatives here. Marcus Cook of Como was among those lost. Also among the 20th Engineers' division on that ill-fated ship were survivors, J. E. Babbitt and L. B. Watters of Victor and Albert Tillman, Florence.

“Ravalli (MT) Republic” Wednesday 4 Feb 1959 p 1

Fifty Year Club Meets Today In Stevensville

STEVENSVILLE — More than 200 members of the Bitter Root Fifty Year Club are expected to attend the 20th annual get-together here Sunday, Earl Buck, Stevensville, two-term 1955-56 and 1958-59 president, said.

The group, composed of persons who have lived in the valley for 50 years and those who started residence here 50 years ago and are making their home in other localities to return here to complete the 50 years will meet at the grade school cafeteria for a 1 p.m. covered-dish dinner.

The invocation will be given by the Rev. Glen E. Harris, pastor of the Stevensville Methodist Church. Old-time music will be played.

"Early Montana History" will be the theme of Harold Hagen, Stevensville, guest speaker.

Mrs. Bessie K. Monroe, Hamilton, will give excerpts on biography materials gathered on pioneer residents of the valley. Mrs. Phyllis Twogood, Sula, will report on cover material for the data gathered, and business will include election of officers for the 1959-60 term.

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Other officers serving for this year have included Mrs. John Gow, Florence, vice president; Mrs. Grover Stuart, Stevensville, secretary and Mrs. Minnie Coughenour, Stevensville, treasurer. On the board of directors are Frank Rummell, Hamilton; Albert Tillman, Florence; J. E. Babbitt, Victor; L. E. Stanley, Corvallis, and Grover Stuart, Stevensville.

Origin of the club dates back to Feb. 14, 1940 when the late E. E. Hart decided to call a get-together of old timers for the purpose of organization. The group of approximately 80 met at the Darby Clubhouse to organize with N. E. (Than) Wilkerson named as first president.

Towns included in the membership area begin with Florence on the north, named for an early Missoula woman, Mrs. A. B. Hammond; Stevensville, site of

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Fifty Year Club

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"St. Mary's Village" of 1841, named for Governor Isaac I. Stevens of the then Washington territory; Victor, for Chief Victor Charlot of the Salish Tribe; Corvallis, "Heart of the Valley" after it was first called "Sunflower City"; Hamilton, founded and named by Marcus Daly I for his land agent, James Hamilton; Darby, named by the first postmaster, James W. Darby, in the year of its founding, 1888, and Sula, named for the daughter Ursula of the first postmaster in that locality, which is the last stop on the south end of the valley.

Conner, also a wayside post office just off U.S. Highway 93, was named for Aaron Conner, first representative in the State Legislature after Ravalli County was formed in 1893 from Missoula County. Grantsdale was named by its founder, H. H. Grant, who established the hamlet in 1882.

Refreshments will be provided by the club, officials said.

Florence Group Not For Joining Stevi

Florence—More than 100 persons interested in keeping a high school here met for a special meeting Friday night and named a committee to represent their views.

Committee members are Albert Tillman, Lloyd Heggen, Bill Heikenen, John Hendrickson and Duane Zieler.

There had been a proposal to consolidate the Florence-Carlton high school district with Stevensville high school. The new high school bond issue recently passed at Stevensville would reportedly provide enough space for a merger with perhaps the addition of one room. Florence - Carlton enrollment is between 50 and 60 students.

County Supt. C. D. Haynes attended the meeting and explained the elementary and high school district arrangement in the districts.

Petitions in favor of keeping the district independent were signed following the meeting.

U-Boat Sinks the Tuscania

6-A—The Missoulian, Sunday, January 31, 1965



MARCUS COOK, who lost his life in the sinking of the S.S. Tuscania in 1918 was a student of Montana State University when he enlisted in the Army in World War I. In his memory, one of the wooden buildings erected at MSU during the war as a barracks was named Marcus Cook Hall. It served for many years as home of the School of Journalism. The building was torn down two years ago.



ALBERT C. TILLMAN of Florence, who tells the story of the sinking of the Tuscania 47 years ago, posed in his doughboy uniform before leaving for overseas in World War I.

(Editor's Note: To most people the night of Feb. 5 holds no particular significance this year, but to Albert C. Tillman of Florence it will bring back unpleasant memories, as it will mark the 47th anniversary of the sinking of the troop transport *Tuscania* off the coast of Scotland in the north channel of the Irish Sea in World War I. It was a tragic night, when Tillman came close to losing his life. Almost 50 of his Army buddies did lose theirs. This is his story in his own words.)

By ALBERT C. TILLMAN

"It is now almost 47 years since the torpedoing of the British troop ship *Tuscania* during World War I and many of the details have been dimmed by the march of time, and many of the men who were fortunate enough to survive along with myself, have long since crossed the Great Divide.

In the latter part of 1917 the War Department had organized a unit of the American Expeditionary Forces to be designated as the 20th Engineers Forestry Regiment to be used for the purpose of cutting and milling of lumber and timber in the Pyrenees mountains of southern France. Timbers and wood products for the war effort were in short supply at that time.

Almost 20,000

This 20th Engineers consisted of almost 20,000 men who were recruited on a volunteer basis from all parts of the USA. A small detachment from Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana had enlisted in December and was sent to Ft. George Wright to be sworn in. We were

morning. All troops were kept aboard ship in the harbor where a convoy was being organized for the trip overseas. On Jan. 26 we sailed for Europe in a convoy consisting of another troop ship, the *Baltic*, which was also loaded with troops of the 20th Engineers Regiment, a battleship and eight destroyers surrounding us headed for Liverpool, England.

British Vessel

The *Tuscania* was a British ship manned by a British crew; a fine ship, double stacker and carrying 3,000 American troops. The shortest route to Liverpool was south of Ireland and through the south channel of the Irish Sea but in an effort to fool the U boats we took the long way around and came in through the north channel of the Irish Sea. The same formation of convoy held constant all the way with the *Baltic* a quarter mile to our right and somewhat in advance of the *Tuscania*, with the battle wagon in front and the destroyers riding to port, starboard, and rear. During the trip across the Atlantic a British fireman on the ship came up topside to visit with us several times after he got off shift and he told us he had been working on ships between Liverpool and New York ever since the war began and had been aboard five different ships that had been sunk by German U Boats but had been lucky enough to escape with his life each time. He said that the average ship hit by a torpedo went down in from three to 15 minutes. He said the English Channel had been a favorite place for German U Boats to lay in wait for Allied ships and

had set in around the decks and out over the sea.

Mess time had arrived for the 3,000 men aboard ship. All had come up on deck to await their turn in the mess hall. Hundreds were standing in the hallways on the waterline floor waiting for the second bell to signal them into the mess hall. About this time someone spoke to me and as I was turning to answer them, but never did for at that instant old Fritz cut loose and there was no mistake about what had happened, for all the lights went out instantly amid what sounded like the crashing of a thousand glass windows or bottles along with the terrific sound of an explosion which seemed to come from the starboard side of the ship.

I can remember seeing men who were halfway up on their feet before the lights went out, and you may be sure that we did not stay for supper. Everyone was groping in the dark trying to find that stairway leading up to the boat deck and everyone seemed to be saying "Take it easy now and don't crowd." Then someone asked for a flashlight and several seemed to flash on to help us find our way up to our appointed stations at the lifeboat deck.

Tangle of Gear

But what a mess. About half the boats had gone up in the air with the force of the explosion and had come to rest upside down and crosswise in their moorings with rigging tangled and broken. We tried launching some of them by hand but this proved to be almost impossible with the limited space we had to work in.

wright to be sworn in. We were sent immediately to Washington, D.C. My company consisted of four other boys from the Bitter Root: Elmer Cowan, James Babbitt and Lawrence Watters of Victor, and Marcus Cook of Como, after whom Cook Hall at Montana State University later was named.

Also in our company was George Frisbie of Spokane who in later years became a well known manufacturer of food products in Spokane.

We arrived in Washington, D.C., Dec. 19 and were quartered at Ft. Meyer Va., for a short period before embarking on the Tuscania Jan. 24, 1918. From New York Harbor we sailed to Halifax, Nova Scotia, arriving there early the next

day in wait for Allied ships and recently had been taking a heavy toll of them. He said Fritz was after the Tuscania particularly because it had managed to elude them so often. We had boat drill each day learning to launch the lifeboats which were conveniently placed along the upper deck and each squad of men knew where their boat was located. A stairway led down to the waterline floor in the long hallway that led to the mess halls toward the front of the ship.

It was now the 13th day that we had been aboard ship and we had expected to reach Liverpool the next morning and all seemed to be going fine on this evening of Feb. 5; it was the hour of 5:45 p.m. and darkness

space we had to work in.

By this time several British trawlers had received our ship's distress signal and some were already alongside giving us a helping hand with our troubles. Those British seamen were certainly well trained in their work and soon they had evacuated several hundred men from the decks of the Tuscania, but when one of the trawlers accidentally got too close to the big ship and bumped her sides the old captain ordered it moved further away for safety.

Someone had tied a rope to the rail on the starboard side of the Tuscania which dropped down to a lifeboat on the water and a sergeant from my company by the name of Wayne Bell hollered across the deck

for us to come and get in this boat.

One by one we went over the side and slid down the rope and into the lifeboat which was already full of men, some of whom were being transferred from the boat to the deck of the trawler. Soon the captain of the trawler shouted "We have a load but we'll be back after you," and pulled away from the stricken ship.

As the *Tuscania* was by this time listing heavily to starboard and looked like she was about to take her last heave to the bottom and we had a full load of men in the lifeboat we decided to row out to sea and away from the big ship before it went down and took us along with it. We were near Rathlin Island about 10 miles off the Irish Coast and 18 miles off the Scottish Coast. None of the men aboard our boat had any sea experience but we did have a couple of boys from Oregon who had worked on fishing boats, and they knew enough to keep the bow of the boat toward the waves and let her drift.

Lucky Miss

We could see a light in the distance and we were all hoping that we could manage some way to reach the area of that light. We found out afterward that this was a lighthouse for the purpose of keeping all ships away from a rocky coastline, and lucky it was that we were late in getting away from the sinking ship and hadn't time to reach that light before we were picked up and taken aboard the English trawler "Elf King" from Larne, Ireland. Our fate otherwise most certainly would have been the same as was that of 46 men out of my company who did reach the rocky coast of Scotland in a

My choppy unchartered cruise in the lifeboat that night is one I shall never forget. We had some 40 men aboard a leaky craft and nothing with which to bail out water but our felt campaign hats that were a component of the Army uniform at that time. The water seemed to come in and stay about half knee deep at that level despite our efforts to bail it out, for it looked like a case of bail water or sink, so bail we did and when the hat I was using became soft and disintegrated from the salt water I found no trouble in borrowing another one from one of my fellow passengers.

Drain Plug Out

After a couple of hours of this a fellow named Perry said he thought there must be a hole in the boat and asked some of the men to move their feet so he could feel around and sure enough the drain plug was out of the bottom of the boat, then he borrowed several handkerchiefs, wadded them up together and stuffed them into the hole and put his foot over the hole and this made a wonderful difference in the bailing situation.

British trawlers from ports along the Irish coast proved to be on the job cruising quietly on the inky water looking for lifeboats while using no lights of any kind in their search. They seemed to have an uncanny way of detecting their presence in the darkness. Finally one of them quietly slipped up beside our lifeboat from apparently nowhere; called to us in the darkness telling us not to be alarmed, that they were British seamen and had come to rescue us. Someone in our boat had cried

company and then the rocky coast of Scotland in another lifeboat, only to be dashed to death on the rocks by the turbulent waves in the darkness.

Beside Marcus Cook and Elmer Cowan whom I knew so well since we were kids together in the Bitter Root there were many other faces from my outfit that I never saw again. We learned that the dead were all picked up later along the coast as their bodies washed ashore and were buried on the Isle of Islay, a small island near Port Ellen, Scotland. These were since moved back to the States.

Someone in our boat had cried out "Submarine" but the crew of the trawler soon allayed our fears and they immediately tossed a rope to each end of our boat pulling it directly up against the side of the trawler and the English sailors began reaching down over the rail, grabbing hands and pulling men up on to the deck.

When I first hit that deck I could hardly walk for the first few steps as I seemed to have no feet under me from being in the cold water for so long but soon got going again and we learned from the ship's crew that the Tuscania had gone down at 8:30 that night.

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Rapid Turnover

In the June 2 issue of The Missoulian, under the Opinions of Readers column, appeared a letter from Mr. Byron B. Wolfe, prominent western artist of Kansas City, Mo., which had been forwarded by Dr. Van Kirk Nelson of Kalispell.

Of course everyone has a right to his or her own opinion, Mr. Wolfe included. He says that what Montana contemplates doing to Mike Kennedy is enough to make Charley Russell turn over in his grave.

But in my opinion Mr. Wolfe

missed the main cause as to the reason for such a turn-over. It was not so much the loss of Mr. Kennedy from the Montana Historical Society but the fact that so many of Russell's fine paintings are no longer in the Montana Historical Society or the state of Montana he loved so well.

I will venture to say that if what Mr. Wolfe says is really true (and no doubt it is) such splendid artists as Charles M. Russell and Edgar L. Paxson have already turned over in their graves several times. —
Albert C. Tillman, Florence.

Letter to the editor - "The Missoulian" (Missoula MT) Sunday 12 Jun 1966 p 4

Wife Eva Pearl Waddington:- marriage annulled

No. 4751

MARRIAGE LICENSE

STATE OF MONTANA,
COUNTY OF MISSOULA,

TO ANY PERSON AUTHORIZED TO SOLEMNIZE MARRIAGES—GREETING:

You are hereby authorized to join in lawful wedlock and celebrate within this County the rites and ceremonies of Marriage between
Albert E. Tillman a man, whose color is white
whose residence is Florence, Mont. ; whose age is 31 years.
Born at Florence County of avalli and
State of Montana and who has not been previously married or divorced.
His Father's Christian and Surname is Hewton J. Tillman
His Mother's Christian and Maiden name was Julia R. Ahaley
and Eva Pearl Haddington a woman, whose color is white , whose residence
is Florence, Mont ; whose age is 21 years.
Born at Noville County of Hoodberry and
State of Iowa and who has not been previously married or divorced.
Her Father's Christian and Surname is Lee Haddington
Her Mother's Christian and Maiden name was Hattie Richardson

Both parties being legally competent to enter into such contract of marriage. And this shall be your good and sufficient warrant therefor.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal,

this 18th day of June A. D. 1919

H. M. Raww

Clerk District Court.

By L. M. Robertson

Deputy.

MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE

STATE OF MONTANA,
COUNTY OF MISSOULA,

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, That the undersigned, a Presbyterian Minister
did, on the Eighteenth day of June A. D. 1919
at _____ in the said County of Missoula and State of Montana,
join in lawful wedlock Albert E. Tillman
and Eva Pearl Haddington with their mutual consent.

In the presence of

L. E. Engbretson
and Mrs. Fay Hallin

Witnesses.

WITNESS my hand this 18th day of June 1919

John Norman Maclean D.D.
First Presbyterian Church

Filed for Record this 30th day of June 1919, at 2:45 o'clock P.M.

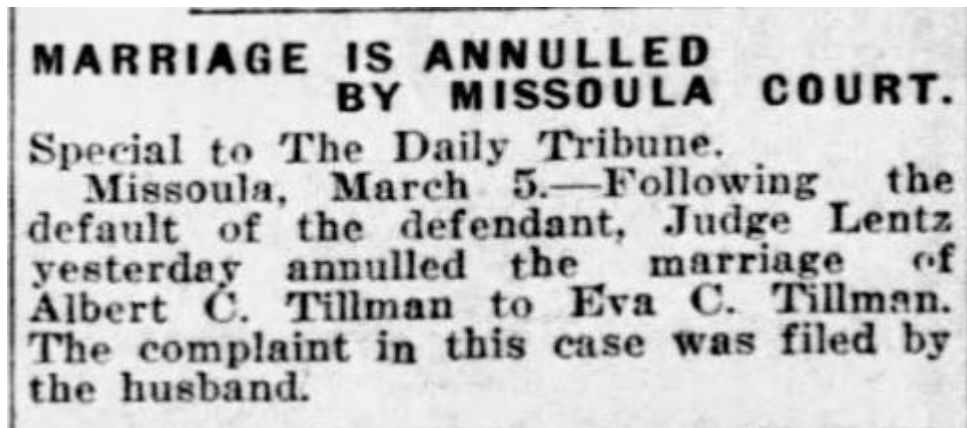
H. M. Raww

Clerk District Court.

By Frank J. Jones

Deputy.

marriage on 18 Jun 1919 in Missoula Co. MT to Eva Pearl Waddington -
https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/61578/images/48279_555339-00360?pld=315282



Annulment of marriage, petitioned by Albert, to Eva 4 Mar 1920 – “Great Falls (MT) Tribune”
Saturday 6 Mar 1920 p 4 - <https://www.newspapers.com/image/237983329/>

Charles Daniel Is Summoned

Lived in Whitehall for 56 Years

WHITEHALL, Feb. 2.—Charles O. Daniel, 57, well-known resident of Whitehall for many years and a veteran of World War I, died early Saturday morning at his home here following a lingering illness.

Mr. Daniel was born in Pallsade, Neb., Dec. 7, 1888, the son of Solomon and Elsie Daniel. In 1889 the family came to Whitehall, where Mr. Daniel lived throughout his lifetime with the exception of the time he spent in the nation's armed forces during World War I.

He entered the service May 29, 1918, and served until March 29, 1919, as a member of the 364th infantry, 91st division. He landed in Europe in July, 1918, and was wounded Sept. 26 during the battle of the Argonne. He was invalided home in February of the following year.

Prior to and following his war service, Mr. Daniel followed the occupation of teamster and well driller. He was a member of the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Mr. Daniel was married June 17, 1921, to Eva Pearl Waddington of Missoula.

He is survived by his wife; a stepdaughter, Maxine Vergeren, and her husband; four sisters, Ora Ball of Missoula, and Delta Davenport, Lulu Tidball and Pearl Shrauger, all of Whitehall, and several brothers and sisters-in-law, nephews and nieces.

The body is at Scott's funeral home. Funeral services will be conducted at 3:15 o'clock Monday afternoon in the high school gymnasium with the Rev. E. H. Wendland of Deer Lodge officiating. Veterans of Foreign Wars will conduct services at the graveside in Whitehall cemetery.

Eva Pearl Jendresen

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

<u>Detail</u>	Source
Name:	Eva Pearl Jendresen [Eva Pearl Waddington]
Social Security #:	516308692
Gender:	Female
Birth Date:	5 Mar 1898
Birth Place:	Iowa
Death Date:	7 Sep 1983
Death Place:	San Diego
Mother's Maiden Name:	Richardson
Father's Surname:	Waddington

CA death record of Eva Pearl Waddington Tillman Jendresen -
<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/3648523:5180?ssrc=pt&tid=6287568&pid=262101834089>

E. Jendresen

in the U.S., Social Security Death Index, 1935-2014

<u>Detail</u>	Source
Name:	E. Jendresen [Eva Pearl Jendresen] [Eva Pearl Waddington]
Social Security Number:	516-30-8692
Birth Date:	5 Mar 1898
Issue year:	Before 1951
Issue State:	Montana
Last Residence:	92001, Alpine, San Diego, California, USA
Death Date:	Sep 1983

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/30587650:3693>

**IOWA STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
DIVISION OF VITAL STATISTICS
Delayed Certificate of Birth**

0 7 7 9 0 5

Full name at birth Eva Pearl Waddington Date of birth March 5th, 1898 Sex female
(Month) (Day) (Year)

Birthplace Moville Woodbury Iowa Color or Race white
(City or Town) (County) (State)

Father: Name Lee Waddington Birthplace Sioux City, Iowa
(State or Country)

Mother: Name Hattie Richardson Birthplace - Illinois
(State or Country)

Affidavit: I hereby declare upon oath that the above statements are true.

Signature Eva Pearl Waddington Address Whitehall, Montana
(To be signed by registrant if possible)

Subscribed and sworn to before me on March 16, 1942

My commission expires on January 2nd, 1945
(SEAL)

Applicant—do not write below this line.

NOTARY PUBLIC in and for the State of Montana
Residing at Whitehall, Jefferson County, Montana

ABSTRACT OF SUPPORTING EVIDENCE		Date original document was made
Name and kind of document, and by whom issued and signed		
1 MARRIAGE LICENSE		JUNE 18, 1921
2 SCHOOL RECORD		1904
3 BAPTISMAL RECORD		APRIL 3, 1910
4 VOTING RECORD		FEB. 15, 1923

Information Concerning Registrant as Stated in Documents

	Birth date or age	Birthplace	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
1	23 years old			
2	7 years old			
3	MARCH 5, 1898			
4	24 years old			

Additional information:

Statement of Reviewing Official

I certify that no prior certificate has been found in the State Bureau of Vital Statistics for this registrant and that documentary evidence has been seen and read which substantiates the facts as set forth in the foregoing abstract.

Signature [Signature] M.D. John L. Dinning M.D.
Date MAR 20 1942 Date MAR 20 1942
(Director, Division of Vital Statistics) signed filed

5031-12-27-41

This form recommended by the U. S. Bureau of the Census.

IA delayed birth record filed 20 Mar 1942 - <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/78139:61441>

Wife Bertha Ellen Schreckendgust:



Bertha Ellen Schreckendgust Tillman – Find A Grave 1308322431922

The newly-elected officers of Center Rebekah Lodge, No. 17, were installed at the regular meeting on Wednesday evening, January 7.

The chose officers are as follows: Noble grand, Mrs. Martha Schafer; vice grand, Mrs. Emily Korns; secretary, Mrs. Ella Daniels; treasurer, Mrs. Hannah Hendrickson; chaplain, Mrs. Grace Smith; warden, Mrs. Lou Townsend; conductor, Miss Lucile Stout; right support of N. G., Mrs. Hannah Hendrickson; left supporter of N. G., Mrs. Naomi Hoblett; right supporter of vice grand, Mrs. Ella M. Phipps; left supporter of vice grand, Mrs. Nannie Welch; past noble rand, Miss Ellen Schreckendgust; inside guardian, Mr. Ralph Schreckendgust; outside guardian, Mr. W. G. Schafer.

At the conclusion of the business session a substantial lunch was served, which was much enjoyed by all present.

"The Missoulain" (Missoula MT) Sunday 11 Jan 1920 p 5

No. 5467

MARRIAGE LICENSE

STATE OF MONTANA, }
COUNTY OF MISSOULA, }

TO ANY PERSON AUTHORIZED TO SOLEMNIZE MARRIAGES—GREETING:

You are hereby authorized to join in lawful wedlock and celebrate within this County the rites and ceremonies of Marriage between
Albert C. Tillman a man, whose color is white
whose residence is Glenn, Montana, whose age is 33 years.
Born at Glenn, County of Ravalli and
State of Montana, and who has been previously married and divorced.
His Father's Christian and Surname is Anton J. Tillman.
His Mother's Christian and Maiden name was Julia Phaley.
and Ellen Schreckengust a woman, whose color is white, whose residence
is Glenn, Mont, whose age is 21 years.
Born at Platteville, County of _____ and
State of Colorado, and who has not been previously married or divorced.
Her Father's Christian and Surname is John Schreckengust.
Her Mother's Christian and Maiden name was Bertha Doar.
Both parties being legally competent to enter into such contract of marriage. And this shall be your good and sufficient warrant
therefor.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal,

this 26th day of April A. D. 1921

H. M. Rawn

Clerk District Court.

By Don Norden

Deputy.

MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE

STATE OF MONTANA, }
COUNTY OF MISSOULA, }

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, That the undersigned, a Clergyman
did, on the 26th day of April A. D. 1921
at Church of the Holy Spirit in the said County of Missoula and State of Montana,
join in lawful wedlock Albert Clarence Tillman
and Bertha Ellen Schreckendgust with their mutual consent.

In the presence of
Ralph L. Schreckendgust }
and Borgana A. Tillman } Witnesses.

WITNESS my hand this 26th day of April 1921
Henry S. Gathers, Pastor
Church of the Holy Spirit

Filed for Record this 30th day of April 1921, at 9 o'clock A. M.
H. M. Rawns
Clerk District Court.
By Frank J. Jones Deputy.

MT marriage on 21 Apr 1926 to Bertha Ellen Schreckendgust in a Catholic ceremony -
https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/315987:61578?tid=&pid=&queryId=63887c9a39c523717e326b26019144a0&_phsrc=hFB62488&_phstart=successSource

Farewell Party Tendered Service Man on Furlough

Florence, April 17.—Mrs. Vernon Powell and Mrs. Albert Tillman were hostesses at a farewell party honoring their brother, PFC Ben Schreckendgust, stationed at Gilroy, Cal.

Those enjoying the evening with the honored guest were: Mr. and Mrs. John A. Schreckendgust, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Tillman, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Schreckendgust, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Powell, Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Wagner, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Olsen, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Wagner, Miss Ruth Wayman, Vivian Powell, Delorah Schreckendgust, Pauline Powell, Adrain Olsen, Wayne and Dee Powell. Lunch was served at midnight.

"The Missoulian" (Missoula MT) Sunday 18 Apr 1943 p 14

Child: of Pearl Eva Waddington

VS3 #49,259
4-25-83

STATE COPY

MONTANA

CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

83 1533

STATE FILE NUMBER

LOCAL FILE NUMBER

DECEDENT

1 NAME FIRST MIDDLE LAST
MAXINE FAY VEGOREN

2 SEX
FEMALE

3 DATE OF DEATH (Mo., Day, Yr.)
MARCH 26, 1983

4 RACE (White, Black, American Indian, etc. (Specify))
WHITE

5 AGE - Last Birthday (Years, Mo., Days)
46 3

6 DATE OF BIRTH (Mo., Day, Yr.)
DECEMBER 25, 1919

7 COUNTY OF DEATH
RAVALLI

8 CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION OF DEATH
HAMILTON

9 HOSPITAL OR OTHER INSTITUTION - Name (If not in state, give street and number)
DALY MEM. HOSPITAL

10 STATE OF BIRTH (If not in U.S.A.)
MISSOURI, MONTANA

11 CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY
U.S.A.

12 MARRIED, NEVER MARRIED, WIDOWED, DIVORCED (Specify)
MARRIED

13 SURVIVING SPOUSE (If wife, give maiden name)
RAY VEGOREN

14 SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER
516-46-6438

15 USUAL OCCUPATION (Give kind of work done during past 12 months)
HOME MAKER

16 KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY
DOMESTIC

17 WAS DECEDENT EVER IN U.S. ARMED FORCES (Specify Yes or No)
NO

18 RESIDENCE - STATE
MONTANA

19 COUNTY
RAVALLI

20 CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION
HAMILTON

21 PRECEDENT CITY LIMITS (Specify Yes or No)
YES

22 STREET AND NUMBER
1404 N. 2ND

23 FATHER - NAME FIRST MIDDLE LAST
ALBERT C. TILLMAN

24 MOTHER - MAIDEN NAME FIRST MIDDLE LAST
EVA PEARL WADDINGTON

25 INFORMANT - NAME (Type or Print)
RAY VEGOREN (HUSBAND)

26 MAILING ADDRESS - STREET OR R.F.D. NO. CITY OR TOWN STATE ZIP
604 N. 2ND HAMILTON, MONTANA 59840

27 CEMETERY OR CREMATORY - NAME
RIVERVIEW CEMETERY

28 LOCATION
HAMILTON MONTANA

29 BURIAL, CREMATION, REMOVAL, OTHER (Specify)
BURIAL

30 MORTUARY OR OTHER - NAME AND ADDRESS
DOWLING FUNERAL HOME - P.O. BOX 666 - HAMILTON, MONT. 59840

31 DATE OF DISPOSITION (Month, Day, Year)
MARCH 29, 1983

32 PERSON IN CHARGE OF DISPOSITION
EDDIE G. LEACH

33 LICENSE NUMBER
#315

34 To be Completed by CERTIFYING PHYSICIAN Only
23a. To the best of my knowledge, death occurred at the time, date and place and due to the cause(s) stated.
DATE SIGNED (Month, Day, Year)
MARCH 28, 1983
HOUR OF DEATH
APPROX. 4:30 P. M.

35 To be Completed by CORONER Only
23a. On the basis of examination and/or investigation, in my opinion death occurred at the time, date and place and due to the cause(s) stated.
DATE SIGNED (Month, Day, Year)
MARCH 28, 1983
HOUR OF DEATH
M

36 NAME OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN IF OTHER THAN CERTIFIER (Type or Print)
DR. STEPHEN ELLIS

37 PRONOUNCED DEAD (Mo., Day, Yr.)
M

38 NAME AND ADDRESS OF CERTIFIER (PHYSICIAN OR CORONER) (Type or Print)
1140 WESTWOOD DR. HAMILTON, MONTANA 59840

39 LOCAL REGISTRAR
Josephine Iken Telford

40 DATE RECEIVED BY LOCAL REGISTRAR (Mo., Day, Yr.)
March 28, 1983

41 PART I - IMMEDIATE CAUSE - (ENTER ONLY ONE CAUSE PER LINE FOR (a), (b), AND (c))
(a) ACUTE MI
(b) ASCVD
(c) DUE TO, OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF

42 PART II - OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS - (Conditions contributing to death but not related to cause given in Part I)
AUTOPSY (Specify Yes or No)
NO

43 ACCIDENT, SUICIDE, HOMICIDE, UNSETTLED
DATE OF INJURY (Mo., Day, Yr.)
HOUR OF INJURY
DESCRIBE HOW INJURY OCCURRED

44 INJURY AT WORK (Specify Yes or No)
PLACE OF INJURY - (If home, farm, street, factory, office, building, etc. (Specify))
LOCATION: STREET OR R.F.D. NO. CITY OR TOWN STATE

45

4113

322x

411

DISPOSITION

1

CERTIFIER

410x

CAUSE OF DEATH

Bureau of Records and Statistics, Montana Department of Health and Environmental Sciences
1978 Revision

MT death record of daughter Maxine Fay Tillman Vegoren (1919-1983) –
<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/76147135:5437>

Maxine Vegoren—

Maxine Fay Vegoren, 64, died Saturday afternoon at her residence in Hamilton of an apparent heart attack.

She was born Dec. 25, 1919 in Missoula. She moved with her parents, E.Z. and Mary Jackson Morse, to Big Sandy where she started school and later moved to Missoula and then to Hamilton, where she graduated from high school.

She married Ray Vegoren in Stevensville on Aug. 22, 1937. The couple has resided in Hamilton.

She was a member of the Hamilton American Legion Auxillary and served several years with the Ravalli County Election Board working with elections.

She is survived by her husband, Ray, of the family home on North Second Street; one son, Jim of Hamilton; three grandchildren; and her mother, Pearl Jendresen of Alpine, Calif. She was preceded in death by two sons.

Funeral services will be conducted Tuesday at 2 p.m. at the Dowling Chapel with Pastor William

Darby. The Rev. James Burns will officiate.

The family suggests memorials to be sent to a charity of the donor's choice.

"Ravalli (MT) Republic" Monday 28 Mar 1983 p 2

Maxine Fay Vegoren

HAMILTON — Maxine Fay Vegoren, 64, died Saturday at her home in Hamilton of an apparent heart attack.

She was born Dec. 25, 1919, in Missoula. She moved with her parents, Edward and Mary Jackson Morse, to Big Sandy where she started school. Later she moved to Missoula and then to Hamilton where she graduated from high school.

She married Ray Vegoren in Stevensville on Aug. 22, 1937. The couple lived in Hamilton.

She was a member of the Hamilton American Legion Auxiliary and she worked with the Ravalli County Election Board for several years.

Survivors include her husband; one son, Jim, Hamilton; her natural mother, Pearl Jendresen, Alpine, Calif.; and three grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sons.

Funeral services will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. at the Dowling Chapel with the Rev. William Springstead officiating. Burial will follow at the Riverview Cemetery in Hamilton. Friends may call at the funeral home Monday from 7 to 9 p.m.

The family suggests memorials to Marcus Daly Memorial Hospital, Hamilton, or the heart fund.

"The Missoulain" (Missoula MT) Monday 28 Mar 1983 p 10

Red Cross Nursing Course Completed

Stevensville. — More than 40 women have completed the Red Cross home nursing course in Stevensville and Florence recently. They will be awarded certificates by the Red Cross, it was announced.

They were Mrs. Don McFadgen, Mrs. K. D. Stevenson, Beulah Cook, Mrs. Frank Sullivan, Mrs. Robert Winans, Mrs. Leo Cook, Mrs. E. W. Wilburn, Mrs. Charles Goffe, Mrs. Leonard Jarecki, Mrs. Claude Kelly, Mrs. Sam Kelly, Ada Huback, Mrs. Robert Irvine, Mrs. D. T. Vallance, Helen Zenke, Mrs. Nick Dahman, Mrs. Leonard Dahman, Betty Ann Kirlin, Mrs. Frank Williamson, Mrs. Howard VanVliet, Mrs. Fred Longpre and Mrs. Dayton Lockridge, all of Stevensville.

Mrs. Edward K. Wright, Mrs. John Crump, Irene Parson, Mrs. Howard L. Compton, Bertha Koch, Sallie Bigelow, Margaret Gow, Mrs. Jonn Gow, Rema Oliver, Lydia Long, Mrs. Raymond Wherley Mrs. E. W. Johnston, Mrs. George Adams, Hilda Martin, Mrs. Ben Schreckendgust, Mrs. Albert Tillman, Mrs. Goldie Wimple, Beatrice Whitehead, Mrs. G. G. McPhee, Mrs. Walter Pollett and Lydia Woodbury, all of Florence.

Completing the instructors' training course were Verna M. Jones, Alberta L. Stevenson and Maude Lockridge.

The course instructors for Florence were Mrs. Jones and Mrs. L. M. Udem. Stevensville instructors were Mrs. Stevenson and Mrs. Lockridge.

New classes are to begin in Florence Monday, with afternoon and evening sessions. Instructors there will be Mrs. Udem and Mrs. Jones. New Stevensville classes are to be announced later.

"The Missoulia" (Missoula MT) Thursday 26 Jul 1951 p 6

Child: by Bertha Ellen Schreckendgust



Daughter Mildred Ellen Tillman (1922-1925) – Find A Grave 55408517

A daughter was born Sunday night
in the Thornton hospital to Mr. and
Mrs. Albert Tillman of Florence.

"The Missoulian" (Missoula MT) Tuesday 13 Jun 1922 p 3

CHILD IS BURIED.

FLORENCE, Aug. 16.—A large gathering of friends and relatives attended the funeral of little Mildred Ellen Tillman Wednesday afternoon. The little girl, only child of Mr. and Mrs. Albert C. Tillman of this place, was born at Missoula June 11, 1922, and died here Monday after an illness of only a few hours in spite of all efforts of attending physicians to save her life.

Services were conducted in the community church at Carlton at 2 o'clock by the Rev. P. D. Hartman. A duet composed of Mrs. V. V. Smith and Mrs. Lillian Wemple sang "Some Sweet Day," "Safe in the Arms of Jesus" and "Abide With Me." Mrs. C. O. Westby was the accompanist.

The pallbearers, uncles of the deceased, were Ralph and Harold Schreckendgust and Earl and Dr. James Tillman. Four little girls, Christine and Ethelyn Wagner, Belle Howland and Melba Koons, served as flower bearers at the services. Interment was in Carlton cemetery.

OBITUARY

MILDRED ELLEN TILLMAN.

Funeral services in memory of Mildred Ellen Tillman of Florence were conducted at the Carlton church yesterday afternoon by Rev. P. D. Hartman. She was the 3-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Tillman of Florence and died Monday after a brief illness. Interment was in the Carlton cemetery.

"The Missoulian" (Missoula MT) Thursday 13 Aug 1925 p 3

Form V, S. 6-13-10M

STATE OF MONTANA
Bureau of Vital Statistics
Certificate of Death

Ray. 646

1 PLACE OF DEATH
County Ravalli
Township Stevens or Village Florence
City _____ No. _____ St. _____ Ward _____
(If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give its NAME instead of street and number)

2 FULL NAME Mildred Ellen Tillman
(a) Residence. No. _____ St. _____ Ward _____
(Usual place of abode)
(If nonresident give city or town and State)

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

3 SEX Female 4 COLOR OR RACE White 5 Single, Married, Widowed, or Divorced Child
(Write the word)

6a If married, widowed, or divorced
HUSBAND of _____
(or) WIFE of _____

8 DATE OF BIRTH (month, day, and year)
June 11 1922

7 AGE 3 Years 1 Month 29 Days
If less than 1 day, hr., min.

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

10 BIRTHPLACE (city or town) Missoula
(State or Country) Mont

10 NAME OF FATHER Albert C Tillman

11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (City or Town, State or Country) Florence Mont

12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Bertha Ellen Schreckengost

13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (City or Town, State or Country) Colo

14 Informant Chas Engelstrom
(Address) Florence Mont

15 Filed Aug 12 1925 W. H. Reynolds Registrar

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

16 DATE OF DEATH (Month, Day and Year)
Aug 10 to Aug 10 - 25

17 I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from Aug 10 1925, to Aug 11 1925, that I last saw him alive on Aug 10 1925, and that death occurred on the date stated above, at 7:30 p.m.
The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows:
Acute Dysentery

18 Where was disease contracted
if not at place of death _____

Did an operation precede death? No Date of _____

Was there an autopsy? No

What test confirmed diagnosis? Clinical
(Signed) A. H. Lowmyer M. D.
Aug 11 1925 (Address) Missoula

*State the Disease Causing Death, or in deaths from Violent Causes, state (1) Means and Nature of Injury, and (2) whether Accidental, Suicidal, or Homicidal. (See reverse side for additional space.)

19 Place of Burial, Cremation or Removal Carlton Mont Date of Burial Aug 12 1925

20 UNDERTAKER John Dowling ADDRESS Stevensville Mont

MT death record of Mildred Ellen Tillman, died at age 3 years, 1 month, 29 years of acute dysentery
- <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui>

content/view/60970171:5437?tid=&pid=&queryId=63887c9a39c523717e326b26019144a0&_phsrc
=hFB62489&_phstart=successSource

Father:

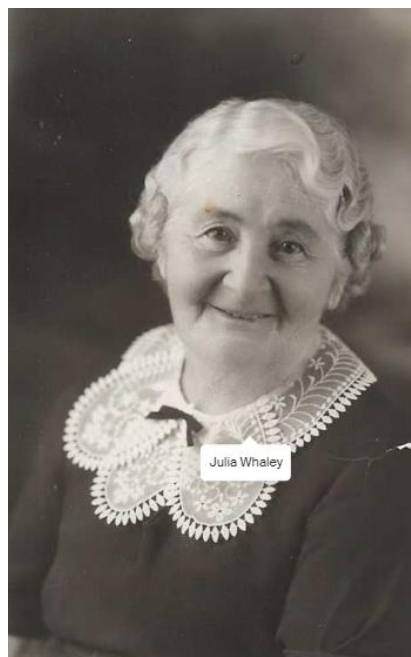


The Tillman family - father Newton Jasper Tillman is the man in the front row, seated, 3rd from right – his father Oren/Orin Minter Tillman is the man seated in front, 3rd from the left, with Newton's mother/Oren's wife Mhala Wilkerson Tillman between the two - not all the people pictured have labels, but Albert & siblings are linked & are likely among the children pictured in the back - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/6287568/person/262097393752/media/ff69cd3b-c8f2-40a6-b510-c5ccc116aff0>

Mother:



The Tillman siblings with mother, in Florence MT – from left to right: Regis Leroy (Roy), Eloise Genevieve (Elsie), Caroline Cleo (Carrie), Albert Clarence, Lafayette Claire (Lafe), mother Julia Whaley Tillman, James Vincent (Jim), Morgana Agnes, Elizabeth Josephine (Josie), Earl Laurence - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/6287568/person/262101825191/media/61f13b38-37b1-4471-a369-e606f0d17aa6>



Mrs. N. Tillman Recollects Much Of Earlier Days

Spent More Than 70 Years
In Bitter Root. Cele-
brates Birthday.

Hamilton, April 4.—(Special)—A woman who has called the Bitter Root valley home since 1865 celebrated her seventy-sixth birthday here Sunday. She is Mrs. Newton Tillman, who came to the valley as three-year-old Julia Whaley with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Whaley. One of her memories is linked with the Nez Perce Indian troubles, when she was one of those who took refuge in old Fort Owen in 1876. Her father was at one time owner of farm land near Stevensville which is now the property of Fred Hagen.

As Miss Whaley she taught Lone Rock's first school and it was she who gave the school its name. Her father was one of the "forty-niners" who went from Colorado to California in gold rush days. He brought his family to Bannack, first capital of Montana territory, in 1863.

of Montana territory, in 1863.

Mrs. Tillman has been at the home of her son, County Assessor Roy Tillman, since January, and members of her family to gather Sunday for the celebration event were the daughters, Mrs. Floyd Eaheart of Missoula, Mrs. R. O. Hooban of Florence and the sons, Earl of Missoula and Albert Tillman and his family from Florence. They were guests of the Hamilton son and his wife at dinner. Other sons and daughters are Dr. J. V. Tillman of Camas Hot Springs, Miss Carrie Tillman of Missoula and Mrs. Charles Engbretson of Florence, and L. C. Tilton of San Jose, Cal.

Mrs. Tillman was born at Denver during a return there of her parents from the California gold country.

MRS. TILLMAN HONORED

**Bitter Root Valley Pioneer of Sixties
Celebrates 76th Birthday at the
Home of Son in Hamilton.**

Mrs. Newton Tillman, a resident of the Bitter Root valley since 1865, observed her 76th birthday Sunday at the home of her son and daughter-in-law, County Assessor and Mrs. Roy Tillman, here. Other members of her family to come for the celebration dinner party were her daughters, Mrs. Earl Hooban and family of Florence and Mrs. Lloyd Eaheart of Missoula; the sons, Albert Tillman and his family from Florence and Earl of Missoula.

As Julia Whaley, three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Whaley, she came to the Stevensville locality from Bannack, when that town was capital of Montana territory. The family had lived at the old mining town of Shasta City during the California gold rush of 1849. Mrs. Tillman is a sister of E. C. Whaley, Hamilton man. She was born at Denver during a return of her parents to that state from California. Her father at one time owned the Fred Hagen farm at Stevensville and one of Mrs. Tillman's early memories is taking refuge in old Fort Owen at the time of the Neze Perce Indian troubles. She was one of the early teachers in the Bitter Root valley and the first to teach at Lone Rock. She gave the school its name.

Others of her sons and daughters are Dr. J. V. Tillman of Camas Hot Springs, L. C. Tillman of San Jose, Cal.; Miss Carrie Tillman and Mrs. Charles Engbretson of Missoula.

PIONEER MATRON MARKS BIRTHDAY

Family Party Commemo-
rates Anniversary of
Mrs. N. Tillman.

HAMILTON, April 9.—(Special)—
A woman who has called the Bitter
Root valley home, since 1885, cele-
brated her seventy-sixth birthday
last week. She is Mrs. Newton
Tillman, who came to the valley as
three-year-old Julia Whaley with
her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter
Whaley. One of her memories is
linked with the Nes Perce Indian
troubles, when she was one of those
who took refuge in old Fort Owen
in 1876. Her father was at one time
owner of farm land near Stevens-
ville, which is now the property of
Fred Hagen.

As Miss Whaley she taught Lone
Rock's first school and it was she
who gave the school its name. Her
father was one of the "Forty-niners"
who went from Colorado to Cali-
fornia in gold rush days. He
brought his family to Bannack, first
capital of Montana territory in 1863.

Mrs. Tillman has been at the home
of her son, County Assessor Roy
Tillman since January, and members
of her family to gather Sunday for
the celebration event were the
daughters, Mrs. Floyd Eaheart of
Missoula; Mrs. R. O. Hooban of
Florence and the sons, Earl of Mis-
soula and Albert Tillman and his
family from Florence. They were
guests of the Hamilton son and his
wife at dinner. Others sons and
daughters are Dr. J. V. Tillman of
Camas Hot Springs, Miss Carrie
Tillman of Missoula and Mrs.
Charles Engbretson of Florence, and
L. C. Tilton of San Jose, Calif.

Mrs. Tillman was born in Denver.

"Montana Standard" (Butte MT) Sunday 10 Apr 1938 p 17

BANQUET HIGHLIGHTS SECOND DAY OF PIONEERS' CONVENTION

WERE IN MONTANA IN 1863



MRS. JULIA W. TILLMAN



HARRY MORGAN

OLDEST CITIZENS IN POINT OF RESIDENCE.

Pioneer Woman Arrived in Montana From Colorado in Covered Wagon.

From a rough, tough frontier country to the empire that is Montana, from an era marked by the creaking wheels of covered wagons to the modern marvel of giant skyliners — those are the boundaries of the life-time Mrs. Julia W. Tillman of Hamilton and Missoula has spent in the Treasure state.

Credited with being Montana's oldest living pioneer woman in point of residence, Mrs. Tillman is attending the 55th annual meeting of the Society of Montana Pioneers here.

Her claim of being the oldest woman pioneer in the state is based on her arrival in Montana May 15, 1863, which was 26 years before Montana became a state and one year before it was the Montana territory.

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Pioneer Woman Came in 1863

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She was then one year old and traveled by covered wagon from her birthplace at Central City, Colorado, with her parents, the late Peter P. and Hannah Whaley.

Accompanying the Whaley wagon train on that long and dangerous journey from the Pike's Peak gold country to Bannack were Horace and Robert Chalmers, brothers from Boone county, Missouri, who with Lloyd Magruder were murdered the following October by road agents as they were returning to Elk City from a successful merchandising trip to Alder Gulch with 72 pack mules and \$24,000 in gold.

The Whaleys resided in Bannack for a short time and then moved to Alder Gulch near Virginia City where the young girl was witness to the exciting times of that camp.

There she saw her father and his brother, by the use of crude wheel barrows and other placer equipment fashioned entirely from native soft woods, remove from the ground in less than four months some \$40,000 in gold in addition to that which was paid out in wages at the rate of an ounce of gold dust per man each day.

Later the family moved to Diamond City when it was a prosperous mining camp. Her father operated a general store there.

Even before their early arrival in Montana, Mrs. Tillman's father had gone with the gold rush to California by way of the Isthmus of Panama in the winter of 1849-50 and had followed mining at Shasta, French Creek, Sonora and Weaverville.

Mrs. Tillman recalls that the family moved from Diamond City to the Missouri river valley near Helena and later to the Flathead where her father took charge of the Indian agency in 1874 for the U. S. government. This appointment was received from President Grant through the recommendation of General Philip H. Sheridan, a personal friend of the family who had worked as a boy in her grandfather's store in Samoset, Ohio.

While still a young girl in her teens, Mrs. Tillman witnessed the invasion by the Nez Perce Indian warriors of Chief Joseph in 1877 as they passed through the Bitter Root valley prior to the Big Hole battle. Mrs. Tillman was a refugee in old Fort Owen near Stevensville during the invasion.

As Miss Julia Whaley she taught the first school in the upper Three Mile district near Stevensville and gave it the name of Lone Rock which it still retains.

She was married to Newton J. Tillman, an early settler of the Bitter Root valley, on November 4, 1885 in St. Mary's mission at Stevensville. She is the mother of nine children, five sons and four daughters all living.

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Three of them are attending the sessions of the Sons and Daughters of Montana Pioneers here. They are Earl Tillman of Missoula; Roy Tillman of Hamilton and Dr. J. V. Tillman of Hot Springs.

Other children are Mrs. Floyd Eaheart of Missoula Mrs. Charles Engbretson of Darb; L. C. Tillman of San Jose Calif.; Mrs. R. O. Hoober of Florence Albert Tillman of

Florence and Earl and Carrie Tillman of Missoula.

Three quarters of a century have passed but the light of pioneering progress has never grown dim for Mrs. Tillman who leads an unusually active life after 76 years of residence.

In the magic gulches where once her father set crude sluice boxes of whipsawed wood, huge electrically driven dredges now wash the still rich gravel.

The plains and hills of waving bunch grass, once dotted with shaggy buffalo, have turned to fields of golden wheat. The trails of Indian travels have widened to broad highways. Turbulent mountain streams which once menaced pioneer travelers, have been harnessed to furnish hydro-electric power.

The star of Montana shines brightly in the national constellation, and Mrs. Tillman, a kindly, soft-spoken little lady who has indeed "grown up with the country," is more proud than ever to call Montana her home.

"Montana Standard" (Butte MT) Saturday 19 Aug 1939 p 1 -
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<https://www.newspapers.com/image/349916305/>

Mrs. Julia Tillman, Oldest Pioneer Woman in Montana Recalls Days of Vigilantes

Mrs. Julia W. Tillman of Hamilton and Missoula, who attended the fifty-fifth annual meeting of the Society of Montana Pioneers in Butte August 17, 18 and 19, is, perhaps, in point of residence, Montana's oldest living pioneer woman.

She came by covered wagon from her birthplace at Central City, Col., with her parents, the late Peter P. and Hannah Whaley. She was one year of age when she arrived in this area, May 15, 1861, 26 years before it was admitted to statehood and one year before it became Montana territory.

Accompanying the Whaley wagon train on that long and dangerous journey from the Pike's Peak gold country to Bannack were Horace and Robert Chalmers, brothers from Boone county, Missouri, who, with Lloyd Magruder, were murdered the following October by road agents as they were returning to Elk City from a successful merchandising trip to Alder Gulch with 72 pack mules and \$24,000 in gold. It is interesting to note here that the scene of these brutal murders which made Vigilante history, a high timbered ridge overlooking the Selway river,



Mrs. Julia Tillman.

ridge overlooking the Selway river, may now be reached by the newly-constructed Deep creek mountain road connecting Idaho with the West fork of the Bitter Root river.

Following a short residence in the gold camp at Bannack, Mrs. Tillman located with her parents at Alder Gulch near Virginia City where her father followed mining operations and was witness to the exciting times of that camp. Here she saw her father and his brother, by the use of crude wheelbarrows and other placer equipment fashioned on the ground entirely of native soft woods, remove from that same ground in less than four months some \$40,000 in gold in addition to that which was paid out in wages at the rate of an ounce of gold dust per man per day. Later at Diamond City, where her father operated a supply store, she saw that mining center prosper and then become deserted. Thus Mrs. Tillman is the daughter of a true pioneer of the West. Her father, before coming to this territory, had gone with the

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Mrs. Julia Tillman Recalls Vigilante Days in Territory

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gold rush to California by way of the Isthmus of Panama in the winter of 1849-50 and had followed mining at Shasta, French Creek, Sonora and Weaverville.

From Diamond City the family moved to the Missouri river valley near Helena and later to the Flathead where her father took charge of that Indian agency in 1874 for the United States government. His appointment was received from President U. S. Grant through the recommendation of General Philip H. Sheridan, a personal friend of the family who had worked as a boy in her grandfather's store in Samoset, Ohio.

In 1877, as a refugee in old Fort Owen near Stevensville, Mrs. Tillman witnessed the invasion of this area by the Nez Perce Indian warriors of Chief Joseph as they passed through the Bitter Root valley prior to the fighting of the Big Hole battle.

As Julia Whaley she taught the first school in the upper Three Mile district near Stevensville and gave it the name of Lone Rock which name it still retains.

Married to Newton J. Tillman, an early settler of the Bitter-Root valley, November 4, 1886, in St. Mary's Mission at Stevensville, she is the mother of nine children, five sons and four daughters, all living. They are Mrs. Floyd Eaheart of Missoula, Mrs. Charles Engbretson of Darby, L. C. Tillman of San Jose, Cal., Albert Tillman and Mrs. R. O. Hooban of Florence, Roy Tillman of Hamilton, Earl and Carrie Tillman of Missoula and Dr. James V. Tillman of Hot Springs.

Looking back through more than three-quarters of a century, the light of pioneering progress has never grow dim for Mrs. Tillman. In those magic gulches where once her father set crude sluice boxes of whipsawed wood, huge electrically driven dredges now wash the still rich gravel. The plains and hills of waving bunch grass, once dotted with shaggy buffalo, have turned to fields of golden wheat. The Indian travois trails have widened to broad highways.

She has witnessed the coming of the "iron horse"; has seen the turbulent mountain streams that once were such a menace to pioneer travelers harnessed to furnish hydroelectric power. She has heard the drone of sky zephyrs succeed the creak of covered wagon wheels.

Leading an unusually active life after 76 years of residence, Mrs. Tillman is still proud to call Montana her home.

"Montana Standard" (Butte MT) Sunday 20 Aug 1939 p 1 -

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<https://www.newspapers.com/image/352128787/>

Mrs. Tillman of Bitter Root Is Now in Eighties

**Oldest Living Montana
Pioneer, in State Since
One Year of Age.**

Hamilton, April 6.—Mrs. Julia W. Tillman, who celebrated her eightieth birthday here Friday was honored by the presence Easter Sunday at her home with a reunion of six of her nine children, who were here for the day.

They were Roy Tillman, Hamilton, Ravalli county assessor; Dr. J. V. Tillman, Butte; Mrs. Floyd Eaheart, Missoula; Miss Carrie Tillman, Missoula; Mrs. Robert Hooban, Florence, and Albert Tillman, Florence, together with members of their families. Three of the children, two of whom are out of the state, were unable to be here.

Mrs. Tillman is credited with being Montana's oldest living pioneer in point of residence in Montana. She came here when she was a year old.

Her claim of being the oldest woman pioneer in the state is based on her arrival in Montana, May 15, 1863, 26 years before Montana became a state and one year before it was the Montana territory.

Came by Covered Wagon.

She was slightly over one-year-old at that time. With her parents, the late Peter P. and Hanah Whaley, she traveled by covered wagon from her birthplace at Central City, Col.

The Whaley wagon was accompanied on the dangerous trip by Horace and Robert Chalmers, brothers from Boone county, Mo., who



Mrs. Julia W. Tillman

with Lloyd Magruder, were murdered the following October by road agents. The agents waylaid the three men as they were returning to Elk City from a successful merchandising trip to Alder Gulch with 72 pack mules and \$24,000 in gold.

The Whaleys resided at Bannack for a short time, then moved to Alder Gulch. There the youngster saw her father and his brother remove more than \$10,000 in gold from the ground in less than four months, in addition to paying wages at the rate of one ounce of gold dust per man per day.

To Diamond City.

Later the girl's father operated a general store at Diamond City. Earlier, her father had joined the gold rush to California, traveling by way of the Isthmus of Panama in the winter of 1849-50 and had also mined at Shasta, French Creek, Sonora and Weaverville.

From Diamond City, the family moved to near Helena and later to the Flathead, where her father took charge of an Indian agency in 1874. His appointment by President Grant came through the recommendation of General Philip H. Sheridan, a personal friend of the family, who had worked in her grandfather's store in Samoset, Ohio.

She witnessed the invasion of Nez Perce Indians under Chief Joseph in 1877 as they passed through the Bitter Root valley, prior to the battle of the Big Hole. She was a refugee in Fort Owen, near Stevensville, at the time. Her home has been in the Bitter Root since she was a girl.

For a time, she taught the first school in the upper Three Mile district near Stevensville. She was married to the late Newton J. Tillman, an early settler of the Bitter Root valley, and who for years was a member of the board of Ravalli county commissioners.

"The Missoulian" (Missoula MT) Tuesday 7 Apr 1942 p 2

Siblings:

Josephine Hooban

FLORENCE — E. Josephine Hooban, 87, a former Florence resident, died Friday morning in Caldwell, Idaho. She was born Feb. 7, 1889, at Florence.

She received her education in Florence. On April 26, 1917, she married Robert O. Hooban at Stevensville. They ranched at Florence and promoted rodeos in western Montana. They moved to Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, in 1942.

Her husband died in April 1960, and she continued to make her home in Coeur d'Alene until 1975, when she went to Caldwell to live with her son.

Survivors include her son, Homer Hooban, Caldwell; a daughter, Eileen Wilhelm, Kellogg, Idaho; a brother, Roy Tillman, Hamilton, and seven grandchildren.

Rosary will be recited in Caldwell Saturday evening. Mass of the Christian burial will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. in St. Joseph Church in Florence with the Rev. D. A. Okorn as celebrant. Burial will be in the Florence Catholic Cemetery under the direction of Whitesitt Funeral Home of Stevensville.

Obituary of [sister Elizabeth Josephine Tillman Hooban \(1889-1976\)](#) – “The Missoulian” (Missoula MT) Saturday 28 Aug 1976 p 8

HERE FROM IDAHO.
Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Hooban of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, are visiting in Missoula and in the Bitter Root valley. They formerly resided at Florence. They were accompanied to Montana by Albert Tillman, who had been visiting in Idaho.

“The Missoulian” (Missoula MT) Friday 12 Feb 1943 p 5

Josie, Elsie and Morgana Tillman went to Missoula today to visit Miss Anna Whaley.

"The Missoulian" (Missoula MT) Tuesday 6 Feb 1912 p 3

FORMER FLORENCE RESIDENT

Services for Miss Tillman Slated in Missoula Saturday

Requiem high mass will be celebrated in Missoula Saturday for Miss Caroline Tillman, former Florence area resident who died in a Spokane rest home Tuesday night.

Rosary will be recited at 7:30 p. m. Friday and the funeral mass will be at 9:30 a. m. Saturday, both at St. Francis Xavier Church in Missoula. Rev. Georald McDonald will be the celebrant and burial will be in St. Mary Cemetery in Stevensville.

Miss Tillman was born Nov. 27, 1890, in Florence, and lived there until 1948. She moved to Seattle in 1948 and then to Spokane in 1962.

Survivors include brothers Roy of Hamilton, Albert of Florence, Earl of Missoula, Lafe of San Jose, Calif., and Dr. James Tillman of Kansas City; sister, Mrs. Josephine Hobban, Coeur d' Alene, Idaho, and several nieces and nephews.

Obituary of sister Caroline Cleo ("Carrie") Tillman (1890-1964) – "Ravalli (MT) Republic" Thursday 9 Apr 1964 p 1

Miss Carrie Tillman of Missoula is visiting at the home of her brother, Albert Tillman.

Florence MT news: "Montana Standard" (Butte MT) Monday 28 Sep 1931 p 5

L. C. Tillman, Former Area Resident, Dies

HAMILTON — Lafayette C. Tillman, 75, former Florence and Missoula resident, died Saturday in San Jose, Calif.

Born May 10, 1892, in Florence to late pioneers Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Tillman, he served in World War I in France in the 103rd Infantry and later in the Army of occupation.

He married Vera Burkhart in 1920 in Missoula. They moved to San Jose where he was a builder until his retirement. His wife preceded him in death a few years ago.

Survivors include a foster daughter, Mrs. Martin Pozzi, Petaluma, Calif.; three brothers, Albert C., Florence; Earl L., Missoula, and Roy, Hamilton; and a sister, Mrs. R. O. Hooban, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday in San Jose with burial in the Santa Clara Cemetery.

Obituary of brother Lafayette Claire Tillman (1892-1967) – “The Missoulian” (Missoula MT) Monday 23 Oct 1967 p 4

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Lafayette Claire Tillman sailed to WWI aboard “Leviathan” – which left Hoboken NJ 15 Dec 1917 - <https://www.fold3.com/image/604046762?rec=621892405>

TILLMAN-BURKHART.

Lafayette C. Tillman and Vera D. Burkhardt were married Sunday afternoon at the Church of the Holy Spirit by Rev. H. S. Gatley. R. L. Tillman, a brother of the groom, and Violet Burkhardt, sister of the bride, acted as best man and bridesmaid.

The ceremony was performed in the presence of only the immediate members of the two families.

Marriage of Lafayette Claire Tillman to Vera D. Burkhardt – “The Missoulian” (Missoula MT)
Wednesday 31 Oct 1923 p 2

Vera B. Tillman Taken by Death

Vera Burkhardt Tillman, former Missoula and Bitter Root Valley resident, has died at San Jose, Calif., it was learned Friday.

She was a daughter of the late W. B. Burkhardt of Missoula and the wife of Lafe C. Tillman. She was reared and attended schools in Missoula, attending Montana State University.

Survivors, besides her widower, are her mother, a sister, Mrs. Calvin Doty of San Jose, and a brother, Ernest Burkhardt of Palm Springs, Calif.

Obituary of Vera Burkhardt Tillman – “The Missoulian” (Missoula MT) Saturday 14 Feb 1959 p 2

Elsie Engbretson, Bitter Root Native, Dies In Seattle

Mrs. Elsie Engbretson, 66, former Missoula and Ravalli county resident, died Sunday in Seattle, Wash., where she had gone several years ago to reside with her son after ill health forced her retirement from the Missoula Mercantile Co., where she worked for many years following the death of her husband.

Mrs. Engbretson was born at Florence, July 2, 1894, a daughter of the late N. J. and Julia W. Tillman, early pioneers of Montana. She was the widow of the late Charles E. Engbretson who was employed by the U. S. Forest Service at Stevensville and Darby, was at one time superintendent of the CCC camp at Trapper Creek and at the time of his death during World War II, was with the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers in San Francisco, Calif.

Mrs. Engbretson is survived by her son Lester, a pilot for Northwest airlines, his wife Betty and their daughter Judy, in Seattle; brothers, Albert C. Tillman, Florence, Roy Tillman, Hamilton, Dr. James V. Tillman, Kansas City, Mo., Lafe C. Tillman, San Jose, Calif., and Earl Tillman, Seattle, Wash.; sisters, Josephine Hooban, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, and Carrie Tillman, Seattle; and several nieces and nephews.

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Her body is being returned to Missoula where Squire-Simmons-Carr Rose chapel is in charge of funeral arrangements. Rosary services will be recited at 7:30 p. m. Wednesday and requiem high mass will be celebrated at 9:30 a. m. on Thursday, both at St. Francis Xavier Catholic church. Burial will be in Missoula Cemetery beside the grave of her late husband.

No. 2823.

MARRIAGE LICENSE

STATE OF MONTANA,
COUNTY OF MISSOULA.

AMENDMENTS TO STATE
LICENSES TO MARRIAGES

TO ANY PERSON AUTHORIZED TO SOLEMNIZE MARRIAGES—GREETING:

You are hereby authorized to join in lawful wedlock and celebrate within this County the rites and ceremonies of Marriage

between Carl E. Engbretson a man, whose color is white
whose residence is Florence Mont; whose age is 21 years.

Born at Beloit County of Lyon and
State of Iowa and who has not been previously married or divorced.

His Father's Christian and Surname is was A. E. Engbretson

His Mother's Christian and Maiden name was Minnie Carson

and Elvie E. Tillman a woman, whose color is white, whose residence
is Florence; whose age is 19 years.

Born at Florence County of avalli and
State of Montana and who has not been previously married or divorced.

Her Father's Christian and Surname is was H. J. Tillman

Her Mother's Christian and Maiden name was Julia Halsey

Both parties being legally competent to enter into such contract of marriage. And this shall be your good and sufficient warrant
therefor.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal,
this 27th day of August A. D. 1913.

(SEAL)

Thos. P. Boulton

Clerk District Court.

By

H. H. Perin

Deputy.

MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE

STATE OF MONTANA, }
COUNTY OF MISSOULA. } ss.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, That the undersigned, a Roman Catholic Priest
did, on the 27th day of August, A. D. 1913
at Missoula, in the said County of Missoula and State of Montana,
join in lawful wedlock Carl E. Engbretson
and Eloise G. Tillman with their mutual consent.
In the presence of
Claude Gifford }
and Blanche Gifford } Witnesses.
WITNESS my hand this 27th day of August, 1913
P. G. Bougie, J.

Filed for Record this 30th day of August, 1913, at 4¹⁵ o'clock P. M.
Thos. O. Coulson
Clark District Court.
By: Wm. J. Evans Deputy.

Marriage of Eloise Genevieve Tillman to Carl/Charles E. Engbretson on 27 Aug 1913 in Missoula, Missoula MT - https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/61578/images/48279_555340-00156?pid=90410753

Albert C. Tillman received word here Tuesday that his nephew, Lester Engbretson, underwent an emergency operation for appendicitis in Spokane. Mr. Engbretson is a former Florence boy and a son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Engbretson.

Florence MT news: "The Missoulia" (Missoula MT) Monday 2 May 1938 p 2



Mr. and Mrs. Roy Tillman

Couple celebrates 50th

By GRACE BOYER

Many friends and family members shared in the celebration of the 50th wedding anniversary of longtime Hamilton residents Meriwyn and Roy Tillman on Friday, Aug. 6, at an afternoon open-house at the Council on Aging Center.

Meriwyn McKinney of Helena and Roy Tillman of Florence were married at the First Presbyterian Church in Missoula Aug. 6, 1932.

Roy's brother, Dr. James Tillman, and sister, Morgana Tillman, were their attendants.

The reception was hosted by their daughter Lee Ann Stanton and her husband Robert of Beaverton, Ore., and by James and Bonnie Roth and John and Elna Foust, all of Hamilton.

The anniversary cake was decorated with white bells and pink flowers and was prepared by Elna Foust. Bouquets of red roses and white daisies and gold colored chrysanthemums decorated the table.

Bonnie Roth served coffee and punch. Granddaughter Susan Stanton of Portland attended the guest book. Piano selections were played during the afternoon by Dorothy Ramsbacher.

Meriwyn Tillman attended Montana State Normal College in Dillon, graduating in 1929, and taught at the Florence school prior to her marriage.

Roy graduated from Montana State University in 1923 with a degree in journalism. He wrote features while at the university and was a correspondent from Florence. He was also the manager of the advertising department of the "New Northwest," a daily paper published in Missoula.

After their marriage, Roy and Meriwyn had a service station and confectionary store in Florence. Meriwyn later taught at the Lower Burnt Fork School at Stevensville for four years.

The cake was cut and served to the guests by the Tillman's grandson Eric Stanton and his wife Cheryl of Portland, Ore.

Roy Tillman served as county assessor of Ravalli County from 1937 to Jan. 1, 1971.

Meriwyn Tillman taught for 35 years in Montana schools. Twenty-eight of these years she taught in the Hamilton grade schools and retired from teaching in 1975. The Tillmans continue to make their home in Hamilton.

Out-of-town guests were Hazel Hargis, Portland; Myron and Nell Staves, Missoula; Charles Magini, Phoenix, Ariz.; and Everett and Helen Logan, Missoula.

Brother Regis Leroy ("Roy") Tillman (1896-1993) – 50th wedding anniversary – "Ravalli (MT) Republic" Monday 16 Aug 1982 p 5

Helena Girl Married to Roy Tillman

Florence, Aug. 13.—Miss Merivyn McKinney of Helena and Roy Tillman of Florence were married Saturday afternoon at the Presbyterian parsonage in Missoula, by Rev. D. E. Jackson. Miss Morgana Tillman and Dr. James V. Tillman were their attendants. They returned Monday to Florence, where they will make their home. Mr. Tillman is manager of the Oasis confectionery.

"The Missoulian (Missoula MT) Sunday 14 Aug 1932 p 13

R.L. Roy Tillman

HAMILTON — R.L. Roy Tillman, 97, of Hamilton died of natural causes Nov. 15 at Valley View Estates Nursing Home.

He was born March 9, 1896, in Florence, the fifth of nine children of Newton and Julia Whitehead Whaley Tillman.

The Whaleys moved to Montana in 1863 and the Tillmans came to Corvallis in 1880, from Missouri.

Roy attended Florence-Carlton School and graduated from Montana State University in Missoula in 1923, with a degree in journalism. After several years in newspaper work, Roy was elected Ravalli County assessor, taking office on Jan. 1, 1937. He held this position through re-election for 34 years, retiring from office on Jan. 1, 1971.

His love of public service followed a tradition down through his family. His grandfather, Peter P. Whaley, was appointed head of the Flathead Indian Agency by President Grant in 1874. Roy's father served as county commissioner for Ravalli County and his mother taught at the first school in the upper Three Mile district, giving it the name of Lone Rock School.

On Aug. 6, 1932, he married Meriwyn McKinney in Missoula. The couple lived in Florence, where they operated an ice cream store before moving to the Lower Burnt Fork

School, where she took a teaching position. They then moved to Hamilton upon Roy's election to public office.

Roy was active in the Bitterroot Historical Society, International Order of Odd Fellows Lodge, No. 48, sons and daughters of Montana Pioneers. He was past president of the Montana Assessor's Association and active in the Democratic Party.

After retirement, he enjoyed a very active life traveling and gardening, as well as working with various senior activities. He enjoyed researching and documenting historical events about Montana as well as writing stories and poetry about his experiences and travels.

Following his stroke, Roy became a part of the family of Valley View Estates Nursing Home, for the past five years.

He was preceded in death by his wife on Oct. 2, 1983.

Survivors include his daughter and son-in-law, LeeAnn and Robert Stanton, Scottsdale, Ariz; four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

A memorial gathering to celebrate his life and release will be announced later in the spring.

The urn was placed in the family plot at Riverview Cemetery.

Arrangements are by Daly-Leach Chapel and Crematory.

FORM VS. 3 (1988 revision)

MONTANA CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

Local File Number _____ State File Number _____

1 **REGIS** **LEROY** **TILLMAN** **MALE** **NOVEMBER 15, 1993**

RACE—American Indian, Black, White, etc. (Specify) **WHITE** AGE—Last Birthday/Year **97** UNCLE 1 YEAR **NO** UNCLE 1 DAY **NO** DATE OF BIRTH (Month, Day, Year) **MARCH 9, 1896** COUNTY OF DEATH **RAVALLI**

7b. PLACE OF DEATH (Check only one)
 HOSPITAL ☐ Inpatient ☐ ER/Outpatient ☐ DCA ☐ OTHER ☒ Dying Home ☐ Residence ☐ Other (Specify) _____
 FACILITY NAME (if not institution, give street and number) **VALLEY VIEW ESTATES** CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION OF DEATH **HAMILTON**

8 **FLORENCE, MONTANA** MARRIAGE STATUS ☒ Never Married ☐ Widowed ☐ Married ☐ Divorced **MERIWYN McKINNEY (DEAC.)**

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER **517-42-5597** DECEDENT'S USUAL OCCUPATION (Give kind and place done during most of working life. Do not use retired.) **COUNTY ASSESSOR** KIND OF BUSINESS/INDUSTRY **STATE GOVERNMENT** WAS DECEDENT EVER IN U.S. ARMED FORCES? (Yes or no) **NO**

11 **MONTANA** COUNTY **RAVALLI** CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION **HAMILTON** STREET NUMBER **225 N. 8th ST.**

12a **YES** 12b **59840** 12c **ENGLISH-IRISH** 12d **4**

PARENTS
 FATHER'S NAME (First, Middle, Last) **NEWTON JASPER TILLMAN** MOTHER'S NAME (First, Middle, Maiden Surname) **JULIA WHALEY**

INFORMANT
 Informant's Name (Type/Print) **LEE ANN STANTON (DAUGHTER)** Mailing Address (Street and Number or Rural Route Number, City or Town, State, Zip Code) **10946 N. 129 WAY, SCOTTSDALE, AZ**

DISPOSITION
 METHOD OF DISPOSITION ☐ Burial ☒ Cremation ☐ Inquest/Inmate Release
 20a ☐ Other (Specify) **Cremation Jay Pinter** 20b **DAILY-LEACH CREMATORY-HAMILTON, MT**
 SIGNATURE OF FUNERAL SERVICE LICENSEE OR OTHER PERSON IN CHARGE OF DISPOSITION **ROBERT T. CHYMIE JR.** NAME AND ADDRESS OF FACILITY **DAILY-LEACH CHAPEL 1010 W. MAIN ST. HAMILTON, MT 59840**

CAUSE OF DEATH
 23. PART I. Enter the diseases, injuries, or complications that caused the death. Do not enter the mode of dying, such as cardiac or respiratory arrest. Approximate Interval Between Onset and Death
 IMMEDIATE CAUSE (If not disease or condition resulting in death) **Heart Attack**
 SEQUENTIALLY LIST CONDITIONS (If any, leading to immediate cause. Enter Underlying Cause (Disease or Injury) that initiated events resulting in death) Last
 a. **HEART ATTACK**
 b. **DUE TO EOR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF:**
 c. **DUE TO EOR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF:**
 d. **DUE TO EOR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF:**

PART II. Other significant conditions contributing to death but not resulting in the underlying cause given in Part I.
 24a. **NO** 24b. **NO**
 WAS AN AUTOPSY PERFORMED? (Yes or no) WAS CASE REFERRED TO CORONER? (Yes or no)

25. MANNER OF DEATH ☒ Natural ☐ Pending Investigation ☐ Accident ☐ Could not be Determined ☐ Suicide ☐ Homicide
 DATE OF INJURY (Month, Day, Year) **NOV 15, 1993** TIME OF INJURY **305** INJURY AT WORK? (Yes or no) **NO**
 PLACE OF INJURY—At home, farm, street, factory, office, building, etc. (Specify) **1170 WESTWOOD DRIVE HAMILTON, MONTANA 59840** LOCATION (Street and Number or Rural Route Number, City or Town, State) **1170 WESTWOOD DRIVE HAMILTON, MONTANA 59840**

26a. TO BE COMPLETED BY CERTIFYING PHYSICIAN ONLY. To the best of my knowledge, death occurred at the time, date and place and due to the cause(s) stated.
 (Signature and Title) **STEPHEN S. ELLIS M.D.** DATE SIGNED (Month, Day, Year) **NOV 15, 1993** HOUR OF DEATH **305**
 NAME OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN IF OTHER THAN CERTIFIER (Type or Print) **STEPHEN S. ELLIS M.D.** DATE PRONOUNCED DEAD (Month, Day, Year) **NOV 15, 1993** HOUR OF DEATH **305**

26b. TO BE COMPLETED BY CORONER ONLY. On the basis of examination and/or investigation in my opinion death occurred at the time, date and place and due to the cause(s) and manner as stated.
 (Signature and Title) _____ DATE SIGNED (Month, Day, Year) _____ HOUR OF DEATH _____
 NAME OF CORONER IF OTHER THAN CERTIFIER (Type or Print) _____ DATE PRONOUNCED DEAD (Month, Day, Year) _____ HOUR OF DEATH _____

REGISTRAR
 LOCAL REGISTRAR'S SIGNATURE **Betty T. Lund** DATE FILED (Month, Day, Year) **NOVEMBER 16, 1993**

MT death record of Regis Leroy (Roy) Tillman -

https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/61255/images/44970_b319655-00005?pid=61569



RE-ELECT ROY TILLMAN

Your County Assessor

He stands for sound assessment procedure and practice. Roy Tillman is a University of Montana graduate with training and experience in journalism, office and business administration, a knowledge of real property, engineering and land management techniques, as well as a knowledge of real estate and personal property appraisal.

For continued efficiency, courtesy and service re-elect Roy Tillman Your Ravalli County Assessor.

“Ravalli (MT) Republic” Friday 2 Nov 1962 p 2

Dear Editor,

Roy Tillman signed his name—R. LeRoy Tillman to his good letter "Questioning B.K." in the Thursday Ravalli Republic and for a second it confused this oldtimer. In the next second I was amazed that Roy, our longtime assessor was as right as rain about the oldtime Burnt Fork miller, Peter Martin LaFontaine. My own lagging memory came to life and I said to myself—B.K. Wherever did you get the name Lafrinier? I still cannot answer that nagging question and so apologies to all concerned for a mistake in news writing. By no means the first in 60 years.

Roy Tillman has been my good friend for lo these many years and so I reached for the telephone to thank him for setting the record straight. But in turn I asked Roy his age for the sake of the record. He told me he would have an 80th birthday one of these days. That's 10 years younger than me. But like myself, Roy is a Bitter Root born citizen and he told me that Peter LaFontaine lived to be an old man and died in 1915. His ranch in the north Bitter Root valley neighbored the holdings of Roy Tillman's father and —I had my first 19 years in knowing LaFontaine as a neighbor.

As for the Burnt Fork Grist Mill, sturdy landmark of our valley, I am sure I used the LaFontaine name, when I wrote my other stories about it.

As for Father Antony Ravalli's grist mill of 1845-46 and on to 1850 when he and the other founding Jesuits left St. Mary's Mission on order of their superiors, for other mission fields.

Lucille H. Evans, who researched Father Pierre Jean DeSmet's letters and journals of Jesuits who came with DeSmet to St. Mary's, or followed in the years to 1850, has given the Bitter Root people the best yet, with her late book- "St Mary's in the Rocky Mountains, A History of the Cradle of Montana' Culture."

Lucille writes—"The erection of a flour mill, the first in the present state of Montana was due to the mechanical skill of Father Ravalli. She goes on to relate how Ravalli on a trip to Belgium was presented at Antwerp with a set of small burnstones by a merchant of that city. "The burnstones, about 12 inches in diameter, were brought by Ravalli to the Willamette Valley from where they were transported on the back of a mule to St. Mary's among the Flatheads."

So in deference to Peter LaFontaine (and to whoever the Lafrinier person might have been) I can only say "Rest in Peace for whatever contribution you made to Bitter Root Valleys wonderful "First Chapter in Montana History."

However it is only right to give credit to Lewis and Clark, the Louisiana Purchase Explorers for their unplanned discovery of the Bitter Root in the late summer of 1805 for a most important introduction to the history. These two Missouri-based travelers gave our state flower its translated name—bitter root and so too, Lewis persuaded geographers to name the Bitter Root Mountains, River and its valley—Bitter Root.

Thanks again, Roy Tillman for correction made as to LaFontaine.

B.K. Monroe

Licensed to Wed—Eldrick L. Longpre, Alberton, Mont., and Morgana Tillman, Florence, Mont.

Marriage of **sister Morgana Agnes Tillman Longpre Eaheart (1897-1954)** to 1st husband, Eldrick L Longpre – “Helena (MT) Independent-Record” Tuesday 8 Apr 1924 p 5

COMPARED

No. 105**Marriage License**STATE OF MONTANA, La
County of LakeNo. 774

To Any Person Authorized to Solemnize Marriages, Greeting:

You are hereby authorized to join in lawful wedlock and to celebrate within this County the rites and ceremonies of Marriage between Floyd Ivy Eahheartof Missoula, Montana aged 38 years, _____ months, _____ days,born at Ellensburg, Washingtoncolor White and previously married, wife deceased ~~status~~,son of John Merrell Eahhearthis mother's maiden name was Sarah Sutherlandand Morgana Agnes Tillmanof Missoula, Montana aged 35 years, _____ months, _____ days,born at Florence, Montanacolor White previously married, and divorced divorced, daughter ofNewton Jasper Tillmanher mother's maiden name was Julia Whaley

and this shall be your good and sufficient warrant therefor.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal, this _____

day of 9th October A. D., 193 3James Harbert

Clerk of District Court.

SEAL

By _____ Deputy Clerk.

Marriage CertificateSTATE OF MONTANA, La
County of LakeTHIS CERTIFIES, That the undersigned, a Minister of the Gospel did, on the9th day of October A. D., 193 3, at Lake County Montana,join in lawful wedlock Floyd Ivy Eahheartand Morgana Agnes Tillman with their mutual consent

and in accordance with the Laws of the State of Montana.

ATTEST:

Messie B. Mallory,of Polson, Montanaand Anastasia Meyersof Polson, Montana

Witnesses

Morgana Agnes TillmanFloyd Ivy Eahheart

Contracting Parties.

Officiating.

Filed for record this 9th day of October 193 3 at _____ o'clock 5. P.James Harbert

Clerk of District Court.

By _____ Deputy

Marriage of divorced Morgana Agnes Tillman [Longpre] to widower Floyd Ivy Eaheart on 9 Oct 1933
in Lake Co. MT -

https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/61578/images/48279_555422-00623?pId=90547132

Morgana Eaheart

Requiem high mass was celebrated at St. Anthony Church at 9:30 a.m. Thursday for Mrs. Morgana Eaheart, 56, 614 S. 6th St. E. who died at a local hospital Saturday night. Rosary was recited at the church Wednesday evening. Rt. Rev. Msgr. Denis P. Meade, V.G., was celebrant and burial was in Missoula Cemetery. The Squire-Simmons-Carr Mortuary had charge of funeral arrangements. Pallbearers were Kermit Curtis, Percy Fox, George T. Howard, Ben and Harry Hughes and Lester Margetts.

Obituary of Morgana – “The Missoulian” (Missoula MT) Friday 25 Jun 1954 p 18

Death Claims Mrs. Eaheart

Mrs. Morgana Eaheart, 56, of 615 S. 6th St. E., died at a local hospital Saturday night. She was the wife of Floyd I. Eaheart, local internal revenue official, was



Mrs. Floyd I. Eaheart

a past president of the local American Legion auxiliary and was a member of the Lady Elks.

Funeral arrangements have not been set. The body is at the Squire-Simmons-Carr mortuary.

Mrs. Eaheart was born Dec. 11, 1897, at Florence. She attended the Florence-Carlton elementary and high schools, was graduated from Western Montana College of Education and attended Montana State University.

Survivors include the widower; five brothers, Albert C. Tillman of Florence, Earl Tillman of Missoula, Dr. J. V. Tillman of Kansas City, Mo., L. C. Tillman of San Jose, Calif., and Roy Tillman of Hamilton; three sisters, Mrs. C. E. Engbretsen of Missoula, Mrs. R. O. Hooban of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, and Miss Carrie Tillman of Seattle; a stepson, John Eaheart, with the Marine Corps Air Force in Korea, a stepdaughter, Mrs. Norman Guettler of Missoula; several nieces and nephews.

MRS. F. I. EAHEART DIES—

Services are pending in Missoula for Mrs. Floyd I. Eaheart, 56, sister of Roy Tillman. Mrs. Eaheart died in a Missoula hospital Saturday night. Also among the five surviving brothers is Albert C. Tillman, Florence.

"Ravalli (MT) Republic" Monday 21 Jun 1954 p 4

James Tillman

FLORENCE — Mr. and Mrs. Albert Tillman have received word of the death of his brother Dr. James V. Tillman, 65, in Kansas City, Mo.

In addition to his brother, Tillman is survived by his widow, Olwen; two daughters, Anita and Becky; brothers Earl, Missoula, and Roy, Hamilton, and a sister Mrs. Josie Hooban, Coeur d'Alene.

DR. JAMES VINCENT TILLMAN

Dr. James Vincent Tillman, 65, of 300 East Fifty-fourth terrace, North, died Wednesday at the North Kansas City Memorial hospital.



Dr. Tillman

He was born in Florence, Mont., and lived in this area 20 years. Dr. Tillman was graduated from the Osteopathic college, Kirksville, Mo., in 1924. He was a member of the St. David's Day society, the Temple Masonic lodge, the Ararat shrine and the Scottish Rite. Dr. Tillman was a former member of the board of the Englewood school district. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Olwen Tillman, and two daughters, Miss Anita Carol Tillman and Miss Rebecca Kathleen Tillman, all of the home; four brothers, Roy Tillman, Hamilton, Mont.; Albert Tillman, Florence, Mont.; Lafayette Tillman, San Jose, Calif., and Earl Tillman, Missoula, Mont., and a sister, Mrs. Robert O. Hooban, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Services will be held at 1 o'clock Saturday at the Stine & McClure chapel; burial in Mount Moriah cemetery. The pallbearers: Jerome Druen, Walter Pack, Paul Pagano, Elmer Weiss, George Franklin and Charles H. Wood.

ELIZABETH OLWEN TILLMAN

Elizabeth Olwen (Tillie) Tillman passed away March 26, 2012. She was born in Butte, Mont., and grew up there until she married James "Doc" Tillman in 1944 and moved to Kansas City, Mo. She worked as a beautician in North Kansas City, Mo., for more than 30 years and is survived by her two daughters, Anita Tillman and Rebecca Tillman and her two grandsons, Robert and Michael Olmedo. Visitation will be 6 to 7 p.m. Thursday, March 29, at White Chapel Funeral Home with funeral service at 1 p.m. Friday, March 30, at White Chapel. Interment will follow at Mount Moriah and Freeman Cemetery, 10507 Holmes Road, Kansas City, MO 64131. In lieu of flowers, contributions to the Basset and Beagle Rescue of the Heartland, PO Box 25714, Shawnee Mission, KS 66225, are appreciated. Arrangements: D.W. Newcomer's Sons White Chapel Funeral Home, 6600 N. Antioch Rd., Gladstone, MO 64119 (816) 452-8419.


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www.dwnwhitechapel.com

Left: Obituary of Dr. James Vincent Tillman – "Kansas City (MO) Times" Friday 25 Sep 1964 p 35 – and of his wife "Kansa City (MO) Star" Wednesday 28 Mar 2012 p A13

James V Tillman

in the Montana, U.S., County Marriage Records, 1865-1993

Name:	James V Tillman
Gender:	Male
Marriage Age:	45
Record Type:	Marriage
Birth Year:	abt 1899
Marriage Date:	2 Oct 1944
Marriage Place:	Missoula, Missoula, Montana, USA
Father:	Newton J Tillman
Mother:	Julia Whaley
Spouse:	Olwen Randall
Film Number:	001889004
DGS:	004350518

MT marriage record – James Vincent Tillman & Olwen Randall -
<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/128186:61375?ssrc=pt&tid=6287568&pid=262101826036>

No. 4485 ✓

MARRIAGE LICENSE

STATE OF MONTANA, }
COUNTY OF MISSOULA. }

TO ANY PERSON AUTHORIZED TO SOLEMNIZE MARRIAGES—CERTIFYING THAT BY VOTING FOR SAID OFFICER

You are hereby authorized to join in lawful wedlock and celebrate within this County the rites and ceremonies of Marriage between

James V. Tillman a man whose color is white
whose residence is Butte Montana whose age is 45 1/4 years.
Born at Flomance County of Ravalli and
State of Montana and who has not been previously married or divorced.
His Father's Christian and Surname was Newton J. Tillman
His Mother's Christian and Maiden name was Julia Whaley
and Olwen Randall a woman whose color is white whose residence
is Butte Montana whose age is 25 1/5 years.
Born at Butte County of Silver Bow and
State of Montana and who has not been previously married or divorced.
Her Father's Christian and Surname was Thomas Randall
Her Mother's Christian and Maiden name was Elizabeth Hughes

Both parties being legally competent to enter into such contract of marriage. And this shall be your good and sufficient warrant therefor.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal,
this 2nd day of October A. D. 1944.
J. R. Donahoo
Clerk District Court.
By Ruth H. Craddock Deputy.

MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE

STATE OF MONTANA, }
COUNTY OF MISSOULA. }

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, That the undersigned, a Minister
did, on the second day of October A. D. 1944
at Missoula in the said County of Missoula, and State of Montana,
join in lawful wedlock James V. Tillman
and Olwen Randall with their mutual consent.
In the presence of Morgana Laheart and R. L. Roy Tillman Witnesses.
In the presence of
Morgana Laheart }
and R. L. Roy Tillman } Witnesses.
WITNESS my hand this 2nd day of October 1944 at Missoula
E. Ray Cameron Minister
Minister

Filed for Record this 6th day of October 1944 at 4:10 o'clock P. M.
J. R. Donahoo
Clerk District Court.
By David C. Wallace Deputy.

MT marriage record on 2 Oct 1944 in Missoula, Missoula MT of James Vincent Tillman & [Elizabeth]
Olwen Randall, with James's siblings Morgana & Regis Leroy (Roy) Tillman -
<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/382712:61578>

WRITE PLAINLY WITH UNFADING INK—THIS IS A PERMANENT RECORD—PREFERABLY PRINT SURNAME
N. B.—In case of more than one child at a birth a SEPARATE RETURN must be made for each
and the number of each, in order of birth, stated.

Form V. S. No. 6. 10M—12-24.

STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF BIRTH.

PLACE OF BIRTH

Department of Public Health,
Division of Vital Statistics

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County of Silver Bow

Township of _____ STATE OF MONTANA.

Village or City of Butte No. 735 Maryland Street. Reg. No. _____

Full Name of Child Olwen Randall { If child is not yet named, make supplemental report, as directed.

Sex of Child. <u>Female</u>	Twin, triplet, or other? _____	Number in order of birth. _____	Legitimate. <u>yes</u>	Date of birth <u>April 5</u> , 19 <u>19</u> (Month) (Day) (Year)
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FATHER.		MOTHER.	
Full Name. <u>Thomas Randall</u>	Full Maiden Name. <u>Elizabeth Hughes</u>	Full Name. <u>Thomas Randall</u>	Full Maiden Name. <u>Elizabeth Hughes</u>
Residence. <u>735 Maryland av</u>	Residence. <u>735 Maryland av</u>	Residence. <u>735 Maryland av</u>	Residence. <u>735 Maryland av</u>
Color. <u>white</u> Age at last birthday <u>38</u> (Years)	Color. <u>white</u> Age at last birthday <u>27</u> (Years)	Color. <u>white</u> Age at last birthday <u>38</u> (Years)	Color. <u>white</u> Age at last birthday <u>27</u> (Years)
Birthplace. <u>Hales</u>	Birthplace. <u>H. Hales</u>	Birthplace. <u>H. Hales</u>	Birthplace. <u>H. Hales</u>
Occupation. <u>Miner</u>	Occupation. <u>Housewife</u>	Occupation. <u>Miner</u>	Occupation. <u>Housewife</u>

Number of children born to this mother including present birth: (a) Born alive and now living 1 (b) Born alive but now dead _____ (c) Stillborn _____

What prophylactic was used to prevent ophthalmia neonatorum? _____

CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MIDWIFE.*

I hereby certify that I attended the birth of this child, who was born alive at _____ M., on the date above stated. (Born alive or stillborn)

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

Given name added from supplemental report _____ 19____

Signature C. B. Rodas
Physician
(Physician or midwife)

Filed 7-7 1925 J. B. Freund Registrar

MT birth record of [Elizabeth] Olwen Randall - <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/15865516:61591>

Marriage of Butte Couple Here Recently Is of Local Interest

Of local interest is the marriage of two Butte people which was solemnized in Missoula recently when Miss Olwen Randall, daughter of Mrs. Thomas Randall of the Mining city, and Dr. James V. Tillman, son of Mrs. N. J. Tillman of Hamilton, were united at a ceremony read by Rev. E. R. Cameron in the Presbyterian parsonage at 8 o'clock in the evening in the presence of members of the two families and a few friends.

The attendants were Mrs. Floyd Eaheart and Roy Tillman of Hamilton, sister and brother of the groom.

The bride wore a two-piece street-length dress of dove gray wool

jersey with fuchsia and purple accessories and a corsage of gardenias and white roses. Mrs. Eaheart was attired in a two-piece crepe ensemble of violet purple with hat to match and her corsage was of Talisman roses.

A wedding dinner was served in a private dining room of the Hotel Florence after the service. There were covers for about twenty at a large table centered with an arrangement of red and white asters and white tapers. The three-tiered wedding cake bore a miniature bride and groom.

Dr. and Mrs. Tillman returned to Butte and from there will go to Kansas City, where Dr. Tillman will

(Continued on Page 6, Column 7.)



MARRIED HERE—Miss Olwen Randall and Dr. James V. Tillman, both of Butte, were united in marriage at a ceremony read by Rev. E. R. Cameron in the Presbyterian parsonage. The bride was attended by Mrs. Floyd Eaheart, sister of the groom.

Marriage of Butte Couple Is Performed Here

(Continued From Page Five)

open an office as an osteopathic physician.

The bride attended Butte schools, and the groom, who went to high school in the Bitter Root valley, was graduated from an osteopathic college in Kirksville, Mo.

Out-of-town guests at the wedding were Mrs. Randall, mother of the bride, Mrs. W. H. Jones and Mrs. Ruth Whoolery of Butte; Mrs. R. O. Hooban and daughter Elleen, of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; Mrs. N. J. Tillman and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Tillman and daughter, Lee Ann, of Hamilton; Mr. and Mrs. Albert Tillman of Florence and Miss Carrie Tillman of Spokane.

Marriage of Dr. James Vincent Tillman — "The Missoulian" (Missoula MT) Sunday 15 Oct 1944 p 5 & p

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Earl L. Tillman

Earl Laurence Tillman, 73, a former Missoula resident, died Monday in Olympia, Wash.

Mr. Tillman was born March 18, 1902, in Florence. He graduated from Florence-Carlton High School and worked for a time in California. He joined the U.S. Navy and served in the Pacific combat area during World War II.

He married Mary Irene Saulter in 1945 and they lived for a time in Seattle and then Missoula. They were later divorced.

Mr. Tillman moved to Pasco, Wash., where he worked for an oil company until his retirement in 1967. At that time he moved to Olympia.

Survivors include a daughter, Mary Dell Ranch, Spokane; a sister, Josephine Hooban, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, and a brother, Roy Tillman, Hamilton.

Funeral services will be held in Olympia.

Obituary of brother Earl Laurence Tillman (1902 – 1975) – “The Missoulian” (Missoula MT) Friday 14 Nov 1975 p 9

Earl Lawrence Tillman

The funeral for Earl Lawrence Tillman will be held in the Mills and Mills Chapel on Friday, starting at 1 p.m. The Rev. Jean Chapman, of St. Michael's Catholic Church, will officiate. Mr. Tillman died Saturday in an Olympia rest home. He was born in Montana on March 18, 1902, and had lived in Canada and Spokane before moving to Olympia five years ago. Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Pat (Marydell) Ranch, Spokane; a brother, Roy Tillman, Hamilton, Mont.; and a sister, Mrs. Josephine Hooban, Coeur 'd Alene, Idaho.

STATE OF WASHINGTON,
County of King } ss.

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Marriage Certificate

Series A 120514

THIS CERTIFIES, that the undersigned Catholic Priest
by authority of a License bearing date the 7th day of December A. D. 1945
and issued by the County Auditor of the County of King, did on the 29th day of December
A. D. 1945, at the Church of St. Benedict
County and State aforesaid, join in LAWFUL WEDLOCK Lawrence Tillman
of the County of King and Mary I. Sautter
of the County of King with their mutual assent, in the presence of
Douglas Sautter and Anne M. Matkin witnesses.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, witness the signatures of the parties to said ceremony, the witnesses and myself,
this 29th day of December A. D. 1945

WITNESS:	PARTIES:	OFFICIATING CLERGYMAN OR OFFICER:
<u>Douglas Sautter</u>	<u>Lawrence Tillman</u> MALE	<u>E. T. McHugh, Priest</u>
<u>Anne M. Matkin</u>	<u>Mary Irene Sautter</u> FEMALE	<u>1707 - N. 49th St.</u>
Filed <u> </u> 19 <u> </u>		P. O. ADDRESS <u>Seattle</u> WASHINGTON.

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NORMAN R. RIDDELL CLERK
KING COUNTY WASH

This Certificate must be filed out and filed with the County Clerk of the County where the ceremony is performed, within 30 days after the ceremony.—See Chapter 172, Laws of Washington of 1927.
The County Clerk's Fee for recording this Certificate is One Dollar, to be paid by the party applying for the license at the time each license is issued.—Pierce's Code, Sec. 3713.
Failure to make and deliver Certificate to the County Clerk within 30 days is punishable by a fine of not less than \$25.00 or more than \$300.00.—See Pierce's Code, Sec. 3714.

NOTE—THIS CERTIFICATE MUST BE FILED WITH THE COUNTY CLERK OF THE COUNTY WHERE CEREMONY IS PERFORMED.

Marriage of Earl Lawrence Tillman to Mary Irene Sautter on 29 Dec 1945 in King Co. WA -
https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2378/images/84561053_43d509e3-8f6e-4b55-8b47-10fe21b7dccd?pid=888954

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MONTANA STATE BOARD OF HEALTH		MONTANA RECORD OF		DIVISION OF RECORDS and STATISTICS	
Case No. 29996		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DIVORCE <input type="checkbox"/> ANNULMENT FOR STATE REGISTRAR		State File No. 66 2001	
1. JUDICIAL DISTRICT 4th		2. CITY Missoula		3. COUNTY Missoula	
HUSBAND			WIFE		
4. NAME (First) (Middle) (Last) Earl L. Tillman			12. NAME (First) (Middle) (Last) Mary I. Tillman		
5. USUAL RESIDENCE (City) (County) (State) Missoula, Missoula, Montana			13. USUAL RESIDENCE (City) (County) (State) Missoula, Missoula, Montana		
6. AGE 64		7. PLACE (State or foreign OF BIRTH) Montana		14. AGE 53	
8. NUMBER OF THIS MARRIAGE 1		9. COLOR OR RACE White		15. PLACE (State or foreign OF BIRTH) N. Dakota	
10. USUAL OCCUPATION Salesman		11. BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY --		16. NUMBER OF THIS MARRIAGE 1	
				17. COLOR OR RACE White	
				18. USUAL OCCUPATION Secretary	
				19. BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY U.S.F.S.	
20. PLACE OF THIS MARRIAGE (County) (State or foreign country) King Washington			21. DATE OF MARRIAGE (Month) (Day) (Year) Dec. 29, 1945		
22. NUMBER OF CHILDREN UNDER 18 none		23. PLAINTIFF (Husband <input type="checkbox"/> Wife <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>		24. DECREE GRANTED TO (Husband <input type="checkbox"/> Wife <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>	
				25. LEGAL GROUNDS Extreme Cruelty	
I hereby certify that the above persons were divorced on: (Month) (Day) (Year) December 1 1966			DATE OF RECORDING (Month) (Day) (Year) December 1 1966		
SIGNATURE OF COURT OFFICIAL ALMA B. SAMSEL By <i>Bonnie J. Lewis</i>			TITLE OF COURT OFFICIAL Clerk of Court Deputy		

Divorce granted 1 Dec 1966 in Missoula, Missoula MT to wife May Irene Sauter Tillman on grounds of extreme cruelty -

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Mary Irene Saulter

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

Name:	Mary Irene Saulter [Mary Irene Tillman] [Mary Bleich] [Mary Bleich-Lento]
Gender:	Female
Race:	White
Birth Date:	2 Jul 1913
Birth Place:	Monango Dick, North Dakota [Monango, North Dakota]
Death Date:	7 Aug 1999
Father:	Andrew J Saulter
Mother:	Martha E Pfremmer
SSN:	516201932
Notes:	Dec 1940: Name listed as MARY IRENE SAULTER; Nov 1959: Name listed as MARY IRENE TILLMAN; 20 May 1977: Name listed as MARY IRENE BLEICH; 25 Aug 1999: Name listed as MARY I BLEICH-LENTO

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Mary Bleich-Lenton

Spokane

Funeral Mass for Mary Bleich-Lenton, 86, will be Thursday at 1 p.m. at St. Thomas More Catholic Church. Private inurnment will be held at a later date. Hennessey-Smith Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

A 20-year Spokane resident, Mrs. Bleich-Lenton, died Saturday. She was born in Illinois.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Hillyard Senior Center.

Her husband, Wilf Lenton, preceded her in death.

Survivors include a sister, Margarete Kohler of Polson, Mont.; a granddaughter and two great-grandchildren.

Obituary of Mary Irene Saulter Tillman Bleich-Lento – “Spokane (WA) Spokesman-Review”
Wednesday 11 Aug 1999 p 45

Mary Bleich Lento

in the Washington, U.S., Death Index, 1940-2017

Detail Source

Name: Mary Bleich Lento

Gender: Female

Age: 86

Birth Year: abt 1913

Residence Place: Spokane, Washington, USA

Death Date: 7 Aug 1999

Death Place: Spokane, Washington

WA death index - <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/3197267:6716>

Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

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

NOK = next-of-kin

Name: Albert Clarence Tillman

Name variations:

Military:

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

Serial number: 250,420

Entered service from: Florence, Ravalli MT

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: Albert C. Tillman

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": father N.J. Tillman, Florence MT

Returned from war on: "Santa Paula" May 1919

Sailed on return ship as: Albert C. Tillman

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: father Newton J. Tillman, Florence MT (pvt, 16th Co., 20th Engrs)

World War I draft registration (1917): as Albert Clarence Tillman - b. 16 Aug 1887 Florence MT; res: Florence, Ravalli MT. Single. Farm laborer for Tillman & Englebretson, Missoula Co. MT. Tall in height, medium build.

National Tuscania Survivors Association (1939): Florence MT

World War II draft registration (1942): as Albert Clarence Tillman - b. 16 Aug 1887 Florence MT; res: Florence, Ravalli MT. NOK Ellen Tillman, same address. Employed by Montana State Highway Department, Missoula MT. "little finger on right hand gone" – Height: 5'10" – 160 lbs.

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlisted: 12 Dec 1917

Discharged: 10 Jun 1919

Address: Florence MT

Rank/unit: private, 16th Co., 20th Engineers

Birth & death:

Born: 16 Aug 1887 Florence, Ravalli MT

Died: 4 Sep 1969 Florence, Ravalli MT (at his home)

Find A Grave record: 130832235 – presence on Tuscania indicated in flower

Burial location: Lolo, Ravalli MT

Cemetery: Carlton

Tombstone:

Father: Newton Jasper Tillman, 22 Jan 1863 Springfield, Greene MO – 13 Dec 1936 Missoula Co. MT. Son of Oren (Orin) Minter Tillman & Mahala Ellen Wilkerson. Buried in St. Mary's Cemetery, Missoula, Missoula MT.

Find A Grave: 130414277

Mother: Julia Whitehead Whaley Tillman, 3 Apr 1862 Central City, Gilpin CO – 2 Jul 1946 Ravalli Co. MT. Daughter of Peter Paul Whaley & Hannah Elizabeth Whitehead. Birthplace also found as Denver CO. Buried in St. Mary's Cemetery, Missoula, Missoula MT

Find A Grave: 130414317

Parents' marriage: 4 Nov 1886 Missoula Co. MT

Marriage annulled - Spouse: Pearl Eva / Eva Pearl Waddington Tillman Daniel Jendresen, 5 Mar 1898 Merville, Woodbury IA – 7 Sep 1983 San Diego Co. CA. Daughter of Lee A. Waddington & Hattie Richardson.

Six months after her marriage to Alfred Tillman, Eva gave birth to their daughter Maxine & 20 months later, Alfred remarried.

On 17 Jun 1921 in Missoula, Missoula MT, Eva Pearl Waddington married Charles Orval Daniel (1888 NE – 1946 MT, F: 37535026, SSN 518-24-1657).

In the 1940 census for Whitehall, Jefferson MT, Eva Pearl Daniels [sic] (42 IA) lived with husband, Charles O. Daniels, 51 NE. Neither had an occupation.

She died in CA as the wife of Eric Rasmus Jendresen (1899-1973, F: 178153783).

Buried in Whitehall Cemetery, Whitehall, Jefferson MT.

Spouse Find A Grave: 178153899

Marriage: 18 Jun 1919 in Missoula Co. MT in a ceremony at the First Presbyterian Church. Since the Tillman family was Catholic, this marriage would not have been recognized by the Catholic Church. The marriage was annulled on 4 Mar 1920 in Missoula Co. MT; Albert had petitioned for the annulment.

Spouse: Bertha Ellen Schreckendgust Tillman, 9 Aug 1899 CO – 26 Nov 1987 Florence, Ravalli MT. Daughter of John Abraham Schreckendgust & Bertha Viola Soar. Known as "Ellen." Alfred & Bertha's daughter Mildred died at age 3. Buried in Carlton Cemetery, Lolo, Missoula MT.

Spouse Find A Grave: 130832243

Marriage: 26 Aug 1921 Missoula Co. MT in a Catholic ceremony.

Child: of wife Pearl Eva Waddington

- Maxine Fay Tillman Vegoren, 25 Dec 1919 Missoula, Missoula MT – 26 Mar 1983 Hamilton, Ravalli MT. SSN 516-46-6438. Wife of Ray R. Vegoren (1916-2000, F: 17500503). Her obituary notes that her "natural mother" was Eva Pearl Jendresen and her parents, linked to her Find A Grave record, were Edward Zebediah Morse & Mary Louise Jackson. Buried in Riverview Cemetery, Hamilton, Ravalli MT. F: 57353402

Child: by wife Bertha Schreckendgust

- Mildred Ellen Tillman, 11 Jun 1922 MT – 10 Aug 1925 MT. Died of acute dysentery at age 3 years, 1 month, 29 days. Buried in Carlton Cemetery, Lolo, Missoula MT. F: 55408517

"Adopted daughter" Dlorah Schreckendgust:

Dlorah Schreckendgust is listed as Albert & Bertha's "adopted daughter" in the 1950 census. She was their niece – the daughter of Bertha Ellen's brother Charles Harold Schreckendgust (1907-1948, F: 130122279) & Xaveria Vallerie ("Toots") Ebler Schreckendgust McKay (1905 IL – 1976 MT, F: 62941632) who later married Jerome Jackson McKay (1911-1989, F: 9581931) in 1969. Dlorah was born 1 Feb 1931 in Missoula, Missoula MT. She died as Dlorah Bishop on 18 Aug 2003 in Florence, Ravalli MT. She had married Pat Bishop 30 Dec 1960. Dlorah married 22 Nov 1947 in Stevensville MT to Allyn James Mills. They lived with Albert & Bertha Ellan in 1950 in Stevens, Ravalli MT with their son, "David" L., who was born after 1 Apr 1950 so not eligible to be counted in that census & so his name was crossed off. On his birth record, this son is listed as Dustan Lerold Mills, b. 2 Apr 1950. On his death record, he is listed as Dustan Lucas Mills, d. 18 Oct 1977. Dlorah Mills petitioned for a divorce on 30 Sep 1952 & custody of their 3 children.

Dlorah Schreckendgust

in the Montana, U.S., Birth Records, 1897-1988

Detail	Source
Name: Dlorah Schreckendgust [Dlorah Schreckendgust]	
Gender: Female	
Birth Date: 1 Feb 1931	
Birth Place: Missoula, Missoula, Montana, USA	
Father: Charles H. Schreckendgust	
Mother: Xavera Schreckendgust	

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Dlorah S. Bishop

FLORENCE – Dlorah S. Bishop, 72, of Florence, died at her home Monday, Aug. 18, 2003.

She was born Feb. 1, 1931, in Florence, the daughter of Harold A. and Xaveria (Ebler) Schreckendgust.

Survivors include her husband, Pat of Florence; daughter, Doreen Smith, and son, Don (Jonni) Mills, both of Columbia Falls; daughter, Dora Lynn Lough of Hamilton; brothers, Chuck, Jim and Bill Schreckendgust; a sister, Mary Ellen Babcock; 12 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

Also surviving are a special cousin, Edith Strout, and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Cremation has taken place and no services are planned at this time.

The Whitesitt Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Stevensville is in charge of arrangements.

"The Missoulian" (Missoula MT) Thursday 21 Aug 2003 p 15

Dlorah S. Bishop

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She was born on Feb. 1, 1931 at Florence and was the daughter of Harold A. and Xaveria (Ebler) Schreckendgust.



She attended school at Florence-Carlton and was valedictorian of her graduating class.

On Dec. 30, 1960, she married Patrick Bishop.

After her children were raised she was Pat's constant companion when jobs took him to Washington, Oregon, California, New Mexico, Virginia, and Idaho. She loved to travel and see all there was to see. She loved to read, sew, and play music. She was a very tal-

ented and gifted musician. She played several instruments and sang, often harmonizing with Pat and her brothers at family gatherings. She also loved photography. She took pictures of places she and Pat traveled as well as special times with her family and friends.

Dlorah will be remembered for her sense of humor and her love and devotion to her family, especially Pat, her beloved husband, friend and companion of 43 years. Dlorah had the ability to make friends wherever she went and touched the loves and hearts of so many people. She will be missed but never forgotten.

She was preceded in death by her parents; son, Dustan Mills, and brothers, John and Delbert Schreckendgust.

Survivors include her husband, Pat of Florence; daughter, Doreen Smith, and son, Don Mills, and wife, Jonni, of Columbia Falls; daughter Dora Lyn Mills Lough of Hamilton; brothers, Chuck, Jim and Bill Schreckendgust; sister, Mary Ellen Babcock; 12 grandchildren, Derek Mills, Aimee and Nathan Smith, Luke and Daaron Mills, Kandi Rodriguez, Bradley Lough and Alyssa Lough, Laura Rubendall, Kristina Anderson, Adrienne Marquis and 19 great-grandchildren. Also surviving is a special cousin, Edith Strout, and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Cremation has taken place. No services are planned at this time. The Whitesitt Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Stevensville is in charge of arrangements.

C. Schreckendgust Of Florence Is Found Dead

Charles Harold Schreckendgust of Florence was found dead Monday afternoon in his Lolo creek cabin about 9 miles west of Lolo. County Coroner Lawrence Livingston said the man had died of a self-inflicted bullet wound caused by a .22-caliber rifle and that he had been dead approximately 24 hours.

Mr. Livingston said that evidence showed Mr. Schreckendgust had been despondent. There will be no inquest, he said. Witnesses told the coroner that he had been seen alive about noon Sunday.

Mr. Schreckendgust was born April 9, 1907, and had lived in the Florence vicinity all his life. He was a timberscaler.

He is survived by his widow; five sons, Delbert of Lolo, William of

Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, and James, John and Charles of Florence; two daughters, Mary Ellen and Mrs. Allen Mills of Florence; his father, John Schreckendgust of Florence; three brothers, Ben and Ralph of Florence and Carl of Texas, and three sisters, Mrs. Ellen Tillman, Mrs. Evelyn Farrell and Mrs. Eunice Powell, all of Florence.

Funeral arrangements are pending at the Lucy mortuary.

Death of Charles Harold Schreckendgust – brother of Bertha Ellen Schreckendgust Tillman – “The Missoulian” (Missoula MT) Tuesday 8 Jun 1948 p 5

Xaveria McKay

PLAINS — Xaveria "Toots" McKay, 71, died in the Clark Fork Valley Hospital in Plains Friday.

She was born April 24, 1905, in Chicago, Ill., and moved to Missoula in 1912. She married Harold Schreckendgust in 1926, and he died in the late 1940s. She married Jerome McKay in Plains in October 1969.

She was a member of the Grange 101 and Rebekah Fidelity Lodge 50.

Survivors include her husband, Jerome, Plains; five sons, William Schreckendgust, Hamil-

ton; Delbert Schreckendgust, Lovell, Wyo.; James Schreckendgust, Kalispell, and John and Charles Schreckendgust, Columbia Falls; two daughters, Mrs. Pat (Dlorah) Bishop, Columbia Falls, and Mrs. Donald (Mary Ellen) Babcock, Lolo; two sisters, Mrs. George Thomas and Marguerite Hausauer, both of Missoula; 22 grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren.

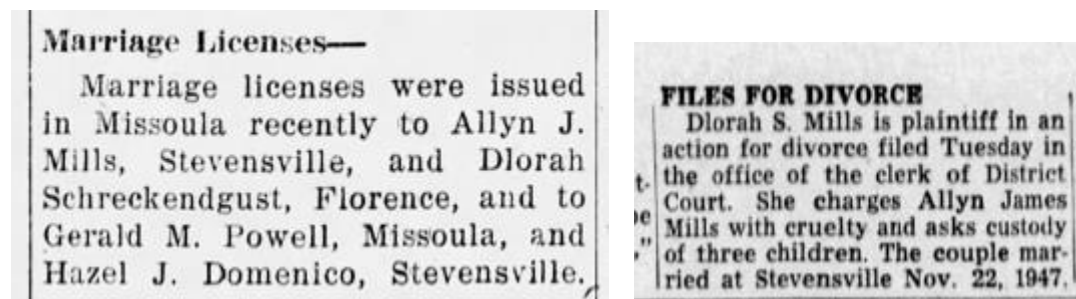
Funeral services will be in the Shrider Chapel in Plains Tuesday at 2 p.m. Burial will be in the Plains Cemetery under the direction of Shrider Funeral Home of Plains.

"The Missoulian" (Missoula MT) Saturday 1 Jan 1977 p 12

Friends Are Entertained By Wagners

Florence, Aug. 8.—Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Wagner entertained at a party at their home Saturday evening. Guests included Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Gratiot and Mr. and Mrs. William Ryan of Missoula, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Tillman, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Terry Pickering, Bane Hill, Thomas Morris, Edward Sterbeen, Frank Chat-ten, Lee Frazer, Misses Eva Brown, Bernice Good, June Wagner and Dlorah Schreckendgust.

"The Missoulian" (Missoula MT) Sunday 9 Aug 1936 p 13



Left: "Ravalli (MT) Republic" Monday 24 Nov 1927 p 5 and right: "The Missoulian" (Missoula MT) Wednesday 1 Oct 1952 p 16

Siblings: Alfred was the oldest child.

- Elizabeth Josephine Tillman Hooban, 7 Feb 1889 Florence, Ravalli MT – 27 Aug 1976 Coeur d'Alene, Kootenai IA. Known as "Josephine" or "Josie "Wife of Robert Owen ("Bud") Hooban (1888-1960, F: 126870668), whom she married 26 Apr 1917 in Stevensville, Ravalli MT. Resident of Coeur d'Alene ID in Sep 1969. Buried in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Florence, Ravalli MT. F: 126870685
- Caroline Cleo ("Carrie") Tillman, 27 Nov 1890 Missoula Co. MT – 7 Apr 1964 Spokane, Spokane WA. Moved from Florence, Ravalli MT to Seattle WA in 1948 & then to Spokane WA in 1962. Buried in St. Mary's Cemetery, Missoula, Missoula MT. F: 134439182
- Lafayette Clair ("Lafe") Tillman, 10 May 1892 Florence, Ravalli MT – 21 Oct 1967 San Jose, Santa Clara CA. Find A Grave record misspelled first name as Layfayette. Married in the Church of the Holy Spirit on 28 Oct 1923 in Missoula, Missoula MT to Vera Delia Burkhart (1898 MO – 1959 CA, F: 228777887), the daughter of William B. Burkhart (F: 84532169). Buried in Oak Hill Memorial Park, San Jose, Santa Clara CA. F: 228777872
- Eloise Genevieve ("Elsie") Tillman Engbretson, 2 Jul 1894 Florence, Ravalli MT – 23 Apr 1961 Seattle, King WA. Wife of Charles (Carl) E. Engbretson (1892-1945, F: 84557064) whom she married 27 Aug 1913 in Missoula, Missoula MT in a Catholic cemetery. Buried in Missoula Cemetery, Missoula, Missoula MT. F: 84557065
- Regis Leroy ("Roy") Tillman, 9 Mar 1896 Florence, Ravalli MT – 15 Nov 1993 Hamilton, Ravalli MT. Resident of Hamilton MT in Sep 1969. Married to Merlwyn McKinney (1909 ND – 1983 MT, F: 55000148) of Helena MT on 6 Aug 1932 in the First Presbyterian Church, Missoula, Missoula MT. Buried in Riverview Cemetery, Hamilton, Ravalli MT. F: 55000193
- Morgana Agnes Tillman Longpre Eaheart, 11 Dec 1897 Florence, Ravalli Co. MT – 19 Jun 1954 Missoula, Missoula MT. Obtained a marriage license in Apr 1924 with Eldrick Clarence Longpre (1905-1983, F: 45569906). Newspaper articles after this use both the Tillman & Longpre surnames. Listing herself as Morgana Agnes Tillman, divorced, she married 9 Oct 1933 in Lake Co. MT to Floyd Ivy Eaheart (1894-1975, F: 84556791). Buried in Missoula Cemetery, Missoula, Missoula MT. F: 84556795
- James Vincent Tillman, 11 Aug 1899 Florence, Ravalli MT – 23 Feb 1964 Kansas City, Clay MO. A physician; graduate of the Osteopathic College, Kirksville MO, 1924. Husband of Elizabeth Olwen ("Tillie"/"Olwen") Randall (1919-2012, F: 87467871) whom he married in 1944. Known as Olwen, she was the daughter of Thomas Randall (F: 130825944, born in Wales) & Elizabeth Jane Hughes (F: 5066245, born in England & buried in the same

cemetery as James & Olwen). James is buried in Mount Moriah Cemetery, Kansas City, Jackson MO. F: 5066244

- Earl Laurence/Lawrence Tillman, 18 Mar 1902 Florence, Ravalli MT – 10 Nov 1975 Olympia, Thurston WA. Resident of Seattle, King WA in Sep 1969. Married Mary Irene Saulter in King Co. WA on 29 Dec 1945; they divorced 1 Dec 1966 in Missoula, Missoula MT. Mary had petitioned for the divorce on grounds of extreme cruelty; Earl was age 64, she was age 53. Buried in Calvary Cemetery, Tumwater, Thurston WA. F: 84165955

Notes:

Family tree at: https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/6287568/person/262101826766/facts?_phsrc=hFB62484&_phstart=successS
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Pre-war:

Wartime:

, see p. 149-151 in Gahm book

"Ravalli (MT) Republic" 22 Feb 1918 p 1 - N.J. Tillman was in town from Florence MT 18 Feb & 19 Feb feeling good. Both sons were safely across the Atlantic. Albert was on Tuscania; father got his cable "Arrived. Well." Also got cable from Congresswoman Jeanette Rankin that Albert was safe. Son Lafayette C. arrived in France around Christmas 1917.

"Daily Missoulian" 23 Mar 1918 p 7 - N.J. Tillman of Florence was in Missoula 22 Mar, his son Lafe is now in England, a survivor of the Tuscania (paper has confused Albert with his brother Lafayette)

Post-war:

Ravalli (MT) Republic" 24 Feb 1938 p3 – news of 20 years ago - N.J. Tillman of Florence was in Missoula MT. His son Albert C. Tillman was on Tuscania; his father got a cable that Albert was OK. N.J.'s son Lafayette is now safe in France, where he arrived before Christmas 1917

"The Missoulian" (Missoula MT) 31 Jan 1965 p 26 – WWI photo - Albert Tillman, now a resident of Florence MT. Article mentions Tuscania passengers Cowan, Babbitt, Cook, Frisbie. Albert was in the on the waterline floor waiting for dinner, when Sgt. Wayne Bell told them to go down a rope to a lifeboat. The trawler unloading men from the boat pulled away so they rowed away in their lifeboat. Some OR boys from fishing boats were the only ones on the lifeboat with experience. There were 46 men of his company who crashed on Islay but he was picked up by "Elf King" & taken to Larne, Ireland. There were 40 men on his boat, who bailed water from the lifeboat with their felt campaign hats. His hat fell apart & he got another one. The water in the lifeboat remained knee-high until a man named Perry looked around his feet & found the drain plug was out. They stuffed the hole with wadded handkerchiefs & put a foot on it. Allbert could not walk when he was pulled onto the "Elf King" trawler deck. [Note: this lifeboat was shared with Leonard Read, Folts, Rist (Bell?)/]

Obituary:

"Missoulian" 65 Sep 1969 p 8 - Died at age 82 at his home in Florence MT. Born 16 Aug 1887 Florence MT where he lived entire life. Spent 18 months overseas in WWI, a Tuscania survivor. Member of American Legion & WWI Barracks which will conduct graveside rites. Worked for the MT State Highway Department & was for many years a custodian at U of MT. Married Ellen Schreckendgust 26 Apr 1921 in Missoula MT. Survived by wife, sister, 2 brothers (Roy & Earl). Funeral 8 Sep 1969 with burial in Carlton.

Social Security number: 518-24-1657

Censuses:

1900 Township 10, Ravalli Co. MT

Newton Tillman, 37 MO, Jan 1863, father b. TN, mother b. MO, married 14 years, farmer
Julie W., 38 CO, Apr 1862, father b. Ireland, mother b. OH, gave birth to 8 children, 8 are living

Albert T., 12 MT, Aug 1887, farm laborer

Josephine E., 11 MT, Feb 1889

Carrie C., 9 MT, Nov 1890

Lafayette C., 8 MT, May 1892

Elsie G., 5 MT, Jul 1894

Leroy K., 4 MT, Mar 1896

Marganda A., 2 MT, Dec 1897

James D., 9 months MT, Aug 1899

1910 Stevens, Ravalli MT – Lower 8 Mile

Newton J. Tillman, 47 MO, father b. TN, mother b. MO, in 1st marriage, married 24 years, farmer, home farm

Julia W., 47 CO, father b. Ireland, mother b. VA, in 1st marriage, gave birth to 9 children, 9 are living

Albert, 23 MT, farm laborer, working out

Josephine, 22 MT

Carrie, 20 MT

Lafayette, 17 MT, farm labor, at home

Elsie, 15 MT

Roy, 13 MT

Morgannia, 12 MT

James, 10 MT

Earl, 8 MT

1920 Missoula, Missoula MT – W. Pine St.

Albert C. Tillman, 32 MT, father b. MO, mother b. CO, baggage man, railroad

Eva Pearl, 23 IA, father b. IA, mother b. IL

Baby girl (unnamed), zero months, father b. MT, mother b. IA [i.e. Maxine, b. Dec 1899]

1930 Stevens, Ravalli MT

Albert Tillman, 42 MT, father b. MO, mother b. CO, laborer, garage, WWI veteran

Bertha E., 30 CO, father b. KS, mother b. CO

1940 Stevens, Ravalli MT – in 1935 in rural Ravalli Co. MT

Albert C. Tillman, 52 MT, labor, federal highway

B. Ellen, 40 CO, housewife, own house

1950 Stevens, Ravalli MT

Albert C. Tillman, 62 MT, custodian, state university

B. Ellen Tillman, 50 CO [wife]

Dlorah S. Mills, 19 MT [adopted daughter]

David L. Mill, b. Apr 1950 MT [grandson] – name is crossed through with note that he was born after 1 Apr 1950 [the census cut-off date]

Allyn James Mills, 21 SD, musician, dance band [stepson-in-law]