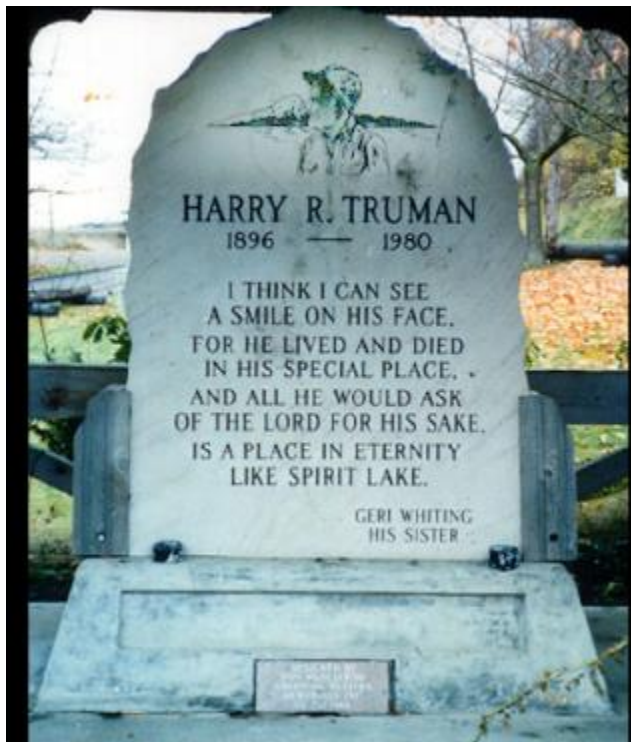


TUSCANIA

Truman, Harry Randall
1896 WV – 1980 WA



Three photos – Harry Randall Truman – Find A Grave 2863



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Left: Geraldine Truman & right, her brother Harry Randall Truman, on a bearskin – Find A Grave 53484993



Harry Truman and Supreme Court Justice William Douglas, 1953

Cowlitz County Historical Museum Photo 2000.13.135

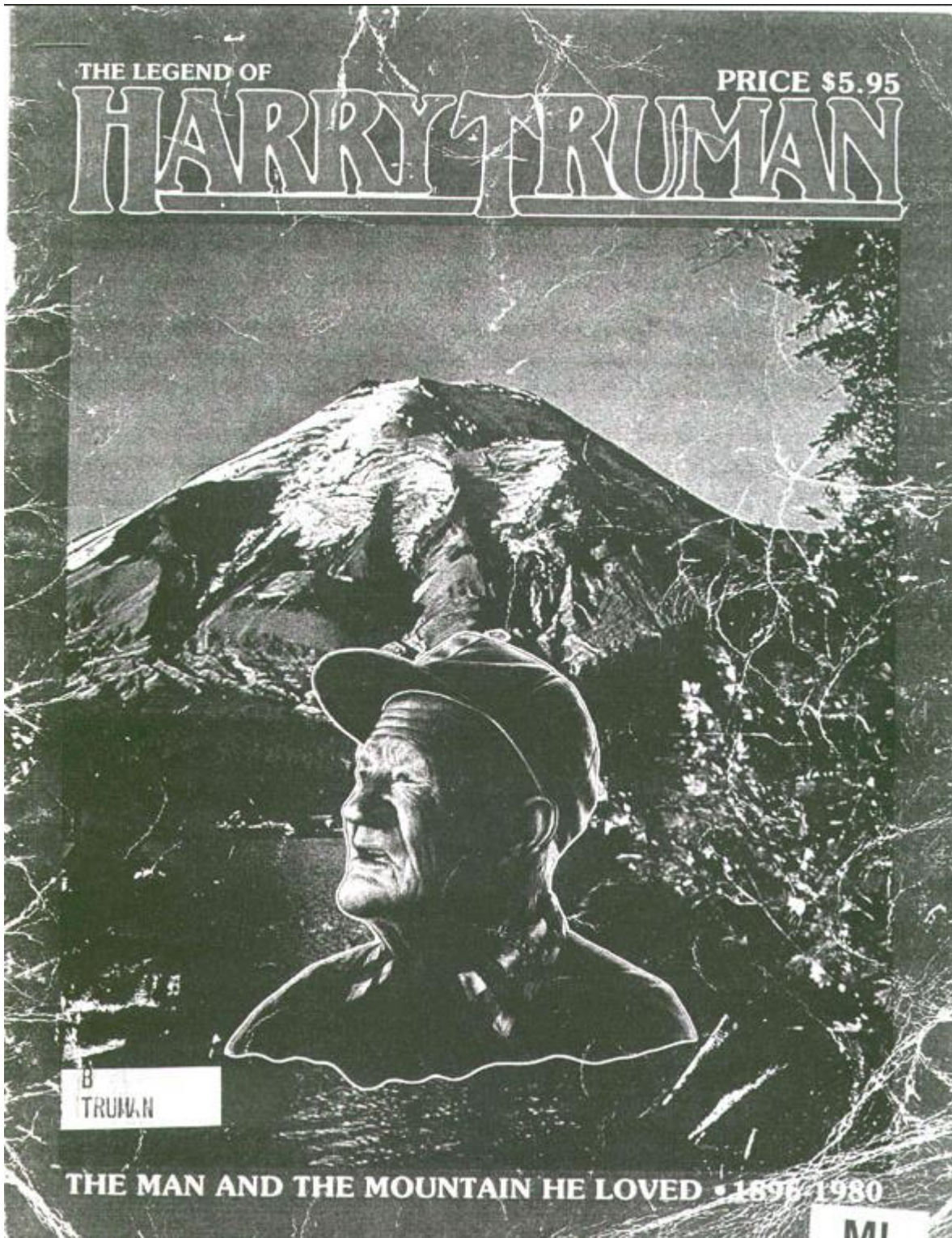
Harry at left, US Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas at right - [MtStHelens.pdf](#)



Harry Truman at Spirit Lake, c. 1953

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Courtesy of Steven Schwartz of Renton WA

Truman		Harry R	249 922	White	1½
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Grades:	Pvt 1/cl Feb 1/19		—		
Engagements:	—				
Wounds or other injuries received in action: None.					
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§ Hon. disch.	June 12/19		on demobilization		
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Harry Raniel Truman

Military • United States, Veterans Administration Master Index, 1917-1940

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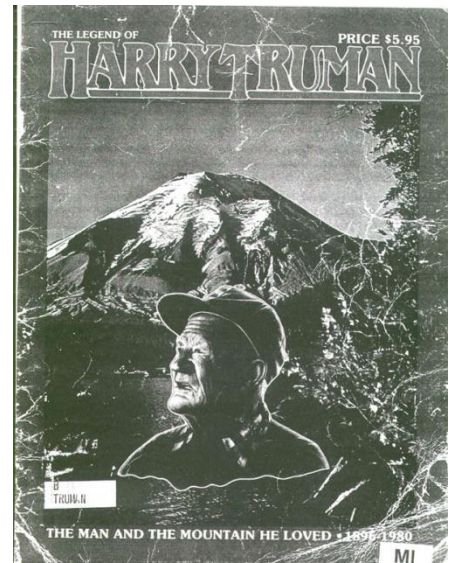
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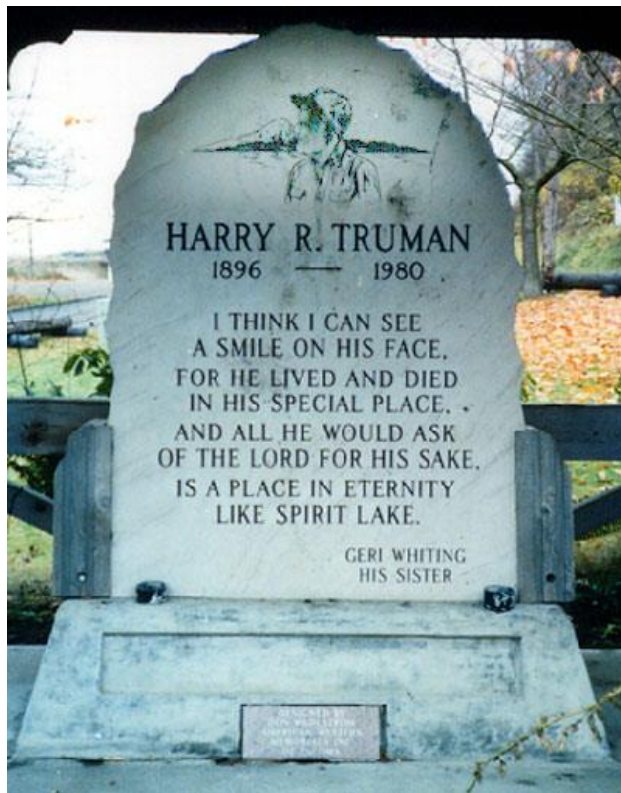
Excerpt below from Marilyn C. Gahm's "The Sinking of the Tuscania" p 363-364

Among those aboard who can be counted as famous is the most mentioned: Harry Randall Truman (1896-1980). In 1980, as the owner and caretaker of Mount St. Helens Lodge at Spirit Lake in Washington state, Truman drew media attention for his refusal to evacuate as the Mount St. Helens volcano threatened to erupt. He is presumed to have died in its May 18, 1980, eruption. No trace of him or his lodge was found. Harry, his lodge (and presumably his 16 cats) were buried under 150 feet of volcanic debris and ash. During the war, Harry became an early airplane mechanic and formulated his own blend of gasoline, alcohol and liquid ether. Truman was a member of the National Tuscania Survivors Association from 1938 until his death. When on board *Tuscania*, Truman was a private in the 100th Aero Squadron.



Harry Randall Truman (1896-1980) (left: findagrave.com) -

Harry has been commemorated in books and songs, was portrayed in the 1981 made-for-cable HBO movie "St. Helens" (also known as "Mount St Helens") by actor Art Carney, and is the namesake of Truman Trail and Harry's Ridge near Mount St. Helens



Life:

Lewis Boys on Transport.

Six Lewis county boys, and possibly seven, were aboard the Tuscania. The list includes Henry E. Drescher, 23 years of age, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Drescher of Chehalis; Talmadge Smith, 22 years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Smith; Lloyd Brunk, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brunk; Willis T. Toomey, son of Mrs. Toomey; Aloph E. Lemka, 22 years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lemka, all of Vader; Harry Truman, 19 years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. Truman of Riffe. It is also thought that Warren Payquette, 25 years old, son of Mrs. Martha Hobson of Vader, was with the other Vader boys, as he enlisted at the same time and was with the Lewis county contingent above named, all being in the 29th engineers.

"Tacoma (WA) Daily Ledger" Sunday 10 Feb 1918 p 1

**STATE MEN ARE
LISTED AMONG
TUSCANIA SAVED**

This is a list of soldiers from Washington state on board the Tuscania, and listed in official reports as saved:

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THOMAS TOOHEY; Mrs. J. C. Toohey, mother, 1211 Fourth ave., Spokane.

WILLIAM T. TOOMEY; Hanna Toomey, mother, Vader.

WALTER TOY; Sarah E. Toy, wife, Winlock.

HARRY B. TRUMAN; Newberry Truman, father, Riffe.

LESTER G. TWOHY; Mat Twohy, father, R. F. D. 1, Olympia.

"Seattle (WA) Star" Monday 11 Feb 1918 p 6

Chehalis Chronicle
Saturday June 21, 1919

Harry Truman Discharged.

Harry Truman, who was employed by St. John & Titus before he enlisted in the army air service shortly after the war broke out, received his discharge today at Camp Lewis. The soldier was on the *Tuscania* when the transport was submarined.

Courtesy of Steven Schwartz of Renton WA

At the city commission meeting Monday afternoon, Newberry Truman and son, Harry, appeared before the commission and asked that the curb on a part of Market street be lowered so autoists may drive down to his gas station and return. Referred to city engineer.

"Chehalis (WA) Bee-Nugget" Friday 25 Aug 1922 p 27

Miss Geraldine Truman, daughter of Mrs. F. Brautigam of St. Urban, will arrive Monday from San Francisco to spend the winter among relatives here.

Little Betty Jean Truman spent several days of the past week with her grandmother, Mrs. F. Brautigam, while her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Truman of Chehalis, were visiting in Portland.

Harry with sister Geraldine, remarried mother Rosa Brautigam, daughter Betty Jean & wife Helen Hughes - "Chehalis (WA) Bee-Nugget" Friday 16 Nov 1928 p 2

Miss Geraldine Truman will arrive in Napavine Monday from San Francisco to spend the next three months visiting her mother, Mrs. F. Brautigam of St. Urbin, and other relatives of this vicinity.

"Tacoma (WA) Daily Ledger" Saturday 17 Nov 1928 p 3

Miss Geraldine Truman who has been in California for several months working, returned here last week where she will stay with her brother, H. R. Truman for an indefinite visit. Miss Truman is a former high school student here.

"Chehalis (WA) Bee-Nugget" Friday 21 Dec 1928 p 7

*The Chehalis Bee-Nugget**Washington State**Friday, October 18, 1929*

Harry Truman Has Close Call in Wreck of Auto

Harry Truman, of this city, narrowly escaped being killed late Saturday afternoon 25 miles west of Spirit Lake as he was returning from a trip into that resort. While driving at full speed on a straight-away the spindle on a front wheel broke and his car turned over three times. Fortunately the accident occurred near a home, the owner of which hurried to his rescue and cared for Truman until friends could bring him to Chehalis. Although severely bruised and injured slightly internally, his injuries are not considered serious.

Mr. Truman is moving to Spirit Lake where he has a contract to erect a number of cottages.

Courtesy of Steven Schwartz of Renton WA

The Chehalis Bee-Nugget

Washington State

Friday, December 20, 1929

Two Deer Refuse to Get Out of the Way of Motorist

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Truman, who are spending the winter at Spirit Lake, at the base of Mt. St. Helens, visited Chehalis Saturday. They left the lake, where there was two feet of snow, Friday and were able to drive out with their car. En route they had an interesting experience when two beautiful deer hit the trail along the road ahead of them and refused to leave the highway until they had been followed a distance of two or three miles. There are seven people wintering at the lake, Mr. and Mrs. Truman and their daughter Betty; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Nelson, all of whom are stopping at St. Helens lodge; also Lige Coleman, who is in charge of the Portland Y. M. C. A. camp, and his son.

Courtesy of Steven Schwartz of Renton WA

*The Chehalis Bee-Nugget**Washington State**Friday, April 4, 1930***HARRY TRUMAN OPERATING
LODGE AT SPIRIT LAKE.**

Harry Truman has purchased the interests of Jack Nelson in the Mt. St. Helens Lodge located at Spirit Lake. The property includes a store, lodge, cabins, lunch counter and other accommodations for the traveling public. There are two launches and plenty of other boats. Mr. Truman stated Tuesday that there remains two and a half miles of road unopened, but he is using a Fordson tractor and other equipment to open the road to the lake, and if the ice is off the lake, everything will be ready for the fishermen by April 15. Spirit Lake and Mt. St. Helens are steadily growing in favor as a summer resort, the wonderful beauty of that section and its varied opportunities for recreation, appealing to hundreds more people every season.

Courtesy of Steven Schwartz of Renton WA

Mt. St. Helens Lodge

SPIRIT LAKE

OPEN *for Winter Sports*

RATES \$3.00 PER DAY PER PERSON
Includes Rooms, Meals and Equipment
WRITE - FOR - RESERVATIONS

Courtesy of Steven Schwartz of Renton WA

The Chehalis Bee-Nugget
Washington State
Friday, January 29, 1937

Harry Truman Ill—Harry Truman, operator of the resort at Spirit Lake, was reported seriously ill last week end, with influenza. Mrs. Truman telephoned to James Moore, contract mail carrier out of Castle Rock, who "mushed" 14 miles on snowshoes in to the lake, with medical supplies. He found the Truman cabin snowed in almost to the eaves. Later two men from a road crew went to the cabin to help care for Mr. Truman, and latest reports are he is improving nicely.

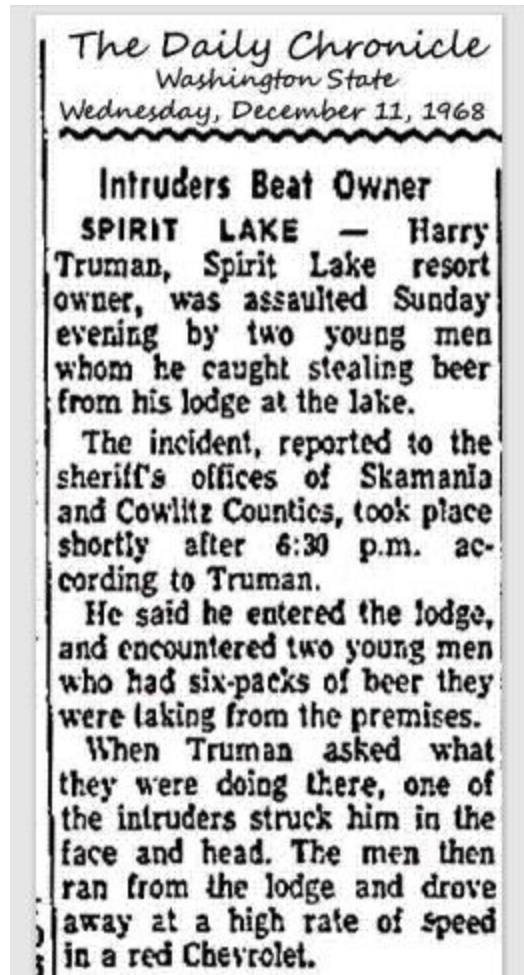
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SPIRIT LAKE
at the Base of Mt. St. Helens

The ideal vacation spot. Fishing, hunting, boating,
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ible. Write today for information.

Mt. St. Helens Lodge
Harry Truman, Prop. Spirit Lake, Wash.

Courtesy of Steven Schwartz of Renton WA



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Death:

Harry Truman Still Missing

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Everett Herald

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Most of his 16 cats — Harry's most recent household companions — came after Eddy died.

"He started with one, and things just seemed to multiply."

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Rob and the Skamania County sheriff left Harry behind that morning.

They had tried again to convince Harry to leave, she says.

"Yes, I tried, too. But I've said it over and over again since Sunday — you have to accept what you cannot change."

For half a century Mount St. Helens cradled Harry Truman.

How could it destroy him? It wouldn't, he had told his sister. He knew the mountain too well for that.

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"Kitsap Sun" (Bremerton WA) Saturday 24 May 1980 p 13

The man who defied a volcano

It was home
and he wasn't
going to leave

By LINDA GOLDSTON
Knight-Ridder Newspapers
MOUNT ST. HELENS, Wash.
— Harry Trumans do not die.
They live life at its saltiest, crustiest
best and survive the ages
because they dare to do as others
only dream.

They did what they wanted
and the world be damned.

Harry S Truman, the president,
inspired a national slogan.

Coke-Hi: Harry's last drink

PORTLAND, Ore. — (UPI) —
Salty Harry Truman, 83, was
relaxing on the porch of his lodge
at Spirit Lake on Mount St.
Helens when a reporter
approached last Saturday for
what turned out to be his last
interview.

Who can think of the short, bespectacled man and not say, "Give 'em hell, Harry!"

Harry R. Truman, the mountain man captured the imagination of thousands. Who can think of Mount St. Helens' volcano and not think of the man who claimed he owned it, who refused to let the eruptions of a "piddly" mountain drive him from his home of more than half a century?

Became a legend

Even before Mount St. Helens exploded last Sunday, possibly burying Truman and his beloved Spirit Lake Lodge under 30 feet of ash and mud, the feisty, cantankerous 84-year-old mountain man had become a legend.

Reporters from around the world trooped to his lakeside sanctuary seven miles from the summit of the mountain to see this man who dared to defy the volcano. They came as long as authorities would let them and when roadblocks were erected, they coaxed officials into bringing Truman down to them. He appeared briefly at a press conference in Toutle and then returned to his 40-acre resort.

And for a time, his vow eclipsed news of the volcano's

rumblings. The only way he would leave his mountain was to be carried feet first.

But even Harry didn't count on the mountain exploding.

The lodgekeeper was sipping his favorite drink, a "Coke-Hi," but his version included a massive shot of bourbon cut by a dribble of Coca Cola.

Oregon Journal correspondent Don Hamilton approached and Truman put aside a magazine he was reading and offered the reporter a drink, but Hamilton declined, although asking Harry how his whiskey reserve was holding out.

"The supply is ample," he said.

Hamilton asked Truman if he still was determined to stay put in the face of increasing reports the volcano was about to do something drastic.

Calmly, in good cheer and in the same blunt language he has used in discussing the volcano, God or politics, Truman explained nothing had happened to change his mind about anything. He was resolute. Come what might, he was going to stay where he was.

"He sat right here and said he's not going to be bothered by the old way the mountain erupted, mud flows coming down the gulch," his sister, Geri Whiting, recalled.

"He didn't count on the north side of the mountain coming off."

The last time she saw him, two weeks before the May 18 erup-

tion, was in her hilltop Castle Rock home, where he appeared at her kitchen door as he always did on sojourns from the mountain.

That day he had something to show her.

"Look at this, sis," he said, as he spread a batch of letters on the dining room table. There was a letter from Washington Gov. Dixie Lee Ray and a stack of them from school children in Salem, Ore.

She convinced him he should go speak to "those kids."

He did and the day before he disappeared in an avalanche of ash and mud from Mount St. Helens, he received a packet of pictures. A friend had delivered his mail and said, "You never saw such pleasure as Harry had looking at those pictures."

"Of course, I'll never get to see them," said Mrs. Whiting. She grew quiet and continued slowly.

"I just can't keep back the tears when I talk about it. Those kids know now why he didn't answer them."

That he may be gone is hard to

accept for even her. Deep inside, she knows but her mind won't rest until she sees the devastation herself.

"I have to fly over the area," she said. "I know Harry's gone but I won't be completely satisfied until I look down and see where we lived, where I lived, see that it's gone."

Both were born in West Virginia and moved as youngsters with their parents to Washington. Mrs. Whiting and her husband, Buck, had lived at Spirit Lake with Harry for 18 years, moving to Castle Rock 15 years ago. The Whitings ran the restaurant and cocktail lounge at the lodge.

Harry served in World War I and survived the sinking of the *Tuscania* off the coast of Ireland before returning home to Chehalis. He became a mechanic and owned a garage there before moving to the mountain.

He had seen the splendor of Spirit Lake, how the sun shone through the tall fir and pine and reflected the mountain's peak on the water, and he wanted it as his own.

When he claimed it 52 years ago, the road to the lake was no more than a cow path and what was to become a lodge was tent houses, canvas coverings over wood-slatted floors, and a log cabin.

After being partners with another man for awhile, Harry bought the property outright.

He built a house but it burned down.

In 1939, he and Buck Whiting built the Lodge.

Ensnared in a world he could now call his own, his personality grew as the makings of a legend developed. It was his lodge, his lake, his mountain, and he'd be damned if anyone could tell him what to do.

Harry loved to talk and delighted in his newly found notoriety. He welcomed all of the reporters who came to see him after his volcano started grumbling March 27, although they were lucky to get in a word every 10 minutes.

And he told them what they wanted to hear. He would never leave his mountain. The mountain would have to leave first.



Harry Truman, the man who became a legend defying a mountain that eventually killed him.

"Montreal (Quebec) Gazette" 26 May 1980 p 10

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Evening Herald

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Mountain man Truman: A Cadillac, cats and courage

There was always a lot of fanboyism in Harry, long before there were reporters writing Mount St. Helens volcano stories and turning him into a modern folk hero.

Owned pink Cadillac

"Look at that crazy pink Cadillac he bought back in 1986," his sister said.

"Even had the dealership order special gold wire wheels for it."

Back, her husband, a retired logger, and I and Harry and Eddy went on a vacation then.

"Took that pink Cadillac all through the Southwest."

Eddy died four years ago.

After that, Harry mostly drove his Chevy truck. He kept the Cadillac. It's on the property with him now.

Most of his 18 cats — Harry's most recent household companions — came after Eddy died.

"He started with one, and things just seemed to multiply."

Although Harry loved animals, he really wasn't all that crazy about kids, she said.

But a class at Clear Lake School in Salem, Ore., brought great joy to his heart in the days before May 18.

National Geographic Magazine flew Harry via helicopter to the school for a visit. The children responded by sending Harry a packet of pictures and letters.

A friend, Bob Smith, delivered them May 17 when authorities permitted property owners into the Spirit Lake area to check their cabins and pens.

Letters from kids

"That packet of letters from the kids was the first thing Harry opened," his sister said. "He got the biggest kick out of them."

Bob and the county sheriff left Harry behind that morning. They had tried again to convince Harry to leave, she said.

"Yes, I tried, too. But I've said it over and over again — you have to accept what you cannot change."

Mount St. Helens erupted at 8:32 a.m. May 18.

For half a century Mount St. Helens cradled Harry Truman. How could it destroy him? It wouldn't, he had told his sister. He knew the mountain too well for that.

"We've talked about a memorial service," Mrs. Whiting said. "I just can't bring myself to do it, yet. I have to go to the mountain. Or over, over the lake, the lodge, then I'll know."

"I asked a friend where we could have a memorial service, and he told me to get the biggest hall in town 'cause everybody will want to come."

Harry's legend lives on.



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Saga of a man

Truman reflects mountain spirit

As told by Buck Whiting,
Brother-in-law of Harry R. Truman,
to Barbara Minton

He was a legend in his own time and that suited Harry Rainel Truman just fine. Never one to hide his light under a bushel, the publicity and the spotlight that shown on him in the months before the May 18, 1980 eruption of Mount St. Helens could have been custom ordered by this unique man. We all came to know him as a stubborn, independent, sometimes cantankerous man, but he was also one of our true pioneers; a man with a dream who let nothing stand in his way; a man who had the shrewdness and canny ability to overcome when others would fail; a man whose very real experiences in life read like fiction; a man who dearly loved to relate his adventures when he had an appreciative audience.

Harry was born Oct. 30, 1896 in a cabin in West Virginia, to Newberry and Rosa Truman. Rosa often said Harry was born waving his arms, and all his life it was a mannerism he employed when telling a story. Newberry was a logging foreman, but his love was hunting, fishing and camping, and he soon instilled this love and his abilities in his young son. Rosa was well known for the wonderful way she fed all the loggers in the camp, many of whom stayed on the job because of the delicious food she prepared. She also was responsible for Harry's early schooling, and even taught Newberry to read and write after they were married. Newberry, who was quite a story teller himself, loved to tell of the night Harry was born, when his hunting hounds issued

a call he just couldn't resist. He had to go kill that bear and leave the birthing to the midwife.

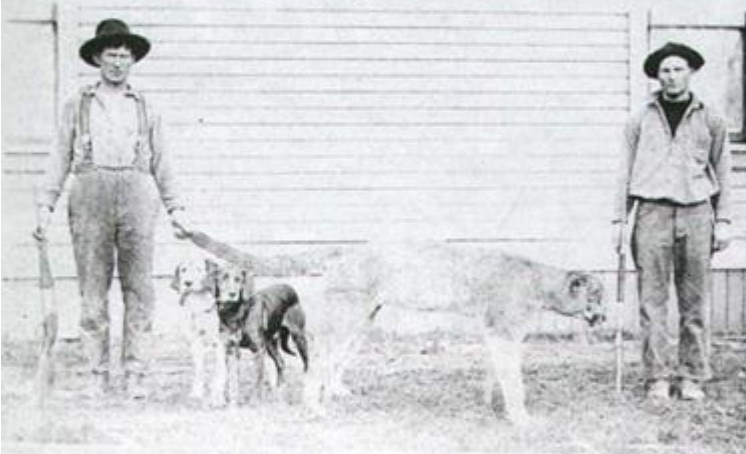
The lure of the virgin west called to Newberry about the time Harry was born, but it wasn't until after the birth of his daughter Geraldine in 1905 that he decided he must go. In 1907 he packed up his family and moved to Washington State, around Chahalis, where he had relatives. He bought a farm just past Riffe, Wash. where his brother and sister-in-law owned a store. Newberry continued in the logging business, but found plenty of time to take Harry hunting and camping. He was a man who knew dogs and horses and tracking, and till the end, Harry loved to tell stories of the experiences he and his dad had together. Much of Harry's philosophy of life derived from statements made by Newberry during their outings.

In his early teens, when the automobile was first being seen, Harry developed a love for and an understanding of all motors and machinery. He talked his folks into buying his first car when he was seventeen; a Ford roadster that wouldn't even run. He hauled it home and in one day fixed it and was driving it around the countryside, scaring the neighbors and their animals. On one occasion, when he and his best friend were going to take a jar of moonshine and visit their girlfriends, he made a discovery that we are just now beginning to appreciate. To keep Newberry from discovering the moonshine when he unexpectedly joined them, Harry poured it into the gasoline. Never had that car run so beautifully or powerfully. Gasahol had been invented and Harry was to remember and use this later in his life.





Harry (second from left on back row) and his Mossy Rock High School sophomore class—1915.



Newberry and Harry with Truman mountain lion bagged in 1912.



Truman shows off prize trophy—1943.

War stories & Soldier Harry

About this time, World War I was declared and Harry was one of the first in his area to enlist, reporting to Ft. Lewis for duty. His forceful personality and his natural abilities quickly made him a leader in his barracks. He was soon given the opportunity to work on airplanes and proved himself a superior mechanic when very few men had even seen an airplane. One of his early experiences involved a plane which just would not run properly. After checking all the parts of the plane, Harry decided to try his own formula of gas, alcohol and ether. The result was so fantastic that his sergeant decided to claim it as his own formula and thus further his own career. Harry recognized his intent and the formula he gave him was just a little richer than it should have been. Fortunately, Harry was shipped out of Ft. Lewis before Sgt. Speers had the opportunity to try it out on his Captain's ailing car. The explosion which resulted did nothing to secure the sergeant a promotion, and the results were far reaching as he was to reappear many times in Harry's life, always just one step behind him in his escapades.

Harry had many exciting experiences in the war. The ship on which he was being transported to Europe was torpedoed and sunk by a German Submarine. After his rescue, and after touring Ireland, Scotland, England and France, Harry was given the job of keeping the planes flying. He introduced his special fuel mixture to the planes he serviced and earned his Master Mechanics rating, as well as the admiration and respect of the other men. On one of the flights he made to test some mechanical adjustments, his plane was shot at and hit by a German fighter. Harry always carried a hand gun on future flights, and once, even



Harry rides into town with his mother and sister in Rosa's new buggy. In 1908 the stylish rig drawn by a Tennessee walking horse was the "last word" in luxury.

scored a hit on a German plane. Harry often said you wouldn't die before it was your time to go - and some of his narrow escapes seemed to prove this.

On returning home from the war, Harry and his good friends Scotty and Earl, who had been with him in the service, found themselves at loose ends, wanting to do more with their lives than returning to the farm. Newberry and Harry spent some time hunting and camping and on one of these trips, Newberry gave Harry all of his guns and camping gear, saying that he had a premonition he wouldn't be around much longer. This proved true as he was killed in a logging accident shortly afterward in 1923. Scotty, Earl and Harry decided at this time to try their hand at a little rum-running off the California coast. The year was 1925 and bootlegging was big business.

What started off as transporting the illegal goods in Harry's specially prepared Hudson sedan, soon became much more involved when Harry figured a way to "Meet the boat" and enjoy a greater percentage of the profits. The three young men went into debt to purchase a new truck and trailer for their operation. The plan was to back this rig into the water, lower the tailgate, have Harry steer the boat right in, Scotty drive the rig off, and Earl erase all of the tracks. It worked beautifully, and the three started accumulating a real nest egg. It worked so beautifully that a federal agent, none other than Sgt. Speers, now Instructor Speers of the federal government was brought in to investigate how so much illegal rum was getting into the area.

As usual he was one step behind

Harry. It worked so beautifully that the underworld powers decided they wanted the operation for their very own, and made Harry, Scotty and Earl an offer they just couldn't refuse. After the financial negotiations were completed, Harry agreed to show them just how the pick-up of the rum was accomplished so successfully, and demonstrated backing the trailer into the water, steering the boat into it and pulling away. All he neglected to tell them was to be sure and lower the tailgate before steering the boat in. The first time the gangsters made a rum pickup on their own, they didn't lower the tailgate and the ensuing explosion scattered debris all over the beach. Inspector Speers never did figure that one out.

HARRY TRUMAN: A REMEMBRANCE

June 14, 1980

Who was Harry Truman? Who was the man who has become a legend to millions in the last three months? What kind of determination formed the character who lived aside Spirit Lake in the north shadow of the mountain for more than a half century?

He was born, like generations of Trumans before him, in the hills of West Virginia. His grandfather, Elijah Truman, his father Newberry, and Uncles Floyd and Marion, all woodsmen by trade migrated to southwest Washington where the lumber industry was burgeoning. West Virginians don't like flat country. They must have felt uncomfortable crossing the central plains—but they found hospitality among the forested hills of Lewis County. It was 1908 when Harry's family settled in Napavine, and Harry later attended Mossyrock High School. As a young man he survived the torpedoing of the U.S.S. *Tuscania* off the coast of Scotland in February 1918.

The matriarch of the family was Rose, mother to Harry and Geraldine, known as Ma to my father since she shared in raising him after he was orphaned. Everyone loved Ma, remembered for her 20-course holiday dinners and her industrious, fast-talking traits were passed along to Harry. All my childhood memories of Thanksgiving, Christmas and other holiday dinners were at Rose's, where Harry would arrive with a flourish. He was a fast talker and loud. He had an opinion on all subjects, and not a mild one either. He would spend a winter month or two at the Flamingo in Las Vegas and regale us with stories of it. In the depression that was something! But the cars he drove. A new one every year—and you don't know the meaning of the word loaded unless you saw one of Harry's cars. Parked along the street in Castle Rock they drew crowds of on-lookers and Harry loved it. The dazzling vehicles simply overawed me and my brothers who would touch and stare when Harry was around. To the end, he kept that pink '57 El Dorado with the gold trim and it made him angry if you offered him money for it.

Harry lived his life close to nature. He could not imagine living elsewhere than his lake and his mountain. He had to make his living between Memorial Day and Labor Day and the rest of the year was spent recovering from—or preparing for—the summer season. He claimed a passing friendship with Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas who hiked around Mt. St. Helens. They were enough alike to make their friendship quite believable.

He outlived his daughter Betty, but he was fond of her and her two children. But he was devoted to his wife Edna, and was deeply shaken by her unexpected death in 1975. His Christmas card that year said he couldn't understand the God who would take such a person from him.

So, Harry didn't understand God—which may not have upset God too much—and perhaps God didn't fully understand Harry Truman, either. Everyone has faith in something. Harry's faith was not traditional, religious or churchly though his Mother was a Baptist. But no one lives his life amidst the incredible beauty of Spirit Lake and Mount St. Helens without a deep theism we could not likely define. Harry was a man of the season's—he didn't resist nature—he respected it and was a creature of the cycles nature brings.

Wherever Harry is now he's taking charge of the situation around him. If he can see what's going on here he's saying: don't you dare cry about me! I did just what I wanted. Go have a good time!

Ann Landers once carried an article about a little girl who loved her grandfather very much. He was a kindly person who took her for walks and told her fascinating stories. After he died she was sitting on her grandmother's lap one afternoon and was heard to ask if God would allow grandpa to play poker in heaven. Grandmother answered, "Of course not. God doesn't allow card playing in heaven." Then the little girl replied "that's too bad because that is what grandpa used to like to do best."

In her reply Ann Landers said "The child was searching for reassurance her grandpa was happy in heaven. It was not necessary for grandma to give her a lecture on the moral aspect of card playing. If the child brings up the subject again, tell her no one knows for sure what goes on in heaven—the very best a person can do is guess. And my guess is grandpa is up there with aces back to back." Wherever Harry Truman is—he's got a glass in one hand and he's holding aces back to back.

For two months, March to May, Harry was at the peak of his life. He loved the mountain and he loved all the attention. The media and the reporters found him a fascinating subject. He reveled in it and was sure of his own indestructibility. One morning I opened my San Francisco paper and there was Harry with the caption under his picture, "That damn mountain doesn't dare blow up on me." In his mind he was invincible and those were the ingredients of the legend.

Thus came the songs, the odes, the poems, the letters from school children in England, the helicopter trips to talk to grade school classes. In a "Peanuts" comic strip one day Lucy said to Charlie Brown, "Charlie Brown, how does it feel to know you will never be a hero?" And Charlie Brown replies, "I don't know about that. I might someday save someone's life or report a fire." Then Lucy replies, "Put it this way, Charlie Brown, how does it feel, deep down in your heart of hearts to know you will never be a hero?" And Charlie Brown replies, "Terrible." Harry Truman would say the same thing about himself if he couldn't be a hero. "That would be terrible." He would love the fable about walking out of his secret cave with D.B. Cooper's money!

So, he died with his boots on, when his mountain blew up on him. What a way to go! He said he couldn't live anywhere else. He wouldn't want to live the way it is there now. The lake of the Spirit and the mountain he knew is gone.

Few or none of us will die so intentionally and at the moment all the things we value disintegrate. Let there be no regrets for Harry Truman. He died just like he lived—with a flourish—and wanted no remorse.

So, let us face the mystery of mortality, Harry Truman's and our own, with the same calmness, believing that what we are can never be lost—

That nothing walks with aimless feet,
That not one life shall be destroyed
Or cast as rubbish to the void
When God hath made the pile complete.
Amen.

Richard E. Ice, L.H.D.
Oakland, California

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Wife Helen Irene Hughes: Bielman Randall Lathan

This blank to be filled by the Minister, Priest or official performing the Marriage Ceremony and returned to the County Auditor of the County in which the marriage took place, within five days from the date of marriage.

Marriage Return

1—Date of License Dec. 29th 1916 14—No. of Bride's Marriages 1st
 2—Full Name of Groom: Cue J. Bielman 15—Residence Centralia Wash
 3—Age Last Birthday 24th 16—Birthplace (b) Wash.
 4—Color (a) White 17—Occupation Domestic
 5—No. of Groom's Marriages 1st 18—Father's Name: S.B. Hughes
 6—Residence Centralia Wash. 19—Mother's Maiden Name: Olara Siverby
 7—Birthplace (b) Kansas 20—Date of Marriage Dec 29th 1916
 8—Occupation Chimney sweep 21—Place of Marriage Chehalis
 9—Father's Name: John Bielman 22—By Whom Married, and Official Station: A.H. Chittenden
 10—Mother's Maiden Name: Emma Judd Chapman
 11—Full Name of Bride: Helen I. Hughes 23—Names of Witnesses and Their Residences:
 Maiden Name if a Widow: _____ No. 1 F.L. Willard
 12—Age Last Birthday 16 _____ 208 1st St.
 13—Color (a) White No. 2 Edith Hughes
 _____ 823 4th St.
 NOTE—(a) State color distinctly, so race may be known, as White, Black, Mulatto, Indian, Chinese, Mixed White and Indian, etc.
 (b) Give State or Foreign Country, so nationality is plainly shown.

Marriage of Helen Irene Hughes to Cue John Bielman on 29 Dec 1916 in Chehalis, Lewis WA – she age 16, he age 24 -

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Marriage of Helen Bielman & Harry Truman – 9 Jun 1921 Snohomish Co. WA -

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The person performing the ceremony must fill out this blank and within 5 days return same to the Auditor of County in which ceremony was performed

PLACE OF MARRIAGE
 County of Lewis **Marriage Return** LICENSE No. 10227
 City or Town of Centralia Wash Personal and Statistical Particulars Date of License Feb 17th 1933

GROOM		BRIDE	
Full Name <u>Jack M Lathan</u>	Full Name <u>Helen Irene Truman</u>	Full Name <u>Jack M Lathan</u>	Full Name <u>Helen Irene Truman</u>
Residence <u>Ramsay Co Minn</u>	Residence <u>823 E Centralia Wash</u>	Residence <u>Ramsay Co Minn</u>	Residence <u>823 E Centralia Wash</u>
Age at Last Birthday <u>32</u> Years	Age at Last Birthday <u>32</u> Years	Age at Last Birthday <u>32</u> Years	Age at Last Birthday <u>32</u> Years
Color or Race <u>American</u> (Give full particulars)	Color or Race <u>White</u> (Give full particulars)	Color or Race <u>American</u> (Give full particulars)	Color or Race <u>White</u> (Give full particulars)
Bachelor, Widower or Divorced	Spinster, Widow or Divorced	Bachelor, Widower or Divorced	Spinster, Widow or Divorced
Number of Marriage <u>1</u>	Number of Marriage <u>Two</u>	Number of Marriage <u>1</u>	Number of Marriage <u>Two</u>
Birthplace <u>Beaver City Neb.</u> (City) (State or Country)	Birthplace <u>Yakima Wash.</u> (City) (State or Country)	Birthplace <u>Beaver City Neb.</u> (City) (State or Country)	Birthplace <u>Yakima Wash.</u> (City) (State or Country)
Occupation <u>Cust</u>	Occupation <u>Housewife</u>	Occupation <u>Cust</u>	Occupation <u>Housewife</u>
Father's Name <u>Perry Lathan</u>	Father's Name <u>A B Hughes</u>	Father's Name <u>Perry Lathan</u>	Father's Name <u>A B Hughes</u>
Father's Birthplace <u>Watson Iowa</u> (City) (State or Country)	Father's Birthplace <u>Yakima Wash</u> (City) (State or Country)	Father's Birthplace <u>Watson Iowa</u> (City) (State or Country)	Father's Birthplace <u>Yakima Wash</u> (City) (State or Country)
Mother's Maiden Name <u>Pearl Mathias Lathan</u>	Mother's Maiden Name <u>Clara Jane Livel</u>	Mother's Maiden Name <u>Pearl Mathias Lathan</u>	Mother's Maiden Name <u>Clara Jane Livel</u>
Mother's Birthplace <u>Beaver City Neb.</u> (City) (State or Country)	Mother's Birthplace <u>Yakima Wash</u> (City) (State or Country)	Mother's Birthplace <u>Beaver City Neb.</u> (City) (State or Country)	Mother's Birthplace <u>Yakima Wash</u> (City) (State or Country)
Maiden Name of Bride if Previously Married <u>Helen Irene Hughes</u>		Maiden Name of Bride if Previously Married <u>Helen Irene Hughes</u>	

We the Groom and Bride named in this certificate, hereby certify that the information given herein is correct, to the best of our knowledge and belief

Groom

Bride

Certificate of Person Performing Ceremony
 I hereby certify, to the best of my knowledge and belief, that the above is a true return of said marriage.
 DATE OF MARRIAGE Feb. 17 1933 Rev. Lillie Grafton
 Address of person performing ceremony Centralia Washington Minister Signature of Person Performing Ceremony
 _____ Official Title

Filed FEB 24 1933
MADE EASTON County Auditor
 _____ Deputy

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Marriage of Helen Truman to Jack Marvin Lathan on 17 Feb 1933 in Centralia, Lewis WA -
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Washington, Death Records, 1883-1960

View record

Name	Jack M Lathan
Gender	Male
Birth Date	1903
Death Date	27 Mar 1956
Age at Death	53
Death Location	Seattle, King, Washington
Father	Perry J Lathan
Mother	Pearl Matthew
Record Source	Washington State Death Records

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In contrast to her feisty, fast-talking husband, Harry Truman's first wife was "just kind of a lonely person" who rarely left her Seattle apartment.

Helen Hughes Lathan died at her home in Seattle two weeks ago at the age of 82. She was born in Centralia and was buried there.

According to an article in the *West Seattle Herald*, Truman "was in seventh heaven" when he brought

Helen to Spirit Lake in 1926 or 1928, but his wife wasn't.

"She never mentioned any love for that area. She was a city girl," according to the newspaper, quoting Judy Plute, Helen's granddaughter. Ms. Plute's mother was the only child to come of Helen's marriage to Truman, making Ms. Plute Truman's granddaughter.

The Trumans built a house with lumber donated by Helen's father, and in later years Helen would say, "If it wasn't for my father, Truman would have never gotten started up there."

Helen left Truman during her first winter at the lake. Truman's niece, Shirley Rosen, in her book *Truman of St. Helens*, said Helen "decided that life in the isolated wilderness was not the one she wanted."

But Ms. Plute says that Helen was upset that her husband "drank a lot and he was mean when he was drunk, and she couldn't take it anymore."

Ms. Plute said, however, that other relatives have told

her Truman didn't drink heavily in those years.

Truman remarried twice. Helen only married once more — to Jack Lathan, an-easy-going traveling salesman. Ms. Plute said of the couple, "they idolized each other."

A homemaker much of her life, Helen also was a beautician in Centralia and an office worker for the Boeing Co. in the late '40s. Her husband died in 1956.

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Six hours of film on Mount St. Helens will be boiled down into a 15-minute segment that will air at 10 p.m. May 19 on ABC's 20-20 television news show.

Producers, reporters and cameramen were in Southwest Washington this week filming the show.

The segment will focus on the "continuing disaster" of Mount St. Helens — the Spirit Lake flooding threat and the flow of sediment into the Cowlitz River.

Producer Rob Wallace said the show also may delve into the negligence suit that relatives of volcano victims have brought against the state. The suit charges the victims died because the state ignored scientific advice and drew an inadequate restricted zone around the mountain.

Wallace, 29, called the volcano "a legitimate news story. There's a very real problem here."

He said he was most impressed with Spirit Lake and the moonscape to the north of the mountain.

Wallace said most officials involved in Mount St. Helens recovery efforts cooperated. Only Col. Robert Friedenwald, chief of the Army Corps of Engineers

Portland District, declined to talk to 20-20.

Friedenwald referred 20-20 to his superiors in Washington, D.C.

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The Indians had the right idea when they named the Cowlitz River the "Coweliske."

According to Camilla Summers' book, *Go to the Cowlitz*, Peter Crawford, the native American word means "river of shifting sands."

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You won't have to go to Pullman to see an exhibit on Mount St. Helens art after all.

Cowlitz County Museum curator Margo Vaughan says the exhibit "Living with the Volcano: the Artists of Mount St. Helens," will show at the museum in Kelso in September.

The show was put together by the Washington State University Museum of Art in Pullman, which reviewed the work of more than 200 artists, selecting the work of 36. The show will go on the road after it closes at Pullman April 17.

"We didn't feel that it was enough to have made a glaze of Mount St. Helens ash and to glaze the same pot that the artists would have made whether or not the volcano had erupted," says WSU museum director Patricia Watkinson.

Ms. Vaughan says most of the volcano artwork has centered on photography. "It will be exciting to see other media" used, she said. "It will be exciting to see an exhibit that is something other than USGS photos."

"Longview (WA) Daily News" Friday 25 Mar 1983 p 11

Wife Marjorie Bennett:Brown Randall



Harry Randall Truman with 2nd wife, Marjorie Bennett – Find A Grave 75472696

The Chehalis Bee-Nuggett

Washington State

Friday September 1, 1922

Miss Marjorie Bennett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Bennett, will teach school this winter at Reardon, Lincoln county. She will teach French and science in the high school there.

Courtesy of Steven Schwartz of Renton WA

Burpee will make their home in Aberdeen.
Announcement was made locally this week of the coming marriage of Miss Marjorie Bennett, daughter of Prof. and Mrs. R. E. Bennett, to Gordon Brown, a well known Chehalis business man, at Westminster Presbyterian church in this city on June 17.

Marriage of Marjorie Bennett to William Gordon Morrison Brown is originally scheduled for 17 Jun 1924 – "Tacoma (WA) Daily Ledger" Sunday 8 Jun 1924 p 12

MARRIAGE IS POSTPONED
CHEHALIS, June 17.—The marriage of Gordon Brown and Miss Marjorie Bennett, which was to be an event of June 17, has been indefinitely postponed owing to the illness of Mr. Brown. He was taken suddenly ill about a week ago, and yesterday his father took him to the Mayo Brothers' hospital at Rochester for treatment.

Marriage to Gordon Brown postponed as he goes to the Mayo Clinic in Rochester MN due to illness – "Tacoma (WA) News Tribune" Tuesday 17 Jun 1924 p 3

Today W. E. Brown, president and manager of the Cowlitz, Chehalis & Cascade Railway Company, left hurriedly for Rochester, Minn., with his son, Gordon Brown, under his care. Gordon Brown was taken seriously ill within the week and will be rushed to Mayo Brothers' hospital for attention. He was to have been married tomorrow, June 17, to Miss Marjorie Bennett, daughter of Professor and Mrs. R. E. Bennett of the Chehalis public schools.

"Tacoma (WA) Daily Ledger" Tuesday 17 Jun 1924 p 12

The will of the late R. E. Bennett of Chehalis made November 15, 1932, was filed for probate yesterday. He died January 29. Value is estimated at \$5,000. Nominal bequest is made to a daughter, Mrs. Marjorie Truman, the bulk going to the widow, Mrs. Tina Bennett, petitioner. The estate of C.

"Tacoma (WA) Daily Ledger" Sunday 9 Feb 1936 p 13

The Chehalis Bee-Nugget
Washington State
Friday, September 13, 1935

Truman-Brown.

The marriage of Mrs. Marjorie Brown and Harry Truman was announced this week. The marriage took place last week, Wednesday, in Seattle. They will make their home at Spirit Lake, where Mr. Truman has interests.

Courtesy of Steven Schwartz of Renton WA

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"PIONEER" INC., TACOMA—118732

CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE

STATE OF WASHINGTON } ss.
County of Pierce

No. 27741

I HEREBY CERTIFY That on the First day of Nov in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and 24 at Tacoma in the County of Pierce and State aforesaid, I the undersigned, a Minister of the Gospel by authority of a license bearing date the 1st day of Nov A. D. 1924 and issued by the County Auditor of Pierce County, did join in lawful wedlock Gordon M. Brown of the County of Lewis State of Wash and Marjorie Bennett of the County of Lewis State of Wash

In the presence of

Witnesses: E. D. Reese

Le. H. Hagerl
Officiating Minister, Judge or Justice of the Peace.

Signed Gordon M. Brown

Groom

Signed Marjorie Bennett

Bride

Residence Tacoma, Wash

Filed

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Marriage of Marjorie Bennett to (William) Gordon Morrison Brown on 1 Nov 1924 in Pierce Co. WA - <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/768086:60226>

STATE OF WASHINGTON,
County of King 58. Series A 35480

Marriage Certificate

THIS CERTIFIES, that the undersigned Rose R. Smith
by authority of a License bearing date the 4th day of Sept., A. D. 1935
and issued by the County Auditor of the County of King, did on the 4th day of Sept
A. D. 1935, at the 2818-62 S.W. Beauty, King
County and State aforesaid, join in **LAWFUL WEDLOCK** H. R. Truman
of the County of Skamania and Marjorie Brown
of the County of Lewis with their mutual assent, in the presence of
E. D. Brinsfield and Jola Tedor witnesses.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, witness the signatures of the parties to said ceremony, the witnesses and myself, this
4th day of Sept., A. D. 1935.

<p>WITNESS:</p> <p><u>E. D. Brinsfield</u> <u>Jola Tedor</u></p>	<p>PARTIES: ✓</p> <p><u>H. R. Truman</u> MALE <u>Marjorie Brown</u> FEMALE</p>	<p>OFFICIATING CLERGYMAN OR OFFICER:</p> <p><u>Rose R. Smith</u> <u>Judge, Sept. 4/2,</u> <u>Superior Court, King Co.</u> <u>Wash. Seattle</u></p>
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Filed SEP 5-1935 IN COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON 1935

CARROLL CARVER
CLERK
STEWART
DEPUTY

This Certificate must be filed but not filed with the County Clerk of the County where the ceremony is performed, within 30 days after the ceremony. See Chapter 17.20 of the 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. ERK
Failure to make and deliver Certificate to County Clerk within 30 days is punishable by a fine of not less than \$15.00 or more than \$300.00.—See Pierce's Code, Sec. 3714.

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Marriage of H.R. Truman & Marjorie Brown on 4 Sep 1935 in Seattle, King WA -
https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2378/images/83966667_e6830507-54f1-450d-9072-40831904ce3c?pld=2701236

BENNETT — Mrs. Tina Bennett, age 71 years, of Route 3, Ferndale, passed away in a local hospital Wednesday, Sept. 12, following a lingering illness. Mrs. Bennett had been a resident of the Whatcom County district for the past 15 years. She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Marjorie Truman, of Bellingham; one granddaughter, Mrs. Joan Slaten, of Seattle; one great-granddaughter, Carol Altman; two sisters, Mrs. Andrew Hilburger, of Chehalis, and Mrs. W. A. Germain, of Neptune Beach; also numerous nieces and nephews. The remains are being forwarded to Chehalis by the Westford-Beck Funeral Home.

Obituary of Marjorie's mother – "Bellingham (WA) Herald" Thursday 13 Sep 1951 p 29

Marjorie Truman Dies Here Wednesday

Marjorie R. Truman, 53, of 1228 State St., died Wednesday at a local hospital.

A former clerk at Montgomery Ward, she had resided in Bellingham the past 15 years.

The survivors include one daughter, Mrs. Joan Waters of Seattle; one granddaughter, and an aunt, Mrs. W. A. Germain of Ferndale.

Services will be conducted by the Rev. Jack Walden, 3 p. m. Friday at the Harlow-Hollingsworth Funeral Home. The body will be forwarded to Centralia where burial will be at 1 p. m. Saturday at the Mountain View Burial Park.

Obituary of Marjorie – "Bellingham (WA) Herald" Thursday 6 May 1954 p 10

TRUMAN—Marjorie R. Truman, age 53, of 1228 State Street, passed away in a local hospital Wednesday, May 5. Mrs. Truman had resided in this community for the past 15 years, and had been employed as a clerk at Montgomery Ward. Surviving relatives include a daughter, Mrs. Joan Waters of Seattle; a granddaughter, and an aunt, Mrs. W. A. Germain of Ferndale. The remains rest at the funeral home of Harlow-Hollingsworth where services will be conducted by Rev. Jack Walden, Friday, May 7, at 3 p. m. The remains will be forwarded to Centralia where burial will be Saturday, May 8, at 1 p. m. at the Mountain View Burial Park.

Obituary of Marjorie – “Bellingham (WA) Herald” Thursday 6 May 1954 p 25

Wife Edna Othelia Lund Hendrickson Randall



Harry Randall Truman with Edna Othelia Hendrickson – Find A Grave 81115682

ORIGINAL
(To be retained by
Clerk of Court)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

PETITION FOR NATURALIZATION

INDEXED ✓
No. 89148

[Of a Married Person, under Sec. 310(a) or (b) of the Nationality Act of 1940 (54 Stat. 1144-1145)]

To the Honorable the U. S. District Court of W. Dist. of Wash. at Seattle, Washington
This petition for naturalization, hereby made and filed pursuant to Section 310(a) of the Nationality Act of 1940, respectfully shows:

(1) My full, true, and correct name is EDNA OTHELIA HENRIKSON
(Full, true name, without abbreviation, and any other name which has been used, except against bond)

(2) My present place of residence is 5212 Kirkwood Pl. Seattle King Wash. My occupation is Clerk
(Number and street) (City or town) (County) (State)

(4) I am 36 years old. (5) I was born on March 30 1909, in Vancouver B.C. Canada
(Month) (Day) (Year) (City or town) (County, district, province, or state) (Country)

(6) My personal description is as follows: Sex female, color white, complexion light, color of eyes blue, color of hair brown, height 5 feet 4 inches, weight 108 pounds; visible distinctive marks none visible; race white; present nationality British

(7) I am married; the name of my wife or husband is George Henrikson; we were married on August 22 1931
(Month) (Day) (Year)

at Seattle Washington; he or she was born at Ferndale Washington on June 24 1908
(City or town) (State or country) (City or town) (County, district, province, or state) (Country) (Month) (Day) (Year)

entered the United States at Seattle Washington for permanent residence in the United States, and now resides at Seattle Washington not with me and was naturalized on June 9 1923
(Number and street) (City or town) (State or country) (Month) (Day) (Year) (City or town) (State)

certificates No. Birth; or became a citizen by Birth
(7a) (If petition is filed under Section 311, Nationality Act of 1940) I have resided in the United States in marital union with my United States citizen spouse for at least 1 year immediately preceding the date of filing this petition for naturalization.
(7b) (If petition is filed under Section 312, Nationality Act of 1940) My husband or wife is a citizen of the United States, is in the employment of the Government of the United States, or of an American institution of research recognized as such by the Attorney General of the United States, or an American firm or corporation engaged in whole or in part in the development of foreign trade and commerce of the United States, or a subsidiary thereof; and such husband or wife is regularly stationed abroad in such employment. I intend in good faith to take up residence within the United States immediately upon the termination of such employment abroad.
(8) I have no children; and the name, sex, date and place of birth, and present place of residence of each of said children who is living, are as follows:

(9) My last place of foreign residence was New Westminster B.C. Canada. (10) I immigrated to the United States from New Westminster B.C. Canada under the name Edna Lund.
(City or town) (County, district, province, or state) (Country) (City or town) (State)

(11) My lawful entry for permanent residence in the United States was at Blaine Washington under the name Edna Lund on June 9 1923 on the Great Northern Railway.
(City or town) (State) (Month) (Day) (Year) (Name of vessel or other means of conveyance)

arrival attached to this petition.

(12) Since my lawful entry for permanent residence I have not been absent from the United States, for a period or periods of 6 months or longer, as follows:

DEPARTED FROM THE UNITED STATES			RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES		
PORT	DATE (Month, day, year)	VESSEL OR OTHER MEANS OF CONVEYANCE	PORT	DATE (Month, day, year)	VESSEL OR OTHER MEANS OF CONVEYANCE

(13) (Declaration of intention not required). (14) It is my intention in good faith to become a citizen of the United States and to renounce absolutely and forever all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty of whom or which at this time I am a subject or citizen, and it is my intention to reside permanently in the United States. (15) I am not, and have not been for the period of at least 10 years immediately preceding the date of this petition, an anarchist; nor a believer in the unlawful damage, injury, or destruction of property, or sabotage; nor a disbeliever in or opposed to organized government; nor a member of or affiliated with any organization or body of persons teaching disbelief in or opposition to organized government. (16) I am able to speak the English language (unless physically unable to do so). (17) I am, and have been during all of the periods required by law, attached to the principles of the Constitution of the United States and well disposed to the good order and happiness of the United States. (18) I have resided continuously in the United States of America for the term of 1 year, at least immediately preceding the date of this petition, to wit: since June 9 1923. (19) I have not heretofore made petition for naturalization

number 01 at Seattle in the County of King State of Washington
(Month) (Day) (Year) (City or town) (County) (State)

Court, and such petition was dismissed or denied by that Court for the following reasons and causes, to wit:

and the cause of such dismissal or denial has since been cured or removed.
(20) Attached hereto and made a part of this, my petition for naturalization, are a certificate of arrival from the Immigration and Naturalization Service of my said lawful entry into the United States for permanent residence (if such certificate of arrival be required by the naturalization law), and the affidavits of at least two verifying witnesses required by law.

(21) Wherefore, I, your petitioner for naturalization, pray that I may be admitted a citizen of the United States of America, and that my name be changed to no change

(22) I, aforesaid petitioner, do swear (affirm) that I know the contents of this petition for naturalization subscribed by me, that the same are true to the best of my own knowledge, except as to matters therein stated to be alleged upon information and belief, and that as to those matters I believe them to be true, and that this petition is signed by me with my full, true name: SO HELP ME GOD.

016-10469

Edna Othelia Henrikson
(Full, true, and correct signature of petitioner, without abbreviation)

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AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

The following witnesses, each being severally, duly, and respectively sworn, depose and say:

My name is Alma K. Nichols my occupation is Housewife
 I reside at 5242 Kirkwood Place Seattle Washington
(Number and street) (City or town) (State)

My name is Valborg H. Larson my occupation is Housewife
 I reside at 2341 N. 117th Seattle Washington
(Number and street) (City or town) (State)

I am a citizen of the United States of America; I have personally known and have been acquainted in the United States with Edna Othelia Henrikson
 the petitioner named in the petition for naturalization of which this affidavit is a part, since June 18 1944
(Month) (Day) (Year)
 to my personal knowledge the petitioner has resided, immediately preceding the date of filing this petition, in the United States continuously since the date last mentioned, and I have personal knowledge that the petitioner is now and during all such period has been a person of good moral character, attached to the principles of the Constitution of the United States, and well disposed to the good order and happiness of the United States, and in my opinion the petitioner is in every way qualified to be admitted a citizen of the United States.
 I do swear (affirm) that the statements of fact I have made in this affidavit of this petition for naturalization subscribed by me are true to the best of my knowledge and belief: SO HELP ME GOD.

Alma K. Nichols Valborg H. Larson
(Signature of witness) (Signature of witness)

Subscribed and sworn to before me by the above-named petitioner and witnesses, in the respective forms of oath shown in said petition and affidavit, in the office of the Clerk of said Court at Seattle Washington this 19th day of June, Anno Domini 1945 I hereby certify that Certificate of Arrival No. 20-52447 from the Immigration and Naturalization Service, showing the lawful entry for permanent residence of the petitioner above named, has been by me filed with, attached to, and made a part of this petition on this date.

MILLARD P. THOMAS
 By Donita Watkins [SEAL]
Clerk. Deputy Clerk.

EDNA OTHELIA HENRIKSON

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I hereby declare, on oath, that I absolutely and entirely renounce and abjure all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty of whom or which I have heretofore been a subject or citizen; that I will support and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States of America against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; and that I take this obligation freely without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion: SO HELP ME GOD. In acknowledgment whereof I have heretofore affixed my signature.

Edna Othelia Henrikson
(Signature of petitioner)

Sworn to in open court, this 14th day of August, 1945, A. D. 19____

MILLARD P. THOMAS
Clerk.

By Marion Miller
Deputy Clerk.

NOTE.—In renunciation of title or order of nobility, add the following to the oath of allegiance before it is signed: "I further renounce the title of (give title or titles) which I have heretofore held," or "I further renounce the order of nobility (give the order of nobility) to which I have heretofore belonged."

Petition granted: Line No. 24 of List No. 2050 and Certificate No. 607462 issued.

Petition denied: List No. _____

Petition continued from _____ to _____ Reason _____

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 16-10480-1

Naturalization application of Edna Othelia Lund Henrikson – 19 Jun 1945 -
<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/211157:2531>

No. 14864

Certificate of Marriage

STATE OF WASHINGTON COUNTY OF SKAMANIA

This is to Certify, that the undersigned a Justice of the Peace
 by authority of a License bearing date the 11th day of September AD 1947
 and issued by the Auditor of the County of SKAMANIA State of Washington did on the
11th day of September AD 1947 at Stevenson in the County
 of Skamania State aforesaid join in lawful wedlock H. R. Truman
 of the County of Skamania in the State of Washington and
Edna Henrickson of the County of Skamania
 in the State of Washington with their mutual consent.
 Witness my hand, this 11th day of September AD 1947

IN PRESENCE OF

Emelyn O'Neal
John L. Ellinger

SIGNATURES OF CONTRACTING PARTIES

H. R. Truman
Edna Henrickson

Geo Brown

NOTE: This Certificate must be returned to the County Auditor of the County in which the license was issued within thirty days from date of Marriage.

H.R. Truman married Edna Othelia Lund Henrickson on 11 Sep 1947 to Skamania Co. WA –

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/1874518:2378>

Mrs. Edna Ottilia Truman, 66, of Spirit Lake, died Sept. 7, at home. Born March 30, 1909, in Vancouver, B. C., she was a member of the Longview Lady Elks, and she and her husband have operated the Mt. St. Helens Lodge for many years.

Survivors include her husband, Harry, at home; two sisters, Mrs. Ruth Peterson and Mrs. Esther Burke of Seattle; her mother, Mrs. Lund of Seattle; several nieces and nephews.

Services will be held on Thursday at 11 a.m. at the Hubbard Chapel in Castle Rock, with the Rev. Martin Scarbo officiating. Interment will be in the Mountain View Cemetery in Centralia. Hubbard Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Obituary of Edna – “Longview (WA) Daily News” Wednesday 10 Sep 1975 p 27

Edna O Truman

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

Name	Edna O Truman
Gender	Female
Age	66
Birth Year	abt 1909
Residence Place	Skamania, Washington, USA
Death Date	7 Sep 1975
Death Place	Skamania, Washington
Certificate Number	021752

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/897928:6716?ssrc=pt&tid=81075600&pid=30438291388>

STATE OF WASHINGTON,
County of King

ss.

Series A 19413

Marriage Certificate

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THIS CERTIFIES, that the undersigned, a minister of the Gospel,
by authority of a License bearing date the 14th day of August A. D. 19 31
and issued by the County Auditor of the County of King, did on the ~~22nd~~ 23rd day of August
A. D. 19 31, at the city of Seattle
County and State aforesaid, join in LAWFUL WEDLOCK George Henrikson
of the County of King and Edna O. Lund
of the County of King with their mutual assent, in the presence of
David Lapham and Mrs. D. Lapham witnesses.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, witness the signatures of the parties to said ceremony, the witnesses and
myself, this 23rd day of August A. D. 19 31

<p>WITNESS:</p> <p><i>David Lapham</i> <i>Mrs. D. Lapham</i></p>	<p>PARTIES:</p> <p><i>George Henrikson</i> MALE <i>Edna O. Lund</i> FEMALE</p>	<p>OFFICIATING CLERGYMAN OR OFFICER:</p> <p><i>Emil Friberg</i> 6838 18th Ave. N. E. Seattle WASHINGTON</p>
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Filed. SEP 14 1931

ABE N. OLSON
COUNTY CLERK

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. 3712.
Failure to make and deliver Certificate to the County Clerk within 30 days is punishable by a fine of not less than \$35.00 or more than \$300.00.
—See Pierce's Code, Sec. 3714.

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George Henrikson
Ferndale, Washington
Pharmacy
Kappa Psi.

U of WA senior 1931 George Henrikson, pharmacy student -
<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/234843250:1265>

George Henrikson

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

Name	George Henrikson
Gender	Male
Age	90
Birth Year	abt 1908
Residence Place	King, Washington, USA
Death Date	26 Nov 1998
Death Place	King, Washington

https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/2994166:6716?tid=&pid=&queryId=f0606e8324b4cc87ff3863cc82e4ff8f&_phsrc=hFB63187&_phstart=successSource

U.S., Border Crossings from Canada to U.S., 1895-1960 for Edna Ophelia Lund
A3599 - Blaine, Washington, July 1924-October 1956 > ALL > 014

Form 548		MANIFEST U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR IMMIGRATION SERVICE		SERIAL NO. 04367	
Family name LUND		Given name Edna Ophelia		Port of BLAINE, WASH.	
Age 15 yrs.	Sex F	U. S. L	Occupation None	Date JUL 24 1925	
Height 5' 3 1/2"	Complexion Fair	Build Gr	Nationality Can	Race Land	
Place of birth Vane Bc	Read y	Language or reason for exemption Eng	Writ 4	Money shown \$15.00	
Last permanent residence Seaville		Destination Seaville		State Seaville	
Ticket 4 RT Ticket	Passage paid by 11	From June 9 1923	To June 23 1925	Where Seaville	
Going to join relative or friend Ticket	Name Edward Lund	Address 519 - 34th St Seaville			
Time remaining in U. S. Perm	Purpose in coming Rec'd	Intend to become U. S. citizen	Head tax status		
Accompanied by No one		Of what country a citizen before becoming citizen of Canada			
Name and address of nearest relative or friend in country whence alien came Mother; Aunt, Mrs Alex Falk	Name Ben Del	Address New Brunswick			
Seaport of landing	Date of landing	Name of S. S.	Traveling by 359		

14-2140

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/19134234:1075>

Child:



TRUMAN, BETTY JEAN—"In songs she pleases all." Activities: Glee Club, Operetta, Special Chorus. Clubs; Spanish. Offices: Spanish Club Vice President.

Betty Jean Truman – Auburn (WA) High School 1940 yearbook -
https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/1497034843:1265?tid=65880900&pid=30142451656&queryId=b4c39e013b5448c0d59bf1fd424d797&_phsrc=hFB63190&_phstart=successSource



Betty Jean Truman – Auburn (WA) High School 1939 yearbook -
https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/1485004264:1265?tid=65880900&pid=30142451656&queryId=b4c39e013b5448c0d59bf1fd424d797&_phsrc=hFB63191&_phstart=successSource

MARRIAGE STATISTICS	
STATE OF WASHINGTON } ss.	CLARK COUNTY
COUNTY OF CLARK	
We, the undersigned applicants, being first duly sworn, say: That the information given herein is correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.	
MALE	FEMALE
<p>Full Name <u>Vernon A. Bradford</u></p> <p>Residence <u>Spokane Wash.</u></p> <p>Age at last Birthday <u>24</u> Years</p> <p>Color or Race <u>White</u></p> <p>Single, Widowed or Divorced</p> <p>Number of Marriages <u>One Prior</u></p> <p>Birthplace <u>Alabama</u> State or Country</p> <p>Occupation <u>U.S. Marine</u></p> <p>Name of Father <u>Marian Bradford</u></p> <p>Birthplace of Father <u>Alabama</u> State or Country</p> <p>Maiden Name of Mother <u>Annie M. Craig</u></p> <p>Birthplace of Mother <u>Alabama</u> State or Country</p> <p>Name of Guardian</p> <p>Address of Guardian</p> <p>Residence past Six Months <u>San Francisco Calif.</u></p> <p>Name of Witness who can Verify Residence <u>Miss Mae Bradford</u></p> <p>Address of Witness <u>Spokane Wash.</u></p>	<p>Full Name <u>Betty J. Truman</u></p> <p>Residence <u>Spokane Wash.</u></p> <p>Age at last Birthday <u>23</u> Years</p> <p>Color or Race <u>White</u></p> <p>Single, Widowed or Divorced</p> <p>Number of Marriages <u>One Prior</u></p> <p>Birthplace <u>California</u> State or Country</p> <p>Occupation <u>None</u></p> <p>Name of Father <u>Larry Truman</u></p> <p>Birthplace of Father <u>Calif.</u> State or Country</p> <p>Maiden Name of Mother <u>Lillian Hughes</u></p> <p>Birthplace of Mother <u>Wash.</u> State or Country</p> <p>Name of Guardian</p> <p>Address of Guardian</p> <p>Residence past Six Months <u>Spokane Lake, Wash.</u></p> <p>Name of Witness who can Verify Residence <u>same</u></p> <p>Address of Witness <u>same</u></p>
MALE <u>Vernon A. Bradford</u> (Signature)	FEMALE <u>Betty J. Truman</u> (Signature)
Subscribed and sworn to before me this <u>21st</u> day of <u>Dec</u> , 194 <u>5</u>	
<p><u>E. Simpson</u> Auditor of Clark County.</p> <p><u>Dep.</u></p>	

Marriage license of Betty Jean Truman to 2nd husband Vernon Bradford – 21 Dec 1945 Clark Co. WA

- <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-C91J-1QFY-H?cc=1534448>

MARRIAGE LICENSE RECORD No. 51, KOOTENAI COUNTY, IDAHO

189736

MARRIAGE LICENSE

STATE OF IDAHO, }
 County of KOOTENAI, }

KNOW ALL MEN BY THIS CERTIFICATE, That any regularly ordained minister of the gospel authorized by the rites and usages of the church or denomination of Christians, Hebrews, or religious body of which he may be a member, or any judge or justice of the peace or competent officer to whom this may come, he not knowing of any lawful impediment thereto, is hereby authorized and empowered to solemnize

the rites of matrimony between Rosa M. Burnett
 of Centralia of the County of Lewis, State of Washington and
Betty Truman of Centralia of the County of Lewis

State of Washington and so certify the same to said parties, or either of them, under his hand and seal, in his ministerial or official capacity, and thereupon he is required to return his certificate in form following as hereto annexed.

In TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said County
 at Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, this 12th day of September,
 A. D. 1946.



Jas. A. Foster
 County Recorder.

By Alberta E. Platt
 Deputy Recorder.

MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE

I, Eugene C. Hawkins, a Christian Minister

residing at Coeur d'Alene in the County of Kootenai, in the State of Idaho, do certify that, in accordance with the authority on me conferred by the above license, I did on this 12th day of Sept. in the year A. D. 1946, at Coeur d'Alene, in the County of Kootenai, in the State of Idaho, solemnize the rites of matrimony between Ross M. Burnett of Centralia in the County of Lewis, of the State of Wash. and Betty Truman of Centralia in the County of Lewis, of the State of Wash. in the presence of Rex Dallas and Mrs. Lillian Hawkins

Witness my hand and seal in the county aforesaid, this Twelfth day of September, A. D. 1946

In the presence of

<u>Rex Dallas</u> <u>Mrs. Lillian Hawkins</u>	<u>E. C. Hawkins</u> (SEAL) <u>Minister of Christian Church</u> (Sign this in official capacity)
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STATE OF IDAHO, }
 COUNTY OF KOOTENAI, } ss.

Filed for record at the request of E. C. Hawkins

on SEP 16 1946 at 10:12 o'clock A. M., and recorded in Book 51 of Marriages, Page 509

Jas. A. Foster
 County Recorder.

By Alberta E. Platt
 Deputy.

Fee, \$1.00.

marriage of Betty Jean Truman to Ross Manson Burnett on 12 Sep 1946 in Coeur d'Alene, Kootenai ID - https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/61480/images/48574_b415174-00508?pId=90152951

The Daily Chronicle

Washington State

Tuesday, August 8, 1961

Burnett Service Set

Mrs. Betty Jean Burnett, a resident of Sumner for the past four years, died at her home Friday. She was 39.

Mrs. Burnett was born March 11, 1922, at Portland. She was a former resident of Centralia and of Seattle, and a member of the Christian church at Sumner.

She is survived by one daughter, Miss Judith Yvonne Burnett, and one son, Barry Burnett, at Sumner; her father, Harry R. Truman, Spirit Lake; her mother, Mrs. Harry Lathan, Seattle, and one aunt, Mrs. Duane O. Whiting, Castle Rock.

Funeral services will be Wednesday at 1 p.m., at Newell-Hoerling's, Centralia, with the Rev. Harvey C. Hartling officiating. Burial will follow at Mountain View.

Obituary of daughter Betty Jean Truman Burnett -

Father:

HUNTERS RETURN.

Newberry Truman and a party of friends returned this week after a ten days' trip up the Iron creek trail and about the foot of Mount Adams where they were hunting. Mr. Truman reports game rather wild this year. His party managed to get some to eat, but as there are even more hunters than usual in that country this season the deer spend most of their time in the deep woods and canyons. Cougars are very numerous. Some of the party saw three cougar in one bunch and numerous tracks

were also seen. The party included Newberry Truman, F. M. Truman of Riffe, E. O. Albers, Pat Van Bibber, Everett Hardman and Mr. Thorne. The latter two are residents of Roane county, West Virginia, who have been in Lewis county visiting during the past few weeks.

Hotel Man Crushed Between Two Logs

CHEHALIS, May 9.—Caught between two logs, Newberry Truman, 50, of Chehalis, sustained fatal injuries Tuesday afternoon at the Brown-McPhee logging camp at Lacamas. Truman owned the Star hotel here and had lived in Lewis county for 20 years. He leaves his widow, his father and a son and daughter, Harry and Geraldine.

“Seattle (WA) Star” Wednesday 9 May 1923 p 20

LOGGER IS KILLED IN ACCIDENT

Chehalis Man Meets Death Near Lacamas; Hoquiam Man Victim

Two loggers met death in the woods of Southwest Washington in accidents Tuesday afternoon, and a third logger was killed in Oregon, according to messages to The Ledger.

—Newberry Truman, a resident of Chehalis, was killed early this afternoon while employed in the Brown-McFee logging camp at Lacamas, 19 miles southeast of Chehalis. Truman was crushed between two logs, sustaining injuries from which he never rallied. He was 50 years old and had been a resident of Lewis county and Chehalis for 20 years or more. He was the owner of the Star Hotel on the west side and had a large circle of friends. Prior to coming to Che-

halis to live Mr. Truman lived for a number of years at Riffe, where a brother, Melvin, resides.

Truman leaves a widow, a son, Harry Truman, and a daughter, Geraldine. His aged father also lives in Chehalis. He was a member of Chehalis B. P. O. E. Lodge No. 1374 and was also an Odd Fellow.

Coroner Fissel left early this afternoon for Lacamas to investigate the accident and bring the body to Chehalis. Arrangements for the funeral will be announced later.

Clarence Irving, twenty one, high climber for the Olympic Cedar Company, was almost instantly killed when a 70-foot dead tree he was at the top of fell, crushing him on the rebound. His mother and sister Myrtle live in Seattle, also a brother works at the Schafer Logging camp here.

"Tacoma (WA) Daily Ledger" Wednesday 9 May 1923 p 1

The funeral of Newberry Truman, whose death occurred Tuesday afternoon in a logging camp near Lacamas, will be held Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the parlors of the Fissel Undertaking Company. Rev. Ted Goodwin of the Christian church will officiate. Graveside services will be conducted by officers of Chehalis lodge of Elks of which deceased was a member.. Burial will be in Mountain View cemetery.

"Tacoma (WA) Daily Ledger" Thursday 10 May 1923 p 12

NEWBERRY TRUMAN IS KILLED

Well Known Chehalis Resident Meets
Death Tuesday.

Newberry Truman was killed early Tuesday morning while employed at the Brown-McFee logging camp at Lacamas, southeast of Chehalis about 19 miles. He was crushed between two logs, and never rallied from the injury. Deceased was 48 years of age, and had lived in Lewis county and Chehalis over 20 years. He was the owner of the Star hotel in this city, and had a large number of friends. A brother, Melvin, lives at Riffe. Other surviving relatives are his widow; a son, Harry; a daughter, Geraldine, and his aged father, of Chehalis. He was a member of the Chehalis Elks and the local I. O. O. F. Coroner Fissel brought the body to Chehalis Tuesday afternoon.

Funeral services were held yesterday afternoon at the Fissel chapel, Rev. Ted Goodwin officiating. Music was furnished by the Elks' quartette, and the Elks' officers conducted the graveside services. Interment was in Mt. View cemetery.

"Chehalis (WA) Bee-Nugget" Friday 11 May 1923 p 5

CARD OF THANKS.

We want to extend our great thanks to the people and organizations of Chehalis for their kindness, in the death and bereavement of our husband and father; also for the beautiful floral offerings.

Mrs. Rosa Truman; Harry Truman,
Geraldine Truman. d

"Chehalis (WA) Bee-Nugget" Friday 25 May 1923 p 3

Mother:

Name	Newberry Truman
Gender	Male
Spouse	Rosa McGRAW
Spouse Gender	Female
Marriage Date	8 Sep 1894
County	Jackson
State	West Virginia

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then two weeks vacation.
The wedding of one of St. Urban's prominent citizens occurred at Vancouver, Wash., last Friday afternoon, when F. Brautigam and Mrs. Rosa Truman of San Francisco were married.

Remarriage of mother Rosa Belle Hardman Truman to Brautigam on 3 Aug 1928 – "Tacoma (WA) Daily Ledger" Wednesday 8 Aug 1928 p 10

CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE A14198

PLACE OF MARRIAGE, County of Clark Town of Vancouver

GROOM	BRIDE
Full Name <u>Ferdinand Brantigan</u>	Full Name <u>Rosa B Truman</u>
Residence Street and No. <u>Winlock Wash</u>	Residence Street and No. <u>San Francisco Calif</u>
Age at last Birthday <u>61</u> Years	Age at last Birthday <u>48</u> Years
Color or Race <u>White</u>	Color or Race <u>white</u>
Single, Widowed or Divorced <u>Divorced</u>	Single, Widowed or Divorced <u>widow</u>
Number of Marriages <u>Third</u>	Number of Marriages <u>Second</u>
Birthplace _____ State or County <u>Germany</u>	Birthplace <u>W.Va</u> State or County _____
Occupation <u>Farmer</u>	Occupation <u>Hotel manager</u>
Name of Father <u>Lorenzo Brantigan</u>	Name of Father <u>Marella Hardman</u>
Birthplace of Father _____ State or County <u>Germany</u>	Birthplace of Father <u>W.Va</u> State or County _____
Maiden Name of Mother <u>Deutenberg</u>	Maiden Name of Mother <u>Fiona Meyrow</u>
Birthplace of Mother _____ State or County <u>Germany</u>	Birthplace of Mother <u>W.Va</u> State or County _____
Maiden Name of Bride, if She Was Previously Married <u>Rosa B Hardman</u>	

We, the groom and bride named in this certificate, hereby certify that the information given herein is correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Ferdinand Brantigan Groom Rosa B Truman Bride

CERTIFICATE OF PERSON PERFORMING CEREMONY

I HEREBY CERTIFY That Ferdinand Brantigan and Rosa B. Truman were joined in Marriage by me in accordance with the laws of the State of Washington, at Vancouver this 3 day of Aug 1928

Signatures of Witnesses

C. W. Drinn
Res. Vancouver St. No. 1004

J. M. Fisher
Res. Vancouver St. No. 1004

Signature of the person performing the ceremony

Rev A. W. Skaggs
Official Station Minister

Residence 508 W. 1st Vancouver Wash

This blank to be filled in by the Minister, Priest or official performing the marriage ceremony and returned to the County Auditor of the county in which the marriage took place, within ten days from the date of marriage. Write PLAINLY with unfading ink. This is a permanent record. See that EVERY BLANK is properly filled. License issued at Vancouver, Washington.

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ICKLING, C.

DEPUTY

Ferd Brautigan, a prominent citizen of the St. Urban district, and Mrs. Rosa Truman of San Francisco were married in Vancouver Friday, August 3. Returning to their home here Saturday afternoon, they were given a noisy charivari by a number of their friends that evening. The party was invited in by the bride and groom for the usual treat and received in return many wishes for their future happiness. Mrs. Brautigan was a resident of Napavine 20 years ago and has many friends in this community who will be glad to know of her return here.

"Chehalis (WA) Bee-Nugget" Friday 10 Aug 1928 p 3

MARRIED DURING THE WEEK

Sheets-Brautigan.

Winlock, R. D. 2, June 11.—St. Urban was treated to a very pleasant surprise this week when Ferdinand Brautigan was united in marriage to Mrs. Hattie Sheets on June 6. Mrs. Sheets was formerly of Olevet, Mich., where she lived for years, having moved to Detroit about three years ago. Mrs. Brautigan likes the St. Urban district and is much pleased with her new home, Meadowview farm. Mr. Brautigan has been a prosperous farmer in this community for years and is well known over the county. Besides being a good farmer he has

been a booster for good roads and other community improvements, and has been in charge of the road building in the district for some time.

A large number of friends and neighbors surprised the happy couple by giving them a real, old-fashioned charivari when they arrived at their home Tuesday evening. A reception was given in honor of the bride and groom Thursday, June 8, at the St. Urban Grange hall. One of the largest crowds ever assembled in the community was present. Many were present from Chehalis, Centralia and other points. A grand march led by the bride and groom, dancing, and a bountiful luncheon, characterized the evening's reception.

Everybody present had a very enjoyable time and were very free with their "well wishes" for the happy couple.

"Chehalis (WA) Bee-Nugget" Friday 16 Jun 1922 p 4

Ferdinand Brautigam vs. Hattie Brautigam, divorce. He says in his complaint that they were married at Chehalis June 5, 1922, and she deserted him October 22, 1922. There is no property; there are no children.

"Chehalis (WA) Bee-Nugget" Friday 21 Jan 1927 p 4

Mr. and Mrs. R. Conroy of Wisconsin are guests at the Ferdinand Brautigam home at St. Urban. Miss Geraldine Truman of Seattle is also a guest at the Brautigam home this week.

Mrs. F. Brautigam was a guest of relatives in Chehalis and Centralia a portion of the past week. She attended meetings of lodges of which she is a member.

"Chehalis (WA) Bee-Nugget" Friday 10 Aug 1928 p 3

Mrs. Ferdinand Brautigam was given a birthday anniversary celebration Monday at her St. Urban home. A bountiful farm dinner was served.

"Chehalis (WA) Bee-Nugget" Friday 22 Mar 1929 p 10

Card of Thanks—To those who expressed their sympathy in so many beautiful floral offerings and cards, in our recent bereavement, we extend our heartfelt thanks.

Signed—Rosa Brautigam, Laurence Brautigam, Martin Brautigam, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Truman, Mr. and Mrs. Duane Whiting. 143-1t

Card of thanks following funeral of Ferdinand Brautigam – "Centralia (WA) Daily Chronicle" Saturday 16 Jun 1951 p 7

Card of Thanks — We wish to thank all our neighbors and friends who have extended their sympathy and floral offerings in our hour of bereavement in the loss of our beloved mother and grandmother, Mrs. Rosa Brautigam. Also the nurses of Lewis County General hospital and to The Reverend Lucas who gave words of comfort and hope in our darkest hour. Signed: Mr. and Mrs. Harry Truman, Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Whiting, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Burnett, Malrin Brautigam and Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Brautigam. 66-1tp.

Card of thanks for Rosa Belle Hardman Truman Brautigam - "Centralia (WA) Daily Chronicle"
Tuesday 19 Mar 1957 p 2

Sibling:



Sister Geraldine ("Geri") Truman Whiting & husband Duane Ordie ("Buck") Whiting – Find A Grave
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Sister Thinks Harry Buried Inside Lodge

TOUTLE (AP) — Harry R. Truman, the stubborn 84-year-old patriarch of Mt. St. Helens, probably is entombed in the lodge he refused to leave, his sister and a good friend said Monday.

Harry vowed he wouldn't budge for man or mountain, and all indications are that he kept his word.

State Department of Emergency Services personnel officially list Truman as missing.

"It all happened too fast. There was no chance, no chance at all" that Truman scrambled from his lodge to safety in a secret mine shaft he talked about, said Geraldine Whiting, his sister.

When Mt. St. Helens blew at about 8:30 a.m. Sunday, a sea of rock, muck and searing hot mud covered Harry's lodge at Spirit Lake to a depth of 30 feet.

Mud and ash flowed into once-pristine Spirit Lake itself.

Ms. Whiting said she tried to persuade Harry to seek safe quarters miles from the volcano, but he was determined to "spit in the mountain's eye" rather than relocate, as Harry once said.

"It was useless," said Mrs. Whiting.

Rob Smith, possibly the last person to see Harry, delivered

mail and provisions to the lodge at about 5:30 p.m. Saturday.

"There's absolutely no chance Harry survived," said Smith, who said he also tried to coax Truman out. "He wouldn't have any part of it."

Earlier Saturday, Truman was gruff and gritty as ever when interviewed by a group of reporters outside his lodge.

"I've always been self-sufficient. I have plenty to do here," said Harry, who lived at Spirit Lake beneath the volcano for more than 50 years.

He dismissed a group of homeowners who came up Saturday to check their belongings as "nesters" and grumped, "Everybody in the goddamned country is up here."

His lodge contained a new treasure — banners reading "Harry — We Love You" that Salem, Ore., school children presented to him last week after he addressed them. He also had a collection of fan mail he received after he won national renown as king of the mountain.

He liked the idea that he was allowed to stay at the foot of the trembling mountain while others were ordered out.

"The Olympian" (Olympia WA) Tuesday 20 May 1980 p 6

120 honor Harry

LONGVIEW, Wash. (AP) — If Harry Truman had been around for his own memorial service he'd probably be saying, "Don't you dare cry for me. I did just what I want. Go have a good time."

That was the guess of an old friend at Saturday's service that drew about 120 people to the American Baptist Church here. It was their way of remembering and honoring the crusty octogenarian who refused to leave his home on Mount St. Helens.

"Harry loved the mountain and he loved the attention," said Richard Ice of Oakland, Calif., president of American Baptist Homes of the West.

"He was sure of the mountain," said Ice, a friend of the family who said he was raised like Truman's nephew. "He'd said that Mount St. Helens 'wouldn't dare blow up on me.' Harry seemed invincible. And that's the stuff that the legend was made of."



Associated Press Photo

Geraldine Whiting, sister of Harry Truman, is embraced by Mike Fousie after a memorial service for Truman.

Truman, 84, is one of 45 persons listed as missing from the mountain's devastating May 18 explosion. Hundreds of feet of mud cover his home at Spirit Lake at the northern base of the mountain.

The confirmed death toll stands at 24.

Truman refused to leave the lodge he had established on the shore of once-serene Spirit Lake. He told reporters in the days before the eruptions that if the mountain blew — even though it didn't dare — he would hole up in a secret cave with a keg of whiskey.

But the violent eruption

service for Truman.

came quickly that quiet Sunday morning, and relatives say they're sure Truman was unable to escape before the tons of mud and debris crushed his lodge. Two additional eruptions have spewed more debris on the area.

"Harry died with his boots on. When the mountain blew up, it took him with it," Ice said.

"Wherever Harry is, he's probably taking charge. And he's probably got a glass of Coke in one hand and axes back-to-back."

Truman's sister, Geri Whiting of Castle Rock, Wash., sobbed quietly

and dabbed tears from her eyes as John Anderson, a nephew of Truman's, read a poem Anderson had written for her.

"Nothing seems to draw people together more than tears," said the Rev. James Conrod. "But from the tears come laughter. And from the laughter comes joy."

"Harry was glad to be a part of the mountain in life. And now he's a part of it in death. Younger people might not understand the decision Harry made. But that was his choice."

"Pasco (WA) Tri-City Herald" Monday 16 Jun 1980 p 19

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Staff photo by Russ Carmack

Harry Truman's sister, Geraldine Whiting

Sister believes Harry is dead

By KERRY WEBSTER

TOUTLE — Harry Truman's sister feels there is no chance the 84-year-old lodgekeeper is still alive after the eruption Sunday that buried his Mount St. Helens lodge.

"It all happened too quick," said Mrs. Geraldine Whiting of Castle Rock yesterday. "Just common sense would tell you he never had a chance."

Mrs. Whiting, who appeared to be in her 70s, came to the helicopter landing field at the Toutle Lake High School in hopes of getting a ride over whatever remained of her brother's domain.

Geologists say Spirit Lake simply has disappeared, boiled away by the intense heat of the volcanic eruption and covered by mudflows.

No trace remains of the lodge at the onetime lake's rim, which scientists believe is buried under at least 30 feet of ash and mud.

"Oh, I know all that," said Mrs. Whiting. "I just wanted to see for myself. I thought maybe because I was his sister, you know . . ."

Brig. Gen. George Coates, commander of the Army National Guard contingent here, declined apologetically to allow her on a helicopter, saying the aircraft had to be reserved for rescue work.

Mrs. Whiting said she understood.

The Army fliers also turned down an overflight request by Rob Smith, 27, who identified himself as owner of the Spirit Lake Lodge, Truman's nearest neighbor.

"I just want to get a look at it," explained Smith, who said his lodge was a mile farther down the mountain. "I know what everybody says it's like, but I want to see for myself."

Smith, who had been taking Truman groceries and mail since the mountain was closed to the public March 27, said he believes he and his friend, Kathy Paulson, 30, were the last to see the stubborn old recluse alive.

"We took him up his groceries and his Sunday paper on Saturday," he said. "He was in fine shape, just as always, and out mowing his lawn. He had all his sprinklers going, and the place was neat as a pin."

"We promised to come back on Sunday."

On Sunday, about 8:30 a.m., an explosion blew off the top of Mount St. Helens, and with it, Harry Truman's lodge.

Smith said the mountain man's last words to him were the same as always: "Keep a stiff upper lip, kid."

"Tacoma (WA) News Tribune" Tuesday 20 May 1980 p 4

LICENSE NO. 22531

Application for License to Wed

Rec'd \$1.00 DEC 31 1929
FRANK A. TURNER County Clerk

Glen George Thompson To Geraldine Truman
of Seattle Wn of Seattle Wn

Were on this 6 day of Dec, 1929 Granted Marriage License No. to Wed.

On the following affidavits of Applicants, to-wit:

(AFFIDAVIT OF MALE APPLICANT)

STATE OF WASHINGTON, } ss.
COUNTY OF SNOHOMISH }
Glen George Thompson, being first
duly sworn according to law, says: that he is one of the applicants for Marriage
License, No. _____ and makes this affidavit to procure the issuance thereof;
that he is not feeble-minded, an imbecile, epileptic, insane, a common drunkard
or afflicted with pulmonary tuberculosis in its advanced stages; and that he is
not afflicted with any contagious venereal diseases.

Glen George Thompson (SEAL)
Subscribed and sworn to before me this day of DEC 6 1929
A. D. 19 _____ J. L. Sugars Deputy County Auditor.

(AFFIDAVIT OF FEMALE APPLICANT)

STATE OF WASHINGTON, } ss.
COUNTY OF SNOHOMISH }
Geraldine Truman, being first
duly sworn according to law, says: That she is one of the applicants for Marriage
License, No. _____ and makes this affidavit to procure the issuance thereof;
that she is not feeble-minded, an imbecile, epileptic, insane, a common drunkard
or afflicted with pulmonary tuberculosis in its advanced stages.

Geraldine Truman (SEAL)
Subscribed and sworn to before me this day of DEC 6 1929
A. D. 19 _____ J. L. Sugars Deputy County Auditor.

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS

STATE OF WASHINGTON, } ss.
COUNTY OF SNOHOMISH }
Lila D. Wright & Blain H. Snyder, being first duly sworn, according to law, on oath depose and says that _____ he is well acquainted
with Glen George Thompson of Seattle, Wn
and Geraldine Truman of _____
who contemplates marriage, and is in no way interested in their marriage. That neither of said persons is an habitual criminal; that the said
female, is over the age of eighteen (18) years, and the said
male, is over the age of twenty-one (21) years, and further this affiant sayeth not.

Lila D. Wright (SEAL)
Blain H. Snyder (SEAL)
J. L. Sugars Deputy County Auditor.

SUBSCRIBED and sworn to before me this day of DEC 6 1929 A. D. 19 _____

Marriage of Geraldine Truman to Glen George Thompson on 6 Dec 1929 in Seattle, King WA -
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The person performing the ceremony must fill out this blank and within 5 days return same to the Auditor of County in which ceremony was performed

PLACE OF MARRIAGE
County of Lewis **Marriage Return** LICENSE No. 11405 728
City or Town of Chelalis Personal and Statistical Particulars Date of License June 25, 1925

GROOM		BRIDE	
Full Name <u>Duane Whiting</u>	Full Name <u>Geraldine Truman</u>	Full Name <u>Geraldine Truman</u>	Full Name <u>Geraldine Truman</u>
Residence <u>Kelso, Wash.</u>	Residence <u>Centralia, Wash</u>	Residence <u>Centralia, Wash</u>	Residence <u>Centralia, Wash</u>
Age at Last Birthday <u>25</u> Years	Age at Last Birthday <u>30</u> Years	Age at Last Birthday <u>30</u> Years	Age at Last Birthday <u>30</u> Years
Color or Race <u>white</u> (Give full particulars)	Color or Race <u>white</u> (Give full particulars)	Color or Race <u>white</u> (Give full particulars)	Color or Race <u>white</u> (Give full particulars)
Bachelor, Widower or Divorced	Spinster, Widow or Divorced <u>Never</u>	Spinster, Widow or Divorced <u>Never</u>	Spinster, Widow or Divorced <u>Never</u>
Number of Marriage <u>First</u>	Number of Marriage <u>Second</u>	Number of Marriage <u>Second</u>	Number of Marriage <u>Second</u>
Birthplace <u>North Dakota</u> (City) (State or Country)	Birthplace <u>West Va</u> (City) (State or Country)	Birthplace <u>West Va</u> (City) (State or Country)	Birthplace <u>West Va</u> (City) (State or Country)
Occupation <u>Truck Driver</u>	Occupation <u>maid</u>	Occupation <u>maid</u>	Occupation <u>maid</u>
Father's Name <u>Ordie Whiting</u>	Father's Name <u>Newberry Truman</u>	Father's Name <u>Newberry Truman</u>	Father's Name <u>Newberry Truman</u>
Father's Birthplace <u>Minger</u> (City) (State or Country)	Father's Birthplace <u>West Va</u> (City) (State or Country)	Father's Birthplace <u>West Va</u> (City) (State or Country)	Father's Birthplace <u>West Va</u> (City) (State or Country)
Mother's Maiden Name <u>Margaret Truman</u>	Mother's Maiden Name <u>Rosa Hardman</u>	Mother's Maiden Name <u>Rosa Hardman</u>	Mother's Maiden Name <u>Rosa Hardman</u>
Mother's Birthplace <u>Mission</u> (City) (State or Country)	Mother's Birthplace <u>West Va</u> (City) (State or Country)	Mother's Birthplace <u>West Va</u> (City) (State or Country)	Mother's Birthplace <u>West Va</u> (City) (State or Country)
Maiden Name of Bride if Previously Married <u>Geraldine Truman</u>		Maiden Name of Bride if Previously Married <u>Geraldine Truman</u>	
We the Groom and Bride named in this certificate, hereby certify that the information given herein is correct, to the best of our knowledge and belief			
<u>Duane Whiting</u> Groom		<u>Geraldine Truman</u> Bride	
Certificate of Person Performing Ceremony			
I hereby certify, to the best of my knowledge and belief, that the above is a true return of said marriage.			
DATE OF MARRIAGE <u>June 25, 1925</u>		Signature of Person Performing Ceremony <u>Clarence J. Beadles</u>	
Address of person performing ceremony <u>Chelalis, Washington</u>		Official Title <u>Methodist Minister</u>	
Filed <u>June 25, 1925</u>		County Auditor	
By _____		Deputy	

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Marriage licenses were granted today as follows by County Auditor Harry T. Martin: Duane Whiting of Kelso and Geraldine Truman of Centralia; Marion Manuell Clark and Blanche Vivian Owen, both of Toledo.

"Tacoma (WA) Daily Ledger" Thursday 27 Jun 1935 p 9

Geraldine Whiting, 81, sister of Harry Truman, the feisty old man who refused to leave his home at the base of Mount St. Helens before its cataclysmic 1980 eruption, has died in Castle Rock, Wash.

"Minneapolis (MN) Star Tribune" Sunday 1 Nov 1987 p 32

Geraldine Whiting

Geraldine "Geri" Whiting of 329 Spirit Lake Highway, Castle Rock, died at home Oct. 29, 1987, at the age of 81. She was born Nov. 8, 1905, at Charleston, W. Va., and moved to the local area as a child in 1910.

She and her husband Duane "Buck" Whiting were married 52 years. The couple owned and operated Buck's Sporting Goods Store in Castle Rock, the Sport Center in Camas and Lookout bar and restaurant at Spirit Lake.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. Whiting is survived by a great-niece and great-nephew, Judy Plute of Issaquah and Barry Burnett of Redmond. She was preceded in death by her brother, Harry Truman of Spirit Lake.

A memorial service will take place at 1:30 p.m. Monday at 329 Spirit Lake Highway, with John Anderson officiating. Hubbard Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Castle Rock Lions Club for the maintenance of the Harry Truman Memorial.

"Longview (WA) Daily News" Friday 30 Oct 1987 p 4

As a youth, Truman was always getting into mischief



Truman, right, lost his uniform hat when his ship sunk

The following is the second of six parts excerpted from Shirley Rosen's book, *Truman of St. Helens: The Man and his Mountain*, just published by Longview Publishing and Madrona Publishers.

By Shirley Rosen

Harry Truman was born in West Virginia in October 1896. His parents were Newberry and Rosa Belle Truman, and he was their first child, born in a log cabin in the tiny community of Ivydale, northeast of Charleston, where even today only 200 people live.

Most of West Virginia was forest land — rolling green hills and wooded valleys of white oak and sycamore — and it was only natural for generations of Trumans to be woodsmen and loggers. But by the time young Harry turned 11, much of the Appalachian Mountains had been logged off, and families like the Trumans were lured west.

They heard tales about Washington, which had been a state for only 17 years, and how it had beauty, cheap land, and a burgeoning timber industry. Much of the Truman clan would head west in 1907.

Like many families who came west, the Trumans first settled in the lowlands where the men tried to earn enough money to buy a farm. Before long, the Trumans moved to the backwoods of eastern Lewis County, for they were mountain people who depended on the forests for survival. It took two days and nights for the Trumans to make the 45-mile trip in their wagons to their new 160-acre farm, near Nesika.

In the narrow valley, farms alternated with patches of timber. It was in this valley alongside the Cowlitz River that Newberry Truman worked as a hunter, farmer and logger. Their nearest neighbors were the family of Floyd Riffe, and young Harry became good friends with the Riffes' son Jesse. Together they went to school in Glenoma, seven miles away. Jessie and Charlie Osborne remember Harry as being full of curiosity and mischief in his school days.

"If Harry wasn't getting into mischief, he was getting in the way," Charlie says. "Harry and I used to get in the Cowlitz River with an outboard motor and he'd hit the high rough parts of the water and it didn't bother him a bit. He was devilish. The rougher it was, the better he liked it, and if he got dumped out he'd get to shore some way, even though he couldn't swim a lick."

All of Harry Truman's school chums remember that he had several hunting dogs and that once he was the center of attention because he killed a bear — quite a feat for a young man of 15.

But Grace Sears Finstad, a classmate of Harry, remembers him as a "stinker." "He was smart all right," she recalls. "He thought he was the 'cock of the walk.' He was good-looking and all the girls liked him."

"You couldn't help but like him; he'd talk to anyone, and he was always neat and clean. But he was a cocky guy."

He was also someone who always seemed to swear, even as a youth.

Truman returned to Mossyrock High School as a senior after a year working. Charlie Osborne remembers Truman's return vividly because that was when Harry bought his first car, a Metz roadster with friction drive, and the two rode to school in style.

Five boys and two girls were graduated in the first Mossyrock Viking class of 1917. Soon afterward, Truman went to war.

He had enlisted in July of 1917 with the two Rakes brothers and classmate Fred Martin in Centralia. Like many young men his age, Truman had been moved to join the Army out of patriotism and splendid dreams of flying missions in the skies over France. But he was trained as an aeromechanic and electrician and assigned to the 7th Squad of the 100th Aero Squadron.

By October, Truman had joined his comrades in arms of the Aero Squadron at Hazelhurst Field, N.Y., and was shipped to Halifax, Nova Scotia, where they boarded the *Tuscania*, a 14,400-ton British steamship which was serving as a transport for American troops.

The *Tuscania*'s tortuous Atlantic crossing was almost over Feb. 5, 1918; the troopship was 10 miles from the Irish coastline. Truman was watching boxing matches when a German torpedo slammed into the ship's boiler room. "It scared the living hell out of me," Truman later recalled. "Everything went black."

The ship listed badly, and flares were lighted on every deck to replace the *Tuscania*'s failed lighting system, destroyed by the initial explosion. Confusion was everywhere. Some men jumped, others fell overboard in the chill darkness before the ship sank.

U.S. newspapers were filled for days with accounts of the sinking and updated daily lists of survivors — lists which did not initially include Truman's name, causing his parents great concern. After five long days, Truman's name finally appeared among the 2,235 survivors.

Truman described the sinking and his rescue in a letter sent to his mother from England on Valentine's Day.

"I don't know what the United States papers said about the wreck of the *Tuscania*," wrote the young Truman. "but feel sure" the account "was not in a way I can relate it when I come home. . . . The lifeboat I was in smashed up but I made it to a sub destroyer all right and only got wet."

"We lost everything we had, coats, hats and everything that was loose. I happened to have my pictures in my pocket and saved them. . . . I suppose the sinking of the boat caused much excitement over there because it was the first American transport to be torpedoed, but there wasn't many lost, only five of my friends from our squadron."

"Tell Dad that I am getting along fine and send love to the kids, and don't worry about me for I will get back all right. With love, from Harry."

Then Truman was transferred to France and worked day and night keeping planes in shape for combat patrols. He also may have become a combat pilot himself, as many of the best young

See Truman, Page c4

"Longview (WA) Daily News" Thursday 21 May 1981 p 19 (C1) -
<https://www.newspapers.com/image/576052964/>

Truman *From C1*

mechanics did.

Years later in his lodge at Spirit Lake, he would tell people he had done just that. He would tell of flying in the open cockpits of the French-made Spad biplanes, a leather cap on his head, a white silk scarf around his neck "flapping in the breeze."

The war changed Truman, as it did so many of the young men who served in France. Charlie Osborne found his friend Truman a different man: "He became a kind of a loner, I think. We never discussed the war much after we came home. We wanted to forget it."

Not long after Truman's return he married Helen Hughes, the daughter of a sawmill owner in the area. On March 11, 1922, they had a daughter, Betty.

But sadness soon intruded. On May 8, 1923, Truman's father, Newberry, was crushed to death in a logging accident.

Harry Truman was then working as a mechanic for St. John Motors, a Ford dealership in Chehalis, using the skills he learned in the Air Corps. But Truman soon tired of the day-to-day humdrum of a mechanic's life. He had heard tales that "you could pick gold off the bushes in Nevada" and he went there hoping to find fortune as a prospector. Truman soon found prospecting was hard work — too hard.

Bootlegging was easier. In many ways, it was also a perfect match of man and profession. Truman liked his liquor, and prohibition profoundly offended him. He was ambitious and full of initiative; he didn't mind taking risks: He thrived in crisis situations.

And fast cars, required equipment for a rum-runner, had always been among his favorite things.

Soon Truman was picking up liquor smuggled into San Francisco and running it up to southwestern Washington. Whorehouses on the coast in Aberdeen and Hoquiam were among his regular stops.

But the nature of the bootlegging business started to change from a haven for small independent operators to a big business controlled by gangsters. Truman had

worked with a gang in California, but there were the inevitable disagreements over money and territory, and Truman left the state just a few steps ahead of some people who were after him.

Truman sought refuge in Chehalis and operated a small gas station and repair shop called Harry's Sudden Service. But his refuge was not well-enough hidden — he was not very good at keeping a low profile — and Truman soon heard that the people he had fled from in California were hot on his trail again.

So Harry's Sudden Service closed abruptly in 1926, and Truman packed his wife, his daughter, and his bootlegger's .45-caliber Thompson submachine gun off to a place where he thought no one could find them — the back country wilderness around Spirit Lake and Mount St. Helens.

Truman began by operating a small gas station and log cabin grocery, and renting a few boats. He built a large log home at the headwaters of the North Fork of the Toutle River.

The isolation at Spirit Lake hid Truman from his pursuers, but it also took its toll on his personal life. First his daughter, Betty, had to be sent to stay with Jesse and Lucy Riffe in Nesika; there was no school near Spirit Lake. Later, Truman's wife, Helen, decided that life in the isolated wilderness was not the one she wanted, so she moved back to the valley. Their divorce followed.

The place was so isolated that Truman resumed his bootlegging to make more money. Cy Jacques, who worked on trails for the Forest Service at that time, remembers frequent visits to Truman's place to buy whiskey.

"We used to go up to Truman's pretty nearly every night and get a bottle of moonshine from him," Cy, now 74, recalls. "Sometimes we'd go to Truman's and stay a day. He charged \$1.50 for a short pint; they were flat little whiskey bottles that held 10 to 12 ounces. Harry made good money on moonshine at \$1.50. My God! We were only making \$3 a day!"



Harry Truman's Mt. St. Helens Lodge Photograph Collection, 1940-1950

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Mount St. Helens & Spirit Lake from Harry's lodge -

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THEN: Mount St. Helens gleams in the mid-1940s in this image looking south from the shore of Spirit Lake. (Boyd Ellis, Paul Dorpat Collection)



NOW: From the same vantage, Mount St. Helens remains shattered nearly 40 years after its legendary eruption on May 18, 1980. For more photos of St. Helens today, scroll to the bottom for four bonus images. (Jean Sherrard)



Harry Truman (left) and Rob Smith chat in 1976 at Spirit Lake Lodge. (Lynn Taylor, courtesy Rob Smith)



After a winter snow in 1979, Harry Truman pauses outside his Mount St. Helens Lodge. (Kathy Paulson)



A U.S. Geological Survey map of the Mount St. Helens region shows the sites of Harry Truman's Mount St. Helens Lodge and Rob's Spirit Lake Lodge in relation to Spirit Lake, the Toutle River and the Mount St. Helens eruption.



Title card for the 2000 TV documentary "Mount St. Helens' Fury," narrated by Tom Skerrit. Click the photo to see the documentary on YouTube.



Thirty-nine years after the eruption, greenery covers the sites where Spirit Lake Lodge (circle), run by Rob Smith, and Mount St. Helens Lodge (half circle), run by Harry Truman, are buried several hundred feet below. A portion of the hollowed-out Mount St. Helens is shown at right. (Rob Smith)

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1980 eruption of Mt. St. Helens



Photograph of the eruption column, May 18, 1980, taken by *Austin Post*

On March 27, 1980, a series of [volcanic explosions](#) and [pyroclastic flows](#) began at [Mount St. Helens](#) in [Skamania County, Washington](#), United States. A series of [phreatic blasts](#) occurred from the summit and escalated until a major explosive eruption took place on May 18, 1980, at 8:32 AM. The eruption, which had a [Volcanic Explosivity Index](#) of 5, was the most significant to occur in the [contiguous United States](#) since the much smaller 1915 eruption of [Lassen Peak](#) in California.^[2] It has often been declared the most disastrous volcanic eruption in U.S. history.

The eruption was preceded by a two-month series of earthquakes and [steam-venting](#) episodes caused by an injection of [magma](#) at shallow depth below the volcano that created a large bulge and a fracture system on the mountain's north slope. An earthquake at 8:32:11 am [PDT](#) ([UTC−7](#)) on Sunday, May 18, 1980,^[3] caused the entire weakened north face to slide away, a [sector collapse](#) which was the largest subaerial landslide in recorded history.^[4] This allowed the partly molten [rock](#), rich in high-pressure gas and [steam](#), to suddenly explode northward toward [Spirit Lake](#) in a hot mix of [lava](#) and pulverized older rock, overtaking the landslide. An [eruption column](#) rose 80,000 feet (24 km; 15 mi) into the [atmosphere](#) and deposited ash in 11 U.S. states^[5] and various Canadian provinces.^[6] At the same time, snow, ice, and several entire [glaciers](#) on the volcano melted, forming a series of large [lahars](#) (volcanic [mudslides](#)) that reached as far as the [Columbia River](#), nearly 50 miles (80 km) to the southwest. Less severe outbursts continued into the next day, only to be followed by other large, but not as destructive, eruptions later that year. Thermal energy released during the eruption was equal to 26 megatons of [TNT](#).^[7]

About 57 people were killed, including innkeeper and World War I veteran [Harry R. Truman](#), photographers [Reid Blackburn](#) and [Robert Landsburg](#), and geologist [David A. Johnston](#).^[8] Hundreds of square miles were reduced to wasteland, causing over \$1 billion in damage (equivalent to \$3.6 billion in 2021), thousands of animals were killed, and Mount St. Helens was left with a crater on its north side. At the time of the eruption, the summit of the volcano was owned by the [Burlington Northern Railroad](#), but afterward, the railroad donated the land to the [United States Forest Service](#).^{[9][10]} The area was later preserved in the [Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument](#).

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Harry R. Truman (October 30, 1896^[1] – May 18, 1980) was an American businessman, [bootlegger](#), and [prospector](#). He lived near [Mount St. Helens](#), an active volcano in the state of [Washington](#), and was the owner and caretaker of Mount St. Helens Lodge at [Spirit Lake](#) near the base of the mountain. Truman came to fame as a [folk hero](#) in the months leading up to the volcano's 1980 [eruption](#) after refusing to leave his home despite evacuation orders. He was killed by a [pyroclastic flow](#) that overtook his lodge and buried the site under 150 ft (46 m) of volcanic debris.

After Truman's death, his family and friends reflected on his love for the mountain. In 1981, [Art Carney](#) portrayed Truman in the [docudrama](#) film *St. Helens*. He was commemorated in a book by his niece, and also in various pieces of music, including songs by [Headgear](#), [Billy Jonas](#), and Shawn Wright and the Brothers Band.

Harry R. Truman



Truman near his lodge in 1980, a few months before his death

Born	October 30, 1896 ^[1] Ivydale, West Virginia, U.S.
Died	May 18, 1980 (aged 83) Mount St. Helens, Washington, U.S.
Occupation(s)	Bootlegger , prospector , caretaker of the Mount St. Helens Lodge
Spouse(s)	Helen Irene Hughes (divorced) Marjorie Bennett (divorced) Edna O. Henrickson (deceased)
Children	1

Military career

Allegiance	United States
Service/branch	United States Army Air Service
Years of service	1917–1919
Unit	100th Aero Squadron
Battles/wars	World War I

Early life [edit]

Truman was born to foresters in [Ivydale, West Virginia](#), in October 1896. He said he did not know his exact date of birth, but gave it as October 1896.^[2] Some noncontemporaneous sources have given his middle name as Randall,^{[3][4]} but Truman stated that he did not know his middle name, just the initial R.^{[5][6]} Truman's [World War II draft registration](#) card, dated April 27, 1942, lists his full name as "Harry Rainel Truman" and his date of birth as "Oct. 30, 1896."^[1]

Truman's family moved west to Washington, drawn to the promise of cheap land and the successful timber industry in the [Pacific Northwest](#); they settled on 160 acres (65 ha) of farmland in the eastern portion of [Lewis County, Washington](#).^[5]

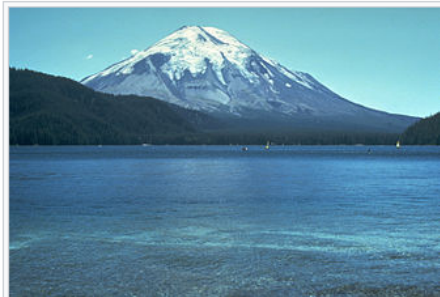
Career [edit]

He attended high school in the city of [Mossyrock, Washington](#) then enlisted in the U.S. Army as a private in August 1917. He was assigned to the [100th Aero Squadron](#), 7th Squad, and trained as an aeromechanic. He served in France during [World War I](#).^[5]

During his service, he reportedly sustained injuries due to his audacious and independent nature.^[2] However, according to Washington State Archives, Truman served overseas from January 24, 1918, until February 1, 1919, but this record states he did not have wounds or injuries received in action and did not participate in any engagements. It also states he had a disability rating of zero at the time he was discharged.^[7]

While en route to Europe, his troopship, *[Tuscania](#)*, was sunk by a German [U-boat](#) in a torpedo attack off the coast of Ireland.^[8] Truman was honorably discharged on June 12, 1919, and he began [prospecting](#), but failed to achieve his goal of becoming rich. He later became a bootlegger, smuggling alcohol from [San Francisco](#) to Washington during the [Prohibition era](#).^[2]

At some point, Truman returned to [Chehalis, Washington](#), where he ran an automotive [service station](#) called Harry's Sudden Service.^[5] He also married the daughter of a sawmill owner; they had one daughter.^[4]



Mount St. Helens and Spirit Lake before the 1980 eruption

Truman grew tired of civilization after a few years and leased 50 acres (20 ha) from the [Northern Pacific Railroad Company](#)^[5] overlooking Spirit Lake in the wilderness near [Mount St. Helens](#),^[2] a [stratovolcano](#) of the [Cascade Range](#) located in [Skamania County, Washington](#). He settled near the base of the mountain and opened a gas station and a small grocery store;^[9] he eventually opened the [Mount St. Helens Lodge](#),^[2] close to the outlet of Spirit Lake,^[10] which he operated for 52 years.^{[11][12]}

During the 1930s, Truman divorced his first wife; he remarried in 1935. The second marriage was short, as he reportedly attempted to win arguments by throwing his wife into Spirit Lake, despite her inability to swim.^[13] He began dating a local girl, though he eventually married the girl's sister Edna, whom he called Edie.^[13] This third marriage held, and he and Edna operated the

[Mount St. Helens Lodge](#) together^[14] until her death from a heart attack in 1978.^[15]

In the [Mount St. Helens](#) area, Truman became notorious for his antics, once getting a forest ranger drunk so that he could burn a pile of brush.^[2] He poached, stole gravel from the [U.S. Forest Service](#), and fished on American Indian land with a fake game warden badge. Despite their knowledge of these criminal activities, local rangers failed to catch him in the act. The [Washington state government](#) later changed the state sales tax, but Truman kept charging the same rate at his lodge. A tax agency employee rented a boat from him, but refused to pay his tax rate, so Truman pushed him into Spirit Lake.^[16]

Truman was a fan of the cocktail drink consisting of [Schenley](#) whiskey and [Coca-Cola](#). He owned a pink 1957 [Cadillac](#), and he swore frequently.^[17] He loved discussing politics and reportedly hated [Republicans](#), hippies, young children, and the elderly.^[16] He once refused to allow Supreme Court Justice [William O. Douglas](#) to stay at his lodge, dismissing him as an "old coot".^[16] He changed his mind when he learned Douglas' identity, chased him for 1 mile (1.6 km), to a neighboring lodge and convinced him to stay.^[16] When his wife Edna died in 1978, Truman closed his lodge and afterward only rented out a handful of boats and cabins during the summer.^[14]



Truman once refused service to Associate Justice [William O. Douglas](#) (pictured) at his lodge. Upon learning his identity, he chased Douglas down and convinced him to stay.

Celebrity [edit]

Truman became a minor celebrity during the two months of volcanic activity preceding the 1980 eruption of Mount St. Helens, giving interviews to reporters and expressing his opinion that the danger was exaggerated. "I don't have any idea whether it will blow," he said, "but I don't believe it to the point that I'm going to pack up."^[18] Truman displayed little concern about the volcano and his situation: "If the mountain goes, I'm going with it. This area is heavily timbered, Spirit Lake is in between me and the mountain, and the mountain is a mile away, the mountain ain't gonna hurt me."^[19] Law-enforcement officials were incensed by his refusal to evacuate because media representatives kept entering the restricted zone near the volcano to interview him, endangering themselves in the process. Still, Truman remained steadfast. "You couldn't pull me out with a mule team. That mountain's part of Truman and Truman's part of that mountain."^[16]

Truman told reporters that he was knocked from his bed by precursor earthquakes, so he responded by moving his mattress to the basement.^[12] He claimed to wear spurs to bed to cope with the earthquakes while he slept.^[20] He scoffed at the public's concern for his safety,^[12] responding to scientists' claims about the threat of the volcano that "the mountain has shot its wad and it hasn't hurt my place a bit, but those goddamn geologists with their hair down to their butts wouldn't pay no attention to ol' Truman."^[16]

As a result of his defiant commentary, Truman became something of a folk hero,^[12] and was the subject of many songs and poems by children.^[21] One group of children from [Salem, Oregon](#), sent him banners inscribed "Harry – We Love You", which moved him so much that he took a helicopter trip (paid for by [National Geographic](#))^[22] to visit them on May 14.^[20] He also received many fan letters,^[23] including several marriage proposals.^[24] A group of fifth graders from [Grand Blanc, Michigan](#), wrote letters that brought him to tears. In return, he sent them a letter and volcanic ash, which the students later sold to buy flowers for his family after the eruption.^[22]

He caused a media frenzy, appearing on the front page of *The New York Times* and *The San Francisco Examiner* and attracting the attention of *National Geographic*, *United Press International*, and *The Today Show*.^[25] Many major magazines composed profiles, including *Time*, *Life*, *Newsweek*, *Field & Stream*, and *Reader's Digest*. A historian named Richard W. Slatta wrote that "his fiery attitude, brash speech, love of the outdoors, and fierce independence... made him a folk hero the media could adore."^[22] Slatta pointed to Truman's "unbendable character and response to the forces of nature" as a source of his rise to fame, and the interviews with him added "color" to reports about the events at Mount St. Helens.^[26] Truman was immortalized, according to Slatta, "with many of the embellished qualities of the western hero", and the media spotlight created a persona that was "in some ways quite different from his true character."^[2]

Death [edit]

As the likelihood of eruption increased, state officials tried to evacuate the area with the exception of a few scientists and security officials. On May 17, they attempted one final time to persuade Truman to leave, to no avail. The volcano erupted the next morning, and its entire northern flank collapsed.^[27] Truman and his 16 cats were alone together at his lodge,^[11] and all are presumed to have died in the eruption on May 18.^[23] He likely died of **heat shock** in less than a second, too quickly to register pain, before his body would have been inevitably all but entirely vaporized.^[28]

The largest **landslide** in recorded history and a **pyroclastic flow** traveling atop the landslide engulfed the Spirit Lake area almost simultaneously, destroying the lake and burying the site of his lodge under 150 ft (46 m) of volcanic landslide debris.^[27] Authorities never found Truman's remains.^[11] Truman considered his cats family and mentioned them in almost all public statements. They too presumably perished in similar conditions.^{[11][27]}

Friends hoped that Truman might have survived, as he had claimed to have provisioned an abandoned mine shaft with food and liquor in case of an eruption, but the lack of immediate warning of the oncoming eruption probably prevented him from escaping to the shaft before the pyroclastic flow reached his lodge^[14] (less than a minute after it began). Even if Truman had made it there, the aforementioned landslide would likely have suffocated him, and/or prevented his rescue. His sister Geraldine said that she found it hard to accept the reality of his death. "I don't think he made it, but I thought if they would let me fly over and see for myself that Harry's lodge is gone, then maybe I'd believe it for sure."^[12]

Truman's niece Shirley Rosen added that her uncle thought he could escape the volcano but was not expecting the lateral eruption. She stated that her sister took him a bottle of Bourbon whiskey to persuade him to evacuate, but he was too afraid to drink alcohol at the time because he was unsure whether the shaking was coming from his body or the earthquakes.^[8] His possessions were auctioned off as keepsakes to admirers in September 1980.^[29]

Legacy [edit]

Truman emerged as a folk hero for his resistance to the evacuation efforts.^[12] *The Columbian* wrote: "With his 10-dollar name and hell-no-I-won't-go attitude, Truman was a made-for-prime-time folk hero."^[17] His friends and family commented: "He was a very opinionated person."^[21] Truman's friend John Garrity added, "The mountain and the lake were his life. If he'd left and then saw what the mountain did to his lake, it would have killed him anyway. He always said he wanted to die at Spirit Lake. He went the way he wanted to go."^[21]

Truman's niece Shirley stated, "He used to say that's my mountain and my lake and he would say those are my arms and my legs. If he would have seen it the way it is now, I don't think he would have survived."^[8] Truman's cousin Richard Ice commented that Truman's short period as a celebrity was "the peak of his life."^[21]

Truman was the subject of the books *Truman of St. Helens: The Man and His Mountain* by his niece Shirley Rosen,^[30] and *The Legend of Harry Truman* by his sister Geri Whiting.^[31] He was portrayed by **Art Carney**, his favorite actor,^[32] in the 1981 docudrama *St. Helens*.^[33] Memorabilia were sold in the area surrounding Mount St.

Helens, including Harry Truman hats, pictures, posters, and postcards. A restaurant opened in **Anchorage, Alaska**, named after him, serving dishes such as Harry's Hot Molten Chili.^[31]

According to *The Washington Star*, more than 100 songs had been composed in Truman's honor by 1981, in addition to a commemorative album titled *The Musical Legend Of Harry Truman — A Very Special Collection Of Mount St. Helens' Volcano Songs*.^[31] He is the subject of the 2007 song "Harry Truman"^[34] written and recorded by Irish band **Headgear**.^[35] Lula Belle Garland wrote "The Legend of Harry And The Mountain," which was recorded in 1980 by Ron Shaw & The Desert Wind Band.^[36]

Musicians Ron Allen and Steve Asplund wrote a country rock song in 1980 called "Harry Truman, Your Spirit Still Lives On".^[34] **Billy Jonas** included Truman's narrative in his song "Old St. Helen" in 1993.^[37]

Truman Trail and Harry's Ridge in the Mount St. Helens region are named after him.^{[38][39]} The Harry R. Truman Memorial Park was named in his honor in **Castle Rock**, Washington,^[40] though it later was renamed Castle Rock Lions Club Volunteer Park.^[41]



Truman's name is on a plaque (bottom right) with names of the victims of the May 18 eruption, with Mount St. Helens in the background.

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- "Harry (Of Mount Saint Helens)" Recorded in 1982 by Penny Lew [↗](#).
- "Thank You Lord, for Harry" Recorded in 1982 by Shawn Wright & The Brothers Band [\[1\]](#) [↗](#)

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Harry_R._Truman

Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

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

NOK = next-of-kin

Name: Harry Randall Truman

Name variations: Veterans Administration Master Index & WWII draft registration lists
middle name as Rainel

Military:

On Tuscania: 100th Aero Squadron, 7th Squad (airplane mechanic) - private

Serial number: 249,922

Entered service from: Riffe, Lewis WA

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: Harry R. Truman

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": father Newberry Truman, Riffe WA

Returned from war on: "Louisville" May 1919

Sailed on return ship as: Harry R. Truman

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: mother Mrs. Rose Truman, 1491 Market St., Chehalis WA
(PFC, 100th Aero Sq)

World War I draft registration (1917):

National Tuscania Survivors Association (1939): Riffe WA

World War II draft registration (1942): as Harry Rainel Truman - b. 30 Oct 1896 Ivy Dale WV;
res: Spirit Lake, Skamania WA. NOK Mrs. Harry Truman, same address. Self-employed at
Spirit Lake WA. Card signed H.R. Truman. "mole on back of neck" – Height: 5'9" – 175 lbs.

Veterans Administration Military Index: middle name of Rainel – image no longer available
on FamilySearch.org as of 5 Apr 2023

Enlisted: 4 Aug 1917

Discharged: 12 Jun 1919

Address: 1189 Market St., Chehalis WA

Rank/unit: private 1st class, Demob Group

Birth & death:

Born: 30 Oct 1896 Ivydale, Clay WV

Died: 18 May 1980 Mt. St. Helens WA (in volcanic eruption)

Has 2 Find A Grave records

Find A Grave record: 2863 – photo – presence on Tuscania indicated in text & flower

Burial location: Skamania Co. WA

Cemetery: Mount St. Helens Memorial Grove

Tombstone: name on memorial plaque along with other victims

Father: Newberry Truman, 14 Nov 1874 [also found as 1870] Roane Co. WV – 8 May 1923
Lacamas, Lewis WA. Son of Elijah Truman. Killed in a logging camp accident near
Lacamas, southeast of Chehalis WA. Buried in Mountain View Cemetery, Centralia, Lewis
WA.

Find A Grave: 75278067

Mother: Rosa Belle Hardman [McGraw?] Truman Brautigam, 1873 – 1957.

Daughter of Orlando Marcela Maurice (Ora) Hardman & Fiona.

Remarried after Newberry Truman's death to Ferdinand Brautigam, on 3 Aug 1928 in
Vancouver, Clark WA. He had been previously married. His tombstone is, in error,
inscribed BRAUTIGAN. Ferdinand was born 18 Sep 1863 in Germany & died 8 Jun 1951 in
Centralia, Lewis WA. Buried in Mountain View Cemetery, Centralia, Lewis WA.

Rosa is buried with the surname Brautigam in Mountain View Cemetery, Centralia, Lewis
WA.

Find A Grave: 52293362

Parents' marriage: 8 Sep 1894 Jackson Co. WV. All marriage records (summaries only, not
original) list her as Rosa McGraw at the time of her marriage.

Spouse: Helen Irene Hughes Bielman Randall Lathan, reverted to Hughes on tombstone,
12 Jun 1900 Ahtanum, Yakima WA – 1 Mar 1983 Seattle, King WA. Daughter of Asa
Benjamin Hughes & Clara Jane Siverly.

Helen Hughes, age 16, married Cue John Bielman on 29 Dec 1916 in Chehalis, Lewis WA.
Cue was age 24, the son of John Bielman & Ermina Judd. He was born 15 Mar 1892 in
Bazaar, Chase KS & died 30 Mar 1983 in Albany, Linn OR. On 19 Aug 1922 in Bucoda,
Thurston WA, Cue married Olga M. Hagoes. He is buried in Forest Grove Cemetery, Tenino,
Thurston WA, F: 92329722.

In the 1920 census for Centralia, Lewis WA, Helen Belman [actually Bielman], 19 WA,
married, lived with her parents Asa B. & Clara Hughes & Edith Belman (17 WA). Helen was a
lawyer's stenographer.

Mother of Harry's daughter, Betty J. Truman.

She was Mrs. Harry Lathan of Seattle WA when daughter Betty died in Aug 1961. Helen Truman had married Jack Marvin Lathan on 17 Feb 1933 in Centralia, Lewis WA. He was the son of Perry J. Lathan & Pearl Matthew, born 25 Oct 1902 Beaver City, Furnas NE & died 27 Mar 1956 in Seattle, King WA. He is buried in Mountain View Cemetery, Centralia, Lewis WA, F: 102690727.

Burial details unknown, but may be buried in Mountain View Cemetery, Centralia, Lewis WA.

Spouse Find A Grave: 240448848

Marriage: 9 Jun 1921 Snohomish Co. WA – Harry Truman & Helen Bulman. Divorced.

Spouse: Marjorie Bennett Brown Randall, 6 Apr 1901 Little Falls, Lincoln WA – 5 May 1954 Bellingham, Whatcom WA. Daughter of Robert Emmett Bennett & Tina C. Cantwell. Marjorie Bennett married on 1 Nov 1924 in Pierce Co. WA to William Gordon Morrison Brown, who usually is found as Gordon Morrison Brown. He was born 17 Aug 1899 in Holton, Jackson KS & died 17 Jan 1942 Chehalis, Lewis WA. Buried as Gordon M. Brown in Mountain View Cemetery, Centralia, Lewis WA, F: 102687284. Marjorie & Gordon's daughter was Beverly ("Joan") Brown (23 Nov 1925 Chehalis, Lewis WA – 11 Jan 2002 Puyallup, Pierce WA); Beverly was married several times.

According to Harry's Wikipedia entry, his marriage to Marjorie was short, as Harry tried to win arguments by throwing Marjorie into Spirit Lake, although she was unable to swim. They had married in 1935 & were listed as married in the 1940 census. - Buried in Mountain View Cemetery with surname Truman, Centralia, Lewis WA.

Spouse Find A Grave: 75472696

Marriage: 4 Sep 1935 Seattle, King WA – H.R. Truman & Marjorie Brown. Divorced.

Spouse: Edna ("Eddie"/"Edie") Othelia Henrikson Truman, 30 Mar 1909 Vancouver, Greater Vancouver Regional District, British Columbia, Canada – 7 Sep 1975 Skamania Co. WA. SSN 532-26-8806.

According to Wikipedia, Harry had first dated Edna's sister.

In the 1930 census for Seattle, King WA, Edna O. Lund (21 Canada, parents b. Sweden, a bookkeeper for a barber) lived at 2614 E. Union with her divorced mother Tekla N. Lund (41 Sweden, parents b. Sweden, a dressmaker in her own shop) & sisters Esther T. Lund (18 Canada, bookkeeper in a wholesale bakery) & Ruth F. Lund (10 Canada).

Edna O. Lund married George Henrikson on 22 Aug 1931 in Seattle, King WA. George was born 24 Jun 1908 in Ferndale, Whatcom WA & died 26 Nov 1998 in King Co. WA, SSN 534-07-6684. He was a pharmacist, a graduate of the U of WA, Seattle.

In the 1940 census for Arbor Heights, King WA, Edna Henrikson, 31 Canada (English), lived with her husband Geo. Henrikson, 31 WA, a pharmacist with his own store. They had lived in the same house in 1935.

When George Henrikson registered for the 1942 draft on 16 Oct 1940, he lived at 3942 SW 97th, Seattle, King WA. His next-of-kin was Mrs. Edna Henrikson of the same address. He was self-employed at Fauntleroy Pharmacy, 9251 – 45th St. SW, Seattle WA.

Edna died from a heart attack. Following her death, Harry closed Mount St. Helens Lodge & only rented out boats & cabins in the summer. Buried in Mountain View Cemetery, Centralia, Lewis WA.

Note: Online family trees at Ancestry.com confuse a woman whose birthname was Henrikson/Henrickson with Edna Lund, who was a Henrikson by her 1st marriage.

When Edna applied for naturalization in WA on 19 Jun 1945, she said George Henrikson lived in Seattle, King WA as did she, but not with each other.

Spouse Find A Grave: 81115682

Marriage: 11 Sep 1947 by a justice of the peace in Stevenson, Skamania WA – H.R. Truman & Edna Hendrickson.

Children: by wife Helen Hughes

- Betty Jean Truman [1st husband] Bradford Burnett [Joan Waters/Slaten?], 11 Mar 1922 Portland, Multnomah OR on many records or Skamania Co. WA on Find A Grave – 4 Aug 1961 Sumner, Pierce WA. Betty J. Truman married Vernon Ray Bradford on 17 Jan 1946 in Clark Co. WA. On their marriage license application (21 Dec 1945 in Clark Co. WA, both said they had been previously married. Vernon was the son of Marion Madison (Matt) Bradford Jr. (1901-1938) & Arrie Mae (Ira May) Craig (1900-1991). Vernon Bradford was born 1 Jun 1921 in Town Creek, Lawrence AL & died 26 Jan 1994 Centralia, Lewis WA, not on Find A Grave as of 5 Apr 2023. Three other wives are listed on Ancestry.com. – Married Ross Manson Burnett on 12 Sep 1946 in Coeur d’Alene, Kootenai ID. They had 2 children. Ross was born 2 Feb 1915 in Lincoln, Placer CA & died 2 Aug 1994 Centralia, Lewis WA. He had married 3 Jul 1933 in Napavine, Lewis WA to Evelyn Burnice Wickman (1915-1992) & to Martha S. Dec on 4 Jun 1938 in Chehalis, Lewis WA 7 later married Phoebe Freeman on 3 Dec 1960 in Seattle, King WA & Dora Ann Leftwich on 14 Mar 1970 in King Co. WA. Ross was the son of Ross Alonzo Burnett (1876-1932, F: 104492594) & Sue Ella Schultz (1877-1949). – Betty is listed as both “Joan Slaten” and “Joan Waters” in her mother’s obituaries in Mar 1954. - Betty is buried with the surname Burnett in Mountain View Cemetery, Centralia, Lewis WA. F: 102687396

Siblings:

- Geraldine (Geri) Truman Thompson Whiting, 8 Nov 1905 Charleston, Kanawha WV – 29 Oct 1987 Castle Rock, Cowlitz WA. - Married Glen George Thompson on 6 Dec 1929 in Seattle, King WA. - Wife of Duane Ordie (“Buck”) Whiting (1914 ND – 2013 WA, F: 146681661). Buck was a logger who also operated the Lookout Restaurant & Starlight Room Lodge at Spirit Lake WA in partnership with his brother-in-law Harry Truman. Burial details for Geraldine are unknown. F: 534849993

Notes:

Probably the most famous of the Tuscania passengers. His life has been the subject of articles, books, TV and movies. He has his own Wikipedia entry.

Harry Truman stated he did not know his middle name & only used R. Some sources use Randall, some Rainel.

Pre-war:

Harry attended high school in the city of Mossyrock WA.

Wartime:

Post-war:

After WWI, Harry became a prospector. He then became a bootlegger, smuggling alcohol from San Francisco CA to WA during Prohibition.

Harry leased 50 acres from the Northern Pacific Railroad Co. overlooking Spirit Lake near Mount St. Helens in Skamania Co. WA. He opened a gas station & small grocery & eventually opened the Mount St. Helens Lodge, which he operated for 52 years.

Wikipedia: "In the Mount St. Helens area, Truman became notorious for his antics, once getting a forest ranger drunk so that he could burn a pile of brush. He poached, stole gravel from the U.S. Forest Service, and fished on American Indian land with a fake game warden badge. Despite their knowledge of these criminal activities, local rangers failed to catch him in the act." Although the state of WA changed the state sales tax rate, Harry continued to charge the previous rate at the lodge.

Wikipedia: "Truman became a minor celebrity during the two months of volcanic activity preceding the 1980 eruption of Mount St. Helens."

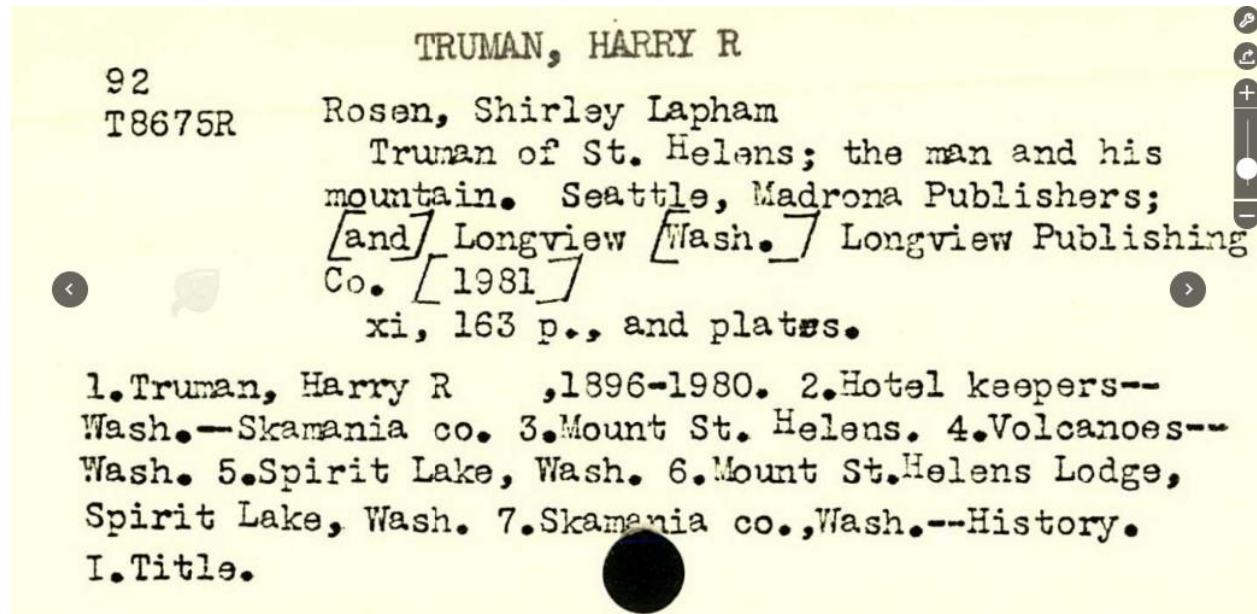
Harry is quoted as saying, "If the mountain goes, I'm going with it. This area is heavily timbered, Spirit Lake is in between me and the mountain, and the mountain is a mile away, the mountain ain't gonna hurt me." This stance infuriated law enforcement because media representatives kept entering the restricted zone near the volcano to interview him. Truman responded: "You couldn't pull me out with a mule team. That mountain's part of Truman and Truman's part of that mountain."

Harry appeared on the front pages of the "New York Times" and "The San Francisco Examiner." He was profiled in magazines like "Time," "Life," "Newsweek," "Field & Stream," & "Reader's Digest."

On 17 May 1980, state officials tried one last time to convince Harry to leave. The next morning, Mount St. Helens erupted & its entire northern flank collapsed. Harry and his 16 cats, alone at the lodge, are presumed to have died in the eruption. Experts surmise he likely died of heat shock in less than a second, and his body would have vaporized. The largest landslide in recorded history & a pyroclastic flow engulfed the Spirit Lake area almost simultaneously with the collapse, destroying the lake & burying the lodge area under 150 feet of volcanic landslide debris. No remains were ever found.

Although Harry had provisioned an abandoned mine shaft with food & liquor, the lack of warning probably prevented him from reaching the shaft before the pyroclastic flow

reached the lodge, less than 1 minute after it began. Even if he had made it to the shaft, he would have been buried under 150 feet of landslide.



Library catalog card: <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/60203:9056>

He was the subject of these books:

- "Truman of Mount Helens: The Man and His Mountain," by niece Shirley Rosen
- "The Legend of Harry Truman," by his sister Geri Truman Whiting.

He was portrayed by Art Carney, his favorite actor, in the 1981 docudrama "St. Helens."

According to "The Washington Star," over 100 songs have been composed in Harry's honor by the year 1981. The Irish band Headgear released a song in 2007 entitled "Harry Truman." Lula Belle Garland wrote "The Legend of Harry and the Mountain," recorded in 1980 by Ron Shaw & The Desert Wind Band. Ron Allen & Steve Asplund wrote a country/rock song in 1980 called "Harry Truman, Your Spirit Still Lives On." Billy Jonas told Harry's story in his 1993 song, "Old St. Helen."

Truman Trail & Harry's Ridge in the Mount St. Helens region are named after Harry. The Harry R. Truman Memorial Park was named in his honor in Castle Rock WA, which was later renamed Castle Rock Lions Club Volunteer Park.

Obituary:

Social Security number: 535-20-8745

Censuses:

1900 Buffalo, Clay WV – the only entries on the page that do not show a birth month/year but left blank

Newberry Truman, 30 WV, parents b. WV, day laborer

Rose B., 25 WV, parents b. WV, gave birth to 1 child, 1 is living
Harry, 3 WV

1910 Napavine, Lewis WA

Newbary Truman, 36 WV, parents b. VA, married 15 years, farmer

Rose, 35 VA, parents b. VA, gave birth to 2 children, 2 are living

Harry, 13 VA

Gearldrini, 5 VA

& grandfather [i.e., Newberry's father] Elizah Truman, 66 VA, parents b. VA, widowed, farmer

& boarder Anel [Axel?] Anderson, 21 Finland, parents b. Finland, single, alien, farmer

1920 – 14th Township, Lewis Co. WA

Newberry Truman, 47 WV, parents b. WV, game warden, county

Rosa, 45 WV, parents b. WV [wife]

Eliah, 76 WV, parents b. WV, widowed [father]

Harry R., 23 WV, single, electrician, garage [son]

Geraldine, 15 WV [daughter]

& lodger Antone W. Link, 61 IA, father b. US, mother b. OH

1930 cannot locate

1940 Spirit Lake, Skamania WA – same house in 1935

Harry R. Truman, 43 WV, manager, winter summer resort

Marjorie, 39 WA, hostess, summer resort

1950 Skamania Co. WA

Harry R. Truman, 52 WA, resort owner, tourist resort

Edna Truman, 41 WA [wife]

Merritt L. Hiles, 34 WA, divorced, guide & boat operator, tourist resort [lodger]