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**Vineyard, Richard Relf**  
**1891 ID – 1962 NY**



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**Washington, U.S., Military Records, 1855-1950 for Richard R Vineyard**

Enlisted Personnel Index Cards > 1890-1950

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**Military • United States, Enlisted and Officer Muster Rolls and Rosters, 1916-1939**

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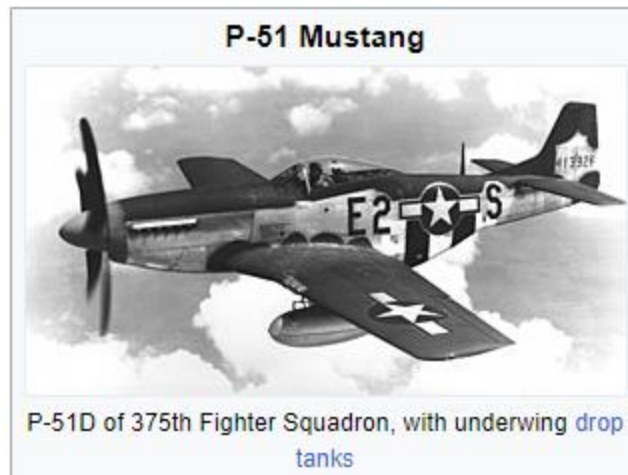
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## Richard Ralph Vineyard

Military • Oregon, World War I, Veteran State Aid Applications, 1921-1938

Name	Richard Ralph Vineyard
Residence Place	New York City, New York
Birth Date	28 Dec 1891
Military Final Rank	M S E
Relative's Name	<a href="#">Sarah V Cass</a>
Event Type	Military Service
Event Place	Portland, Washington, Oregon, United States
Event Place (Original)	Portland, Ore, United States
Serial Number	249893
Birthplace	Boise Idaho

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P-51 Mustang fighter bomber –  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/North\\_American\\_P-51\\_Mustang](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/North_American_P-51_Mustang)

# At Home In The Wild Blue Yonder

Hasbrouck Heights Man Was World War I Flier, Plane Designer

*By Tom Mulvey*



*Richard R. Vineyard of Hasbrouck Heights at Teterboro Airport. He has devoted nearly 50 years to aviation.*

ONE SEPTEMBER afternoon in 1918 an American built 2-wing bomber of the Second Day Bombardment Group took off from an aerodrome near Toule, France. It headed northeast toward Metz, behind the German lines.

Suddenly, the pilot sensed something was wrong. Turning to scan the sky behind him, he found two German Fokker D-7s, top fighter aircraft of their day, approaching out of the sun. He shoved the control stick forward, applied full power, and went into an almost vertical dive. Just above the trees he pulled out abruptly. The fighters followed as if welded to his tail.

Let the pilot, Richard R. Vineyard of Hasbrouck Heights, tell what happened:

"We turned and headed hell-bent for our own lines," he says, "while machine gun fire from the German fighters sprayed the tail section and wings of our plane.

"We finally crossed into friendly territory, and spotted an Allied air base. At this point the enemy aircraft quit the chase before they, the hunters, became the hunted."

Vineyard's colorful career stretches from his days as a cowpoke and prospector in the West, to his part in the design of a famous World War II fighter airplane.

In recalling the incident near Metz, he says, "We weren't even armed. The airplane I and another pilot were flying had just undergone repairs and we were supposed to be on a routine test flight. But we had decided to combine the test flight with a look across the German lines to see how the war was going."

Vineyard recalls flying so low to evade the enemy aircraft that occasionally the wheels of the DH-4 were dragged through the tops of the trees.

Richard R. Vineyard was born in Boise, Ida., in December 1891. His youth was spent on the ranch of his grandfather in the Long Valley area.

He learned to ride a horse at

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the age of 7, was herding cattle and breaking horses before he was 16, and earned extra money during the winter by capturing wild horses and delivering them to the First, Eleventh, and Thirteenth Cavalry at Fort Boise.

Bent on a career in engineering, Vineyard completed a course of study at Gonzaga University, Spokane, Wash., and got a job with the Southern Pacific Railroad as a general surveyor. But in 1913, feeling a need for a break in routine, he went to Mexico to prospect for silver. His enterprise was interrupted one day when, on the trail west of Chihuahua, he was stopped by a band of Pancho Villa's men. His burros, supplies, and guns were confiscated, and he was left with only a canteen of water to trek by foot back to the United States.

His misfortune, however, was offset by a stroke of luck at roulette in Mexicali, Mexico, and with \$1,200 in winnings he embarked for San Diego. Vineyard's trip to that city was to be a turning point in his life.

"It was at the old Curtiss School of Flying," he says, "that I watched a Curtiss pusher airplane perform. It was called a pusher because the engine was located behind the pilot, and the propeller so set that it pushed rather than pulled the plane through the air."

Vineyard bought 2 hours of flying instruction in the Curtiss pusher he describes as being "not much more than a box-kite with wheels and an engine. I was ready to solo," he says, "but the school required \$1,000 deposit against possible damage, and I didn't have it."

In 1916, he enlisted in the United States Cavalry, and in 1917 was sent to the Mexican border.

When America entered the war in Europe, Vineyard, still obsessed with the desire to fly, resigned his commission in the Cavalry to re-enlist in the Army Signal Corps, Aviation Section.

On the way to England in July, 1918, his ship was torpedoed

off the north coast of Ireland. Twenty-seven men in his squadron perished.

Vineyard has many memories of his service in France, some comic, some tragic. One incident he recalls particularly was a bombing raid on Metz he was to take part in.

"The raid," he says, "was to be made up of three flights, comprised of seven aircraft each. Our altitude over the target was to be 17,000 feet because archie (anti-aircraft guns) were known to be very accurate up to 16,000 feet.

"Our flight was about to take off when a message was issued to cancel the raid. The date was November 11. The war was over."

During the postwar years, Vineyard continued his aviation career as a pilot, mechanic, instructor, and designer. In those years he has known and worked with aviation pioneers whose names have since become legend — Wiley Post, Amelia Earhart, and Jimmy Doolittle.

Especially memorable to him was his work as project engineer for a racing plane to be built for Jacqueline Cochran in the late Thirties. The aircraft went on to win the Bendix Trophy races for 2 consecutive years.

Of particular significance is Vineyard's part in the basic design of an airplane that was to evolve as the P-51 Mustang fighter of World War II.

Vineyard retired from professional aviation in 1958, but looks forward to the future with the same enthusiasm and determination with which he has lived the past. He saw the closing years of America's western frontier, and went on to take a part in the new challenge that would add a new dimension to man's progress — the age of flight.

"Tomorrow will prove just as exciting," he says, "for now we are entering the space age. The challenges will be intriguing, and will tax man's energies for centuries to come."

**THE RECORD**

bio & photo in "Hackensack (NJ) Record" Saturday 18 Nov 1961 p. 37 -  
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graduate Gonzaga U, silver prospector in Mexico 1913, enlisted US Cavalry 1916, then studied flight at Curtiss in CA, pilot in WWI, helped in design of P-51 Mustang, retired 1958, long-time resident of Hasbrouck Heights NJ, was railroad surveyor & silver prospector before taking flight instruction 1913, enlisted Cavalry 1916, after war worked with Wiley Post, Amelia Earhart & Jimmy Doolittle as pilot, mechanic, instructor, plane designer, retired from aviation 1958

# **R. R. VINEYARD; PIONEERED IN PLANE DESIGN**

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**War I Aviator Known  
To Earhart, Post,  
Jimmy Doolittle**

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**BERGEN RESIDENT**

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**Hasbrouck Heights —** Funeral services for Richard R. Vineyard, World War I aviator and pioneer aircraft designer, were conducted yesterday at the Kohler Funeral Home, 280 Hackensack Street.

A long-time resident here, Mr. Vineyard died Sunday at the United States Veterans Hospital, First Avenue and Twenty-third Street, New York. He was 70.

Born in Boise, Ida., Mr. Vineyard was a railroad surveyor and silver prospector before beginning flight instructions in 1913 at the Curtiss School of Flying in San Diego, Calif.

He enlisted in the United States Cavalry in 1916 and served on the Mexican border. When America entered World War I, Mr. Vineyard resigned his cavalry commission and joined the Signal Corps Aviation Section. He served in France.

Following the war, Mr. Vineyard was associated with Wiley Post, Amelia Earhart, and Jimmy Doolittle as a pilot, mechanic, instructor, and plane designer. A racing plane he designed won the Bendix Trophy races for 2 consecutive years.

He contributed part of the basic design for the P-51 Mustang fighter of World War II.

Mr. Vineyard retired from the aviation profession in 1958.

There are no immediate survivors.

The Rev. Norman Egerton of St. John the Devine Episcopal Church officiated at yesterday's services.

Cremation was scheduled for this morning at Garden State Crematory, North Bergen.

Obituary in "Hackensack (NJ) Record" Thursday 22 Feb 1962 p 29  
obit in "Hackensack Record" 22 Feb 1962 p 29, no survivors –

Life:

## SOCIAL EVENTS.

### Little Folks Enjoy a Lawn Party— Personal Notes.

One of the pleasant events of the week was a little folks' lawn party given by Mrs. R. Mobley and Mrs. Joseph Myers on Tuesday last in honor of Berta Mobley and Lila Higgins, niece of Mrs. Myers. Promptly at 4 o'clock the little folks began to gather, and enjoy a few hours pleasure. The time was joyously spent in games and songs and other ways most delightful to children. Five long tables of dainties were spread on the lawn and the children enjoyed the good things most heartily. After supper the children were prettily grouped and photographed.

Those invited were: Florence and Laura Chrisman, Earl and Mable McConnell, Marie Marshall, Edith May, Rylie Joy, Eiline Keeffe, Joe and Ora Hollister, Harriet Church, Frank and Eva Church, Marcus and George Haley, Laura and Kathrine Miller, Hazel Kohn, May Weil, Harry Falk, Frank Galbraith, Richard Vineyard, Elizabeth Balderston, Marion Stevenson, Florence Ridenbaugh, Joe Stoltz, Walter, Simons Emile Twogood, Marie Waller, Vernis Bennett, Jack Fairchilds, Leo Moar, Rachael Crutcher, Fred Islie, Alice Springer, Mary Wickersham, Beth Redway, Hazel Davis, Eulalie Northrop, Edna Latham, Olan Higgins, John Hall, Edgar Howery, James and Eliza Hayes, Gladys Fritter, Grace and Allie Farren, Eugene Mickle, Rebecca Robinson, Carrie and Charley Baxter,

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"Idaho Statesman" (Boise ID) Sunday 25 Aug 1895 p 1

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James Hawley, Jr., celebrated his fifteenth birthday with a merry party for his friends on Monday last. All manner of jolly games were enjoyed and prizes were won by Annie and Charlie Finnegan and Winslow Lynch. Mrs. Hawley was assisted by Mrs. Tim Regan and Mrs. Joe Branstetter in entertaining the youngsters. Those present were: Charlie, Edward and Annie Finnegan, Ralph and Edgar Fitzpatrick, Frank Galbraith, Richard Vineyard, Stephen Regan, Clay Keough, Andrew Brennan, Will Helfrich, Harry Mortiz, Ross Cartee, Winslow Lynch, Walter Smith, Eleanor Church, Cartee Wood, Sadie Vineyard, Eulalie Northrop, Katy Brennan, Margaret Brennan, Louise Moritz, Louise Gooding, Esther Perky, Varina Davis, Katrina Johnson, Helen Bowers, Jennie Smith, Roberta Mobley, Frank Hammil, Tom O'Brien, Jack Wyman, Frank Nourse and Irene Grunbaum.

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"Idaho Statesman" (Boise ID) Sunday 12 Nov 1905 p 16

The youngsters held full sway last evening when Mr. Christensen's juvenile dancing classes held their annual character ball. The hall was especially decorated with large and small Japanese lanterns and cut flowers. The costumes were all unusually attractive and the dancing floor presented a gala appearance. Among those present were: Marguerite Allen, cow girl; Wendell Allen, colonial gentleman; Alma Nieberding, gypsy; Roberta Mobley, peasant; Roy Pyper, sailor; Lila Jones, gypsy; Bruce McBirney, colonial soldier; Ray Pefley, knight; Jack Breach, cowboy; Katherine Tukey, fairy; Frank Galbraith, colonial gentleman; Willie Korts, clown; Stephen Regan, colonial gentleman; Victor Christensen, colonial gentleman; Mabel St. John, Dutch peasant; Arthur Field, Chinaman; Laverne McCrum, peasant; Helen Bowers, flower girl; Fay Carlson, violet; Jack and Milton Cage, colonial gentlemen; Carlos Wilcox, jester; Eulalie Northrop, Virginia Carvel; Sadie Vineyard, Madam Le Pompadour Popcorn; Richard Vineyard, colonial gentleman; Carrie Regan, pink carnation; Will Milman, fireman; Irving Bogard, clown; Allie Avey, folly; Jerry Robinson, Turk; Margaret Marvin, flower girl; George Myer, clown; Marion Whitney, fairy; Ruth Maroin, colonial dame; Nanny and Cecil Breach, Carrie and Charlie Baxter, Luella Hutching, Gertrude Porter, Helen Spaulding, Margaret Cage, Josephine and Millus Wilcox, Agnes Aikman, Marie Davis, Dorothy Neal, Milton, Cornelia and Corlis Hart, Ella Mesley, George Myer, Katherine Ross, Lafayette Cartee, Rebecca and Jean Robinson, Katie and Fletcher Skillern, Alice Fitzpatrick, Katrina Johnson, Chester Halveston, Margaret Ormsby, Eunice Breach, Hugh, Lucille and Joe Dickinson.

Siblings Sadie (Sarah) & Richar in dance class – "Idaho Statesman" (Boise ID) Sunday 11 Feb 1906 p 9

# LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY

## FITTINGLY OBSERVED

RECEPTION TO PARENTS AND  
FRIENDS BY SCHOOL.

Lincoln Building Attractively Decorat-  
ed With Bunting and Pictures—  
Work on Exhibition.

Lincoln's birthday was fittingly observed by the pupils of Lincoln school yesterday afternoon. They tendered a reception to their parents and friends in the lower hall of the school building. A dado of red, white and blue bunting and a freize of flags decorated the walls, a large picture of Lincoln occupying a prominent place. In the center of the hall a long table, decorated with red carnations and smilax, was spread, from which refreshments were dispersed by Mrs. Edgar Wilson, Mrs. Bassett, Mrs. Cage, Mrs. Robinson and Mrs. Korts.

Music was furnished during the afternoon by Misses Sarah Oakes, Ethel Gray, Clara Beiknap, Thelma Page and Richard Vineyard. Each room also rendered a patriotic chorus, "Kentucky Home," "America," "My Own United States," "Dixie" and "Lincoln."

"Lincoln" of the pupils was on ex-

The work of the pupils was on exhibition in each room where it could be viewed by the parents and attractive souvenirs, the work of the pupils, were presented to each guest. In Miss Gustison's room these cards were ornamented by Lincoln's log cabin, a decoration of flags and a quotation; Miss Twitchell's pupils had sketched a rail fence, adding an appropriate quotation; Miss Bogard's room presented flags in water color and Miss Graham's a shield.

These annual receptions are looked forward to by both teachers and parents and aid in making each better acquainted with the other.

Richard Vineyard of Boise arrived in Milner on Saturday morning, having accepted a position with the North Side company as filing clerk.

"Twin Falls (ID) Weekly News" Friday 7 Feb 1908 p 1

morning.  
C. B. Smith, Richard Vineyard and E. C. Kiersted went to Twin Falls Sunday to attend the ball game.

"Twin Falls (ID) Weekly News" Friday 17 Apr 1908 p 1

### Here Are the Guards.

The complete roster of Companies H and I, officers and men, is given below:

Roster of Company H, Second regiment, National Guard of Washington:

Excerpt:

Pederson, Private W. P. Philo, Private J. A. Small, Private L. Scamahorn, Private H. G. Sessions, Private E. Spalding, Private T. B. Stafford, Private D. Stevens, Private R. Stewart, Private J. W. Studley, Private J. F. Thomas, Private R. R. Vinyard, Private E. F. Vawter, Private A. Waugh.

"Spokane (WA) Chronicle" Saturday 11 Mar 1911 p 2

Doctors Rains and Stockton performed an operation on Richard Vineyard last evening, removing a tumor from the right side of his neck from which the young man has been suffering for some time. He rallied nicely from the effects and will soon be able to attend to business matters which brought him to Grangeville from the Coast.

"Idaho County Free Press" (Grangeville ID) Thursday 27 Jun 1912 p 8

**Troop A, Cavalry.**—Captain, George A. White; first lieutenant, Cicero F. Hogan; second lieutenant, Joseph M. Wackrow; first sergeant, J. M. Greif; quartermaster sergeant, H. W. Doolittle; sergeants, H. L. Wright, O. S. Looney, F. J. West, P. E. Pennman, C. L. Gjdsted, W. F. Green, corporals, Frank Cloyd, Harold B. Kiff, M. L. Tibbals, George L. Durant, James F. Cooke, Edward W. Stone, H. S. Riley, Preston W. Gillette; cooks, William K. Frank and George E. Chapman; horseshoer, R. S. Olson; saddler, John G. Schroeder; farrier, Ward J. Walker; wagoner, L. P. Graham; musicians, Russell E. Love and Orland S. Peabody; privates, John H. Anderson, John Bard, R. L. Berry, Stanley Bowley, Walter L. Broomhall, William M. Bradlaw, Rex T. Brouillette, C. E. Busby, Rudolph W. Cabell, R.

W. Clarke, Hyde Clarke, Shelby C. Cole, F. Davidson, Edward H. Davis, Harry C. Davis, Eugene Drown, John J. Dunn, Oscar W. Falek, Michael J. Fischer, Otis J. Fitch, Casper Frank, Walter Franke, Theodore Frazer, T. H. French, Albion T. Greber, Roy H. Glover, Barnett H. Goldstein, George A. Gore, C. A. Greif, H. C. Harvey, Wilbur Henderson, A. D. Hicks, John M. Ironside, Van Jorgensen, William C. Kavanaugh, L. H. Keers, R. R. Knight, H. A. Lent, W. H. Lilley, H. H. Littlefield, H. S. Lobdell, A. L. Love, Cyrel P. Maginnis, Edward Marr, Erwin K. Matthews, Archie E. McCrea, H. T. McCulloch, M. S. McGillivray, Clyde L. Meach, Edward R. Merrill, Conrad H. Miller, H. H. Monroe, Joseph A. Niesz, M. A. Oakes, A. J. O'Brien, E. J. O'Malley, B. R. Purdy, Scott Redfield, Kenneth S. Schmidt, W. A. Scholenberg, Samuel J. Silverman, Roy H. Sloan, A. L. Stone, Paul B. Stuart, Thomas A. Sweeney, V. L. Venable, R. R. Vineyard, B. C. Wagner, Edward Walsh, William S. Walter, Thomas H. Wiley, George J. Wurfel, C. B. Jodon.

The headquarters company, commanded by Captain Clarence R. Hotchkiss; the machine gun company, commanded by Captain Frank P. Tebbetts and the supply company, commanded by Captain Henry Hockenyos, are made up of detachments from the other companies of the regiment, and will not receive permanent officers and private soldiers until after July 1. The lieutenants of these companies are the adjutant and quartermaster lieutenants, with the exception of Second Lieutenant O. N. Day of the machine gun company.

Richard R. Vineyard, son of L. Vineyard, states in a letter to his father that he has received his commission and was sworn in last Friday. Mr. Vineyard was a sergeant in the 1st Oregon when they went to the border last year. He was recommended as a candidate for the Reserve Officer's Training Corps and entered the camp at the Presidio last May. He applied for the air service but was transferred to the field artillery on account of being a few months too old for the air service. He had expected to be sent to Douglas, Arizona soon but states that he will remain in San Francisco for some time now.

"Idaho County Free Press" (Grangeville ID) Thursday 28 Jun 1917 p 5

### ANXIOUS RELATIVES AWAITING WORD OF TUSCANIA SURVIVORS

Few new names of Portland survivors of the torpedoed transport Tuscania have been received today, though anxious relatives have been endeavoring by almost every available means to learn if their sons or brothers were saved.

Friends of Richard R. Vineyard, formerly city salesman for the Carmen Manufacturing company, were relieved today to hear he was included among the survivors. Vineyard was sergeant of Troop A cavalry on the Mexican border in 1916 and had been a member for several years of the Oregon Naval militia. He attended the first officers' training camp at the Presidio. He is with the One hundredth aero squadron and had been in training at Kelley field, Texas, for several months before being ordered to a training station in France.

"Oregon Daily Journal" (Portland OR) Monday 11 Feb 1918 p 2

# SIX IDAHO MEN ON TUSCANIA STILL UNACCOUNTED FOR

(Statesman Bureau)

WASHINGTON—Six Idaho men who were aboard the ill-fated transport Tuscania have not been accounted for up to midnight Sunday night. The cabled list is still incomplete and some or all of them may be reported later. The missing men are:

EDWARD H. PARKER, Coeur d'Alene.

JOHN C. ROBINSON, Potlatch.

SAMUEL W. PINNOCK, Sugar City.

WILLIAM I. WATKINS, Kooskia.

FRED J. GROOMER, Horseshoe Bend.

WILLIAM I. DROOGS, Mount Idaho.

The following Idaho men aboard the transport were Sunday night reported saved:

Basil G. Bailey, Tensed; Edward E. Barker, Coeur d'Alene; Mandeville S. Black, Melba; Stephen F. Burke, Cabinet; Elmer Choules, Preston; Corporal Ernest W. Grisens, New Meadows; Willard I. Griffith, Kooskia; Edward Hartbaugh, Mountain Home; Delmar J. Hockersmith, Cottonwood; Pertile F. Linder, Indian Valley; Edward J. McDonald, Garden Valley; Edward R. McCurdy, Sand Point; Walter B. Malkson, Coeur d'Alene; Harcourt L. Murphy, Mullen; Oscar C. Munson, Moscow; Joseph T. Nelson, Couer d'Alene; Otis Nichols, Viola; Rex E. Orser, Kooskia; Jack A. Parsell, Kooskia; Cornelius E. Peterson, Coeur d'Alene; Lee E. Rigg, Potlatch; Harold E. Robinson, Roberts; Forest Turner, Kooskia; Richard E. Vineyard, Grangeville; Zalle Waddell, Rathdrum; Oscar Wells, Potlatch; George T. Warren, Weiser; Herman L. Widenman, Barber; James E. White, Clarks Fork; Ray A. Williams, Albert Wondersheck, Hailey.

from the coast,  
Judge L. Vinyard was an arrival in Grangeville Sunday night from Boise, after a visit of ten days with relatives and friends in the state capital. The judge, while away, had opportunity to renew friendships with a number of old-timers, including former Gov. James H. Hawley. Judge Vinyard said that the first news that his son Richard L.

Vineyard, was aboard the torpedoed transport Tuscania reached him in Boise when word was flashed over the wires that his son was among the soldiers rescued. The judge, who was recovering from a paralytic stroke when he left Grangeville, is now much improved in health.

"Idaho County Free Press" (Grangeville ID) Thursday 21 Feb 1918 p 4 -  
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# MEN ON TUSCANIA ARE CRUSHED TO DEATH

CAUGHT BETWEEN TRANSPORT  
AND THE DESTROYER THAT  
CAME TO THEIR RESCUE

## LETTER FROM DICK VINEYARD

Father in Grangeville Receives Com-  
munication from Son Who Was  
on Torpedoed Vessel.

American soldiers on the torpedoed transport Tuscania were crushed to death between the liner and a destroyer which came to the rescue of the men on the ill-fated ship, Dick Vineyard, who was rescued from the Tuscania, writes, in a letter from Winchester, Eng., to his father, Judge L. Vineyard, of Grangeville. The men were literally mashed.

The letter follows:

The letter follows:

Feb. 18, 1918.

My dear Father:

I expect you to be unnecessarily worried until you get this on account of the Tuscania and not knowing whether I was on her or in the states. I will give you a first hand description of what happened.

### Big Explosion Heard.

My sergeant major and myself were rolling a pack out in the hall adjoining my state room when about five minutes to 6 a big explosion occurred; then everything pitch black with the whole ship trembling and when you make a ship 650 feet long weighing 16,000 tons tremble it takes some bump. It threw us both off the deck a foot, and fairly made your teeth rattle. I told the sergeant to stay where he was until I got a flashlight out of my stateroom and we got into our lifebelts and overcoats for I figured we had just as well keep warm as long as possible for we didn't know how long we would have to stay on deck before we were either taken off the ship or by the life boats and there was a cold wind blowing.

By the time we had our coats on the boat had begun to list badly to starboard for the boat was hit amidship.

Our highest station was on the top

Our lifeboat station was on the top deck about midship and when we got there and even on the way up I was very much surprised at the orderly way in which the men were getting into their places. I saw absolutely no confusion and everybody seemed very cool under the circumstances. Everybody was talking at once and speculating on how long she would stay afloat. When I called my men to attention they quieted right down. I told them that I didn't think the ship would sink inside of two hours and that destroyers which were convoying us would come to our aid, to stand fast and keep quiet as possible so that they would be able to hear any orders that were given. By that time the first lifeboat had been lowered and I ordered the men assigned to it into it and told them to cast off and get away from the side of the ship for we were on the poor side and the list was bothering us and it just happened that it was the weather side of the ship and a choppy sea was running.

#### The Boat Drifts Astern.

The boat had drifted astern about a boat length and just under the next set of davits and the boat which they were lowering parted her line and it dropped on my boat which I had just put over, killing several and capsizing both boats, putting all the men in the water. You know it was pitiful the way those men were calling for help, I near the ones which had been hurt and were helpless for there wasn't a thing we could do for them and they were just floating there in the water in their lifebelts. It's something that I would like to blot from my mind, but can't.

After the launching of the first boat the tackle became fouled and had to be cut away, so I went up on top and cleared away the mess and was putting the next boat over the side when I noticed a smoke smudge. It was the first destroyer. As soon as it came up into our light, for they had acetylene lights burning, on the top side, it swung

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## DICK VINEYARD'S LETTER.

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around to come along side I saw another torpedo streak almost her stern, not missing her by more than three feet. Well she pulled right out again, but in about ten minutes she came back and came along side and took off about 500 men including my squadron that is all but a few of them which were long- ing on the ropes, for she didn't give any signal but just shot right out for there was the danger of being struck any minute by one of the sub (or tin fish as we call them) any minute. Some of the boys were crushed between the ship and the destroyer when she pulled out, but not many.

### Land on Coast of Erin.

They picked up a few more men that had drifted out of the ship's light and we steamed away, and landed up on the north coast of Ireland.

Some of my boys that were spilled in the water were picked up later by one of the other lifeboats, told me the ship sank about 9 o'clock, bow first, and plunged almost straight down.

The two lifeboats that had part of my men in them landed on the north coast of Scotland on the rocks and the boats were dashed to pieces and most of the men killed or drowned. I was surprised that more were not killed.

We were sent to an English camp for the night and made as comfortable as possible and the next day were sent to another camp occupied by the Royal Fusilliers and I never in my life have seen such wonderful hospitality extended a body of men. They fixed us up with the clothes we were missing, for some of the men were only half clad for they had been in their bunks and had their clothes off and other were without shoes, for they had taken them off so as to swim better. I have a British blouse on now, for we haven't received our

new clothes yet, but understand they will be here this week.

We stayed there two days and three nights, resting up and then we came on over here to Winchester.

**Shocked by Submarine Attack.**

I will have to admit that when we crossed the Irish sea I was still nervous and we were sent across in a fast mail boat which wasn't very big, but she made up in speed for what she lacked in size. I am afraid that the "tin fish" gave me a bit of shell shock for when we were put on the train at Belfast the English had put torpedoes under the car wheels and I couldn't refrain from jumping when the first one went off. It seems that's the custom when sending a bunch of men off.

I can't tell how many men were lost out of the squadron but it was very low considering what they went through and as you have probably read in the papers so I guess I related most of what happened.

Hoping that you are well, I am,  
Your loving son,  
DICK.

Address:  
100 Aero Squadron  
American Exp. Forces  
American Rest Camp  
Winchester, England.

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**SERVICE FLAG  
FOR COUNTY  
RAISED**

With Appropriate Ceremonies  
By Mothers' Club on  
Community Day.

**245 STARS; SIX GOLD**

One Red Cross Representing  
Young Lady Now in Ser-  
vice in East.

The service flag for Idaho county se-  
cured through the efforts of a com-  
mittee appointed by the Commercial  
club, as raised last Saturday by mem-  
bers of the Mothers' club immediately  
after "Old Glory" was flung to the  
breeze at the top of the new flag  
pole, as a part of the "Red Cross Com-  
munity Day" program.

The flag, which is quite a large one,  
contains one Red Cross, in honor of  
Miss Rosa Williams, of Grangeville,  
who is now in the east and expects  
soon to be sent across the water as a  
Red Cross nurse.

#### Six Gold Stars.

The six gold stars in the center of  
the flag are placed there in honor of  
the young men who have made the  
supreme gift in the service of their  
country, as follows:

Frank Vaughan, Grangeville, died in  
Border service.

Fred Colgrove, Orogrande, died in  
the Canadian service.

Wm. I. Droogs, Mt. Idaho, died when  
Tuscania was submarined.

John Earl McPherson, Grangeville,  
died in navy service.

Pleasant V. Taylor, Kooskia, died in  
overseas service.

Walter Coventry, Whitebird, died at  
Whitebird while on sick leave.

#### 239 Blue Stars.

The complete roster of all enlist-  
ments, first to be published in this  
county, gives the names of a number  
of young men who entered the navy  
before war was declared, those who  
saw service with Company E on the  
Mexican border, those who have enlist-  
ed and those who have entered the  
service on call of the selective draft.  
The list follows:

Lieut.-Commander Leslie C. Davis,  
U. S. Navy.

Lieut. Ward Davis, navy.

Capt. Wm. Howland Davis, marines

The above are the sons of Mr. and  
Mrs. W. J. Davis, of Harpster.

Lieut. Richard Vineyard, aviation,  
son of Judge L. Vineyard, Grange-  
ville.

[list continues]

"Grangeville (ID) Globe" Thursday 9 May 1918 p 1

Four rooms and bath in elevated apartment;  
not above 125th St. Mrs. R. R. Vineyard.  
Morningside 4880. Apt. 6.

Is this his wife? "New York Times" Friday 7 Feb 1919 p 22

# Factory Making 'Secret' Planes Offered to City

## Inventor Confers With C. of C. Heads; Details Are Withheld

A Chamber of Commerce committee is working secretly with the inventor of a "mystery airplane," which may be produced in Scranton, it was learned yesterday.

The proposition was presented to members of the inventions' committee here yesterday by Richard R. Vineyard, New York aeronautical engineer, who later refused to discuss the plans for the plane but described the new ship as "something very hot . . . strictly military."

Several members of the inventions committee also refused to comment and John P. Mills, acting as spokesman, said:

"We're just a group trying to help Scranton."

*'Mystery' Plane Inventor*



Richard R. Vineyard . . . New York aeronautical engineer.

Although there was no official announcement, it was understood Mr. Vineyard was to remain in Scranton overnight to meet today with the Chamber of Commerce's new industries committee and probably the finance committee.

#### **WANTS NO PUBLICITY**

When questioned about the "mystery plane" itself, Mr. Vineyard refused comment, declaring:

"I want no publicity."

He said a large news syndicate and magazines devoted to aeronautics had sought information on this plane from him but that he refused.

It was also learned the discussion between Mr. Vineyard and the Chamber of Commerce committee involved the setting up of an assembly plant here, measuring the size of a square city block and that some 200 mechanics would be given jobs assembling the new ship.

This assembly plant would have to be large enough to accommodate 10 planes with room for the mechanics to work. Of the plane itself, little could be learned, except that it has been described as one of the fastest pursuit planes yet invented.



"Scrantonian Tribune" (Scranton PA) Sunday 26 Feb 1939 p 23

## C. of C. Committee Discusses Inventions

The Inventions Committee of the Chamber of Commerce discussed the commercial possibilities of a number of proposals submitted by George McLaughlin, 21, Meade Avenue, at a meeting yesterday in the association's building. It was decided to have Ford Pethick, a member of the committee, meet with Mr. McLaughlin and discuss the matter.

Carl E. Ginger submitted a report in the absence of J. W. Mills on developments in the re-

quest of R. R. Vineyard for financial support in the manufacture of an airplane which he has designed. Mr. Mills conferred recently with officials in Washington, D. C., and inquired at New York University concerning the results of a wind tunnel test made there with the Vineyard aircraft. Congressman P. J. Boland is endeavoring to secure further data about the plane in Washington and a report is expected to be received by the committee at an early date.



"Central New Jersey Home News" (New Brunswick NJ) Thursday 13 Apr 1944 p 13

**MIDDLESEX COMMON PLEAS COURT**  
 In the matter of the application for a Writ of Attachment directed against the rights and credits, etc., of Richard R. Vineyard.

Notice is hereby given that Writ of Attachment at the suit of William J. Daly against the goods, chattels, moneys and effects, rights and credits, lands and tenements of Richard R. Vineyard, a Non Resident Debtor, for the sum of Five hundred and eight-nine Dollars and twenty-four cents, (\$589.24), issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Middlesex County on the 8th day of September, 1948 and returnable on the 8th day of October, 1948, has been duly served and executed and was returned to said Court on the 10th day of September, 1948, by the Sheriff of Middlesex County.

**REMSSEN COWENHOVEN**  
 Attorney for Attaching Creditor  
 108 Church Street  
 New Brunswick, New Jersey.

s. 17-24-o. 1-8 \$12.00

"Central New Jersey Home News" (New Brunswick NJ) Friday 17 Sep 1948 p 21

Wife Sarah Maria Moseman – 1917

## Richard Vineyard

Marriage • New York, New York City Marriage Records, 1829-1938

Name	<b>Richard Vineyard</b>
Sex	<b>Male</b>
Age	<b>25</b>
Birth Year (Estimated)	<b>1892</b>
Father's Name	<b>Lycurgis</b>
Father's Sex	<b>Male</b>
Mother's Name	<b>Sarah Bledso</b>
Mother's Sex	<b>Female</b>
Spouse's Name	<b>Sarah Moseman</b>
Spouse's Sex	<b>Female</b>
Spouse's Age	<b>1 years to 2 years</b>
Spouse's Birth Year (Estimated)	<b>from 1915 to 1916</b>
Spouse's Father's Name	<b>Nathaniel</b>
Spouse's Father's Sex	<b>Male</b>
Spouse's Mother's Name	<b>Elsie Von Hertzlan</b>
Event Type	<b>Marriage</b>
Event Date	<b>12 Nov 1917</b>
Event Place	<b>Queens, New York City, New York, United States</b>
Event Place (Original)	<b>Queens, New York, United States</b>
Page	<b>2527</b>

<https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/sources/MC8Z-BTY>

## Richard R Vineyard

in the New York, New York, U.S., Marriage License Indexes, 1907-2018

Name	Richard R Vineyard
Gender	Male
Marriage License Date	12 Nov 1917
Marriage License Place	Queens, New York City, New York, USA
Spouse	<a href="#">Sarah M Moseman</a>
License Number	3221

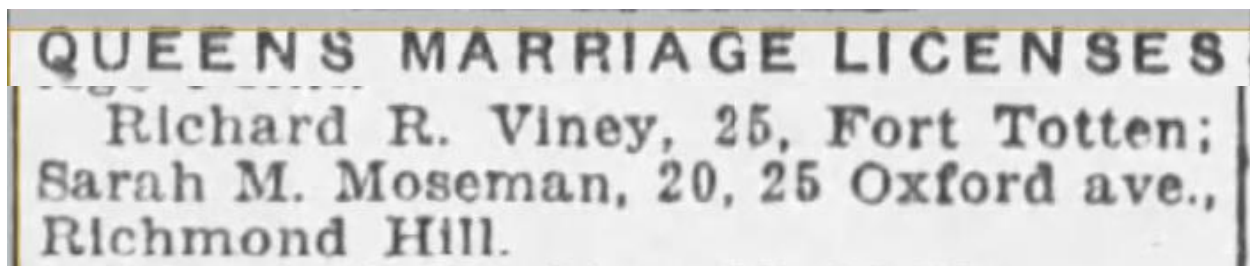
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## Sarah Maria Moseman

in the New York, New York, U.S., Index to Birth Certificates, 1866-1909

Name	Sarah Maria Moseman
Gender	Female
Race	White
Birth Date	28 Jan 1899
Birth Place	Brooklyn, New York City, Kings, New York, USA
Residence Address	Whyte Ave. Blyn 380
Certificate Number	2343
Father	?? Daniel Moseman
Mother	Elsie Moseman
Mother Maiden Name	Heisler

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/1956952:61779>



“Brooklyn (NY) Times Union” Wednesday 14 Nov 1917 p 6

Household Members (Name)	Age	Relationship
Nathaniel Moseman	37	Head
Marie Moseman	38	Wife
Abraham Moseman	13	Son
Sarah M Moseman	11	Daughter
Elizabeth Moseman	8	Daughter
Grace V Moseman	0	Daughter
Wilhema A Moseman	0	Daughter
Martin Brendel	12	Step Son
Laura Brendel	10	Step Daughter

1910 census Queens NY - <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/107691853:7884>

## A. Moseman, Tool Co. Head

Rockville Centre—A funeral service was to be held today for A. Lincoln Moseman, 71, who died of a heart attack Saturday in his home.

Moseman, of 250 N. Village Ave., had lived in Rockville Centre for 33 years. Before his retirement last February, he was a director of Navair Instruments Inc., a Roosevelt precision instrument company he founded about 15 years ago. Earlier, he was treasurer of C. E. Halback Co., a steel fabrication firm in Brooklyn. He was a past master of the Masons, and a member of the Sons of the American Revolution. He served with the U.S. Army Cavalry in France during World War I.

He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth; two daughters, Elizabeth Heckle and Barbara Deneau, both of Massapequa; two sisters, Jeanne Dallin, of Yeadon, Pa., and Susan Gagey, of Bradford, Mass., and seven grandchildren. The service was to be held in the Forbell Funeral Home, Rockville Centre. Cremation was to follow.

“Newsday (Suffolk Edition)” (Melville NY) Tuesday 31 Oct 1967 p 51

Wife Louise Cerra: - 1934

## Louise Cerra

Marriage • New York, New York City Marriage Records, 1829-1938

Name	<b>Richard R Vineyard</b>
Sex	<b>Male</b>
Age	<b>41</b>
Birth Year (Estimated)	<b>1893</b>
Marital Status	<b>Divorced</b>
Race	<b>White</b>
Father's Name	<b>Lycugus</b>
Father's Sex	<b>Male</b>
Mother's Name	<b>Sarah Bledsoe</b>
Mother's Sex	<b>Female</b>
Spouse's Name	<b>Louise Cerra</b>
Spouse's Sex	<b>Female</b>
Spouse's Age	<b>35</b>
Spouse's Birth Year (Estimated)	<b>1899</b>
Spouse's Marital Status	<b>Single</b>
Spouse's Race	<b>White</b>
Spouse's Father's Name	<b>Stephen</b>
Spouse's Father's Sex	<b>Male</b>
Spouse's Mother's Name	<b>Teresa Vercruze</b>
Event Type	<b>Marriage</b>
Event Date	<b>21 Apr 1934</b>
Event Place	<b>Manhattan, New York City, New York, United States</b>
Event Place (Original)	<b>Manhattan, New York City, New York</b>
Source Details	<b>9726</b>
Birthplace	<b>Boise, Idaho</b>

<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:24DP-S5N>

**Richard R Vineyard**

in the New York, New York, U.S., Extracted Marriage Index, 1866-1937

Name	Richard R Vineyard
Gender	Male
Marriage Date	21 Apr 1934
Marriage Place	Manhattan, New York, USA
Spouse	Louise Cerra
Certificate Number	9726

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/4417117:9105?ssrc=pt&tid=12559418&pid=322107067174>

Wife Barbara – or is this Louise?



Obituary of Barbara Vineyard – “Hackensack (NJ) Record” Wednesday 25 Jan 1961 p 4

Father:

# JUDGE VINEYARD IS BORNE TO GRAVE BY SOLDIERS

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BOYS ON WAY HOME FROM OVER-  
SEAS ARE PALLBEARERS  
FOR PIONEER LAWYER

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## FRIEND OF GOV. HAWLEY

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Member of Convention Which Framed  
Idaho Constitution—Always a  
Democrat

With returning soldiers from France—members of Company E, Grangeville—bearing his body to its last resting place, the remains of Judge Lyeurgus Vineyard, of Grangeville, were buried Saturday morning in Normal Hill cemetery, Lewiston. Judge Vineyard died Friday morning of last week in St. Joseph's hospital, Lewiston. Death was due to paralysis. He was 71 years old.

The death of Judge Vineyard brings to a close a life which has been identified with the history of Idaho since pioneer days. Settling in an early day in Hailey, then the seat of old Alturas county, which long since has passed into history, Judge Vineyard for years practiced law in south Idaho. In 1887 he was a member of the constitutional convention which framed the Idaho constitution and he was among the last survivors of that historic body.

### Friend of Jim Hawley

Judge Vineyard numbered among his closest friends ex-Gov. James H. Hawley, whom he had known for many years. Always Governor Hawley was to Judge Vineyard just plain "Jim," and it was with a particular degree of feeling that the two met in Grangeville last summer, when the governor was touring the state in the interest of his campaign for nomination for the U. S. senate.

Judge Vineyard located in Grangeville more than twenty years ago.

Judge Vineyard, to almost his dying day took active interest in affairs of state. He had been a member of the state legislature, and throughout his entire life was an uncompromising Democrat. He was regarded as a man of high character and deep intelligence. Although in recent years failing health had prevented him from actively engaging in the practice of law, he was reluctant to yield, and even last summer, despite counsel of his friends, he filed his nomination for probate judge of Idaho county.

judge of Idaho county.

### Only a Little Eye Trouble

"Oh, I'm all right," he would say, when told by his friends that he was too old to discharge the duties of probate judge. "I'm all right. Just a little trouble with my eyes, that's all. I can have a stenographer do my writing, if I am elected probate judge."

Judge Vineyard is survived by a son, Lt. Richard Vineyard, in the U. S. army in France, and by a daughter, Mrs. Russell Case, of Vancouver, Wn.

# DEATH CLAIMS IDAHO PIONEER

Judge Lycurgus Vineyard Succumbs to Paralysis in Lewiston Hospital.

## ACTIVE IN PUBLIC LIFE

Was Member of State Constitutional Convention and Served in Legislature.

LEWISTON, Idaho, March 15.—Judge Lycurgus Vineyard, age 73, a well-known north Idaho pioneer, died yesterday at St. Joseph's hospital. His home was in Grangeville, from whence he was brought here several weeks ago, after having suffered two strokes of paralysis. A third stroke came Tuesday and resulted in death. The funeral was held today from the Vassar chapel, and burial was in Lewiston cemetery.

Judge Vineyard spent a large part of his life in the state. After some years of law practice in south Idaho, he removed to this region. He was a member of the Idaho constitutional convention in 1887, and served later as a member of the legislature. He is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Russell Case, of Vancouver, Wash., and a son, Richard, who is in the aviation service in France.

Obituary of father Lycurgus Vineyard – "Spokane (WA) Spokesman-Review" Sunday 16 Mar 1919 p8

Form V. S. No. 5 20M.1-16-12

**CERTIFICATE OF DEATH**

State of Idaho  
BOARD OF HEALTH  
Bureau of Vital Statistics

1. **PLACE OF DEATH** Registration District No. 96  
County of Myer Primary Registration District No. 1009  
City of Lewiston (No. of hospital or institution St.)  
If death occurs away from usual residence, give facts called for under special information.

2. **FULL NAME** Lycurgus Vineyard

File No. 25282  
Registered No. 230  
If death occurred in a hospital, institution or camp, give its NAME instead of street and number.

**PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS**

3. **SEX** male 4. **COLOR OR RACE** white 5. **SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED OR DIVORCED.** widower  
(Write the word.)

6. **DATE OF BIRTH** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Month) (Day) (Year)

7. **AGE** 70 yrs. 0 mos. 0 ds. IF LESS than 1 day how many hrs. or mins.?

8. **OCCUPATION**  
(a) Trade, profession or particular kind of work city of Law  
(b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer)

9. **BIRTHPLACE** (State or Country) not known

10. **NAME OF FATHER** not known

11. **BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER** (State or Country) not known

12. **MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER** not known

13. **BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER** (State or Country) not known

14. **THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE**  
(Informant) J. M. Gilmore  
(Address) Lewiston, Idaho

15. **FILED** \_\_\_\_\_ 1911 Prosser & Bruce  
Local Registrar

**MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH**

16. **DATE OF DEATH** Nov 14 1911  
(Month) (Day) (Year)

17. **I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from** October 1918, to about mid pt 1919,  
that I last saw him alive on about mid pt 1919,  
and that death occurred on the date stated above, at 400.  
The CAUSE OF DEATH\* was as follows:  
Apoplexy

(Duration) \_\_\_\_\_ yrs. \_\_\_\_\_ mos. \_\_\_\_\_ ds.

Contributory (Secondary) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Duration) \_\_\_\_\_ yrs. \_\_\_\_\_ mos. \_\_\_\_\_ ds.

(Signed) W. D. Housley M. D.  
19 \_\_\_\_\_ (Address) \_\_\_\_\_

\*State the DISEASE CAUSING DEATH; or in deaths from VIOLENT CAUSES, state (1) MEANS OF INJURY; and (2) whether ACCIDENTAL, SUICIDAL or HOMICIDAL.

18. **LENGTH OF RESIDENCE** (For Hospitals, Institutions, Transients or Recent Residents.)  
At place of death \_\_\_\_\_ yrs. \_\_\_\_\_ mos. \_\_\_\_\_ days. In the State \_\_\_\_\_ yrs. \_\_\_\_\_ mos. \_\_\_\_\_ days.

Where was disease contracted if not at place of death? \_\_\_\_\_  
Former or usual residence \_\_\_\_\_

19. **PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL** Lewiston **DATE OF BURIAL** Mar 15 1912

20. **UNDERTAKER** C. J. Vassar **ADDRESS** Lewiston

WRITE PLAINLY, WITH UNFADING INK—THIS IS A PERMANENT RECORD.  
N. B.—Every item of information should be carefully supplied. AGE should be stated EXACTLY. PHYSICIANS should state CAUSE OF DEATH in plain terms, so that it may be properly classified. Exact statement of OCCUPATION is very important. See instructions on back of certificate.

1913 - 1000 CO., PHO. & MGR. 19780

ID death record of Lycurgus Vineyard -

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## ELISHA VINEYARD.

Elisha Vineyard was born in Botetourt county, Virginia, April 19, 1820, and died in Benton county Or., Nov. 16, 1895, at the age of 75 years, 6 months and 27 days. In 1834, with his parents he moved to Miller county Mo., where he resided until 1836, when he removed to Platte county, living there till 1852, when he crossed the plains with ox team and settled in Oregon. He began his work on this coast by teaching school in different counties of this state, meanwhile making his home in Benton county when he married Miss Nancy H. Wells, May 22 1853, at Mr. Charles Wells' old homestead near Philomath, and at once moved to the farm which he owned and on which he lived continuously till his death. Mr. Vineyard was a man of good education and firm social qualities. He was a loyal and faithful member of the Fraternity of Odd-fellows for more than half a century. He joined the order in Liberty and Clay county Mo., when 30 years old and was a charter member of Barium Lodge of this city. A wife and three children are left to mourn the loss of a kind and faithful husband and father—the community, an honorable citizen. During the last few years Mr. Vineyard has been a great sufferer, but with that patience and fortitude which characterized the noble pioneer, he endured, till death ended his pain. His funeral occurred on Sabbath morning at old homestead, conducted by Dr. Thompson and was very largely attended by the many friends and

pioneers of the community. The burial service was under the direction of the Odd-fellows, and was held in their cemetery west of the city.

Obituary of Elisha Vineyard, father of Lycurgus Vineyard – “

Mother:

### MRS. VINEYARD DEAD.

Summoned by the Dread Messenger  
During the Night.

At 12 o'clock last night Mrs. Sadie Vineyard, wife of Lycurgus Vineyard, suddenly passed away. A consultation of physicians was hastily called when her case manifested alarming symptoms, but it was impossible for medical skill to afford relief, and in a very short time she had entered into the life that lies beyond. It is one of those deaths that are rendered so especially sad by reason of the fact that the patient goes down into the valley with eyes fixed upon the hope that lightens the heart of a mother.

Death of mother Sadie J. Bledsoe Vineyard – "Idaho Statesman" (Boise ID) Thursday 10 Aug 1893 p 1

**THE wife of Lycurgus Vineyard died in Boise City last Sunday. Mrs. Vineyard was a daughter of Capt. Ralf Bledsone and was a teacher in the Ketchum Public School several years ago. The deceased was a woman of lovely character and had many warm friends in Ketchum.**

Death of mother Sarah Bledsoe Vineyard – "Ketchum (ID) Keystone" Saturday 19 Aug 1893 p 3

**Sarah Bledsoe**

in the Idaho, U.S., Select Marriages, 1878-1898; 1903-1942

Name	Sarah Bledsoe
Gender	Female
Marriage Date	02 Oct 1888
Marriage Place	, Blaine, Idaho
Spouse	Lycurgus Vineyard
FHL Film Number	1532024

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## MRS. RELF BLEDSOE PIONEER, IS DEAD

Came West Across the Plains in 1858,  
and Settled in Benton County,  
Oregon.

Mrs. Relf Bledsoe, one of the sturdy pioneers who braved the western wilds to help lay in Idaho the foundation of an empire, died Saturday at noon at the home of her daughter, Mrs. William N. Northrop, at the age of 73 years. One by one, weary with the burden of years and the long unequal struggle, these first settlers of the territory lie down, like tired children, and drift out with the tide to the great beyond. Mrs. Bledsoe was one of the few who have been spared a longer period with their loved ones, her husband having preceded her by a dozen years.

Like all true pioneers of the '50s, she has lived a life on the frontier. When a girl of 11 years, with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Kinney, she crossed the desert plains from Terre Haute, Ind., to what is now Benton county, Ore., where her father took up a donation claim, and where the family resided for many years. On this long journey the ox team passed through Boise valley and it is supposed they camped near where the city of Boise is now located.

Helen Kinney was born in New

city of Boise is now located.

Helen Kinney was born in New York city November 30, 1842, and was united in marriage to Relf Bledsoe, July 1, 1858, near Corvallis, Benton county, Ore. To this union were born six children, Sadieanna, Relf, Joe, Eulalie, John and Lloyd, three of the children surviving her, Mrs. William N. Northrop, John of Wallowa, Ore., and Relf of Fairfield, Ida., all of whom were at her bedside at the time of her death, besides her son-in-law, W. N. Northrop, her grandchildren, Sadie and Richard Vineyard, and her daughter-in-law, Mrs. J. M. Bledsoe.

Mrs. Bledsoe was one of those delicate women who remind one of a piece of Dresden china, whom one could never imagine as having braved any hardships. Her manner was so gentle and refined that to know her was to love her, and the friends who will miss her are legion.

The funeral will be held Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the Northrop home, 203 North Walnut. Rev. D. H. Jones will officiate.

Obituary of Richard's maternal grandmother, Helen Kinney Bledsoe – "Idaho Statesman" (Boise ID) Sunday 28 May 1916 p 3

Sibling:

# Marriage License and Certificate.

No. 3899

Instrument No. 75146

Know all Men by this Certificate, That any regularly ordained minister of the Gospel, authorized by the rights 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

Russell J. Case of Vancouver of the County  
 of Clark State of Washington and Sarah B. Vineyard  
 of Boise of the County of Ada State of Idaho, and to 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 my official seal,  
 at Boise, Ada County, Idaho, this 29th day of  
June A. D. 1918

(S E A L)

Stephen Utter Recorder.

By \_\_\_\_\_ Deputy.

I, Rt. Rev. James B. Funsten, Minister,  
residing at Boise in the County of Ada, in the State of Idaho, do  
certify that, in accordance with the authority on me conferred by the above license, I did on this 2nd  
day of July, in the year A. D. 1918, at Boise in the County  
of Ada, in the State of Idaho, solemnize the rites of matrimony between  
Russell J. Case of Vancouver in the County  
of Clarke, of the Washington, and Sarah B. Vineyard  
of Boise, in the County of Ada, of the State of Idaho  
in the presence of Lela Tucker Coffin and Eulalie B. Northrop.  
Witness my hand at the county aforesaid, this 2nd day of July, A. D. 1918  
In the presence of  
Lela Tucker Coffin James B. Funsten [SEAL]  
Eulalie B. Northrop Bishop of Idaho.

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STATE OF IDAHO, } ss.  
COUNTY OF ADA, }

I hereby certify that this License and Certificate was filed for record at request of Bishop James B. Funsten  
at 30 minutes past 10 o'clock A. M., this 5 day of July, A. D. 1918  
By Stephen M. Mott Recorder.  
Deputy.

ID marriage record of sister sarah Vineyard to Russell Jeffrey Case on 2 Jul 1918 in Boise,  
Ada IA -

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**Abbreviations:**

b = born

d = died

F: = Find A Grave ([www.findagrave.org](http://www.findagrave.org))

NOK = next-of-kin

**Name: Richard Relf Vineyard**

Name variations:

Military:

On Tuscania: 100th Aero Squadron - sergeant

Serial number: 249,803

Entered service from: Grangeville, Idaho Co. ID

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: Richard R. Vineyard

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": father Lycurgus Vineyard, Grangeville ID

Returned from war on: "Louisville" May 1919

Sailed on return ship as: Richard R. Vineyard

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: wife Mrs. Sarah Vineyard, 549 Riverside Dr., NY, NY  
(master engineer, 100th Aero Sq)

World War I draft registration (1917): had already enlisted in Army 10 May 1917

World War II draft registration (1942): b. 28 Dec 1898 Boise ID; res: Long Island City, Queens NY (handwritten note that transferred to Virginia-Linden at Marion) was test pilot for Brewster Aeronautical Corp. plant there exploded & burned Jan 1943, Vineyard was on Brewster team to Finland in 1940

#### Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlisted: 11 Aug 1917

Discharged: 9 Jun 1919

Address: 3964 Broadway, NY, NY

Rank/unit: master electrician, 100<sup>th</sup> Aero squadron

#### Birth & death:

Born: 28 Dec 1898 Boise, Ada ID (other records 1891 – the date used on Find A Grave, 1892, 1893) – his obituary/news story claims he was born Dec 1891

Died: 18 Feb 1962 NY, NY (US Veterans Hospital, 1st Ave. & 23rd St.)

Find A Grave record: 22989890

Burial location: cremated, at Garden State Crematory, North Bergen, Hudson NJ

Cemetery:

Tombstone:

Father: Lycurgus Vineyard, 17 May 1846 MO – 14 Mar 1919 Lewiston, Nez Perce ID (at St. Joseph Hospital). Son of Elisha John Vineyard (also Weinert) (1820 VA – 1895 OR, F: 19103272) & Eliza Harrington (1830 VA – by 1850). Attorney. Member of the 1887 convention who framed the constitution for the state of Idaho. Member of ID legislature. In the Civil War, served in Co. D, 3<sup>rd</sup> Missouri Infantry, on the side of the Confederate States of America. Buried in Normal Hill Cemetery, Lewiston, Nez Perce ID.

Find A Grave: 128420989

Mother: Sarah J. ("Sadie") Bledsoe Vineyard, 1859 OR [a territory at the time, not a state] – 10 Aug 1893 Boise, Ada ID. Daughter of Relf Bledsoe & Helen Kinney. Buried in Morris Hill Cemetery, Boise, Ada ID.

Find A Grave: 62133655

Parents' marriage: 1888

Spouse: Sarah Maria Moseman Vineyard, 28 Jan 1899 Brooklyn NY - . Daughter of Nathaniel Moseman & Elsie Heisler/Von Hertzlan. Mrs. Sarah Vineyard is in 1919 wartime next-of-kin.

In the 1900 census for Brooklyn, Kings NY, Sadie Moseman (age 1, b. Jan 1898 NY) lives with parents Nathaniel Moseman (27 NY, Sep 1873) & Elsie (25 Switzerland, Apr 1875) & her older brother Abraham Lincoln Moseman (b. 12 Sep 1896 NY – d. 28 Oct 1967).

Spouse Find A Grave:

Marriage:

Spouse: Luzzina ---- Vineyard, b. ca. 1898 NC. Her father born NY, her mother b. France. Listed as Richard's wife in the 1940 Manhattan NY census.

Was this perhaps the "Louise Cerra" Richard married in 1934 – and they were cohabiting but not married?

Either his 1<sup>st</sup> wife Sarah Moseman would have to have died – or they had a hasty divorce once he returned from war.

Spouse Find A Grave:

Marriage;

Spouse: Louise Cerra Vineyard,

Was she also known as Barbara? The obituary for Richard Relf Vineyard's wife, Barbara Vineyard, born San Francisco CA, died 24 Jan 1961 in Hasbrouck Heights, Bergen NJ, reports she died at age 61 & was formerly an actress.

The 21 Apr 1934 Queens NY marriage license of Richard & Louisa notes that she is age 35, daughter of Stephen Cerra & Theresa Vercruze. Louise is single.

In the 1905 NY state census for New York City NY, Stephen Cerra, 55 Italy, laborer) lives with wife Theresa (46 Italy) & their children, all born in Italy, including Louisa, age 6, in school.

In the 1915 NY state census for New York City NY, there are 5 Cerra children living with their father Stephen Cerra (64 Italy), including Louize (16 Italy), who works in a shirt factory. The NY will of Stefano Cerra, dated 10 Nov 1916, divides his property among his 4 daughters, including Luisa.

In 1930, Louise Cerra, 31 NY, single, parents b. NY, lives in Queens NY & is a theatrical actress.

Spouse Find A Grave:

Marriage: his status was divorced when Richard Vineyard & Louise Cerra married in Queens NY on 21 Apr 1934. His occupation was airplane engineers.

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Children:

## Siblings:

- Sarah Vineyard Case, 8 Aug 1892 ID – 7 Feb 1987 Clackamas Co. OR. – In the 1910 census for Boise, Ada ID, Sarah Vineyard (15 ID, father b. MO, mother b. OR) lived with her maternal grandparents, “Ralf” Bledsoe (77) & “Colan K.” (67) Bledsoe. - Wife of Russell Jeffrey Case (2 Mar 1894 Chicago, Cook IL – 19 Apr 1928 Vancouver, Clark WA, F: 88603777), the son of Burton Orville Case & Alice McRoy. They obtained a marriage license on 29 Jun 1918 & married 2 Jul 1918 in Grace Church in Boise, Ada ID. Buried in Park Hill Cemetery, Vancouver, Clark WA. F: 88596845

## Notes:

Richard’s middle name – Relf – was the 1<sup>st</sup> name of his maternal grandfather, Relf Bledsoe.

## Pre-war:

## Wartime:

## Post-war:

Aeronautical engineer. Contributed to the original design of the P-51 Mustang.

## Obituary:

Social Security number: 117-10-0513

## Censuses:

1900 Boise, Ada ID – 1522 – 8th – Richard & sister Sarah living with maternal grandparents as their mother has died

Ralph Bledsoe, 67 KY, Aug 1382 [sic/obviously 1823 intended], parents b. KY, married 32 years, mining superintendent

Helen Bledsoe, 57 NY, Nov 1842, parents b. Ireland, gave birth to 6 children, 4 are living [wife]

Richard Vineyard, 8 ID, Dec 1891, father b. KY, mother b. NY [grandson] [his father b. MO, his mother b. OR]

Sara Vineyard, 7 ID, Aug 1892, father b. KY, mother b. NY [granddaughter] [her father b. MO, her mother b. OR]

1900 Grangeville, Idaho Co. ID – his father living in another city

Lycurgus VINYARD, 53 MO, May 1847, single, father b. VA, mother b. MO, lawyer

Living with Thomas G. & Marcia A. Nickel & their family

1910 Portland, Multnomah OR – E. 12<sup>th</sup> St.

Richard Vineyard, 19 ID, parents b. Germany, clerk, office

Living with Conrad & Minnie Hoheluchter, their daughter, 2 stepchildren, son-in-law & nephew

1920 Manhattan, NY, NY – 70<sup>th</sup> St. South Place

Vineyard Luzzina	Roomer		7 W	2 M				Ms. Luzzina		New York
Richard	Roomer		21 W	29 M				Ms. Luzzina		New York
Moseman Jeanne	Roomer		2 W	19 M				Ms. Luzzina		New York

Found at: <https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/6061/images/4313920-00733?pid=41782822>

Luzzina VINYARD, 22 NC, married, father b. NY, mother b. France

Richard VINYARD, 29 ID, married, father b. ID, mother b. TN, test pilot, air craft corps

As roomers with Thomas & Margaret Wallace, their daughter & 7 other roomers besides the two Vineyards

Another roomer is Jeanne Moseman, 19 NY, father b. NC, mother b. NY. She is single. The birthplaces of father & mother match those of Luzzina Vineyard. Her surname Moseman is the surname of Richard Vineyard's 1<sup>st</sup> wife, Sarah Maria Moseman.

1930 cannot locate

1940 Queens NY – 4676 – 49<sup>th</sup> St. – same place in 1935

Richard R. Vineyard, 48 ID, engineer, airplanes

Louisa, 41 CA [wife]

1950 NY, NY – 258 W. 97<sup>th</sup>

Marie C. Rodriguez, 30 Cuba, never married, typist, insurance [head of household]

Richard R. Vineyard, 57 ID, married, engineering, construction [lodger]

Louise D. Vineyard, 50 CA, married [lodger's wife]