

# TUSCANIA

**Van Den Driessche, Aime**  
**1896 Belgium – 1979 WA**

## **Aime A. Driessche**

ELECTRIC CITY, Wash. — Funeral services for Aime A. Driessche, 83, will be tomorrow at 1 p.m. at the Scharbach Funeral Home at Grand Coulee, Wash. Burial will be in the Mansfield, Wash., cemetery.

He died Saturday at a hospital at Brewster, Wash.

He was born April 20, 1896, in Belgium and had married Claudia Gentry at Coeur d'Alene in April 1936.

He was a longtime farmer

of the Mansfield area and had come to this area in 1961.

He is survived by his wife, Claudia, and a brother, Macel of Tacoma.

Obituary of Aime Van Den Driessche – “Spokane (WA) Chronicle” Tuesday 9 Oct 1979 p 5

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Department of Commerce and Labor  
NATURALIZATION SERVICE

No. 174 ✓

ORIGINAL

## UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

## DECLARATION OF INTENTION

(Invalid for all purposes seven years after the date hereof)

State of Montana }  
 County of Powell } ss: In the 2nd Judicial District Court  
 of Powell County  
 I, Aime Van Der Driessche, aged 26 years,  
 occupation laborer, do declare on oath that my personal  
 description is: Color white, complexion fair, height 6 feet inches,  
 weight 160 pounds, color of hair dark brown, color of eyes blue,  
 other visible distinctive marks none  
 I was born in Eckles Belgium  
 on the 20th day of April, anno Domini 1895; I now reside  
 at Jeno Powell County Montana  
 (Give number, street, city or town, and State.)  
 I emigrated to the United States of America from Antwerp Belgium  
 on the vessel Kroonland: my last  
 foreign residence was Eckles Belgium  
 It is my bona fide intention to renounce forever all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign  
 prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty, and particularly to Albus I.

...of Belgium, of whom I am now a subject; I arrived at the port of New York, in the State of New York, on or about the 30th day of March, anno Domini 1912; I am not an anarchist; I am not a polygamist nor a believer in the practice of polygamy; and it is my intention in good faith to become a citizen of the United States of America and to permanently reside therein: SO HELP ME GOD.

Aime Van Den Driessche  
(Original signature of declarant.)

[SEAL]

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26th day of October, anno Domini 1915.

Robt. M. Mitty  
Clerk of the 3rd Judicial District Court.

11-2220

By \_\_\_\_\_, Clerk.

Citizenship application on 26 Oct 1919 in Powell Co. MT – emigrated to NYC on 30 Mar 1912 - <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/132723:61420>

VAN DEN DRIESSCHE AIME		C
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No 250 670	Died	T 470 398
Born 4/20/96		R
Enl 12/11/17	Dte 6/10/19	Cl. 1 335 489
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Van Den Driessche Aile		250 670	1	
(Surname)		(Christian name)	(Army serial number)	
RFD 2 Stevensville		MONTANA		
(Street and house number)		(Town or city)	(State)	
*Enlisted *R. A. *N. G. *E. R. C. *Inducted at		Revalli Co Mont	Dec 11, 1917	
Place of birth: Belgium		Age or date of birth: 21 8/12 yrs		
Organizations served in, with dates of assignments and transfers:				
17 Co 20 Engrs to disch				
Grades, with date of appointment:				
Pvt				
Engagements:				
Wounds or other injuries received in action: None				
Served overseas from Feb 1/18 to May 28/19, from June 10, 1919 to June 10, 1919				
Honorably discharged on demobilization June 10, 1919				
In view of occupation he was, on date of discharge, reported 0 per cent disabled.				
Remarks:				
Form No. 724-1, A. G. O. Nov. 22, 1919. * Strike out words not applicable. † Dates of departure from and arrival in the U. S.				

<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-C3M1-5SSC-9?cc=3010075&personUrl=%2Fark%3A%2F61903%2F1%3A1%3AQP2F-Q6FG>

Life:

YOUNG MEN WHO STEPPED FORWARD AT BIDDING OF THEIR COUNTRY

[excerpt:]

**Victor, Precinct No. 11.**  
 August Martin Adler, John Leonard Allnutt, Lee O. Busenbark, William Noah Bryant, William David Blackie, Everett Babbitt, James Bodack, Albert Earl Buker, Erwin William Becker, Jeddie William Blaud, Elmer Cates, Albert Ashby Cowan, Benjamin Hill Cameron Swift, Homer Chamberlain, George G. Culbertson, Floyd Cates, Elmer Luther Cowan, Roy Wilbur Carlson, Virgil Campbell, Wilber Lindorff Costello, William Clarence Cates, Angelo Decebs, LeRoy Dean, Amie Van Den Driessche, George Hoyt Dorsey, Lewis Elmer Dole, William Earl Dennis, Francis Levi Ess, Stanley R. Folber, Edward Richard

“Ravalli (MT) Republican” Friday 15 Jun 1917 p 6

**Order of Draft Selection  
 of Registrants in Ravalli**  
 562—Driessche, Ame Van Den; Stevensville.

“The Daily Missoulian” (Missoula MT) Sunday 22 Jul 1917 p 6

**Second Call Made.**  
 Fifty additional men have been called for examination. This was made necessary by the men failing to pass the examination made by army officers at American Lake, eight having been rejected. The names of the men drawn follow:  
 Stevensville—John Alfred Emerson, Arthur William McGraw, Jose Real, James Joseph Shea, Henry A. Behn, Gerald S. Sturgis, Amie Van Den Driessche, Edward C. Randles, Primo Stefanini, Eliza Porch, Elisodoro Ramirez, Joe Harrington, John Ronchietto, John Raymond, William George Craig, William Walker Brown, Stanley R. Felber, Andrew Garfield McNett, James Patrick Cherry.



"Ravalli (MT) Republican" Friday 9 Nov 1917 p 1

## MONTANA MEN SAVED FROM THE TUSCANIA

Sime Von Den Driessche, Stevensville.

"Anaconda (MT) Standard" Monday 11 Feb 1918 p 1

**VALLEY SURVIVOR  
BELGIAN NATIVE**

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**Stevensville Lad, Saved From  
Tuscania, Six Years in  
Country.**

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**BROTHER OVER THERE**

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**Recruit Hopes to Find Miss-  
ing One When He Ar-  
rives in France.**

Stevensville, Feb. 9.—Special.—Private Amle Van Dendreissche of Stevensville, whose name appears among the survivors from the torpedoed Tuscania, is a Belgian. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Jon Van Dendreissche, of the Curlew neighborhood, and came with them from Belgium to Montana six years ago. He entered the American army during the summer of 1917.

When the Van Dendreissche family came to America they left one son, Jullen, in Belgium. He was employed as a factory worker, and expected to follow his parents to the new world just as soon as his passage money could be saved. The money was ready in July, 1914, and Jullen was to have begun the journey in August. Then the war came. From that day until this his parents have received no word from him, though they have made

every effort to get into communication with him.

Julien was an army reservist. His people assume that he was called to the colors to help in the effort at repelling the German invasion. Whether he was taken prisoner or met a worse fate, his people do not know.

Amie Van Dendriessche hoped to learn something of his brother after his arrival in Europe.

"The Daily Missoulian" (Missoula MT) Sunday 10 Feb 1918 p 8

WOOD BY CARLOAD, DRY, READY  
to ship. 4 ft. 16 in. A. V. Driessche,  
Deborgia, Mont.

"The Missoulian" (Missoula MT) Friday 3 Dec 1920 p 7

Wife/stepsister Dora B. Porter

**MARRIED TUESDAY**

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**Flora Porter and Amie Van  
Den Driessche United.**

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**Ceremony Was Performed at Hamilton and Contracting Parties Will  
Reside at Missoula.**

Victor, April 22.—Miss Flora Porter was married Tuesday to Amie Van Den Driessche, the ceremony taking place at Hamilton. They will make their home at Missoula where the groom is employed by the Missoula Light & Water Company.

Marriage of Amie to Flora Porter on 20 Apr 1920 in Victor, Ravalli MT – "Ravalli (MT) Republican" Friday 23 Apr 1920 p 5



## Dora B Porter

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

Name	Dora B Porter
Gender	Female
Marriage Age	33
Record Type	Marriage
Birth Year	abt 1887
Marriage Date	20 Apr 1920
Marriage Place	Ravalli, Montana, USA
Father	<a href="#">James Porter</a>
Mother	<a href="#">Cynthia Graves</a>
Spouse	<a href="#">Arnie Van Den Driessche</a>
Film Number	001905837
DGS	004351349

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/900198060:61375?ssrc=pt&tid=82065854&pid=38447919187>

## BRIDE DIES SUDDENLY AT HOME IN DE BORGIA

Was Formerly Miss Dora  
Porter, of Victor.

Returning to his home in DeBorgia Tuesday evening at 6 o'clock, Aime Van Den Driessche found his bride of a few months lying dead on the floor in front of the door. Supper was prepared and ready on the table. It appeared she had started to the door to hang out a few articles of clothing she had recently laundered, as the garments were still in her hands when she was found dead by her husband.

Neighbors were quickly summoned. The coroner was sent for who pronounced death due to heart disease. When the husband left home at noon his wife appeared to be in her usual good health, and her death came as a great shock to him.

Aime Van Den Driessche is an ex-service man, a Belgian, and was on board the Tuscania when it went down off the shores of Ireland. He is engaged in the contracting business at DeBorgia.

Mrs. Van Den Driessche, before her marriage about eight months ago, was Miss Dora Porter, who had taught for some years in Ravalli and Missoula counties. Her mother, Mrs. Cynthia Jane Van Den Driessche resides on a ranch near Victor. She is also survived by a sister Mrs. Earl Davenport and three brothers, two of whom live on the coast.

The body was brought to Missoula last night and will be taken to a ranch near Victor today when services will be held at 2 o'clock, Rev. Salsman officiating.

Mrs. Van Den Driessche was 33 years of age. She taught for a few weeks in Missoula, some years ago.

Death of Dora – "The Missoulian" (Missoula MT) Thursday 18 Nov 1920 p 2

Form V, S. S.

STATE OF MONTANA  
Bureau of Vital Statistics  
Certificate of Death

File No. Min. 26

1 PLACE OF DEATH  
County Mineral  
Township Cador or Village \_\_\_\_\_ or  
City W<sup>e</sup> Borgia No. \_\_\_\_\_ St. \_\_\_\_\_ Ward \_\_\_\_\_  
(If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give its NAME instead of street and number)

2 FULL NAME Dora Porter Van Den Driessche  
(a) Residence, No. \_\_\_\_\_ St. \_\_\_\_\_ Ward \_\_\_\_\_  
(Usual place of abode) (If nonresident give city or town and State)

Length of residence in city or town where death occurred yrs. mos. days How long in U. S., if of foreign birth yrs. mos. days

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

3 SEX ♀ 4 COLOR OR RACE White 5 Single, Married, Widowed, or Divorced married  
(Write the word.)

5a If married, widowed, or divorced  
HUSBAND of Aline Van Den Driessche  
(or) WIFE of \_\_\_\_\_

6 DATE OF BIRTH (month, day, and year)

7 AGE Years \_\_\_\_\_ Month 5 Days \_\_\_\_\_ If less than 1 day, hrs. \_\_\_\_\_ or min. \_\_\_\_\_

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

9 BIRTHPLACE (city or town) McCook  
(State or country) Nebraska

10 NAME OF FATHER James Porter

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

12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Cynthia Graves

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

14 Informant Aline Van Den Driessche  
(Address) W<sup>e</sup> Borgia Mont.

15 Filed Nov. 16 1920 J. R. Fulcher  
Registrar

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

16 DATE OF DEATH (Month, Day and Year) November 15 - 1920

17 I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from Nov. 15 1920, to Nov. 15 1920  
that I last saw her alive on Nov. 15 1920  
and that death occurred on the date stated above, at 4 P. M.  
The CAUSE OF DEATH\* was as follows:  
Flattening of heart (10)

(duration) yrs. mos. (10)

CONTRIBUTORY Spinal Injuries  
(Secondary) (duration) yrs. mos. 10.25

18 Where was disease contracted  
If not at place of death?

Did an operation precede death? no Date of \_\_\_\_\_

Was there an autopsy? 1

What test confirmed diagnosis?  
(Signed) J. R. Fulcher M. D.  
Nov. 16 1920, 1025 (Address) Salina

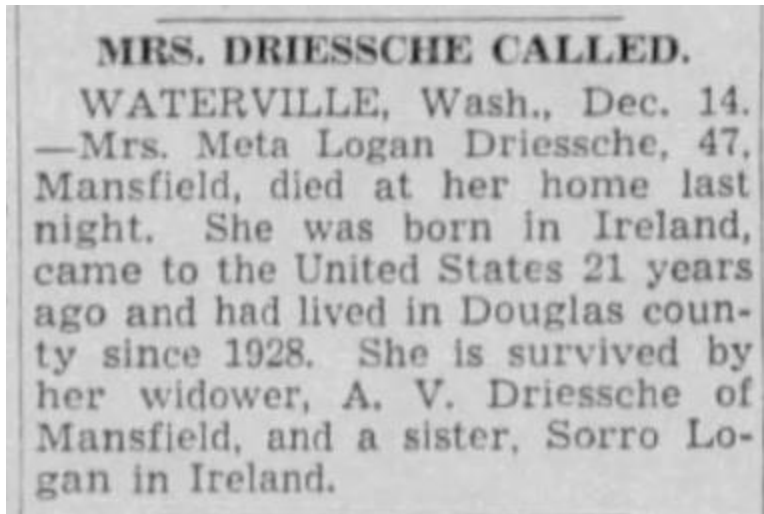
\*State the Disease Causing Death, or in deaths from Violent Causes, state (1) Means and Nature of Injury, and (2) whether accidental, suicidal, or homicidal. (See reverse side for additional space.)

19 Place of Burial, Cremation or Removal \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Burial \_\_\_\_\_

20 UNDERTAKER Wentzell Co. ADDRESS Wallace Idaho

MT death record of Dora B. Porter Van Den Driessche -  
<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/934239:5437>

Wife Martha/Meta Logan



Death of Meta Logan Van Den Driessche – “Spokane (WA) Spokesman-Review” Monday 15 Dec 1941 p 1



Martha/Meta Logan Van Den Driessche - Find A Grave 10717299

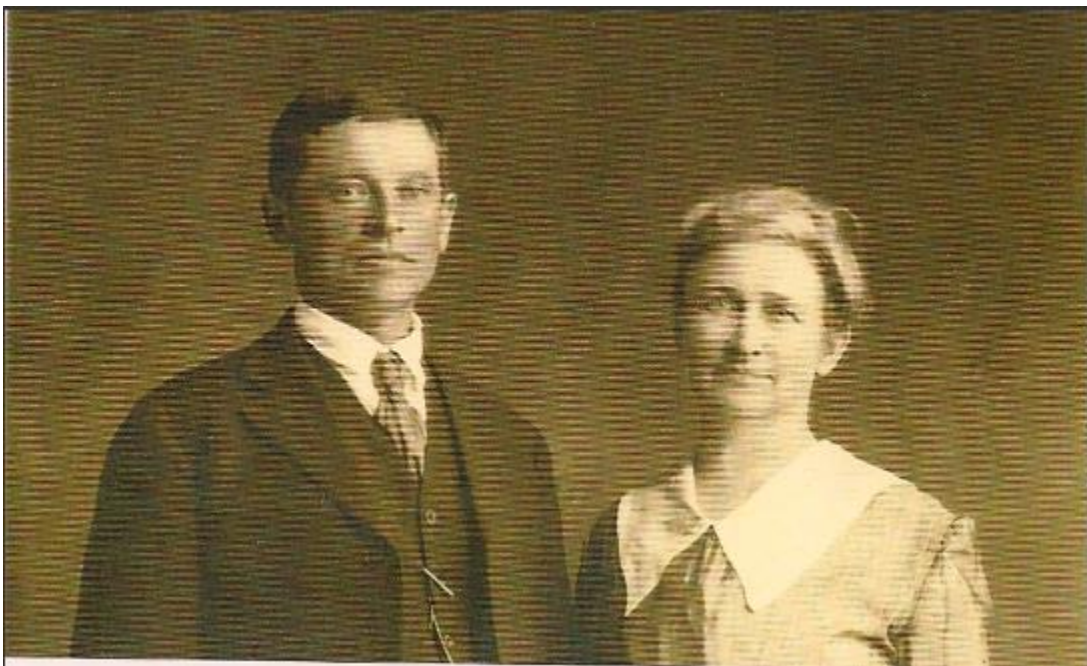
Wife Claudeia Alice Gentry Reed



Marriage licenses were issued Tuesday to William A. Easler, 26, Felt's field and Clarice M. Burmaster, 36, Spokane; Charles D. Thomas, 28, Bremerton, and Ernestine Varney, 27, Wilmington, Ohio; L. James Lippiatt Jr., 27, Reardan, Wash., and Nina M. Armstrong, 28, Satsop, Wash.; Aine Van Den Driessche, legal, Los Angeles, and Claudeia Reed, legal, Joplin, Mo., and to William Bronson, legal, Puyallup, Wash., and Mary Sue Renick, legal, Auburn, Wash.

"Spokane (WA) Chronicle" Wednesday 15 Apr 1942 p 7 - marriage license issued to AINE Van Den Driessche, legal age, Los Angeles, & Claudeia Reed, legal, Joplin MO

Father:



Wedding photograph – John Van Den Driessche & 2<sup>nd</sup> wife, Cynthia Jane Graves Porter - <https://www.ancestry.com/media-viewer/tree/75327293/person/36499316400/media/f786f767-6d1f-40c6-a5f6-01ea98ff82e>





John Van Den Driessche in Colorado - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/82065854/person/38447907513/media/567225bd-fb24-48dc-af8d-cc34de21bc43>

# John Van Den Driessche, 81, Former Stayton Resident, Dies

Statesman News Service

STAYTON—Final rites for John Van Den Driessche, 81, former Stayton resident, will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Weddle Mortuary here. He died Wednesday in Everett, Wash. where he lived with a son.

The deceased was born May 21, 1872, in Belgium, came to the United States about 1910 and settled in Montana where he married Mrs. Cythia Potter in 1917. They moved in 1926 to Stayton where mining and logging were his chief interests. He had lived with his sons since her death in 1947.

Surviving are five sons, Aime and Arthur, both of Mansfield, Wash.; Julian of Port Angeles, Wash.; Marcel of Everett, Wash. Julius of Seattle; a step-son, Wilbur Porter, Stayton; step-daughter, Mrs. Flora Mize, Salem; also seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Interment will be at Lone Oak Cemetery here.

Obituary of John Van Driessche - "Salem (OR) Statesman Journal" Friday 13 Nov 1953 p 27

No. 148

ORIGINAL

# UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

## PETITION FOR NATURALIZATION

To the Honorable the Supervising Court of Douglas County Washington

The petition of John Van den Driessche hereby filed, respectfully sheweth:

First. My place of residence is Leaky Washington

Second. My occupation is Laborer

Third. I was born on the 26 day of May anno Domini 1872 at Eckles Belgium

Fourth. I emigrated to the United States from Rotterdam Holland on or about the 1 day of April anno Domini 1907, and arrived in the United States at the port of New York on the 13 day of April anno Domini 1907, on the vessel Ostendam Holland-American Line

(If the alien arrived otherwise than by vessel, the character of transportation or mode of transportation employed should be given.)

Fifth. I declared my intention to become a citizen of the United States on the 29 day of January anno Domini 1910 at Portland Oregon in the Sevent Court of Multnomah County

Sixth. I am married. My wife's name is Calventine Eckles Belgium and is now deceased

I have 5 children, and the name, date and place of birth, and place of residence of each of said children is as follows:

<u>Gene</u>	<u>Born</u>	<u>April 20-1895</u>	<u>at Eckles</u>	<u>resides in</u>	<u>Montana</u>
<u>Julius</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>July 17-1898</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>Eckles</u>
<u>Marcel</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>January 10-1904</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>Montana</u>
<u>Julius</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>August 12-1913</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>Black Diamond</u>	<u>"</u>
<u>Arthur</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>August 20-1914</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>Leaky</u>

Seventh. I am not a disbeliever in or opposed to organized government or a member of or affiliated with any organization or body of persons teaching disbelief in or opposed to organized government. I am not a polygamist nor a believer in the practice of polygamy. I am attached to the principles of the Constitution of the United States, and it is my intention 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, and particularly to Albert King of the Belgians of which at this time I am a subject, and it is my intention to reside permanently in the United States.

Eighth. I am able to speak the English language.

Ninth. I have resided continuously in the United States of America for the term of five years at least, immediately preceding the date of this petition, to wit, since the 13 day of April anno Domini 1907, and in the State of Washington continuously next preceding the date of this petition, since the 27 day of March anno Domini 1911, being a residence within this State of at least one year next preceding the date of this petition.

Tenth. I have not heretofore made petition for citizenship to any court. (I made petition for citizenship to the \_\_\_\_\_ Court of \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ anno Domini \_\_\_\_\_, and the said petition was denied by the said Court for the following reasons and causes, to wit, \_\_\_\_\_, and the cause of such denial has since been cured or removed.)

Attached hereto and made a part of this petition are my declaration of intention to become a citizen of the United States and the certificate from the Department of Commerce and Labor, together with my affidavit and the affidavits of the two verifying witnesses thereto, required by law. Wherefore your petitioner prays that he may be admitted a citizen of the United States of America.

John Van den Driessche  
(Complete and true signature of petitioner.)

Declaration of Intention and Certificate of Landing from Department of Commerce and Labor filed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_.

## AFFIDAVITS OF PETITIONER AND WITNESSES.

State of Washington  
County of Douglas

The aforesaid petitioner being duly sworn, deposes and says that he is the petitioner in the above-entitled proceedings; that he has read the foregoing petition and knows the contents thereof; that the said petition is signed with his full, true name; that the same is true of his own knowledge except as to matters therein stated to be alleged upon information and belief, and that as to those matters he believes it to be true.

John Van Den Driessche (Signature and true signature of petitioner.)  
Ed Marks occupation Farming residing at Leahy, Washington  
 and Frank Donckers occupation " residing at "

each being severally, duly, and respectively sworn, deposes and says that he is a citizen of the United States of America; that he has personally known the petitioner above mentioned, to have resided in the United States continuously immediately preceding the date of filing his petition, since the 1st day of November, anno Domini 1911, and in the State in which the above-entitled petition is made continuously since the 1st day of November, anno Domini 1911; and that he has personal knowledge that the said petitioner is a person of good moral character, attached to the principles of the Constitution of the United States, and that the petitioner is in every way qualified, in his opinion, to be admitted a citizen of the United States.

Frank Donckers  
 (Signature of witness.)

Ed Marks  
 (Signature of witness.)

[Seal]

Subscribed and sworn to before me by the above-named petitioner and witnesses this 1st day of Nov, anno Domini 19.....

Albert C Adams, Clerk.

11-5887

[OVER.]

By..... Deputy Clerk.

## ORDER OF COURT ADMITTING PETITIONER

Upon consideration of the petition of John Van den Driessche, and affidavits in support thereof, and further testimony taken in open Court, it is ordered that the said petitioner, who has taken the oath required by law, be, and hereby is, admitted to become a citizen of the United States of America, this 5 day of March, A. D. 1917.

(It is further ordered, upon consideration of the petition of the said John, that his name be, and hereby is, changed to..... under authority of the provisions of section 6 of an act entitled "An Act to establish a Bureau of Immigration and Naturalization, and to provide for a uniform rule for the naturalization of aliens throughout the United States," approved June 29, 1906.)

By the Court:

Sam B. Bell, Judge

Certificate of Naturalization, No. 736576, issued on the 5 day of March, A. D. 1917

[INSERT ON FOLLOWING LINES MARRIAGES AND BIRTHS OCCURRING AFTER PETITIONING AND BEFORE NATURALIZATION.]

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Naturalization of John Van Den Driessche - <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/31841:62301>

**REAL ESTATE FOR SALE—COUNTRY**  
 160 ACRES LAND; PASTURE AND  
 cultivated; good water right; fair  
 buildings, fences; call just east Mit-  
 tower spur; John Van Den Driessche.

"The Missoulian" (Missoula MT) Saturday 5 May 1923 p 9

<b>Stayton Home Sold</b> Stayton—The John Van Den Driessche home on West Washington street has been sold to	Fred Dowe of Brooks, who has taken possession. Van Den Driessche is now living in McCoy, Colo.
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“Salem (OR) Capital Journal” Tuesday 1 Feb 1949 p 10

Mother:

New York, U.S., Arriving Passenger and Crew Lists (including Castle Garden and Ellis Island), 1820-1957



View image

View record

Name	Clementine Van Den Driessche
Gender	Female
Ethnicity/ Nationality	Flemish
Marital Status	Married
Age	36
Birth Date	1876
Birth Place	Belgium
Other Birth Place	Ecclos
Last Known Residence	Ecclov, Belgium
Departure Port	Antwerp, Belgium
Arrival Date	19 Dec 1912
Arrival Port	New York, New York, USA
Final Destination	Black Diamond, Washington
Height	5 Feet, 7 Inches
Hair Color	Brown
Eye Color	Blue
Complexion	Fair
Money in Possession	\$13
Person in Old Country	Sophie Troni
Person in Old Country Relationship	Mother
Person in Old Country Residence	Ecclov Oorl VI
Person in US	Frns Vand Driessche
Person in US Relationship	Husband
Mother	Sophie Troni
Spouse	Frns Vand Driessche
Ship Name	Vaderland

Arrival of Clementine & son Marcel aboard “Vaderland” arriving in NYC on 19 Dec 1912 - <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/75327293/person/312282256865/facts>

## Clementine Van Den Driessal

in the Washington, U.S., Select Death Index, 1907-1960

Name	Clementine Van Den Driessal
Gender	Female
Age	37
Estimated Birth Year	abt 1878
Death Date	16 May 1915
Death Place	Douglas, Washington
Father	<a href="#">Peter Bueltnick</a>
Mother	<a href="#">Sofie Horsk</a>
FHL Film Number	1992322
Reference ID	4825

WA death record of mother Clementine on 16 May 1915 in Douglas Co. WA -  
<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/961782:60229?ssrc=pt&tid=75327293&pid=312282256865>

Stepmother:



Stepmother Cynthia Jane Graves Porter Van Den Driessche – Find A Grave 32133177



**Marriage Certificate**

STATE OF MONTANA, }  
County of Ravalli, } ss.

**I** Hereby Certify, That I believe that the facts stated in the foregoing License are true, and that, upon due inquiry, there appears to be no legal impediment to the marriage of said John Vandem Drussche and Cynthia J. Porter; that said parties were joined in marriage by me on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, A. D. 1917, at Hamilton in the said County and State; that Ila Stout a resident of Hamilton of the County of Ravalli and State of Montana, and C. E. Hartley a resident of Hamilton of the County of Ravalli and State of Montana, were present as witnesses of said marriage ceremony; that John Vandem Drussche and Cynthia J. Porter solemnly declared, in my presence, and the presence of said named witnesses, that they took each other as husband and wife.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, A. D. 1917

In the Presence of

Ila Stout }  
C. E. Hartley } Witnesses. F. J. Salzman  
Baptist Minister

Filed for record the 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, A. D. 1917, at 2:15 o'clock P. M.

J. P. Coughenour Clerk.  
By J. Q. Adams Deputy.

Marriage of John Van Den Drussche to Cynthia on 15 May 1917 in Hamilton, Ravalli MT -  
[https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/60062/images/MM9.3.1\\_2FTH-267-11760-64023-42?pld=1517689](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/60062/images/MM9.3.1_2FTH-267-11760-64023-42?pld=1517689)

**John Vandem Drussche**

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

Name	John Vanden Drussche
Gender	Male
Marriage Age	44
Record Type	Marriage
Birth Year	abt 1873
Marriage Date	15 May 1917
Marriage Place	Ravalli, Montana, USA
Father	<a href="#">Peter Drussche</a>
Mother	<a href="#">Prudence Verhoene</a>
Spouse	<a href="#">Cynthia J Porter</a>
Film Number	001905837
DGS	004351349

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/157407:61375?ssrc=pt&tid=75327293&pid=36499316400>

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fox, Lucille and Nettie Jane, spent the Christmas eve dinner in Salem, with their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Davenport. Mrs. Van Den Driessche of Stayton was a guest Christmas day dinner with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fox. During the day they received a telegram from Lloyd, who joined the Marines in November, now stationed at San Diego.

"Salem (OR) Capital Journal" Wednesday 31 Dec 1941 p 3

# **Cynthia Jane Van Den Driessche**

**STAYTON** — Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, December 17, from the Weddle Funeral home for Mrs. Cynthia Jane Van Den Driessche, 80, who died at her home here early Sunday, December 14. The Rev. Willard Buckner of Stayton Baptist church will officiate, with burial in Lone Oak cemetery.

Mrs. Van Den Driessche was born July 18, 1867, at Knoxville, Tenn., the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Christian Graves. She had lived in Oregon 24 years and in Stayton 23 years.

Survivors are the widower, John Van Den Driessche; son, Wilbur Porter, Stayton; daughter, Mrs. Flora Fox of Salem; stepchildren, Aime Van Den Driessche, Mansfield, Wash.; Julien Van Den Driessche, Port Angeles, Wash.; Marcel Van Den Driessche, Everett, Wash.; Julius Van Den Driessche, Seattle; Arthur Van Den Driessche, Mansfield, Wash.; sisters, Lucretia Bradley, Veradale, Utah; Lulu I. Horn, McCoy, Colo.; Rita Harley, Hendersonville, N. C.; Sarah Correll, Colorado Springs, Colo.; 13 grandchildren, 12 great grandchildren and a number of nieces and nephews.

Obituary of Cynthia Jane Graves Porter Van Den Driessche- "Salem (OR) Statesman-Journal" Wednesday 17 Dec 1947 p 3

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Standard Certificate of Death  
STATE OF OREGON 131a

Oregon State Board of Health  
Division of Vital Statistics  
JAN 22 1948

State File No. 9079  
Local Registrar's No. 45

1. PLACE OF DEATH:  
(a) County Marion  
(b) City or town Stayton  
(If outside city or town limits write RURAL)  
(c) Name of hospital or institution: None  
(If not in hospital or institution write street number or location)  
(d) Length of stay: In hospital or institution None (Specify whether years, months or days)  
In this community 23 Yes. In state 24 yrs.

2. USUAL RESIDENCE OF DECEASED:  
(a) State Oregon (b) County Marion  
(c) City or town Stayton  
(If outside city or town limits write RURAL)  
(d) Street No. \_\_\_\_\_ (If rural give location)  
(e) If foreign born, how long in U. S. A.? \_\_\_\_\_ years.

3. (a) FULL NAME Cynthia Jane Van Dendriessche  
(b) If veteran, name war None (c) Social Security No. None  
(d) Sex F. (e) Color or race W. (f) (a) Single, widowed, married, divorced Married  
(g) (b) Name of husband or wife John Van Dendriessche (h) (c) Age of husband or wife if alive 75 years  
(i) Birth date of deceased July 18 1867 (Month) (Day) (Year)  
(j) Age: Years 80 Months 4 Days 26 If less than one day hr. min.  
(k) Birthplace Knoxville, Tennessee (City, town, or county) (State or foreign country)  
(l) Usual occupation House wife, At home  
(m) Industry or business  
(n) (a) Name Christian Graves (b) Birthplace Tenn. (c) Maiden name Rachel Rhoda (d) Birthplace Tenn. (City, town, or county) (State or foreign country)  
(o) (a) Informant's own signature W. A. Porter (b) Address Stayton, Oregon  
(c) (a) Burial (b) Date thereof 12/17/47 (Burial, cremation, or removal) (Month) (Day) (Year)  
(c) Place: burial or cremation Stayton, Oregon  
(d) (a) Signature of funeral director Wendy E. Waddell (b) Address Stayton, Oregon  
(e) (a) 12-17-1947 (b) Margaret Schaefer (Date received local registrant) (Registrar's signature)

4. MEDICAL CERTIFICATION  
(a) Date of death: Month Dec. day 14 year 1947 hour 3 minute :30 A.M.  
(b) I hereby certify that I attended the deceased from July 1938 to Dec. 14 1947; that I last saw her alive on Dec. 13 1947; and that death occurred on the date and hour stated above.  
(c) Immediate cause of death Congestive heart failure. Duration \_\_\_\_\_  
(d) Due to hypertensive cardio-vascular renal disease 10 yrs.  
(e) Due to \_\_\_\_\_  
(f) Other conditions \_\_\_\_\_ (Include pregnancy within 3 months of death)  
(g) Major findings: Of operations \_\_\_\_\_ Of autopsy \_\_\_\_\_  
(h) PHYSICIAN \_\_\_\_\_ Underline the cause to which death should be charged statistically

5. 22. If death was due to external causes, fill in the following:  
(a) Accident, suicide, or homicide (specify) \_\_\_\_\_  
(b) Date of occurrence \_\_\_\_\_  
(c) Where did injury occur? \_\_\_\_\_ (City or town) (County) (State)  
(d) Did injury occur in or about home, on farm, in industrial place.  
In public place? \_\_\_\_\_ (Specify type of place)  
While at work? B Means of injury \_\_\_\_\_  
(e) Signature Burl Belu (M. D. apothecary)  
Address Stayton, Or Date signed 12/16/47

STATE PRINTING DEPT.

OR death record of Cynthia Jane Graves Porter Van Den Driessche -  
<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/45564767:61675>

Siblings:

## Julian V. Driessche

A former Port Angeles resident, Julien Vanden Driessche, 68, died Sunday at his home in Shelton.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Batstone Funeral Home at Shelton. Cremation will follow.

Mr. Vanden Driessche was born on July 17, 1898 in Ekloo, Belgium. He moved to Port Angeles in 1931 and went to work for Rayonier, retiring in 1963. In 1964 he moved to Shelton.

Survivors include his wife, Esther, at home; a daughter, Mrs. Allie Johnston, in California; four brothers, Amie of Electric City, Marvel of Everett, Julius of Seattle and Arthur of Reardon; and one grandson.

Obituary of [brother Julian Vanden Driessche \(1898-1966\)](#) - "Port Angeles (WA) Evening News"

Monday 15 Aug 1966 p 3



### FORMER RESIDENTS VISIT

Stevensville.—Mr. and Mrs. Julian Van Den Driessche, former residents of Stevensville, but now of Port Angeles, Wash., spent a few days visiting with the Puyear families. Mr. and Mrs. Van Den Driessche have been spending some time in Colorado and are on their way home.

"The Missoulain" (Missoula MT) Friday 13 Aug 1946 p 10



When ceremony is performed, fill this blank and within five days return to County Auditor of County in which ceremony was performed.

Place of Marriage  
County of Grays Harbor  
Town of Hoquiam  
or City of .....

WASHINGTON STATE BOARD OF HEALTH  
Bureau of Vital Statistics  
CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE  
License No. 9495

GROOM		PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS		BRIDE	
Full Name	<u>Marcel Van Den Driesche</u>	Full Name	<u>Helen Chick.</u>	Full Name	<u>Helen Chick.</u>
Residence	<u>Hoquiam.</u>	Residence	<u>Hoquiam.</u>	Residence	<u>Hoquiam.</u>
Age at last Birthday	<u>24.</u> years	Age at last Birthday	<u>17</u> years	Age at last Birthday	<u>17</u> years
Color or Race	<u>White</u>	Color or Race	<u>White</u>	Color or Race	<u>White</u>
Single, Widowed or Divorced		Single, Widowed or Divorced		Single, Widowed or Divorced	
Number of Marriages		Number of Marriages		Number of Marriages	
Birthplace	<u>Belgium</u> (State or Country)	Birthplace	<u>Iowa</u> (State or Country)	Birthplace	<u>Iowa</u> (State or Country)
Occupation	<u>Millworker</u>	Occupation	<u>Kodak Finishing</u>	Occupation	<u>Kodak Finishing</u>
Name of Father	<u>John Van Den Driesche</u>	Name of Father	<u>Allan W Chick</u>	Name of Father	<u>Allan W Chick</u>
Birthplace of Father	<u>Belgium</u> (State or Country)	Birthplace of Father	<u>Maine</u> (State or Country)	Birthplace of Father	<u>Maine</u> (State or Country)
Maiden Name of Mother	<u>Clementine Bolteen</u>	Maiden Name of Mother	<u>Evelyn Hawes</u>	Maiden Name of Mother	<u>Evelyn Hawes</u>
Birthplace of Mother	<u>Belgium</u> (State or Country)	Birthplace of Mother	<u>Wisconsin</u> (State or Country)	Birthplace of Mother	<u>Wisconsin</u> (State or Country)
Maiden Name of Bride if she was previously Married.....					

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

Marcel Van Den Driesche Groom Helen Chick Bride

CERTIFICATE OF PERSON PERFORMING CEREMONY  
I HEREBY CERTIFY, That Marcel Van Den Driesche and Helen Chick were joined in Marriage by me in accordance with the laws of the State of Washington, at Hoquiam, this 20th day of August, 1928.

Signature of Witness to the Marriage: Roy Chick Mrs. Marion Chick

Signature of person performing the ceremony: Hubert Geoghegan

Official Station: Minister

Filed AUG 21 1928 W. D. CAMPBELL County Auditor. Residence: .....

Marriage of brother Marcel Van Den Driessche (1904 Belgium – 1997 WA) to Helen A. Chick on 20 Aug 1928 in Hoquiam, Grays Harbor WA - <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/1055745806:2378>

## Marriage Licenses

County Auditor W. D. Campbell here has issued marriage licenses to Herbert Hartley and Sue Baker, Seattle; James P. Weaver, Aberdeen, and Yvetta Rogers, Portland; Clarence Matson, Hoquiam, and Jessie Troyer, Aberdeen; Marcel Van Den Driessche and Helen Chick, Hoquiam; Earl Winslow and Callie Roberts, McCleary; John C. Gower and Mina Boyd, Hoquiam.

Marriage license of Marcel Van Den Driessche & Helen Chick - "Tacoma (WA) Daily Ledger"  
Monday 20 Aug 1928 p 10

## Kelso Licenses

*By Staff Correspondent*

KELSO, Jan. 16.—Marriage licenses were issued here yesterday to Julius Van Den Driessche, Longview, and Jewel Dudley, Kalama; and Robert P. Eddy and Donna M. Sims, Longview.

Marriage license of [brother Julius Van Den Driessche \(1913-1977\)](#) & Jewel Kathleen Dudley -  
"Tacoma (WA) News Tribune" Thursday 16 Jan 1936 p 18

**Jewel K. Aaby**

Lifelong local resident Jewel Kathleen Aaby, 83, of Longview, died Jan. 6, 2001, at the Hospice Care Center.

She was born July 6, 1917, in Kalama to James and Lillie Mae (Carsner) Dudley. She was a graduate of Kalama High School.

Mrs. Aaby worked in accounting at Long Bell Lumber Co., for many years. She later opened an antique shop in Kelso, Jule's Juntiques and Antiques. After her retirement she enjoyed tending her yard and its petunias, roses and cherry tomatoes. She was an avid reader and enjoyed crossword puzzles. She cared about her neighborhood as an active member of the neighborhood watch.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Arnold Aaby, in 1983.

Survivors include a son, Vance van den Driessche of Kelso; a daughter, Nikki Mears of Longview; a brother, Jim Dudley of Ocean City, Wash.; a caregiver, Kathleen Moore of Longview; 10 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

A memorial open house will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday at 107 16th Avenue in Longview.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Community Home Health and Hospice, P.O. Box 2067, Longview, WA 98632.

Cremation has taken place under the direction of Columbia Funeral Service.

Obituary of Jewel Kathleen Dudley Van Den Driessche Abby, Julius's 1<sup>st</sup> wife – "Longview (WA) Daily News: Thursday 11 Jan 2001 p 20

STATE OF WASHINGTON, }  
County of \_\_\_\_\_ } ss. **Series A**  
168916

THIS CERTIFIES, that the undersigned John M. Stuart  
by authority of a License bearing date the 8th day of October A. D. 194 1950  
and issued by the County Auditor of the County of King, did on the 12 day of October  
A. D. 1950, at the Lake City, Seattle  
County and State aforesaid, join in LAWFUL WEDLOCK Julius Van Den Driessche  
of the County of Seattle, Washington and Ruth Hicks Martindale  
of the County of Seattle, Washington with their mutual assent, in the presence of  
Jean Hicks Chase and Manuel Van Driessche witnesses.  
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, witness the signatures of the parties to said ceremony, the witnesses and myself,  
this 12th day of October A. D. 194 1950

WITNESS:	PARTIES:	OFFICIATING CLERGYMAN OR OFFICER:
<u>Jean Hicks Chase</u>	<u>Julius Van Den Driessche</u> MALE.	<u>Rev. John M. Stuart</u>
<u>Manuel Van Den Driessche</u>	<u>Ruth Hicks Martindale</u> FEMALE.	<u>11543 3P N.E.</u>
Filed <u>NOV 22 1950</u>	<u>19</u>	P. O. ADDRESS <u>Seattle 55</u> WASHINGTON.

This Certificate must be filled out and filed with the King County Auditor where the license was issued within 30 days after the ceremony.—See Chapter 59, Laws of Washington of 1947.

Failure to make and deliver Certificate to the King County Auditor within 30 days is punishable by a fine of not less than \$25.00 or more than \$300.00.—See Pierce's Code. Sec. 3714.

Marriage on 12 Oct 1950 in Seattle, King WA of Julius Van Den Driessche & Ruth Hicks Martindale -  
[https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2378/images/85362364\\_3821b125-c1e0-46b3-ae54-371029307ccd?pid=679368](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2378/images/85362364_3821b125-c1e0-46b3-ae54-371029307ccd?pid=679368)



### GETS BIG FISH.

PORT ANGELES, July 6. (AP)—A 56-pound, 8-ounce spring salmon, caught Saturday by Julius Driessche, is the largest salmon ever caught in the Port Angeles area on sporting tackle. It took Driessche an hour and a half to land the big fellow.

"Spokane (WA) Chronicle" Tuesday 5 Jul 1917 p 2

West Stayton—Violet M. Davenport and Arthur Van Den Driessche were married Thursday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. The marriage was solemnized by Dr. Grover C. Birtchet at the Presbyterian church in Salem.

The bride's dress was dark blue with dark accessories.

Present at the wedding were the groom's foster parents, Mr. and Mrs. Price of Mansfield, Wash., the parents of the bride, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Fox of West Stayton, Mr. and Mrs. Webb and son Russell with whom the groom's parents were visiting.

The young couple left for Mansfield, Wash., Friday evening, where they will make their home on the groom's farm.

Marriage of **brother Arthur Van Den Driessche (1914-1978)** to Violet M. Fox Davenport (his stepmother's daughter by her 1<sup>st</sup> marriage) on 31 Oct 1935 in West Stayton, Marion OR – "Salem (OR) Capital Journal" Tuesday 5 Nov 1935 p 5



Mrs. Mary Price passed away suddenly Friday morning December 11 at her home near Snohomish. She had been ill a long time and had just returned Thursday evening from the Monroe hospital. Friday morning while she was sleeping Mr. Price did some chores outside then came in to find she had passed away during his absence.

Mary Horn was born in Kingston, Wisconsin, December, 1874. She taught school before her marriage to Hugh Price who lived on an adjoining farm. They were married March 18, 1903, and in May of that year came to the Big Bend where they took a homestead near Leahy. Here they resided until September, 1937 when they moved near Snohomish. While no children blessed this union, Mrs. Price, who was devoted to children took a boy, Arthur Driessche at the age of nine months and reared him as a son. She was a wonderful mother, a kind and honest person and a friend to anyone regardless of their station in life. She will be sadly missed by the sorrowing husband, Hugh Price of Snohomish, Arthur Driessche of Mansfield and his three little girls; a brother, Steve Horn of Leahy and two brothers, David of Dalton, Wisconsin and Lewis of Kingston, Wisconsin; two sisters, Clara Horn of Minneapolis and Mrs. Jeannette Murphy of Dalton, Wis. She also leaves an uncle there of whom she was very fond.

was very fond.

Mr. Price and an old friend, Mrs. Orville Pearl of Snohomish accompanied the body to Wenatchee where Jones and Jones took charge. Services were held in Mansfield cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. Marcel Driessche of Everett and Julius Driessche of Port Townsend were in attendance also.

Foster mother of Arthur Van Den Driessche – "Coulee City (WA) Dispatch" Thursday 17 Dec 1942 p

Step-siblings:



Stepsister Flora Valentine Porter (1895-1974) - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/82065854/person/38447905113/media/e1af4ceb-1a9f-4278-9672-ba707d217854>

## Harley Mize, 61, Dies; Rites Set Friday

Harley LeRoy Mize, 61, died unexpectedly Monday at his home, 1173 6th St.

At the time of his death he was employed as an attendant at Oregon State Hospital. Formerly he worked at Sicks Brewery for over nine years until it closed recently.

Mize was born in Dunlap, Iowa, Aug. 14, 1891 and came to West Salem in 1937 where he had lived since.

He was a member of the Eagles here and local 324 of the Teamsters Union.

Surviving are his widow, Flora V. Mize, Salem; daughters, Miss Geniece Mize, Salem, Mrs. Violet Driessche and Mrs. Clyd Hilton, both of St. Andrews, Wash., Mrs. Opal McLaine, Harrisburg, Mrs. Lucille Cable, Salem, Mrs. Don Frye, Millvale, Pa.; two sons, LeRoy Mize, Portland, Fred Davenport, Scio; two sisters, Mrs. Leo Furgan, Sioux Falls, S. D.; Mrs. Maude Nash, Dubuque, Iowa; two brothers, George and Dave Mize, both of South Dakota, and two grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Friday at 1:30 p.m. in Virgil T. Golden Chapel with interment at Lone Oak Cemetery, Stayton. The Rev. Harold Lyman will officiate.

## Former West Stayton Man Killed at Shasta

Lloyd F. Fox, 27, former West Stayton resident, died in an accident near Shasta, Calif., Tuesday, it was learned here by his mother, Mrs. Flora Mize of West Salem.

Details of the accident were not received, but it was understood by Mrs. Mize that the body of her son would have to be brought out of remote country by skis over a two-day period. The accident occurred about 13 miles from Shasta.

Young Fox had been working in California the past year. He had attended West Stayton and Aumsville schools and served in the U.S. marines.

Surviving, besides Mrs. Mize, are the father, F. J. Fox of West Stayton; two sisters, Mrs. Lucille Loe, West Salem, and Nettie Jane Fox, Salem; a half-brother, Fred Davenport of Dexter and two half-sisters, Mrs. Alice Hilton of West Stayton and Mrs. Violet Driessche, Mansfield, Wash.

Announcement of funeral arrangements will be made later.

### ***Fred Davenport***

DAYTON — Fred W. Davenport, 56, Seattle, Wash., a retired watchmaker and a former resident of Stayton, died Wednesday in Seattle.

Surviving are his widow, Beatrice, Seattle; his mother, Flora White, Salem; three daughters, Judith Johnston, Cottage Grove, Karen Miller, Salem, and Charlotte Davenport, Lebanon; two sons, Marvin, Salem, and Tim, Lebanon; four sisters, Alice Hilton and Lucille Farthing, both of Stayton, Violet Driessche, Mansfield, Wash., and Nettie Frye, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday in Weddle Funeral Home. Interment will be in Lone Oak Cemetery.

Son of Flora Porter - "Salem (OR) Capital Journal" Saturday 13 Jan 1973 p 17

### ***Flora White***

Flora White, 79, 1625 Center St. NE, a resident of Stayton for 49 years before coming here three years ago, died Sunday in a Salem nursing home.

Surviving are four daughters, Alice Hilton, Stayton, Violet Driessche, Athena, Lucille Farthing, Scio, and Nettie Frye, Pittsburgh, Pa.; a brother, Wilbur Porter, Stayton; three stepbrothers, all out of state; 20 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Weddle Funeral Home, Stayton. Interment will be in Lone Oak Cemetery, Stayton.

Daughter of Flora Porter - "Salem (OR) Capital Journal" Tuesday 14 May 1974 p 17



FORM V. S. NO. 12 REGISTRATION NO. 6

STATE OF MONTANA

16234

**CERTIFICATE OF BIRTH**

Date and place of birth Jan 23, 1910 Stevensville, Montana

Name of child Wilbur Arthur Sex male Color white

Living or Stillborn Living No. of Child, 1st, 2nd, etc. 4th

Name of Parents† } James Porter color white  
Cynthia Graves color white

Residence Stevensville, Montana, RFD.

Occupation of father Farmer

Birthplace of father Montpelier, Ohio

Birthplace of mother Knoxville, Tennessee

Victor Montana.

Jan 23 1910 P. S. Rennick M. D.  
 † Give maiden name of mother 6-3-42 for my last card R. H. Kellogg Registrar.

18-22-21

MT birth record of **stepbrother Wilbur Arthur Porter (1910-1988)** -

[https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/61591/images/47730\\_1220706333\\_0016-00469?pld=30018350](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/61591/images/47730_1220706333_0016-00469?pld=30018350)

## Wilbur Arthur Porter

STAYTON — Wilbur Arthur Porter, 77, died Thursday.

He was born in Stevensville, Mont., and moved to the Five Rivers and Eugene areas in 1923 and to Stayton in 1927. He owned and operated Porter and Lau Radio and Television in Stayton since 1927. He was a 25-year member of the Stayton Volunteer Fire Department. He was a former member of the Lions.

Survivors include his wife Gladys; and sons Stephen of Stayton and Miles of Corvallis.

Private family services will begin at 2 p.m. today at Weddle mortuary. Interment will be at Weisner Cemetery in Kingston.

Contributions may be made to the Stayton Volunteer Fire Department, the First Church of God. Private interment will be in Willamette Memorial Park.



[https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/45063124:2468?tid=82065854&pid=300068511120&queryId=8a1d0dd8ccde861f9dae4ee5cce185b4&\\_phsrc=hFB64317&\\_phstart=successSource](https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/45063124:2468?tid=82065854&pid=300068511120&queryId=8a1d0dd8ccde861f9dae4ee5cce185b4&_phsrc=hFB64317&_phstart=successSource)



Marriage of Wilbur Arthur Porter to Gladys Norene Christman - "Salem (OR) Capital Journal"  
Thursday 24 Jun 1937 p 7



Eeklo, East Flanders, Belgium -

<https://www.google.com/maps/place/9900+Eeklo,+Belgium/@51.1832589,3.3259268,11z/data=!4m6!3m5!1s0x47c3641fd3ee32b3:0x40099ab2f4d5070!8m2!3d51.1851666!4d3.564071!16zL20vMDE0OGs0>

#### Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

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

NOK = next-of-kin

#### **Name: Aime Van Den Driessche**

Name variations: surname sometimes found only as Driessche - Driezeche

#### Military:

On Tuscania: 20th Eng. 1896 17th/Co. E - private

Serial number: 250,670

Entered service from: Stevensville, Ravalli MT

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: Aime Van Den Driessche

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": father John Van Den Driessche, Rte 2, Box 88, Stevensville MT

Returned from war on: "Santa Paula" May 1919

Sailed on return ship as: Aime Van Den Driessche

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: father John Van Den Driessche, Stevensville MT (PFC, 17th Co., 20th Engrs, Forestry)

World War I draft registration (1917): as Aime Van Den Driessche [also indexed by Familysearch.org & Ancestry.com as "Aisne"] - b. 20 Apr 1896 Ecklas, Belgium; res: Stevensville MT. Single. Laborer for John Goodman, 2 miles W?/N? of Victor MT. Tall height, medium build.

Registered in Ravalli Co. MT

World War II draft registration (1942): as Aime Van Den Driessche - b. 20 Apr 1896 Ecklas, Belgium; res: Mansfield, Douglas WA. NOK Claudea Van Den Driessche, same address. Self-employed as wheat farmer, Mansfield, Douglas WA. Signed A.V. Driessche. Height: 6' – 185 lbs.

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlisted: 11 Dec 1917

Discharged: 10 Jun 1919

Address: 141 W. Pine St., Missoula MT

Rank/unit: private, 17<sup>th</sup> Co., 20<sup>th</sup> Engineers

#### Birth & death:

Born: 20 Apr 1896 Esklas, Belgium [his father reports 20 Apr 1895 on John's naturalization record]

Died: 6 Oct 1979 Brewster, Onkanogan WA or (Find A Grave:) Electric City, Grant WA

Find A Grave record: 10717297 – presence on Tuscania indicated in text

Burial location: Mansfield, Douglas WA

Cemetery: Mansfield

Tombstone: veteran flat: US Army WWI

Father: John Van Den Driessche, 25 May 1872 [Find A Grave] or 21 May 1872 [obituary] Ekloo, Belgium – 11 Nov 1953 Everett, Snohomish WA. Son of Peter Van Den Driessche & Prudence Verhoene.

Naturalized 5 Mar 1917 in Douglas Co. WA.

His 1<sup>st</sup> wife as Aime's mother, Clementine Bultinch.

He married Cynthia Jane Graves Porter, the widow of James Porter.

Buried in Lone Oak Cemetery, Stayton, Marion OR.

Find A Grave: 32133186

Mother: Clementine Bultinch [Bultinck] Van Den Driessche, 1877 Ekloo, Belgium – 16 May 1915 Douglas Co. WA. Daughter of Peter Bueltnick & Sofie Horsk. Came to the US with son Marcel (age 9) from Antwerp, Belgium on 7 Dec 1912 aboard "Vaderland" which arrived in NYC on 19 Dec 1912.

Clementine had 5 sons, the 3 oldest (Aime, Julian, Marcel) born in Belgium & the 2 youngest (Julius & Arthur) born in WA. Buried in Delrio Cemetery, Douglas Co. OR

Find A Grave: 5622915

Parents' marriage:

Stepmother: Cynthia Jane Graves Porter Van Den Driessche, 18 Jul 1867 Knoxville, Knox TN – 14 Dec 1947 Stayton, Marion OR.

Daughter of Christian Graves & Rachel Tarissa Rhody.

Married in 1882 to James Porter (31 Oct 1848 OH – 9 Dec 1912 MT, F: 31498072), the son of James Porter & Ruth Ferguson.

James Porter was earlier married to Harriet Simpson (1850-1879, F: 11049101). Their children included Herman Leroy Porter (1874-1930, F: 27151554) & Lloyd Leland Porter (1876-1947, F: 32133163).

Buried in Lone Oak Cemetery, Stayton, Marion OR.

Stepmother's Find A Grave: 32133177

Stepmother's marriage: 15 May 1917 Hamilton, Ravelli MT

Family tree at: <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/82065854/person/38447907513/facts>

Spouse: Dora B. Porter Van Den Driessche, May 1886 McCook, Red Willow NE – 15 Nov 1920 Mineral Co. MT. In addition to being Aime's wife, Dora was also his stepsister, since Dora's mother Cynthia Graves Porter had married Aime's father, John Van Den Driessche. After leaving their house in De Borgia WA around noon, Amie returned at 6 p.m. to find her lying dead on the floor, with supper ready, holding the wet clothes she had laundered. Dora was age 33 at the time of death & was formerly a Montana schoolteacher. They had married not quite 7 months earlier. Her MT death record gives the cause of death as a dilatation of the heart, with Spanish influenza as a contributing cause.

Buried in Victor Cemetery, Victor, Ravalli MT.

Spouse Find A Grave: 31498073

Marriage: 20 Apr 1920 in Victor, Ravalli MT. Dora is around 10 years older than Amie.

Spouse: Martha/Meta Logan Driessche, 22 Feb 1894 Ireland – 13 Dec 1941 Waterville, Douglas WA. Came to the US 21 years before her death; a resident of Douglas Co. WA since 1928. Died at her home. Buried in Mansfield Cemetery, Mansfield, Douglas WA.

Spouse Find A Grave: 10717299

Marriage: Married at the time of the 1940 census.

Spouse: Claudeia Alice ("Tommy") Gentry Reed Driessche, 12 Mar 1905 Ashe Co. NC – 22 Jul 1983 Orofino, Clearwater ID.

Daughter of Rufus Lee Gentry & Margaret N. Bledsoe.

Married in 1929 to Ellis James Reed (1897 TN – 1978 AR, F: 70711972). He remarried, in 1945, to Viola Mary Cook (1901-1984).

Buried in Mansfield Cemetery, Mansfield, Douglas WA.

Spouse Find A Grave: 10717298

Marriage: obtained marriage license in Apr 1942 in Spokane Co. WA. According to his obituary, they married in Coeur d'Alene, Kootenai ID.

Children:

Siblings: Aime was the oldest of 5 children.

- Julian Van Den Driessche, 17 Jul 1898 Ekloo, Belgium – 14 Aug 1966 Shelton, Mason WA. He was survived by wife Esther Irene Smith Back (4 Mar 1893 Finland – 1 Sep 1978 WA, SSN: 532-66-6895) who had been married in Finland to Johannes Back (1890-1919). Following his death, Esther emigrated to the US in 1920. She is buried in Evergreen-Washelli Memorial Park, Seattle, King WA, F: 126522031. In the 1940 census, Julian (Julien?) Van Den Driessche, 41 Belgium, a rodderman in a pulp mill, lived with his wife Ester I. (47 Finland) in Edgewood, Clallam WA. Resident of Port Angeles WA in 1953 when his father died. Cremated.
- Marcel Van Den Driessche, 10 Jan 1904 Ekloo, Belgium – 24 Sep 1997 Everett, Snohomish WA. Emigrated with his mother Clementine in Dec 1912 aboard the "Vaderland." Married 20 Aug 1928 in Hoquiam, Grays Harbor WA to Helen A. Chick (1911-1989, F: 207778397) in Hoquiam, Grays Harbor WA. Helen was age 17 & Marcel age 24. She was the daughter of Allan W. Chick (b. ME) & Evelyn Hawes (b. WI). Resident of Everett WA in 1953 when his

father died & as Marvel in Everett WA in Aug 1966 when Julian died. Buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Everett, Snohomish WA. F: 207762131

- Julius G. Van Den Driessche, 12 Aug 1913 Black Diamond, King WA – Nov 1977 Lincoln Co. WA. SSN 532-07-8476. Julius of Longview WA took out a marriage license 15 Jan 1936 in Kelso WA with Jewel Kathleen Dudley (6 Jul 1917-6 Jan 2001). On his WWII draft registration (16 Oct 1940), Julius Van Driessche lives in Longview, Cowlitz WA, works at Weyerhaeuser Pulp Co. & his NOK is wife Jewel Kathleen Van Driessche. Jewel was the daughter of James S. Dudley & Lillie Mae Carsner & later married Arthur Aaby (d. 1982). She died - Married 12 Oct 1950 to Ruth Hicks Martindale. His name is often found as Julius Driessche.
- Arthur Van Den Driessche, 20 Aug 1914 Black Diamond, King WA – 3 Dec 1978 Umatilla, Umatilla OR. At age 9 months, was taken in by Hugh Price & his wife Mary Horn Price to raise, presumably because his mother died in May 1915. Resident of Mansfield WA in 1953 when his father John died. Married Violet M. Fox Davenport on 31 Oct 1935 in West Stayton, Marion OR. She was his stepsister Flora's daughter. The Prices are mentioned as his parents in the wedding announcement. Buried in Mansfield Cemetery, Mansfield, Douglas OR. F: 28212883

Step-siblings: from his stepmother Cynthia Graves to her 1<sup>st</sup> husband, James Porter

- Ethel A. Porter, 1883 Red Willow Co. NE – 17 Oct 1895 Missoula Co. MT. Buried in Missoula Cemetery, Missoula, Missoula MT. F: 84566662
- Dora B. Porter Van Den Driessche, 1886-1920. In addition to being his stepsister, Dora became Aime Van Den Driessche's wife. See record above.
- Flora Valentine Porter Davenport Fox Mize White, 14 Feb 1895 Missoula Co. MT – 12 May 1974 Salem, Marion OR. Resident of Salem OR in 1953 when John Van Den Driessche died. – Married 18 Sep 1915 in Stevensville, Ravalli MT to Earl Roy Davenport (1892-1961). They had 3 children. She petitioned for divorce claiming he had left her in May 1920. Divorce was granted 22 Oct 1921 in Ravalli Co. MT. Flora's daughter Violet Fox Davenport married Aime's brother Arthur Van Den Driessche. – Married on 17 Feb 1922 in Ravalli Co. MT to Francis Jeremiah ("Frank") Cameron-Fox (1895-1952). He is buried as Frank J. Fox, F: 32149752. - Wife of Harley Royce Millard/L. Mize (1891-1953, F: 32149733) whom she married 14 Feb 1948 in Polk Co. OR. – Married Harold William White (1893-1963, F: 31385980) on 28 Nov 1956 in Marion Co. OR. - Buried with surname Mize in Lone Oak Cemetery, Stayton, Marion OR. F: 32149744
- Wilbur Arthur Porter, 23 Jan 1910 Stevensville, Ravalli MT – 21 Jan 1988 Marion Co. OR. Husband of Gladys Norene Chrisman (1915-2011, F: 196008427) whom he married 17 Jun 1937 in Scio, Linn OR. Buried in Wisner Cemetery, Kingston, Linn OR. F: 26189403

#### Notes:

The various spellings of the family members' hometown appear to mean Eeklo, in East Flanders, Belgium.

There are numerous spelling variations of the surname (and shortening of it), complicating genealogical research. Also, two sons named Julian and Julius in the same family lead to confusion.

There are numerous erroneous “facts” available online in the family trees of the Van Den Driessche family.

#### Pre-war:

John Van Der Driessche is granted US citizenship on Mar 1917. On his application, he said he was a laborer residing in Leahy WA. He was born 25 May 1872 Ecklas, Belgium. He sailed from Rotterdam, Holland, on 1 Apr 1907 aboard “Potsdam” of the Holland-American Line, arriving in NYC on 13 Apr 1907. He had filed a citizen intention on 29 Jan 1910 in the Circuit Court of Multnomah Co. OR at Portland OR.

He had lived in the US since 13 Apr 1907 & in Washington state since 27 Mar 1911.

His wife, Clementine, born Ecklas, Belgium was deceased.

He lists 5 children:

Aime, b. 20 Apr 1895, Ecklas, Belgium, now a resident of MT

Julian, b. 17 Jul 1898, Ecklas, Belgium, now a resident of Ecklas, Belgium [a newspaper story reports he had been left behind to earn money for his passage & was prevented from joining the family by WWI]

Marscel (Marcel), b. 10 Jan 1904 Ecklas, Belgium, now a resident of MT

Julius, b. 12 Aug 1913 Black Diamond WA, now a resident of Leahy WA

Arthur, b. 20 Aug 1914 Black Diamond WA, no a resident of Leahy WA

#### Wartime:

#### Post-war:

#### Obituary:

Social Security number: 532-22-7064

#### Censuses:

1920 Bonner, Missoula MT – conducted 26 Jan 1920 [he is married later in 1920) – line 5  
Aime VanDenDriessche, 23 Belgium, parents b. Belgium, single, speaks “Dutch” (i.e, Flemish), emigrated 1913, naturalized 1919, woodsman

1920 Victor, Ravalli MT – conducted 6/7 Feb 1920

John Van Den Driessche, 46 Belgium (Flemish), parents b. Belgium (Flemish), emigrated 1907, naturalized 1917, farmer, general farm

Cynthia J., 52 TN, parents b. TN [wife]

Marcel, 16 Belgium, parents b. Belgium, emigrated 1912, naturalized 1917 [son]

Julius, 6 WA, parents b. Belgium [son]

Dora B. Porter, 32 NE, father b. OH, mother b. TN, teacher, grade school [stepdaughter – and soon to marry John’s son Amie]



Wilber A. Porter, 9 MT, father b. OH, mother b. TN [stepson]

1930 cannot locate

1940 Burke, Douglas WA – same house in 1935

Aimee Dreeschee, 43 Belgium, farmer, grain farmer

Meta, 45 Northern Ireland [wife]

Found at: <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3QS7-89MB-YJKG?i=2>

1950 Douglas Co. WA

Aimee V. Driessche, 54 Belgium, farmer, farm

Claudeia, 46 NC [wife]