

TUSCANIA

Tuscania casualty
Collins, Alva Norman
1887 IA – 5 February 1917 Tuscania

Alva N Collins

Military • United States, World War I American Expeditionary Forces Deaths, 1917-1919

WYOMING * WHITE: ENLISTED IN REGULAR ARMY OR ASSIGNED THERETO UPON INDUCTION.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>SERIAL NO.</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>ORGANIZATION AT TIME OF DEATH</u>	<u>DATE OF DEATH</u>
Collins, Alva N.		Pvt	Co D 6 Bn 20 Engr	Feb 5/18

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COLLINS ALVA NORMAN		C 7 095	
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U. S. VETERANS BUREAU MAIL AND RECORDS Form 7302—Rev. Sept., 1920		INDEX CARD GPO 2-13969	

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Norman Alvah Collins

in the Minnesota, U.S., Births and Christenings Index, 1840-1980



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Detail	Source
Name	Norman Alvah Collins
Gender	Male
Birth Date	22 Jul 1886
Birth Place	Amherst, Fillmore, Minnesota
Christening Place	Fillmore, Minnesota
Father	Alvah Collins
Mother	Ada
FHL Film Number	1315840

Is this him – with a 22 Jul 1886 birthdate instead of 25 Nov 1887/1888 -
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WW I ☒ WW II KOREA SPTS-MH ORIGINAL	
1. NAME OF DECEASED - LAST - FIRST - MIDDLE (Print or Type) COLLINS, ALVA N. <i>PER VA (OVER)</i>	
2. SERVICE NUMBER NSN	3. PENSION OR VA CLAIM NUMBER
4. ENLISTMENT DATE (Month, day, year) 12-12-1917	5. DISCHARGE DATE (Month, day, year) Died on Tuscania <i>R.I.A. 2-5-18</i>
6. STATE Iowa	7. MEDALS PURPLE HEART
8. GRADE OR RANK PVT	9. BRANCH OF SERVICE, COMPANY, REGIMENT, DIVISION CO D, 20th ENGINEERS ENGR. CORPS.
10. DATE OF BIRTH (Month, day, year) * 11-25-1887 <i>PER VA</i>	11. DATE OF DEATH (Month, day, year) 2-5-1918
12. RELIGIOUS EMBLEM (Check one) ☒ LATIN CROSS (Christian) ☐ STAR OF DAVID (Hebrew) ☐ NO EMBLEM	13. CHECK TYPE REQUIRED ☐ UPRIGHT MARBLE HEADSTONE ☐ FLAT MARBLE MARKER ☐ FLAT GRANITE MARKER ☒ FLAT BRONZE MARKER
14. NAME AND LOCATION OF CEMETERY (City and State) Markesan Cemetery, Markesan, Wis.	
IMPORTANT - Item 18 on reverse side must be completed. See attached instructions and complete and submit both copies.	
15. This application is submitted for a stone or marker for the unmarked grave of a deceased member or former member of the Armed Forces of the U. S., soldier of the Union or Confederate Armies of the Civil War or for an unmarked memorial plot for a non-recoverable deceased member. I hereby agree to accept responsibility for proper placement at the grave or memorial plot at no expense to the Government.	
NAME OF APPLICANT (Print or Type) Mr. Ben Lueptow	RELATIONSHIP Brother-in-law
ADDRESS OF APPLICANT (Street address, City and State) 548 South Charles Street Columbus, Wisconsin	
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT <i>Ben Lueptow</i>	DATE Dec. 1, 1962
16. FREIGHT STATION CM&St.P, Columbus, Wisconsin	
17. NAME OF CONSIGNEE WHO WILL TRANSPORT STONE OR MARKER Mr. Ben Lueptow	
ADDRESS OF CONSIGNEE (Street address, City and State) 548 S. Charles St., Columbus, Wis.	
I HAVE AGREED TO TAKE THE STONE OR MARKER TO THE CEMETERY.	
SIGNATURE OF CONSIGNEE <i>Ben Lueptow</i>	
FOR VERIFICATION JAN 2 1963 B/L 6447	
ORDERED MAR 4 - 1963	
CONTRACTOR JAMES H. MATTHEWS (803) PITTSBURGH, PA. <i>Put Co D 20th Engr. Corps</i>	
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Life:

Six Badger Soldiers Added to Death List

An additional list of 27 names was received by the war department Monday, making the total of 120 known dead and 126 Americans still unaccounted for with 1,933 survivors. The names of the Wisconsin dead added to the list already published follow:

Alva N. Collins, Markesan; Otis E. Hutchinson, Whitehall; Claire Metzger, R. F. D. No. 1, Chippewa Falls; Clifford Norris, New London; George W. Reinhart, Jefferson; G. E. Swanson, Rothschild.

"Portage (WI) Daily Register" Monday 18 Feb 1918 p 1

REPORTS MORE DEAD FROM THE TUSCANIA

**War Department Issues List of
27 Names—All But Four
Previously Known.**

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17. — A list of twenty-seven of the known Tuscania dead, made public tonight, contained four names not previously reported in The Associated Press list of American soldiers buried on the Scottish coast. They were Chauncey J. Davidson, Anacosta, Mon.; Thomas A. Llewellyn, Scottsdale, Penn.; Clifford Norris, New London, Wis., and Leigh A. Wright, Hillsdale, Mich.

The names as reported follow, the passenger list names in parentheses:

RAISNER, WILLIAM H., Corning, Cal.
AGREEN, R. A., (Peter A. Agren,) Jewell, Ore.
BESNER, C. M., (Herbert C. J. Beamer,) Highland Av., East Side, Saginaw, Mich.
BERKLY, EDWIN R., (Edwin R. Burkey,) Bermidji, Minn.
COLLINS, ALVA N., (Alvin N. Collins,) Markesan, Wis.
DAVIDSON, C. N., (Chauncey D. Davidson,) 519 West 6th St., Anacosta, Mon.
DROGS, W. J., (William I. Droogs,) Mount Idaho, Idaho.
GURNEY, JACK B., (James B. Gurney,) Glide, Ore.

List continues — "New York Times" Monday 18 Feb 1918 p 11

Alvin Collins Not Well Known Here.

Alvin Collins, one of the Tuscania victims, whose address was given as Markesan was not very well known here. After considerable inquiry we find that he was a brother of Mrs. Ben Lueptow, living on the G. A. Leuptow farm west of town. The young man had no home and gave Markesan as his address, presumably because of the fact that his sister lived here. His parents lived near Brandon, but both died while he was a young lad. —Markesan Herald.

"Waupun (WI) Leader" Thursday 28 Feb 1918 p 4

IOWA SOLDIER COWBOY LOST ON THE TUSCANIA

Ekalaka, Mont., March 12.—Alvia Norman Collins, of this city, who was lost at sea when the transport Tuscania was sunk by the Germans, was an Iowa boy, born at Arlington, Fayette county, where he spent his boyhood. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Alvia Collins.

The group with which young Collins enlisted included a cousin of former President Grover Cleveland, who bears the same name, the brother of the dead soldier, and a son of one of the original "Rough Rider" regiment that distinguished itself in the Spanish-American war.

None of the other men who enlisted with Collins were lost with the Tuscania. They were all Montana cowboys.

Grover Cleveland boasts that he did not, like his illustrious cousin is recorded to have done, purchase a substitute for military service. History shows that in the civil war the former president hired another to enter the war for him. The young Montana soldier explains that it is a matter of family record, however, that the former president was the sole support of his widowed mother at the time, and that the family was in poor circumstances.

Alva – who was born in MN - enlists with 3 other men, one named Grover Cleveland, Alva's brother [identified as "Easton" in article copied below] & a son of a Rough Rider from the Spanish-America War - "Davenport (IA) Quad-City Times" 12 Mar 1918 p 2

CARTER COUNTY BOY SUB VICTIM

ALVIN COLLINS OF EKA- LAKA AMONG THE TUS- CANIA'S LOST

EKALAKA, March 3.—Alvin Norman Collins, who went down with the Tuscania when the vessel was sunk by a German U-boat on February 5th, off the north coast of Ireland, was the first Carter county (Montana) boy to lose his life at the hands of the enemy—the first to die for us who remain at home.

Young Collins left Ekalaka, Montana, on December 7, 1917, with nine other boys, volunteers from Carter county, and entered his country's service as a member of Company T, 7th Battalion, 26th Engineers, enlisting at Billings. The young man came from Wisconsin several years ago, and took a homestead in Montana. He was well known and well spoken of in this vicinity, where he was employed on the ranch of County Commissioner

Snow. He also worked for Mayor Holt of Ekalaka. He was a man of powerful physique and giant strength. He was unmarried, and as most of his relatives live at Marinette, Wisconsin, that place was given as his residence when his name first appeared in the list of those lost on the sunken transport. One sister, Miss Lillie Collins, lives near Ekalaka.

In a group photograph owned here, Alvin N. Collins is the fourth man standing in the front row, counting from left to right. The first man in the front row is Grover Cleveland, of Ekalaka, a cousin of former President Cleveland. He was named for the president's grandfather, who was also the ancestor of the young Montana soldier who didn't, like his famous namesake, send a substitute.

Easton Collins, a brother of Norman, is the fourth man in the back row. He tried to get into the company with his brother, but was assigned to a different regiment and was in Washington, D. C., when the Tuscania was torpedoed.

The second man in the back row is "Gum" Hedges, whose father, Dr. J. P. Hedges, served with the famous "Rough Riders" in the Spanish-American war. Dr. Hedges now has three sons in the service of his country, two in the navy and one in the army.

The photo was taken in Ekalaka, the county seat of Carter county, just as the boys were starting on an overland journey of nearly fifty miles to take the train at Baker for Billings, where they were formally enrolled.

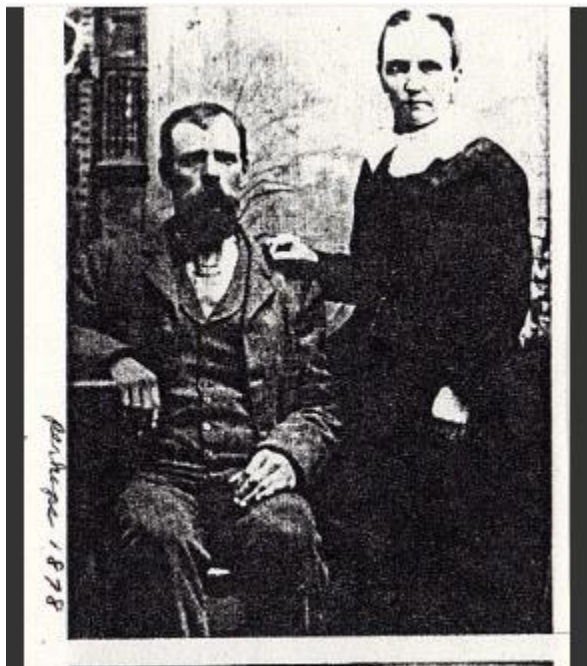
Befitting memorial services in honor of the dead soldier will be held as soon as arrangements can be made.

"He was a man of powerful physique and giant strength." – who enlisted with his brother Azro De Estin ("Easton) Collins. "Billings (MT) Weekly Gazette" 5 Mar 1918 p 4

The remains of Alva N. Collins, who met death when the transport Tuescania was sunk near the coast of Ireland arrived in Markesan the latter part of last week. A military funeral was held in Markesan and the remains were laid to rest in the Markesan cemetery.

"Fox Lake [WI] Representative" Thursday, 28 Oct 1920 p 5

Father:



Ada Jane McRae is the daughter of Christopher McRae and Betsey Brisbane. Christopher and Betsey died early, either from the war or disease, but Ada was given to her Aunt Jane Hammond to raise. Jane Hammond lived in Blackhawk, Iowa. She married Alvah Collins in Minnesota in 1878 and moved to Fayette Co. Iowa.

Alva Norman Collins & wife Ada Jane (McRae) Collins -

Mother:

Minnesota, Marriages Index, 1849-1950

View record

Name	Alvin N Collins
Gender	Male
Marriage Date	11 Nov 1877
Marriage Place	Canton, Fillmore, Minnesota
Spouse's Name	Ada Jane McRay
Spouse Gender	Female
Event Type	Marriage
FHL Film Number	1316805

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Siblings:

ARLINGTON — Services for Lewis S. Collins, 86, who died of complications of advanced age at a rest home in Waterloo Monday night, will be 2 p. m. Thursday at Gleim's Funeral Home; he worked as a blacksmith and sheepshearer most of his life; survived by daughter Gladys; sister, Lillian Ralston, of Montana; and six brothers; burial will be in the Taylorsville cemetery.

Brother Lewis S. Collins (1878-1965) – "Waterloo (IA) Courier" Wednesday 28 Jul 1965 p 16

Lewis N. Collins

in the Minnesota, U.S., Births and Christenings Index, 1840-1980



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Detail	Source
Name	Lewis N. Collins
Gender	Male
Birth Date	5 Oct 1878
Birth Place	Canton, Fillmore, Minnesota
Christening Place	Fillmore, Minnesota
Father	Alva N. Collins
Mother	Jane
FHL Film Number	1315840

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Iowa, Marriage Records, 1923-1937



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Name	Alva N Collins
Gender	Male
Spouse	Jane Weed
Child	Frank Collins
Volume Number	417 (Marion - Poweshiek)

1	1027	1	Frank Collins	3	Frank Collins
			Isaac Ingraham		
6	years	24	10	10	10
7	White		10	13	13
			Minnesota		
16	years	25	20	23	23
17	White		20	23	23
			North Iowa		
			at Osage, Iowa		
			March 16, 1904		
			March 21, 1904		

Brother Frank Albin Collins (1880-1953) -

https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/8823/images/42563_fp030872_0121-00091?pld=1053577247

Lewis Collins of Fayette county, Iowa, is visiting his sister, Mrs. Jack Ralston, and his brother Warren Collins.

Brother Warren A. Collins - "Newcastle (WY) News Letter Journal" Wednesday 8 Dec 1937
p 4

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Ralston, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Ralston and Warren Collins V
autoed to the Devils Tower Sunday.

Siblings Warren Collins & sister Lillian (Mrs. Jason Floyd Ralston) Collins Ralston –
"Newcastle (WY) News Letter Journal" Thursday 12 Jul 1923 p 4

J. F. Ralston and Warren Collins returned the first of the week from points in Nebraska and Kansas where they were on a business mission.

– "Newcastle (WY) News Letter Journal" Thursday 13 Nov 1924 p 4

Minnesota, Births and Christenings Index, 1840-1980[View record](#)

Name	Warren A. Collince
Gender	Male
Birth Date	8 Dec 1881
Birth Place	Canton, Fillmore, Minnesota
Christening Place	Fillmore, Minnesota
Father	Alva Collince
Mother	Ada
FHL Film Number	1315840

Warren's birthdate becomes 20 Mar 1881 or 1882 - <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/13474720/person/202064936800/facts>

REGISTRATION CARD—(Men born on or after April 28, 1877 and on or before February 16, 1897)

SERIAL NUMBER U-37	1. NAME (Print) Warren (none) Collins (First) (Middle) (Last)	ORDER NUMBER
2. PLACE OF RESIDENCE (Print) Meerscroft Crook Wyo (Number and street) (Town, township, village, or city) (County) (State)		
[THE PLACE OF RESIDENCE GIVEN ON THE LINE ABOVE WILL DETERMINE LOCAL BOARD JURISDICTION; LINE 2 OF REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE WILL BE IDENTICAL]		
3. MAILING ADDRESS Same (Mailing address if other than place indicated on line 2. If same insert word same)		
4. TELEPHONE	5. AGE IN YEARS 60 DATE OF BIRTH Mar 20 1882 (Exchange) (Number) (Mo.) (Day) (Yr.)	6. PLACE OF BIRTH Lynsborough Minn (Town or county) (State or country)
7. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS Mrs Lillian Pelston		
8. EMPLOYER'S NAME AND ADDRESS Mrs Mary Butler - Meerscroft - Wyo.		
9. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS Meerscroft Crook Wyo (Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State)		
I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE. 831 of 1597 58 Warren Collins		

D. S. S. Form 1 16-21630-2

DESCRIPTION OF REGISTRANT

RACE		HEIGHT (Approx.)		WEIGHT (Approx.)		COMPLEXION	
White	✓	5' 11"		160		Sallow	
		EYES		HAIR		Light	
Negro		Blue	✓	Blonde		Ruddy	✓
		Gray		Red		Dark	
Oriental		Hazel		Brown		Freckled	
		Brown		Black		Light brown	
Indian		Black		Gray	✓	Dark brown	
				Bald		Black	
Filipino							

Hazel L. Biggs
(Signature of registrar)

Registrar for Local Board # 1 Moorcroft Wyo.
(Number) (City or county) (State)

Date of registration April 25 1942

Local Board No. 1	79
Crook County	011
APR 28 1942	001
STAMP OF LOCAL BOARD.	

(The stamp of the local board having jurisdiction of the registrant shall be placed in the above space)

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Warren Collins

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Warren Collins, a native of Iowa, had been employed in the Sheridan area as a ranch hand. He died Monday in Eventide at the age of 95.

Survivors include a nephew, Jack Ralston of Sheridan and a niece, Alice Case of Ranchester.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Friday in Sheridan Municipal Cemetery. Champion Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Died 15 Apr 1977 in Eventide WY – "Billings (MT) Gazette" Thursday 18 Aug 1977 p 6

Warren Collins

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



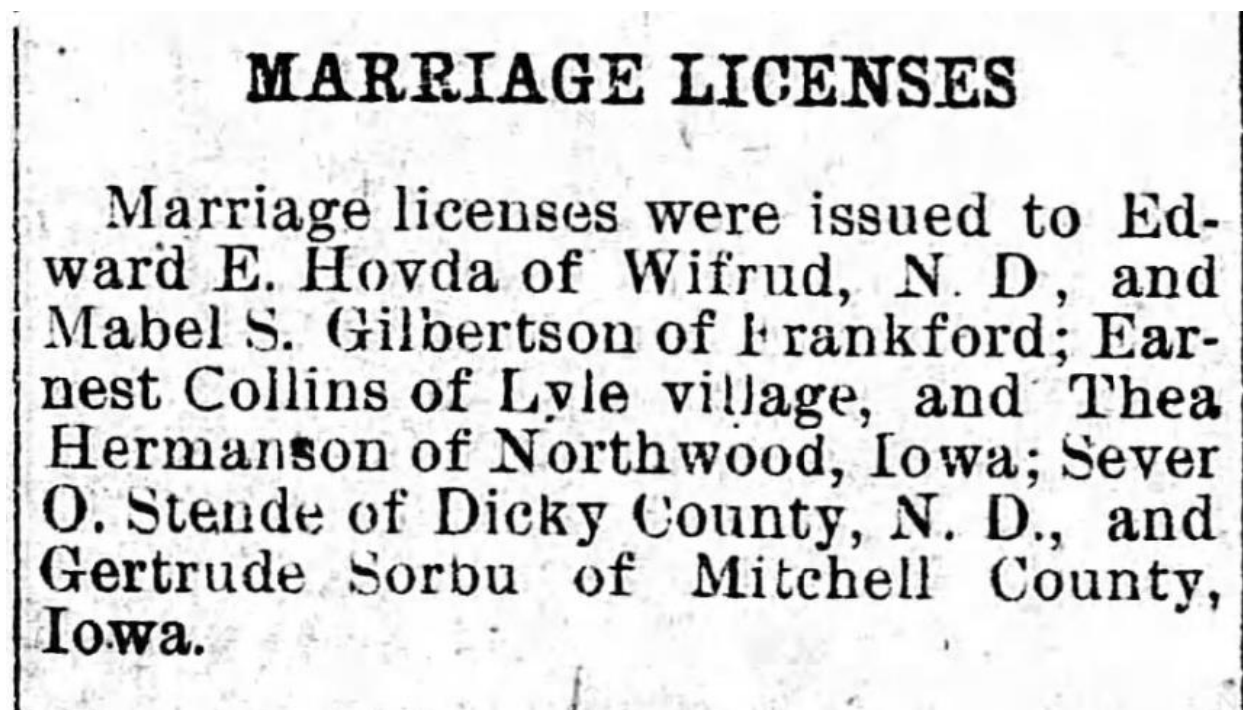
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Detail	Source
Name	Warren Collins
Social Security Number	520-58-4739
Birth Date	20 Mar 1882
Issue year	1965
Issue State	Wyoming
Last Residence	82801, Sheridan, Sheridan, Wyoming, USA
Death Date	Aug 1977

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/3693/records/11824634>



*Brother Ernest James Collins (1883-1958) – “Mower County Transcript” (Lansing MN)
Wednesday 20 Mar 1907 p 3*

KODIA STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH Division of Vital Statistics		CERTIFICATE OF DEATH STATE OF IOWA		State File No. 114-	
1. PLACE OF DEATH a. COUNTY Mitchell		2. USUAL RESIDENCE (Where deceased lived, if institution, residence before admission) a. STATE Iowa		b. COUNTY MITCHELL	
3. CITY, TOWN OR LOCATION Osage		4. PLACE OF DEATH INSIDE CITY LIMITS? YES ☒ NO ☐		5. CITY, TOWN OR LOCATION 10 hrs. Carpenter	
6. NAME OF HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION Mitchell Co. Memorial Hospital		7. STREET ADDRESS		8. RESIDENCE ON A FARM? YES ☐ NO ☒	
9. NAME OF DECEASED (Type in print) Ernest J Collins		10. DATE OF DEATH 7 27 1958		11. MONTH Day Year	
12. SEX Male		13. COLOR OR RACE White		14. MARRIED ☐ NEVER MARRIED ☐	
15. USUAL OCCUPATION (Give kind of work done during most of working life, even if retired) Farmer		16. KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY Farming		17. DATE OF BIRTH 7/2/1883	
18. FATHER'S NAME Alva Collins		19. MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME Jennie (unknown)		20. AGE (In years, months, days) 75	
21. WAS DECEASED EVER IN U. S. ARMED FORCES? (Yes, no, or unknown) No		22. SOCIAL SECURITY NO. 469-01-9451		23. INFORMANT'S SIGNATURE Leonard A. Larson	
24. CAUSE OF DEATH (Enter only one cause for line (a), (b), and (c)) PART I: DEATH WAS CAUSED BY IMMEDIATE CAUSE (a) Cerebral Hemorrhage		25. DUE TO (b) Hypotensive Cardiovascular Disease		26. DUE TO (c)	
27. PART II: OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS CONTRIBUTING TO DEATH BUT NOT RELATED TO THE TERMINAL DISEASE CONDITION GIVEN IN PART I (a)		28. INTERVAL BETWEEN ONSET AND DEATH 10 hours		29. WAS AUTOPSY PERFORMED? YES ☐ NO ☒	
30. ACCIDENT ☐ SUICIDE ☐ HOMICIDE ☐		31. DESCRIBE HOW INJURY OCCURRED (Enter nature of injury on Part I or Part II of above)			
32. TIME OF INJURY Hour Month, Day, Year		33. PLACE OF INJURY (a, b, or c) at about home			
34. INJURY OCCURRED WHILE AT WORK ☐ NOT WHILE AT WORK ☐		35. CITY, TOWN OR LOCATION COUNTY STATE			
36. I attended the deceased from [Signature] and last saw him alive on [Signature]					
37. Death occurred at [Signature] on the day stated above, and to the best of my knowledge, from the causes stated					
38. SIGNATURE (Type in print) [Signature]		39. ADDRESS 409 E. 8th St. Osage, Ia.		40. DATE SIGNED 7-30-58	
41. Burial		42. Date 7/30/1958		43. Name of Cemetery or Place of Burial Deer Creek Church	
44. Funeral Director's SIGNATURE [Signature]		45. City Mitchell Co.		46. State Iowa	
47. Date sent by local Registrar [Signature]		48. Registrar's SIGNATURE [Signature]		49. File Number 712	

IA death record of Ernest James Collins -

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/61442/records/1501786224>

Louise Collins

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Detail Source

Name	Louise Collins
Gender	Female
Birth Date	11 Jul 1884
Birth Place	Canton, Fillmore, Minnesota
Christening Place	Fillmore, Minnesota
Father	Alva N. Collins
Mother	Jane
FHL Film Number	1315840

Sister Louise Collins (1884-1884) –

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Death Listed As Suicide

Funeral services are pending for Edward Collins, 81, who was found hanged to death Tuesday noon in a barn at 14818 N.E. Twenty-eighth St., where he resided.

Clark County Sheriff Clarence McKay reported that Collins apparently put a slip noose around his neck and stepped out of an upstairs window of the barn, which was at the Ernest Amundson residence where the victim resided.

Coroner Kenneth Ellertson ruled the death a suicide.

A retired employe of the Alcoa plant near Vancouver, Collins was born Aug. 16, 1885 at Lyle, Minn. Survivors include three brothers, Lewis of Waterloo, Iowa, Warren of Sheridan, Wyo., and DeEston of Miles City, Mont.

Brother Edward Joseph Collins (1885-1966) – “The Columbian” (Vancouver WA) Thursday 8 Sep 1966 p 23

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Name	Alra Collins
Gender	Male
Birth Place	Wisconsin
Spouse	Ada
Child	Joseph Edwin Collins
FHL Film Number	1316799

Born Joseph Edwin - <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/13474720/person/202064923966/facts>

COLLINS, Edward — Age 81, September 6, 1966 at Vancouver, Wash. Born August 16, 1885 at Lyle, Minnesota. Lived at 14818 N.E. 28th St., Vancouver, Wash. Vancouver resident past 4 years. Brothers, Lewis Collins, Waterloo, Iowa; Warren Collins, Sheridan, Wyoming and De Eston Collins, Miles City, Montana. Funeral services 3:00 p.m., Friday, September 9th at The Vancouver Funeral Chapel. The Reverend Gordon Mumford will officiate. Interment will be in The Park Hill Cemetery. Vancouver Funeral Chapel in care of arrangements.

"The Columbian" (Vancouver WA) Thursday 8 Sep 1966 p 31

MARRIAGE LICENSE
STATE OF MONTANA

STATE OF MONTANA, }
County of Dawson, }

To Any Person Authorized to Solemnize Marriages, Greeting:

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

Edward Collins, a man, whose color is white ; whose residence is Malaka, Montana ; whose age is 54 years; born at Lyle, County of Mower, and State of Minnesota, and who has not been previously married or divorced. His father's Christian and surname ~~is~~ was Alva Norman Collins, His mother's Christian and maiden name was Ada McKay, and Lydia Schluter, a woman, whose color is white ; whose residence is Knowlton, Montana ; whose age is 59 years; born at New Martinsville, County of Whetzel, and State of W. Virginia, and husband dead. and who has been previously married/~~was~~ Her father's Christian and surname ~~is~~ was Jacob Porman, Her mother's Christian and maiden name was Maris Eberhart, both parties being legally competent to enter into such contract of marriage. And this shall be your good and sufficient warrant therefor.

(COURT SEAL)

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

25th day of October, A. D. 1939.

Don T. Lynch, Clerk of District Court. X24 X24

MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE

STATE OF MONTANA, }
County of Dawson, }

This Is to Certify, That the undersigned, a Justice of the Peace did on the 25th day of October, A. D. 1939, at Glendive in the said County of Dawson and State of Montana, join in lawful wedlock Edward Collins and Lydia Schluter with their mutual consent.

In the presence of F. E. Brown and G. O. Hitchcock Witnesses.

F. E. Brown }
G. O. Hitchcock } Witnesses

Witness my hand this 25th day of October, 1939
Edward Anderson
Justice of the Peace

Filed this 4th day of November, A. D. 1939, at 4:00 P. M.
Don T. Lynch, Clerk. 24 24

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**CARTER COUNTY
ROLL OF HONOR.**

The following is a list of the Carter County boys now in the service of their country, this list as will be seen beign only a partial list of all those who have gone. If the relatives and friends of boys whose names are not on this list and who went from Carter County will kindly send in their names either to this office or the Chairman or Secretary of the Council of Defense, same will be appreciated. A little help from you to complete this list means that soon we will have the Honor Roll of Carter County complete and the Eagle will be glad from time to time to publish this list that the friends of theirs may properly direct their letters that the boys "over there" are looking for each mail day. Surely you will be glad to co-operate with your Council of Defense in this matter and also be glad to have your boy or your friends boys name on this list. Anyhow, write to these boys from Carter County as time permits and boost them along on the road to Berlin:

DeEstin Collins, Co. A. 7th Brigade,
20th Engineers, A.E.F.

Brother Azro De Estin Collins (1887-1974) – "Ekalaka (MT) Eagle" Friday 20 Sep 1918 p 8

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Name	Alvah Collins
Gender	Male
Birth Place	Wisconsin
Spouse	Ada J.
Child	Azro De Esting Collins
FHL Film Number	1316799

<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/13474720/person/202064923966/facts>

KELLAR SELLS HOLDINGS IN CARTER COUNTY

Broadus—One of the largest real estate transactions of recent years was recorded by office of R. D. McCurdy, county clerk and recorder, last week showing that Chambers Kellar of Lead S. D., had sold his ranch holdings in Custer, Power River and Carter counties to D. E. Love of Miles City and L. R. Hines of Billings.

The Kellar ranch located in the northeastern corner of Power River county with adjoining land in Custer and Carter counties is one of the pioneer large outfits of the county. Only the real estate was involved in the deed recorded but it is understood that Mr. Kellar had also sold his cattle. DeEstin Collins of Powderville has been the ranch manager for a number of years.

The Kellar ranch contains 5,320 acres of deeded land in Powder River county, 320 acres in Custer county and 10,720 acres in Carter county. The selling price of the ranch was \$75,000.00. Mr. Kellar retained one-half of the mineral rights in the land.

For many years the ranch was known as the Curran and Kellar ranch, but upon the death of Mr. Curran, Kellar took over his partner's interests. Kellar

is chief counsel for the Homestake Mining Company of Lead, S. D.

"Ekalaka (MT) Eagle" Friday 11 Oct 1946 p 6

AREA DEATHS

Hugo Lauer, 90, Sidney

Kenneth Keith Swecker, 36,
Pine City, Minn.

Marie C. Steel, 56, Story, Wyo.

Allen J. Smoker Sr., 70, Frazer

Rolen Raymond Cloke, 53, Poplar

De E. Collins, 88, Ekelaka

Calvin Jewett, 81, Sidney

Theodore Wassell, 89, Miles City

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WEDDING BELLS.

Miss Edna G. Yates and Claude R. Ewalt were united in marriage at the parsonage in Ekalaka on March 10, 1924. The ceremony was performed by Rev. E. J. Sipes in the presence of M. W. Yates and Mrs. Laura L. Wash, brother and sister of the bride. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Yates, Sr., of Sykes. She is sweet sixteen, and was born near Ekalaka, and grew up in the Sykes neighborhood. The groom is the son of Dave Ewalt and has lived on the Box Elder most of his life. The best fishes of their friends will be extended to the newly wedded pair.

De Estin's wife Edna Yates's 1st marriage, at age 16, to Claude Ewalt - "Ekalaka (MT) Eagle" Friday 14 Mar 1924 p A1

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Claude (Pus) Ewalt, on Friday, Oct. 1, a daughter. The baby was born in Ekalaka, at the home of its grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Yates, Sr. It was born on its mother's birthday. Mrs. Jack Schneider was one of the attendants on this occasion, and Mrs. Amos Lambert, mother of Mrs. Schneider, performed a like service at the birth of the baby's mother, Edna Yates, 19 years ago.

"Ekalaka (MT) Eagle" Friday 8 Oct 1926 p A1

Edna Ewalt secured decree of absolute divorce from Claude R. Ewalt on ground of mental cruelty, also custody of minor child.

"Ekelaka (MT) Eagle" Friday 12 Dec 1928 p A1

MARRIED IN FT. PIERRE

Word has been received of the marriage of Eston Collins and Mrs. Edna Ewalt. They were married in Ft. Pierre, South Dakota, December 13. They expect to make their home at Fairfax, Minn. The contracting parties are well known in Ekalaka and vicinity and their friends will extend to them their best wishes.

And married 1 day after her divorce notice was published in MT – "Ekalaka (MT) Eagle" Friday 4 Jan 1929 p A1

Collins

EKALAKA — De E. Collins, 88, retired ranch foreman, died Sunday in Dahl Memorial Hospital.

He had worked for the Kern and Keller ranch at Powderville and later for the Ed Love ranch near Miles City. He retired in 1968 and lived in Miles City.

He moved to Ekalaka in 1972 and entered the hospital a month ago.

Mr. Collins was born Sept. 15, 1886, in Arlington, Iowa, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Collins. He came to Miles City in 1905, and filed in 1906 on a homestead near Ekalaka.

An Army veteran of World War I, he was a member of the American Legion post in Ekalaka, and the Range Riders of Miles City.

He married Edna Yates Ewalt Dec. 28, 1928, in Ekalaka.

Survivors include a son, De E. Collins, Jr., Missoula; a daughter, Mrs. Florence Bergstrom, Ephrata, Wash.; 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Wayne Griffith officiating. Military rites by the Legion and VFW will be at 1 p.m. Thursday in Custer Battlefield National Cemetery. Putnam Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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Anna Belle Collins

in the Wisconsin, U.S., Marriage Records, 1820-2004



Detail Source

Name	Anna Belle Collins
Marriage Date	23 Jun 1914
Marriage County	Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, USA
Spouse	Benjamin Lueptow

Sister Anna Belle Collins Lueptow (1890-1918) –

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/61484/records/91281988?tid=&pid=&queryld=d947d1f1-39ac-4db0-8079-a75f0cee6112&phsrc=cPx28658&phstart=successSource>

Anna Bell Lueptaw

in the Wisconsin, U.S., Death Records, 1872-2004



Detail Source

Name	Anna Bell Lueptaw
Death Date	1 Dec 1918
Death County	Green Lake, Wisconsin, USA

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/61483/records/2655446>

Word comes from NewCastle, Wyo-
ming of the marriage of J. F. Ralston
and Miss Lillian M. Collins. Miss
Collins was formerly a resident of
this section and Mr. Collins is a con-
tractor in the Wyoming oil fields.
They will make their future home in
New Castle.

Sister Lillian Mae Collins Ralston (1892-1964) – “Ekalaka (MT) Eagle” Friday 22 Jul 1921 p A1

the home of Mrs. Lillian Ralston, president of the local unit of the American Legion Auxiliary was honored last week by being appointed as a member of the State Americanism committee by Mrs. Smith, state president at Torrington.

“Newcastle (WY) News Letter Journal” Thursday 1 Dec 1932 p 5

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Clerk of Courts to fill this blank

South Dakota State Board of Health
DIVISION OF VITAL STATISTICS

County Fall River Registered No. G- 422a

Record of Marriage

{ Where } Postoffice Hot Springs, S. Dak.
{ Solemnized } County Fall River

Date of Marriage June 23rd, 1921., 19____
(Month) (Day)

HUSBAND		WIFE	
Name	<u>J.F. Ralston,</u>	Name	<u>Lillian M. Collins,</u>
Residence	<u>Newcastle, Wyo. Weston.</u>	Residence	<u>Newcastle, Wyo. Weston.</u>
Postoffice		Postoffice	
County		County	
Age	<u>37</u>	Age	<u>25</u>
Nationality	<u>American.</u>	Nationality	<u>American.</u>
Married Widowed Divorced		Maiden Married Widowed Divorced	
Name of Clergyman or Officer Officiating <u>F.G. Osmotherly,</u>		Official Character <u>Justice of the Peace.</u>	

MARGIN RESERVED FOR BINDING—NO MUTILATED CERTIFICATE WILL BE RECEIVED

Write plainly with unfading ink—This is a permanent record
Use one blank for each Marriage

Lillian's 1st marriage – Jason Floyd Ralston was divorced –
<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/8561/records/458949>

County Form No. 31

When Ceremony is performed fill this blank and within 5 days return to
COUNTY AUDITOR, SPOKANE, WASH.

PLACE OF MARRIAGE

County of Spokane

Town of _____

or
City of Spokane

CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE

LICENSE NO. A **Nº 24662**

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

GROOM	BRIDE
Full Name <u>Jason F. Kalston</u>	Full Name <u>Irene J. Fiebig</u>
Residence <u>Greybull Wyo.</u>	Residence <u>Spokane, Wyo.</u>
Age at last Birthday <u>35</u> years	Age at last Birthday <u>22</u> years
Color or Race <u>White</u>	Color or Race <u>White</u>
Single Widowed or Divorced <u>Single</u>	Single Widowed or Divorced <u>Divorced</u>
Number of Marriage <u>1st</u>	Number of Marriage <u>2nd</u>
Birthplace (State or Country) <u>Kan.</u>	Birthplace (State or Country) <u>Colo.</u>
Occupation <u>Car. Man</u>	Occupation <u>Housekeeper</u>
Name of Father <u>Jos. F.</u>	Name of Father <u>Frank B. Livingston</u>
Birthplace of Father (State or Country) <u>Mass.</u>	Birthplace of Father (State or Country) <u>Ind.</u>
Maiden Name of Mother <u>Hattie L. Gould</u>	Maiden Name of Mother <u>Hattie M. Anderson</u>
Birthplace of Mother (State or Country) <u>Iowa</u>	Birthplace of Mother (State or Country) <u>Ind.</u>
Maiden name of Bride, if she was previously married: <u>Irene J. Livingston</u>	
We, the groom and bride named in this certificate, hereby certify that the information given herein is correct, to the best of our knowledge and belief.	
<u>Jason F. Kalston</u> Groom	<u>Mrs. J. F. Kalston</u> Bride

CERTIFICATE OF PERSON PERFORMING CEREMONY

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that Jason F. Kalston and Irene J. Fiebig were joined in Marriage by me in accordance with the laws of the State of Washington, at Spokane, Wyo. this 4th day of Sept. 1918.

Signature of Witnesses to Marriage: Frank Lloyd Ray A. Kalston

Signature of Person Performing the Ceremony: H. B. Elvostul

RESIDENCE SEP 15 1918 OFFICIAL STATION Minister of Gospel

Filed A. T. ANDERSON (Auditor) RESIDENCE Spokane Wash.

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MARGIN RESERVED FOR BINDING

This is a permanent record, but insurance should be supplied carefully by the funeral director.

WYOMING DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, DIVISION OF VITAL STATISTICS

CERTIFICATE OF DEATH
STATE OF WYOMING
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
DIVISION OF VITAL STATISTICS

1964
619

LOCAL REGISTRAR'S NO. 64 STATE FILE NO. 619

BIRTH NO. _____

1. PLACE OF DEATH a. COUNTY <u>Sheridan</u>		2. USUAL RESIDENCE (Where deceased lived. If institution: Residence before admission) a. STATE <u>Wyoming</u>	
b. CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION <u>Sheridan</u>		b. COUNTY <u>Sheridan</u>	
c. LENGTH OF STAY IN 1b <u>19 years</u>		c. CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION <u>Sheridan</u>	
3. NAME OF HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION (If not in hospital, give street address) <u>Sheridan County Memorial Hospital</u>		d. STREET ADDRESS <u>Rte 2</u>	
e. IS PLACE OF DEATH INSIDE CITY LIMITS? YES ☒ NO ☐		f. IS RESIDENCE ON A FARM OR RANCH? YES ☐ NO ☒	
4. NAME OF DECEASED (Type or print) First <u>Lillian</u> Middle <u>Mae</u> Last <u>Ralston</u>		4. DATE OF DEATH Month <u>March</u> Day <u>18</u> Year <u>1964</u>	
5. SEX <u>Female</u>	6. COLOR OR RACE <u>White</u>	7. MARRIED ☐ NEVER MARRIED ☐ WIDOWED ☒ DIVORCED ☐	8. DATE OF BIRTH <u>Oct. 22, 1892</u>
9. USUAL OCCUPATION (Give kind of work done during most of working life, even if retired) <u>Housewife</u>		10. BIRTHPLACE (State or foreign country) <u>Arlington, Iowa</u>	
11. FATHER'S NAME <u>Al Collins</u>		12. CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY? <u>U.S.A.</u>	
13. MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME <u>Jane Wilcox</u>		14. NAME OF HUSBAND OR WIFE <u>Jason P. Ralston, deceased</u>	
15. WAS DECEASED EVER IN U.S. ARMED FORCES? (If yes, give war or dates of service) No. <u>None</u>		16. SOCIAL SECURITY NO. <u>520 26 4157</u>	
17. INFORMANT <u>Jack J. Ralston, Sheridan, Wyoming</u>		18. CAUSE OF DEATH (Enter only one cause per line for (a), (b), and (c).) Part I. DEATH WAS CAUSED BY: IMMEDIATE CAUSE (a) <u>Cardiac infarct</u> 4201 Conditions, if any, which gave rise to above cause (b), stating the underlying cause last: DUE TO (b) <u>Coronary thrombosis</u> DUE TO (c) <u>Coronary arteriosclerosis</u> Part II. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS CONTRIBUTING TO DEATH BUT NOT RELATED TO THE TERMINAL DISEASE CONDITION GIVEN IN PART I (a): <u>Senility</u>	
19. INTERVAL BETWEEN ONSET AND DEATH <u>7 days</u>		20. WAS AUTOPSY PERFORMED? YES ☐ NO ☒	
21. ACCIDENT ☐ SUICIDE ☐ HOMICIDE ☐		22. DESCRIBE HOW INJURY OCCURRED. (Enter nature of injury in Part I or Part II of item 18.) ---	
23. TIME OF INJURY Hour <u>---</u> Minute <u>---</u> Day <u>---</u> Year <u>---</u> a.m. ☐ p.m. ☐		24. PLACE OF INJURY (i.e., in or about home, farm, factory, street, office, etc.) ---	
25. INJURY OCCURRED WHILE AT WORK ☐ NOT WHILE AT WORK ☐		26. CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION COUNTY <u>---</u> STATE <u>---</u>	

21. I attended the deceased from 1950 to Date and last saw her alive on 18 Mar. 64
Death occurred at 3:30 P.M. on the date stated above; and to the best of my knowledge, from the causes stated.

22a. SIGNATURE
John P. Booth M.D. 22b. ADDRESS
231 W. Loucks St. Sheridan, Wyo. 22c. DATE SIGNED
20 Mar 64

23a. BURIAL, CREMATION, REMOVAL (Specify)
Burial 23b. DATE
3/20/1964 23c. NAME OF CEMETERY OR CREMATORY
Sheridan Municipal 23d. LOCATION (City, town, or county)
Sheridan, Wyoming

24. FUNERAL DIRECTOR
Champion's Funeral Home, Sheridan, Wyoming 25. DATE RECD. BY LOCAL REG.
3-23-64 26. REGISTRAR'S SIGNATURE
P. M. - Schenk

Lillian's WY death certificate -

https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/61831/records/180665790?tid=&pid=&queryId=1931fc5c-4040-4fb4-a52d-94c74cb50680&_phsrc=cPx28633&_phstart=successSource

Jack J. Ralston

SHERIDAN – A memorial service conducted by the family of Jack J. Ralston, 70, will be held on Sunday at 1 p.m. at the Coffee House at 123 N. Main St. in Sheridan.

Mr. Ralston died at Sheridan County Memorial Hospital on April 30, 1996.

He was born in Upton on Jan. 6, 1926, the son of Jason Floyd and Lillian Mae Collins Ralston. He lived in Sheridan for the past 51 years.

He married Louise Bartholow in Sheridan on Nov. 23, 1968.

Interests enjoyed by Mr. Ralston included camping, hunting and shooting. He enjoyed his professions as a mechanic and a logger.

He owned and operated Ralston Repair, a truck and auto repair shop in Sheridan, since 1971. He also owned and operated Knotslar Timber Co. from 1980 to 1983 at Dull Knife Dam on the Hazelton Road west of Buffalo.

Preceding him in death were his parents, two sisters and two brothers.

He is survived by his wife of Sheridan, four sons, Jack J. of Sheridan, Jerry of Cody, Jeff of Columbia, S.C., and Jay of Algoma, Wis.; three step-children, Paula Lenz, Mack Ross and Lorene Podgornik, all of Sheridan; two sisters, Alice Case of Ranchester and Evelyn Hartshorn of Elephant Butte, N.M.; 21 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be designated to the Whedon Cancer Foundation or a charity of the donor's choice, in care of Delphine Toner, First Interstate

Bank, P.O. Box 2007, Sheridan 82801.

Champion Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Obituary of Lillian's son Jack J. Ralston – "Casper (WY) Star-Tribune" Thursday 2 May 1996

SMITH'S
Funeral Home
Established in 1896

CHANGE OF NOTICE
GIESICK — Committal services for Gerald Wayne Giesick will be held at Sunset Memorial Gardens Saturday morning at 11:15 o'clock.

COLLINS — Committal services for Andrew C. Collins, 78, of New Western Manor Nursing Home will be held Thursday afternoon at Mountview Cemetery at 1:30 o'clock.

Brother Andrew Charles Collins (1893-1972) – Thursday 23 Mar 1972 p 10

IOWA STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH 00-050600
DIVISION OF VITAL STATISTICS
Delayed Certificate of Birth

Full name at birth Andrew Charles Collins Date of birth October 21st 1893 Sex Male
 Birthplace Arlington Fayette Iowa Color or Race White
 Father: Name Alvan Norman Collins Birthplace Ireland
 Mother: Name Ada Jane McCray Birthplace Scotland
 Affidavit: I hereby declare upon oath that the above statements are true. as to my best knowledge
 Signature Andrew Charles Collins Address 118 No 5th St Miles City Montana
 Subscribed and sworn to before me on Nov 29 1941
 My commission expires on Dec 18 1943 Pete Martenson
 (SEAL) Notary Public

Applicant—do not write below this line.

ABSTRACT OF SUPPORTING EVIDENCE		Date original document was made
Name and kind of document, and by whom issued and signed		
1 DRIVER'S LICENSE		March 18, 1936
2 CERTIFICATE OF BAPTISM		October 30, 1925
3 BANK PASSBOOK		May 2, 1935
4		

Information Concerning Registrant as Stated in Documents			
Birth date or age	Birthplace	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
1			
2			
3			
4			

Additional information: _____

Statement of Reviewing Official

I hereby certify that I have reviewed the evidence recorded above and that information contained herein is as noted in the preceding abstract.

Yates D. Dinning
 (State Registrar)

Signature [Signature] Date DEC 3 1941 M.D. signed DEC 3 1941
 Director, Division of Vital Statistics

Andrew's delayed IA birth certificate -

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TYPE, OR PRINT IN PERMANENT INK SEE INSTRUCTIONS FOR INSTRUCTIONS

DECEASED—NAME Andrew C. COLLINS LAST SEX Male DATE OF DEATH: MONTH, DAY, YEAR March 18, 1972

RACE WHITE, HEIGHT, AMERICAN INDIAN, ETC. (SPECIFY) White AGE—LAST BIRTHDAY (YEARS) 78 UNDER 1 YEAR UNDER 1 DAY DATE OF BIRTH: MONTH, DAY, YEAR Oct. 21, 1893 COUNTY OF DEATH Yellowstone

CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION OF DEATH Billings HOSPITAL OR OTHER INSTITUTION—NAME (IF NOT IN OTHER, GIVE STREET AND NUMBER) St. Vincent Hospital

STATE OF BIRTH (IF NOT IN U.S.A., NAME COUNTRY) Iowa CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY USA MARRIED, NEVER MARRIED, WIDOWED, DIVORCED (SPECIFY) Widowed SURVIVING SPOUSE (IF WIFE, GIVE MARRIED NAME)

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER 517-16-3389 USUAL OCCUPATION (GIVE KIND OF WORK DONE DURING MOST OF WORKING LIFE, EVEN IF RETIRED) Ranch Hand KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY Ranch

RESIDENCE—STATE Montana COUNTY Yellowstone CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION Billings STREET AND NUMBER 2115 Central Ave.

FATHER—NAME FIRST MIDDLE LAST Alva Norman Collins MOTHER—MARRIED NAME FIRST MIDDLE LAST Unknown

INFORMANT—NAME Jack Ralston MARRIAGE ADDRESS (STREET OR R.F.D. NO., CITY OR TOWN, STATE, ZIP) Sheridan, Wyoming 82801

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

1a. IMMEDIATE CAUSE Stroke & uremia 2461

1b. DUE TO, OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF: (a) (b) (c)

1c. CONDITIONS, IF ANY, WHICH GAVE RISE TO IMMEDIATE CAUSE OR, STATING THE UNDERLYING CAUSE LAST

PART II. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS: (CONDITIONS CONTRIBUTING TO DEATH BUT NOT BELONGING TO CAUSE LISTED IN PART I. OR) Autopsy (YES OR NO) No IF YES, WHEN EXAMINED? (MONTH, DAY, YEAR) 3-20-72

ACCIDENT, SUICIDE, HOMICIDE, OR UNDETERMINED (SPECIFY) DATE OF INJURY MONTH, DAY, YEAR 1969 TO 1972 HOW INJURY OCCURRED (ENTER NATURE OF INJURY IN PART I OR PART II, ITEM 1a.)

INJURY AT WORK (SPECIFY YES OR NO) PLACE OF INJURY AT HOME, FARM, STREET, FACTORY, OFFICE BLDG., ETC. (SPECIFY) LOCATION (STREET OR R.F.D. NO., CITY OR TOWN, STATE)

CERTIFICATION—PHYSICIAN: MONTH DAY YEAR AND LAST SAW HIM/HER ALIVE ON MONTH DAY YEAR I SIGNED AND VIEWED THE BODY AFTER DEATH DEATH OCCURRED AT THE PLACE, ON THE DATE, AND, TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, DUE TO THE CAUSE(S) STATED: 2:10P

CERTIFICATION—CORONER: ON THE BASIS OF THE EXAMINATION OF THE BODY AND/OR THE INVESTIGATION, IN MY OPINION, DEATH OCCURRED ON THE DATE AND DUE TO THE CAUSE(S) STATED: M. 71b

CERTIFIER—NAME (TYPE OR PRINT) E. V. Kronmiller SIGNATURE E. V. Kronmiller JURE OR TITLE M. D. DATE SIGNED (MONTH, DAY, YEAR) 3-20-72

MARRIAGE ADDRESS—CERTIFIER 902 Wyoming Ave. Billings Montana 59102

BURIAL, CREMATION, REMOVAL CEMETERY OR CREMATORY—NAME LOCATION CITY OR TOWN STATE Mountview Billings, Montana

BURIAL, CREMATION, REMOVAL DATE March 23, 1972 MORTUARY—NAME AND ADDRESS (STREET OR R.F.D. NO., CITY OR TOWN, STATE, ZIP) Smith's Funeral Home, Inc., Billings, Montana 59101

FUNERAL DIRECTOR OR MINISTER—SIGNATURE LOCAL REGISTRAR—SIGNATURE DATE RECEIVED BY LOCAL REGISTRAR 3/23/72

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/5437/records/76107398>

ROBERT LEE WIAR.

Kalispell, Sept. 28. — (Special) — Funeral services for Robert Lee Wiar, 42, who ended his life by hanging himself Sunday morning, were conducted at the Waggener & Campbell chapel under the auspices of the American Legion today. Burial was in the C. E. Conrad Memorial cemetery.

Pallbearers were James Jolly, S. Parr, Forrest Rockwood, James Garey, Ory J. Armstrong and Erling Isakson.

Born at Adams, Neb., June 5, 1895, Mr. Wiar was found hanging in a garage at the rear of his home, 372 Seventh avenue, east, north, Sunday morning.

He was married to Emma Schmidt at Miles City, March 18, 1933, and moved here two years later, residing at a farm east of Kalispell. In 1936, he moved to Kalispell, where he was employed as a salesman at the Garey Motor company.

He is survived by his widow.

Emma Ophelia Smitz/Schmidt's 1st husband, Robert Lee Wiar – "The Missoulian" (Missoula MT) Wednesday 29 Sep 1937 p 5

DAY AND HOUR WORK WANTED. Also sewing and remodeling.
Emma Schmidt Wiar. 702 Woodbury. (12)

"Miles City (MT) Star" Tuesday 11 Apr 1933 p 7

A marriage license was issued July 1 to Andrew Collins, Powderville and Emmo O. Wiar, Miles City, according to the record in the office of the clerk of the district court.

"Miles City (MT) Star" Thursday 14 Jul 1938 p 3

Mrs. Bob Wear of Miles City is a recent bride of Andrew Collins of Powderville.

"Powder River County Examiner" (Broadus MT) Friday 15 Jul 1938 pA5

Ailment Fatal To Local Woman

Mrs. Collins Was
Former Miles Citian

Mrs. Emma Ophelia Collins, 56, wife of Andrew C. Collins and Billings resident for the last five years, died at 6:30 a.m. Thursday following a heart attack suffered at her home, 910 South Twenty-ninth street.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday at Smith's chapel with the Rev. R. H. Moorman, pastor of the First Baptist church, officiating. Burial will be in Mountview cemetery.

Mrs. Collins was born Sept. 22, 1891, at McHenry, Ky., a daughter

of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Smitz. She came to Montana in 1920, settling at Miles City, where she was married to Mr. Collins July 11, 1938. The couple continued to reside at Miles City until coming to Billings in 1942.

Death of Andrew's 1st wife - "Billings (MT) Gazette" Friday 16 Apr 1948 p 5

Former Miles City Matron Passes Away at Billings

Mrs. Emma Ophelia Collins, age 56, a former resident of Miles City passed away at her home in Billings Thursday morning, death resulting from a heart attack. Mrs. Collins was born in Kentucky in 1891, and came to Montana in 1920. She made her home in Miles City and in 1938 was married to

Andrew C. Collins. Mr. and Mrs. Collins lived here until moving to Billings in 1942.

Rites will be held Monday at 2 p. m. at the Smith chapel in Billings with Rev. R. H. Moorman, pastor of the First Baptist church in charge.

Death of Emma Ophelia Schmidt Collins – "Miles City (MT) Star" Saturday 17 Apr 1948 p 8

VITAL STATISTICS

MARRIAGE LICENSES—

September 23

Andrew Collins, 54, and Agnes Kelly, 56, both of Billings.

Marries Agnes Ranberg Kelly in 1948 – "Billings (MT) Times" Thursday 30 Sep 1948 p 1

Kris Olsen

Kris Olsen, 88, of Custer, retired farmer and ditch company rider, died Thursday night at his home.

He was born in Denmark. He married Agnes Ranberg in 1908 in Minnesota. He settled in Minnesota in 1900 and then came to the Custer area to farm in 1916. They moved into town in the 1940's.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Viola Slehofer of 1072 Pemberton Lane, Billings; a son, Conrad Parks of Vancouver, Washington; a sister, Mrs. Percy McNichelson of Feneva, New York; and two grandchildren.

Obituary of Agnes's husband Krist Olsen – "Hysham (MT) Echo" Thursday 20 Dec 1973 p 10

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V. S. No. 18-10M-8-47 Marriage License No. 25240		RECORD FOR STATE REGISTRAR MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE STATE OF MONTANA		State File No. Vel. 4903 Do Not Write in This Space	
1. County YELLOWSTONE		2. City BILLINGS			
GROOM		BRIDE			
3. Name Andrew Collins		11. Name Agnes Kelly			
4. Residence Billings, Mont.		12. Residence Billings, Mont.			
5. Birth Date 10/21/1893 Mo. Day Yr.		13. Birth Date 5/14/1892 Mo. Day Yr.		14. Color Wt.	
6. Color Wt.		15. Birth Place Hector, Minn. City or County State or Foreign Country			
7. Birth Place Arlington, Ia. City or County State or Foreign Country		16. Single, Widowed, Div. Div. Number of Marriage 2			
8. or Divorced Wid.		17. Father's Name Paul Ranberg			
9. Father's Name Alvin Collins		18. Mother's Maiden Name Betsy Nelson			
10. Mother's Maiden Name Ada Jane McCray					
19. Marriage License 9/21/48 Month Day Year		20. Performing Ceremony R.H. Moorman			
21. Date of Marriage 9/22/48 Month Day Year		22. Official Title Baptist Minister Minister, Justice of Peace, or Other			
23. State Board of Health 10/5/48		24. Clerk of District Court KATIE DAVIES			
(COURT SEAL)		By E.O. Price Deputy			

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Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

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

NOK = next-of-kin

Name: Alva Norman Collins

Name variations: Alvin Norman Collins [on Tuscania passenger list] – often found listed as Norman Collins (probably because his father was also Alva Norman Collins)

Military:

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

Serial number: serial numbers were not assigned to Army enlisted men until after the sinking of the Tuscania showed their value

Entered service from: Markesan, Green Lake WI

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: Alvin N. Collins

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": sister W.B. Luepton, Markesau (sic/Markesan) WI [should read LUEPTOW]

Burial on the isle of Islay, Scotland: 1st buried at Killeyan, Islay, Scotland - grave 6, as Alva N. Collins

Body returned from war on: "Antigone" arriving Hoboken 29 Sep 1920

Body listed on return ship as: Alva N. Collins

Rank: pvt, Co. D, 20th Engrs

World War I draft registration (1917): as Alva Norman Collins - b. 25 Nov 1888 Arlington IA; res: Hulett, Crook WY. Single. Laborer for G.R. Bush, Hulett WY. Medium height, medium build, light blue eyes, dark brown hair.

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlistment & discharge dates not given

Born 25 Nov 1887 – died 6 Feb 1918

Address: Markesan, Green Lake WI

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

Birth & death:

Born: 25 Nov 1887 (WWI draft: 1888) Arlington, Fayette IA - his brother Azro De Estin Collins was born 15 Sep 1887 which makes the 1888 date more likely.

Died: 5 Feb 1918 Tuscania

Find A Grave record: 85773886, presence on Tuscania noted in flower

Burial location: Markesan, Green Lake WI

Cemetery: Markesan Memorial

Tombstone: veteran flat: Iowa Pvt Co D 20 Engineers WWI PH

Father: Alva/Alvah Norman Collins, 7 May 1853 Metomen, Fond du Lac WI – 31 Dec 1909 Ogema, Saskatchewan, Canada [also found as Glasnevin, Saskatchewan, Canada].

Son of Franklin Collins (1822-1891, F: 19323606) & Louisa A. Norman (1825-1886, F:19323613).

In the 1906 census of Canada, Alva Collins, b. US, lived in Saskatchewan, Canada.

Find A Grave:

Mother: Ada Jane McRae Collins, 20 Mar 1858 Black Hawk Co. IA – 20 Apr 1899 Arlington [or Fairfield township], Fayette IA. Some of the children's records indicate their mother's name is Jane Weed (index only, the actual document not viewed). She is listed as Jane Wilcox on her daughter Lillian Collins Ralston's 1964 WY death certificate.

Daughter of Christopher McRae (1831 Canada – 1863, who died on the "Nashville" hospital boat & was buried at sea. He was a private in Co. D, 31st Iowa, during the Civil War. Her mother was Betsey Brisbane.

Orphaned at an early age, Ada was raised by her aunt, Jane Hammond of Blackhawk IA.

In the 1860 census for Cedar, Black Hawk Co. IA – Christopher McCray (29 Canada, farmer) lived with wife Betsey (33 Canada), daughter Ada (3 IA) & daughter Emma (9 months IL).

Buried in Taylorsville Cemetery, Arlington, Fayette IA.

Find A Grave: 178945885

Parents' marriage: 11 Nov 1877 Canton, Fillmore MN – Alvin N. Collins & Ada Jane McRay

Spouse:

Spouse Find A Grave:

Children:

Siblings:

- Lewis S. [also given as N.] Collins, 5 Oct 1878 Canton, Fillmore MN [“Lanesborough MN” on WWII draft registration], with next-of-kin Mrs. William Haugen, Montpelier ND. – 26 Jul 1965 Waterloo, Black Hawk IA. – In 1950 census, Lewis Collins, 71 MN, divorced, lived in Waterloo, Black Hawk IA; he was unable to work. - Obituary: “Waterloo (IA) Courier” 28 Jul 1965 p 16 – Lewis s Collins, 86, died in a Waterloo IA rest home on 26 Jul 1965. Blacksmith & sheep shearer. Survived by wife Gladys, sister Lillian Ralston of MT & 6 brothers [unnamed].– Lewis is buried in Taylorsville Cemetery, Arlington, Fayette IA. F: 218543365
- Frank Albin Collins, 1 Nov 1880 [tombstone & Find A Grave record: 1879] Lanesboro, Fillmore MN – 15 Mar 1953 Columbia Heights, Anoka Co. MN. His MN birth record (index only, not actual document) lists his middle name as Estem or Estene. In 1900 (a year after his mother died), he is living with the D.C. Barnard family in Deer Creek, Worth IA. One of the family's daughters is Mable E. Barnard, 21 IA, b. Jun 1878, whom he will marry. - Listed as son of Alva N. Collins & Jane Weed, married Mabel Estella Barnard (1878-1949, F: 69568643) on 16 Mar 1904 in Mitchell IA; he age 23, she age 24. Buried in West Oak Grove Cemetery, Oak Grove, Anoka MN. F: 69577680
- Warren A. Collins, 8 Dec 1881 Canton, Fillmore MN [which transformed on later documents to 20 Mar 1882 on his tombstone and 20 Mar 1881 in the WWI draft) 15 Aug 1977 – 15 Aug 1977 Eventide WY. Registering for the WWI draft: Warren Collins, b. 20 Mar 1881 “Lynsborough” [Lanesboro] MN. Resident Ekalaka MT; farming for self. NOK Lillian Collins. Registering for WWII draft: Warren Collins [no middle name] 20 Mar 1882 Lanesboro MN; resident Moorcroft WY. NOK: Mrs. Lillian Ralston. His obituary notes his surviving nephew as Jack Ralston. – His tombstone is inscribed “Uncle.” Buried in Sheridan Municipal Cemetery, Sheridan, Sheridan WY. F: 42938486
- Ernest James (“Ernie”) Collins, 2 Jul 1883 Canton, Fillmore MN – 27 Jul 1958 Osage, Mitchell IA. Husband of Thea O. Hermanson (1886-1947, F: 18126099). They obtained a marriage license in Mar 1907 in Mower Co. MN & married (he listed as Earnest J.) in Mower County MN on 26 Mar 1907. - MN birth records list date as 7 Jul 1883. - WWI draft registration as Earnest James Collins in Northwood, Worth WI, with NOK Mrs. E. Collins of Lyle, Mower MN. - WWII draft registration in London, Freeborn MN, with wife [not named]. Obituary: “Austin (MN) Daily Herald” 28 Jul 1958 p 2 – survived by 2 daughters, no wife or siblings listed, retired farmer of

London MN community. – Buried as Ernie J. Collins in Deer Creek Lutheran Church Cemetery, Carpenter, Mitchell IA. F: 18126096

- Louise Collins, 11 Jul 1884 Canton, Fillmore MN – 19 Sep 1884 Canton, Fillmore MN
- Edward Joseph Collins, 16 Aug 1885 Lyle, Mower MN – 6 Sep 1966 Vancouver, Clark WA. MN birth records: Joseph Edwin Collins, b. 17 Aug 1885 Amherst, Fillmore MN to Alva Collins (b. WI) & Ada Collins (b. MN). Identified as Joseph in the 1895 IA census. - Husband of Lydia Viola Portman Schluter (1880-1948, F: 88810032), whom he married 25 Oct 1939 in Glendive, Dawson MT. At the time of their marriage, Lydia Schluter was a resident of Knowlton MT, age 59, b. New Martinsville, Whetzel WV, daughter of Jacob “Porman” & Marie Eberhart. She had been previously married; her husband was dead. Edward Collins, age 54, b. Lyle MN, resident of Ekalaka MT, had not been previously married or divorced. He was the son of Alva Norman Collins & Ada McKay. - Died of suicide; he hanged himself. - Buried in Park Hill Cemetery, Vancouver, Clark WA. F: 88810193.
- Norman Alvah Collins, 22 Jul 1886 Amherst, Fillmore MN [recorded in MN births]– 8 Nov 1918 Fairfield, Fayette IA [found on an Ancestry.com family tree]. Norman’s birth is recorded in MN birth records as the son of Alvah & Ada. BUT is this Norman mixed up with Alva Norman? – although birthdates differ?
- Azro De Estin (“De”) Collins Sr., 15 Sep 1887 [Veterans Administration Military Index: 15 Sep 1886] Amherst, Fillmore MN – 8 Dec 1974 Carter Co. MT. Known as De Estin Collins. - Husband of Edna Gladys Yates Ewalt (1907-1991, F: 120673794) whom he married 28 Dec 1928 in Fort Pierre SD, the day after her divorce notice from Claude Ewalt is published in the MT newspaper. – Edna Yates had married Claude Raymond Ewalt (18974-1935, F: 86755474) in 1924. They divorced & she married De Estin Collins in 1928. They divorced & Edna married David Elmer Wilson (1913-1990, F: 120673761) in 1953; she died with the surname Wilson. - Azro De Estin’s son, named De Estin, enlisted in WWII with his brother [Azro’s other son, his brother’s namesake] Alva Norman Collins. - “Lead (SD) Daily Call” 22 Sep 1946 p 8 – De Estin Collins of Powderville has been the ranch manager of the Kellar Ranch for a number of years. The ranch is located in the northeast corner of Powder River Co. with adjoining land in Custer & Carter counties. The land & cattle was sold by Chambers Kellar to D.E. Love (Miles City MT) & L.R. Hines (Billings) MT. MT death record uses the name of De Collins, son of Alvah & Ada J. Collins. - “The Missoulian” (Missoula MT) – In district court, 4th Judicial District MT for the county of Missoula – adoption of minor child Eleanor Faye Yates, De Esten Yates ordered to appear 4 Jan 1972 to show cause why the petition of De Estin Yates asking to adopt Eleanor Faye Yates should not be made & adoption granted. - Buried as De Estin Collins in Custer National Cemetery, Crow Agency, Big Horn MT. F: 60076685
- Anna Belle Collins Lueptow, 15 Jun [on Find A Grave: 13 Jun) 1890 Arlington or Fairfield, Fayette IA – 1 Dec 1918 Marquette, Green Lake WI. In 1900 census, living with uncle John Fairbanks & aunt Ann Fairbanks in Metomen, Brandon, Fond du Lac Co. WI. Ann Fairbanks is her father’s sister, Aunt Ann L. Collins married 26 Sep 1877 in Green Lake Co. WI to John Fairbanks; daughter of Franklin & Louisa Collins. –

Anna was the wife of Benjamin Walter ("Bennie") Lueptow (1890-1970, F: 85774222), who is buried in Markesan WI with his 2nd wife, Esther Wilsnack (1899-1992, F: 85774133), whom he married after Anna's death, on 18 Aug 1920 in Portage Co. WI. - Anna married Benjamin Lueptow on 23 Jun 1914. - Anna Lueptow was named as brother Alva's next-of-kin when he sailed on Tuscania, so he is listed as a soldier from Wisconsin. - Anna is also buried, as is Alva, in the Markesan Memorial Cemetery, Markesan, Green Lake WI. F: 85774066

- Lillian Mae ("Lillie") Collins, 22 Oct 1892 Arlington, Fayette IA – 18 Mar 1964 Sheridan, Sheridan WY. The family photo of all the children reports her birth year as 1895.- Wife of Jason Floyd ("Jack") Ralston (1883-1951, F: 56976032), whom she married in Hot Springs, Fall River SD on 23 Jun 1921; both were residents of Newcastle, Weston WY. Hasib was age 37, divorced, while it was Lillian's 1st marriage. - Jason F. Ralston, age 35, had married in Spokane, Spokane WA to Irene J. Fiebig, age 22. It was his 1st marriage & her 2nd, being divorced. Irene was the daughter of Frank Brewington & Hattie M. Anderson; she had married Edward Fiebig in Colorado Springs CO on 1 Oct 1914. Irene & Edward divorced 5 Oct 1916 in El Paso Co. CO. Irene Brewington, b. 27 May 1898 CO, d. 25 Nov 1978 in San Mateo CA with the surname Sweitzer. - Lillian is mentioned in 2 MT newspaper articles of 1918 as Alva's sister & as Warren's NOK in 1942. But Lillian is not listed with the family in the 1895 IA census. In 1940, Lillian & Jason live in Soda Creek, Weston WY. Buried in Sheridan Municipal Cemetery, Sheridan, Sheridan WY. F: 56976196
- Andrew Charles Collins, 21 Oct 1893 Arlington, Fayette IA – 18 Mar 1972 Billings, Yellowstone MT. - In his application for a delayed IA birth certificate, dated 29 Mar 1941 as a resident of Miles City MT, he lists his father as Alvan Norman Collins (b. Ireland) & Ada Jane McCray (b. Scotland). - Married Emma Ophelia Smitz (Schmidt) (22 Sep 1891 McHenry KY-1948 MT, F: 91784885) in Miles City, Custer MT on 11 Jul 1938. Emma had married Robert Lee Wiar (1895-1937, F: 16984813) on 18 Mar 1933 Miles City, Custer MT. Robert committed suicide;; he hanged himself. She was the daughter of Joe Smitz. - Widowed, Andrew married Agnes Ranberg (1892-1987) on 22 Sep 1948 in Billings, Yellowstone MT. On their marriage license (obtained 21 Sep 1948): Andrew Collins, b. 21 Oct 1893 Arlington IA; Agnes Kelly, widow, resident of Billings MT, son of Alvin Collins & Ada Jane McCray. He is a widower; this is his 2nd marriage. Agnes Kelly, b. 14 May 1892 Hector MN, resident of Billings MT, is divorced; this is her 2nd marriage, she claims. She was the daughter of Paul J. Ranberg & Betsy M. Nelson [these were her maternal grandparents], They were married by a Baptist minister. - According to Agnes's Find A Grave record #91790319, she was married at least 6 times. Agnes Ranberg was born, according to church records at Palmyra Evangelical Lutheran Church in Bird Island MN, the daughter of Louisa Ranberg. [This is contradicted by her marriage license with Andrew.] The text on her Find A Grave record, says her mother, Louise Ranberg, was listed as single on all census records & appears never to have married Agnes's father. Louise always listed her maternal grandparents [apparently Paul Ranberg & Betsy Nelson] as her parents. Agnes Ranberg was born 14 May 1892 Renville Co. MN & died 5 Apr 1987 Billings, Yellowstone MT & is buried as Agnes Kelly in the

same cemetery as Andrew. - Agnes's husbands include Krist Jorgen Gotfred Olsen (1885-1973) married in 1908; Harold Stephen Park (1892-1935), married in 1923; John Simek (1887-1944) married in 1926); and Edward Carl "Ted" Kelly (1882-1946), married in 1933. Therefore, Agnes's claim that her marriage to Andrew Collins in 1948 was her 2nd is not accurate. - Buried in Mountview Cemetery, Billings, Yellowstone MT. F: 91784873

Notes:

Family tree at: <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/13474720/person/202064923966/facts>

Birth controversy:

According to most records, Alva Norman Collins was born 25 Nov 1887 – or 1888. But MN birth records note the birth of Norman Alvah Collins, son of Alvah & Ada Collins, on 22 Jul 1886 in Amherst, Fillmore Co. MN. Ancestry.com family tree records claim he died 8 Nov 1918 in Fairfield, Fayette Co. IA.

Following the death of Ada Jane Collins, the family appears to have scattered.

In the 1900 census, Alva's father, listed as Alven Collens, age 48, b. May 1852 WI, widowed, is living in Fairfield, Arlington IA as a servant (farm labor) for Andrew Manson, 42 IA, on his farm.

In the 1900 census, Alva's sister Anna Belle Collins was found in Metomen, Fond du Lac WI with John & Ann Fairbanks; she was listed as "niece" as Ann Collins Fairbanks was her father's sister. Anna Belle Collins's birth information is listed as Jan 1890, age 10, b. IA, at school

In 1900, Alva's brother Frank Collins was living on the farm of D.C. Barnard (58 NY) & his family, in Deer Cree, Worth IA. One of the Barnard daughters is Mable, whom Frank marries in 1904.

In 1900, is Alva listed as Norman Collins & living in Sperry, Willerton IA with the Willerton family?

Wartime:

"Fox Lake (WI) Representative" 14 Feb 1918 p 1 – Alvin N. Collins was buried in Scotland after the Tuscania. He is from the neighboring village of Markesan WI.

"Fox Lake [WI] Representative" Thursday, 28 Oct 1920 p 5 - Alva's body arrived in Markesan WI late last week, military funeral & burial in Markesan

Obituary:

Veteran headstone application: Alva N. Collins, no serial number, enlisted 12 Dec 1917, killed in action 5 Feb 1918; died on Tuscania. From IA. Purple Heart. Private, Co. D, 20th Engineers. Born 25 Nov 1887. Headstone shipped to brother-in-law Ben Lueptow, 548 S. Charles St., Columbus WI. Burial in Markesan Cemetery, Markesan WI. Also known as Alvin N. Collins. Flat bronze marker. Applied for on 29 Nov 1962, processed Feb 1963. Receipt of remains 15 Oct 1920.

Censuses:

1850 Metomen, Fond du Lac WI

Franklin Collins, 26 NY

Louisa, 28 NY

Anna, 7 NY

Calvin, 4 MI

Ann, 1 WI

Joseph Collins, 58 MA

Ledi Collins, 57 VT

1880 Canton, Fillmore MN

Alva N. Collins, 27 W, parents b. NY, farmerl

Ada, 24 IA, keeping house

Loui, 1 MN [male – son Lewis]

1885 MN state census – Amherst, Fillmore MN

Alvin Collins, 29 WI

Jane, 28 IA

Lewis, 6 MN

Frank, 4 MN

Warren, 3 MN

Ernest 1, MN

1895 IA state census – Fairfield, Fayette Co. IA

Alva Collins, 45 WI, Methodist, farmer

Edda, 42 Black Hawk Co. IA [i.e. Ada]

Louis, 16 MN

Frank, 14 MN

Warren, 13 MN

Ernest, 12 MN

Joseph, 10 MN [i.e. Edward Joseph]

Estern, 7 Fayette Co. IA [Azro De Estin]

Norman, 6 Fayette Co. IA

Annie, 5 Fayette Co. IA

Andrew, 1 Fayette Co. IA

Is this him?

1900 Sperry, Clayton IA – conducted 7 Jun 1900

Norman, 11 IA, parents' birthplace unknown, b. Nov 1888, at school

Living with Robert H. Willerton (32 Canada, farmer) & his wife Mary U. (27 IA), their 2 daughters & his parents-in-law John F. & Sarah Kopp

Is this him?

1905 SD state census

A.N. Collins, 18 IA, parents b. IA, resident of IA