

TUSCANIA

Tuscania casualty
Cook, Marcus Barrett
1894 MT – 5 February 1918 Tuscania



Marcus Barrett Cook – “The Missoulian” (Missoula MT) Sunday 31 Jan 1965 p 26 (p. 6) - <https://www.newspapers.com/image/349397150/>

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Cook, Marcus B. *White *Colored-
 (Surname) (Christian name) (Army serial number)

Residence: None Como Ravalli MONTANA
 (Street and house number) (Town or city) (County) (State)

*Enlisted *R. A. *N. G. *E. R. C. *Inducted at Ft. George Wright Wn Dec 12, 1917
 Place of birth: Como, Mont. Age or date of birth: 23 1/12 yrs.
 Organizations served in, with dates of assignments and transfers: Co. D 6 Bn 20 Engrs
 Dec 19/17 to Feb 5/18

Grades, with date of appointment: Private.

Engagements:

Served overseas from † to † Feb 5/18, from † to †
 Killed in action February 5, 1918 in sinking of Tuscania.
 Other wounds or injuries received in action:

Person notified of death: F. L. Cook (Name) (If none, so state) Father
 (No. and street or rural route) (City, town, or post office) (State or country)

Remarks:

Form No. T24-6, A. G. O. *Strike out words not applicable. † Dates of departure from and arrival in the U. S.
 Nov. 22, 1919. 3-7300

Montana, Military Record -

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Cook, Marcus B.		Pvt	Co D 6 Bn 20 Engrs	Feb 5/18

US, WWI American Expeditionary Forces Deaths -

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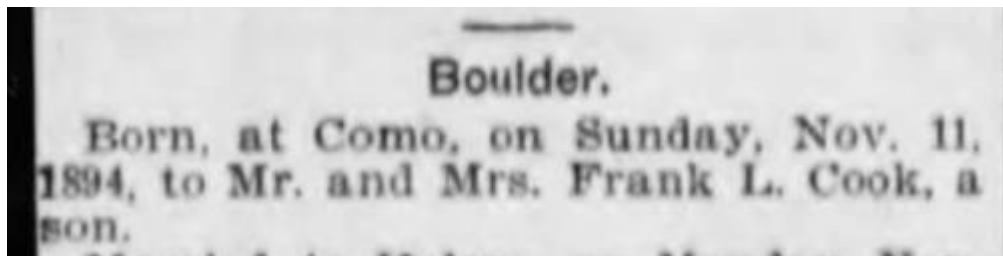
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Birth – “Helena (MT) Independent-Record” Friday 23 Nov 1894 p 7

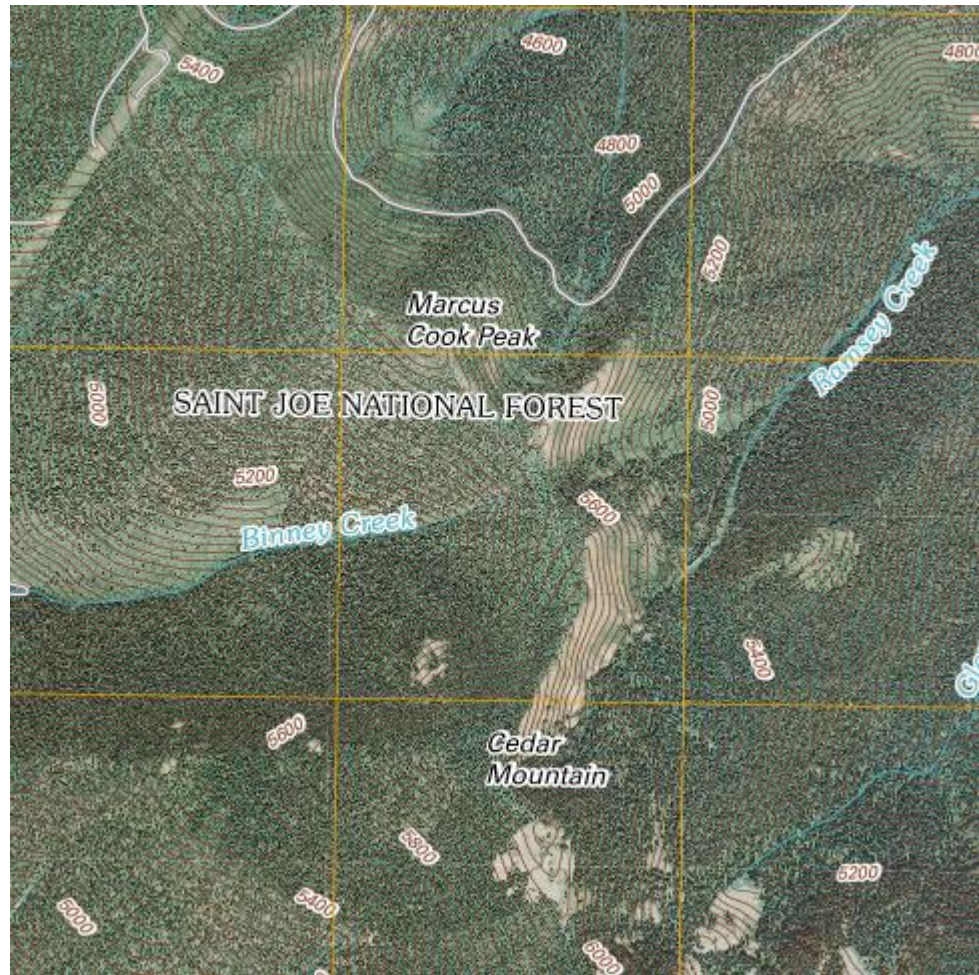
From Marilyn C. Gahm, “The Sinking of the Tuscania” at www.tuscaniamemorial.org, page [444-445](#).

In addition to Muncaster Mountain in Washington, another peak was named for a Tuscania casualty. Former U.S. Forest Service employee Marcus Barrett Cook, born November 10, 1894, in Como, Montana, is the namesake of Marcus Cook Peak. This mountain, one of the three peaks on Cedar Mountain, lies near Avery, Shoshone County, Idaho, south of Interstate-90. The 5,875-foot peak lies at latitude 47.3615929, longitude -115.8454351. About 10 or 12 men survived out of the over 70 in Cook’s lifeboat.

Cook was the first University of Montana student to die in the war. Ten days after his death, on February 15, 1918, at the celebration of the 25th anniversary of the founding of the university, its president, Edward O. Sisson, spoke in memory of Cook.



Marcus Cook
from *The Sentinel* yearbook



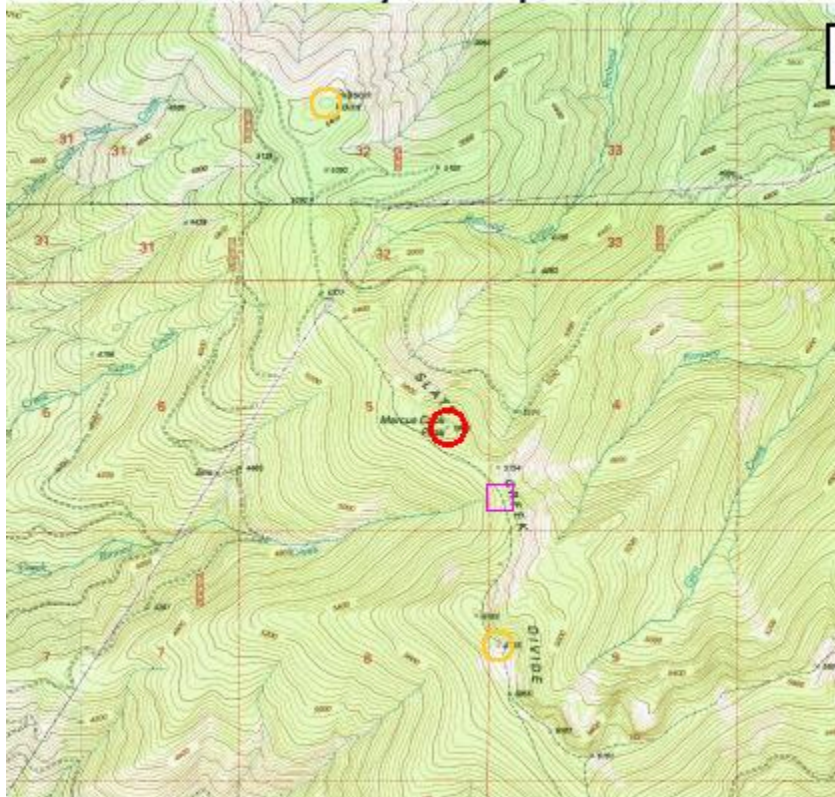
From the U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute topographic map for Avery, Idaho



Cook's stone on Memorial Row,
University of Montana, Missoula,
Montana

Marcus Cook Peak, Idaho

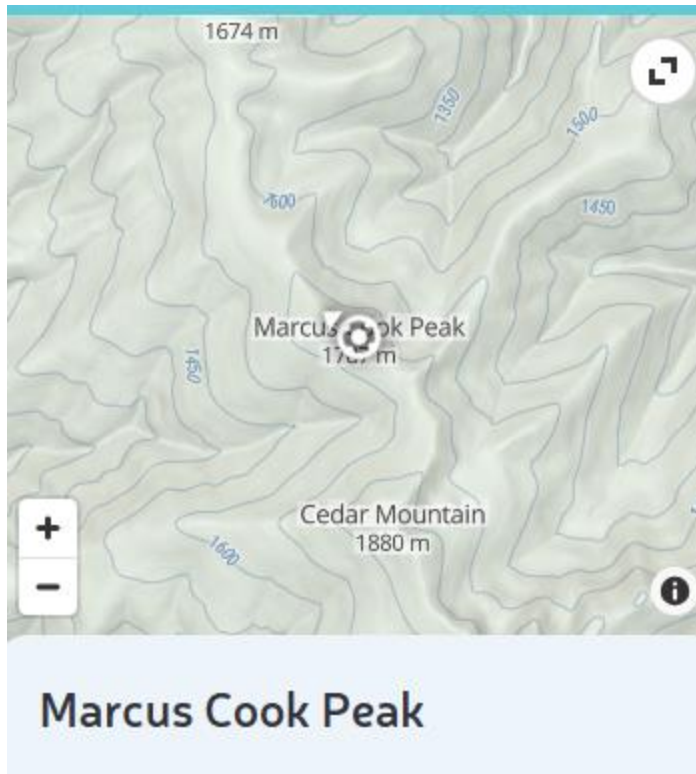
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State/Province	Idaho
County/Second Level Region	Shoshone

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Artifacts

Memorial Row

"In their greenness will they keep ever green the memory of these, our heroes."

Elsie Tschudy, Kaimin

November 25, 1919

Thirty-two Ponderosa pines, the Montana state tree, stand in memory of UM men and women who died in service during World War I. The original trees, planted on Arbor Day, May 13, 1919, bordered what was then Van Buren Avenue from its campus entrance on Eddy Avenue to the northwest corner of the Oval.

UM President E.O. Sisson presided over the dedication, and Law School Professor W.L. Pope delivered the memorial address. "My wish would be that somehow, in some way, those whom we honor here might be present and understand and find what we do here as they would wish," Pope began. He then recited Joyce Kilmer's "Trees," reflecting on the poet's own wartime death the previous year. "They will be remembered," Pope continued. "When we shall look upon the world and find it good, when we shall gaze upon the sky, the mountains, these trees, or any trees, let us resolve that like these trees their memory shall be ever green. So that when we shall be gone and shall have been forgotten, when the place where we stand shall know us no more, when countless generations of students shall walk upon this campus and look upon these trees, men shall remember and say that these men died to save the world."

UM student Elwood H. Best, a marine wounded at Belleau Woods and decorated with the Croix de Guerre, filled in the dirt about the roots of the tree planted in honor of Marcus Cook, the first UM student to lose his life in the war. Best also played "Taps."



The original Ponderosa pines were provided by the forestry school nursery. They were marked with a white T-board bearing the name of the man or woman in whose honor the tree was planted. Lattice frames protected each tree from the wind and sun.



Names of faculty, alumni, and undergraduates who died in service during WWI grace a memorial tablet unveiled on Class Day, June 13, 1925. The stone may be seen on the north corner of the Oval.

The roll of honor included:

Ian Guy Anderson
George F. Bonzwitz
Virgil W. Bostwick
Lester Brennan
Roy S. Butzerin
Marcus B. Cook
Gerard W. Cornelissen
Paul L. Dornblaser
Sidney W. Dunbar
Fredrick O. Eitflberg
Norbert J. Gerondale
James H. Haubensak
Samuel L. Hiebert

<https://archive.umt.edu/montanan/w08/artifacts.php>



Sixteen Names on a Plaque

The Mortal Toll of the First World War at
Montana State College

Thursday Nov. 1st, 2018

Just inside the main west entry of the Brick Breeden Fieldhouse is a plaque at the top of which is the text:

“THESE STUDENTS OF MONTANA STATE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND MECHANIC ARTS GAVE THEIR LIVES IN DEFENSE OF HUMANITY IN THE GREAT WORLD WAR OF 1914-1918”

Below the text are sixteen names of men, students enrolled at Montana State College (MSC) between 1908 and 1917, who died in service with the U.S. Army and Marines. The scope of MSC’s contributions to the war effort is more evident in the Montanan 1920, the yearbook for school year 1918-1919, containing thirteen pages of 573 names of MSC students, alumni, and faculty who served in the military as well as in medical, welfare, educational, and other support services such as the YMCA and YWCA. Another page—titled IN MEMORY OF--lists MSC students and alumni in military service, and a few notable Bozeman residents, who died during the war.

The United States entered the First World War on the 6th of April 1917, late in Montana State College’s school year 1916-1917. The official figures for that academic year show 684 enrolled students (436 men and 248 women), taught by sixty-five professors and instructors. Besides the familiar four-year degree offerings, there were also two programs that long ago disappeared. Five of the men named on the plaque were in the four-year degree program. Three were in the three-year School of Agriculture “short course” with a six-month school term between fall harvest and spring work. Two were in the Preparatory School at MSC, which provided up to four years of secondary education and technical training to those who lived far from a high school. And six were in the Students Army Training Corps, a wartime program at hundreds of colleges and universities across the nation, operated in cooperation with the Department of War, for educating officers and training enlisted ranks in technical skills.



Of the sixteen men named on the plaque, four died in combat. A group of Montanans died at sea early in 1918. When the United States entered the war, the German submarine force expected to sink many ships carrying troops of the American Expeditionary Force to Britain and France. However, Robert K. Massie in his naval history *Castles of Steel* writes that the Germans only sank one loaded eastbound troop transport. This was the British liner S.S. *Tuscania*, with over two thousand soldiers aboard. It was part of a convoy that left New York in late January 1918. Aboard the *Tuscania* were many Montanans among the several companies of the 20th Engineer Regiment (Forestry). On the 5th of February, in the straits between southwest Scotland and northern Ireland, a German submarine torpedoed the *Tuscania*. Royal Navy destroyers rescued most of the passengers and crew from the sinking ship. Others got into lifeboats, some of which heavy seas smashed against the rocky coast of the Scottish island of Islay,

killing the occupants. Ten Montanans died on the rocks of Islay. One of them was Marcus **Cook**, from Como in the southern Bitterroot Valley, of the 16th Company, 20th Engineer Regiment. **Cook** is one of twenty-one names on the First World War memorial on the campus of the University of Montana (called the State University of Montana until 1965). **Cook** first attended the Preparatory School at MSC and then transferred to the School of Forestry at the State University in Missoula. Also joining the 20th Engineers in Europe was another MSC alumnus listed on the plaque: Albert Urbach, of Livingston, with a rank of Master Engineer in the 5th Battalion headquarters, 20th Engineer Regiment, who died on the 6th of July, 1918 and is buried in the Suresnes American Cemetery just west of Paris.

Almost half of the Americans who died in combat during the Great War lost their lives in the last seven weeks of the war, in the Battle of the Meuse-Argonne. This culminating effort of the American Expeditionary Force took place near the eastern end of the active Western Front. U.S. soldiers fought well-prepared German troops in the hilly country north of Verdun, much of it thickly forested. As infantry with rifles and bayonets attacking entrenched defenders armed with machine guns and artillery suffered in the previous four years of the war, the American infantry suffered the same high casualties. About 26,000 Americans died in those seven weeks, the highest toll of any battle in United States history. For Montanans of the 91st Division (nicknamed "Wild West") in the battle, the fight for the fortified village of Gesnes on the 29th of September was both a fierce battle and reason for later pride. It required an infantry charge across open ground toward the German lines, with soldiers shouting the division's battle cry, "Powder River!" After taking the lines at great cost, the troops had to withdraw when neighboring units failed to advance, leaving their flanks unprotected. Several Montanans won the Distinguished Service Cross during this action. Among those who died that day in the attack on Gesnes was Oscar Solberg, from Big Timber, of Company D, 347th Machine Gun Battalion, 91st Division. Farther

west in the Meuse-Argonne, less than a week later, on the 3rd of October, Earl Cherry, from Dawson County, of the 305th Infantry Regiment, 77th Division, was killed while carrying a message at Bois de la Naza.

One of the MSC alumni, and the only officer on the plaque, died just one week before the war ended. Cyrus Gatton, from Bozeman, attended three years at MSC and transferred to the University of Wisconsin for his final year, 1916-1917. When the U.S. entered the war, he enlisted in the Army Air Service and flew bombers over German-held France. On the 4th of November, while serving with the 11th Aero Squadron based at Maulan Aerodrome south of Verdun, his plane was shot down over German lines north of Verdun, probably by anti-aircraft fire. On the 4th of October 1930, MSC's football field, across Grant Street from Romney Gym, was dedicated and named for Gatton. Through 1971, this field hosted both football and track and field. The memorial pillars with explanatory plaque now stand by the northeast corner of the Hoseaus Health and PE Center.



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<https://bozemanmagazine.com/articles/2018/11/01/103012-sixteen-names-on-a-plaque>

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1918



Cook Hall

Cook Hall, 1918-1965 - RAZED

Originally housed war-related projects and various departments. Named for Marcus Barrett **Cook**, first UM alumnus to die in World War I.

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University of Montana campus



Description

Oblique-angle image of University of Montana, Missoula, campus from southeast. The Men's Gym, Forestry, Journalism, and Chemistry Pharmacy buildings are in the foreground. Cook Hall and Simkins Hall are also in the picture. A corner of Dornblaser Field is visible.

<https://www.mtmemory.org/nodes/view/13998%20>



University of Montana's Grizzly Band on the steps of Cook Hall, 1921. Courtesy Stan Cohen

<https://www.pediment.com/products/missoula-memories-vol-ii-pictorial-history-book>

Gifford Pinchot Hall of Forestry

The Forestry Building is one of the older structures on campus, built in 1922. The following year it was named the Gifford Pinchot Hall of Forestry, after the first Chief of the Forest Service. The building features a unique decorative aspect, with a terracotta pine tree and "M" between the second and third floors. This photo shows the building under construction in May 1922, with Cook Hall, Mount Jumbo, and Mount Sentinel in the background. [Link to photo of construction of Forestry Building](#)
Please note that there is no Google Street View available from this vantage point.



<https://www.mtmemory.org/nodes/view/104847>

The School of Journalism has bounced around this campus during the past 100 years, moving from tents to a bicycle shed to Marcus Cook Hall in 1920 before finding a lasting home in 1936.

https://news.lee.net/special-section/article_1453c713-9e73-59e3-a396-1adadbed2481.html

stands and tracks. Library Hall contains the university library, the law library, the classrooms of the School of Law and other lecture and classrooms. The Forestry and Music buildings are frame structures, affording temporary quarters for these schools. The hospital is designed for the isolation and treatment of students who may be suffering from contagious or infectious diseases. Simpkins Hall and Cook Hall are the buildings erected for barracks. They were remodeled so that the former serves as a men's dormitory and the latter is the armory of the R. O. T. C. and temporary quarters of the School of Journalism.

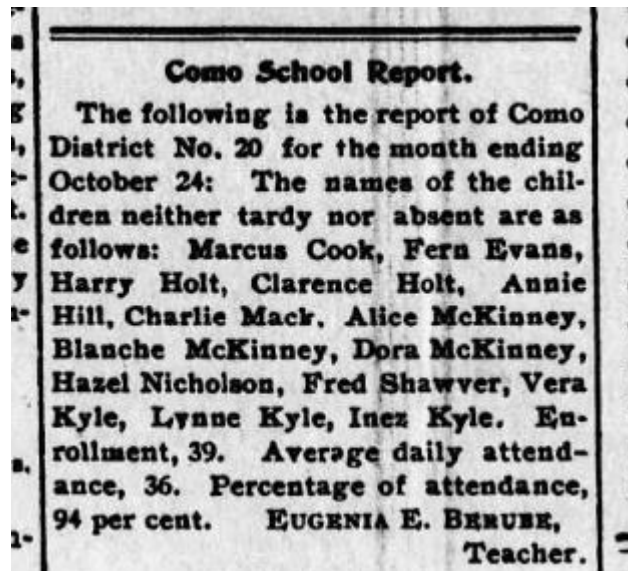
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Post-war:

"Missoulian" (Missoula MT) 27 Jul 1960 p 90 – The 1st barracks to house Army student training corps members to be completed at Montana State University at Missoula was

finished 8 Oct 1918 . It was named for MSU graduate Claude Simpkins, killed in action in France. The 2nd barracks, completed mid-Nov 1918, was named for MSU student Marcus Cook, killed on the Tuscania. Its construction was done by G.D. Forssen of Missoula. The buildings were designed by Captain H. Bonner & Professor Charles A. Farmer. After WWI, journalism students moved into Marcus Cook Hall, which was nicknamed "The Shack" and housed the School of Journalism from Sep 1920 to Sep 1937. The present brick structure was completed in time for the fall opening of classes in 1937.

Life:



"Western News" (Stevensville MT) Wednesday 29 Oct 1902 p 6

COMO.

Last Saturday Miss Jessie Spencer closed a seven month's term of school and will leave in a few days for her home in Butte. She will be accompanied by her mother and sister, who have been spending a few days with her, and other relations in the valley.

Master Marcus Cook won the prize for punctuality, not having been absent nor tardy during the term.

"Ravalli Republic" (Hamilton MT) Friday 13 May 1904 p 8

Marcus Cook, who is attending the local high school, returned this morning to his home at Como.

"Missoulain" (Missoula MT) Friday 25 Dec 1914 p 3

PUPILS DID WELL

Splendid Production Staged By the Students.

"The College Boy" Pleased a Large Crowd at Opera House Fri- day Evening.

The large crowd that assembled at the Lucas opera house Friday evening to witness the four-act comedy-drama, "The College Boy," staged by high school students, experienced an evening of real enjoyment. The juvenile actors made a real hit with the play, their clean-cut presentation of the piece creating no little surprise on the part of the audience. Starting with a worthy vehicle, Claude Marshall, who drilled the cast, used extraordinary skill in handing out the parts, each actor taking to his part with naturalness and ease. The performance was one of the really good home talent productions that happens along about once in three years.

The entire cast is deserving of much credit, but to Earl Welliver, who took the part of Tom Brown, the effervescent, care-free, whole-hearted college youth, goes the palm. Welliver was what might be termed a scream. He took to his part like a duck to water and his assurance and mastery of his part carried the piece through several wobbly spots. He was ably assisted in putting across bits of clever, sparkling comedy in the second act by Virginia Gage, who played opposite to the pert collegian.

Warham Noble, as Tubby Matthews, the youth with the voracious appetite; George Dulin, as the 'varsity coach; Charles Murray, as Claxton Andrews; Marcus Cook, as Arthur Kenyon, and Harry Rooney, as Happy Thurston, did very creditable work. Walter O'Brien, Henry Bishop, Lee Colwell and Lloyd Thompson filled their parts satisfactorily. Gertrude Hassler, Betty Barron and Mabel Maxwell were acceptable in their parts.

Excerpts – "Ravalli Republic" (Hamilton MT) Friday 26 Mar 1915 p 8

about April 1.

Among the thirty-eight pupils who were excused from the State University for farm work, the names of the following Bitter Rooters appear: Glen Chaffin, Corvallis; Edward Wilder Popham, Corvallis; Clarence Dowd, Stevensville; John Southwick, Hamilton and Marcus B. Cook, Como.

"Western News" (Stevensville MT) Thursday 7 Jun 1917 p 8

THESE ARE REGISTERED READY TO DO THEIR BIT

Darby, Precinct No. 3.—Ed. Allnutt, Claud William Allnutt, John Jacob Adams, Otto Becker, Edwin Butler, Oscar Afton Blackburn, Frank Leigh Barnett, John Percy Beam, Earl Ray Brown, Barnum Josh Billings, Orie Curtiss Bennett, George Nathaniel Bear, Marcus Barrett Cook, William Harrison Connitt, John Anthony Costello, Daniel Marlon Conner, Paul Watson Denend, William Clarence Derby.

Excerpt – “Ravalli Record” (Hamilton MT) Thursday 14 Jun 1917 p 1*



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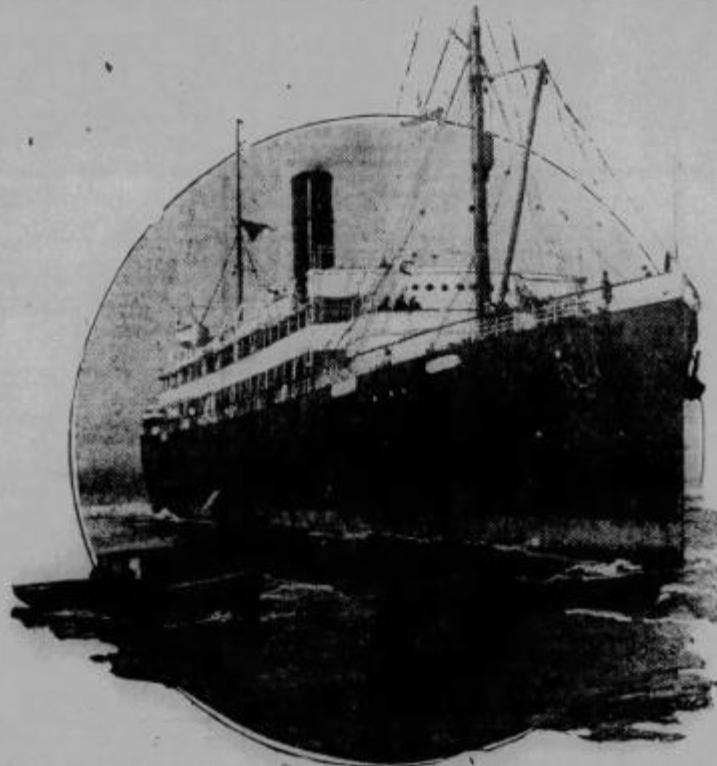
Excerpt – “Western News” (Stevensville MT) Thursday 12 Jul 1917 p 1

TWO MISSOULA MEN ON TORPEDOED TRANSPORT

VESSEL ATTACKED TUESDAY NIGHT; SURVIVORS SUFFER

LIST OF MISSING IS REDUCED NOW TO 101

TUSCANIA WAS FIFTH LARGE SHIP LOST BY THE CUNARD LINE



The Tuscania was a British passenger and freight steamship of 14,345 gross register, built in Glasgow in 1914. She was built in Glasgow and was owned by the Anchor line. The Tuscania was under charter to the Cunard line and was the fifth large vessel lost by this company since the war began. The ship above is of the Tuscania type.

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3 OF UNIVERSITY ON THE TUSCANIA

**Graves and Stewart of This
City and Cook of Como on
Board Steamship—12 Have
Been Accounted For.**

Of the 14 State University men listed as probably being aboard the ill-fated Tuscania, 12 have been accounted for. According to letters recently received on the campus eight of them are already in France.

Three former students, however, were in all probability included among the troops being transported to the battle front by the torpedoed steamer. They are Marcus Cook of Como, Mont.; Ralph S. Graves, and Leo Stewart of Missoula. All were recently transferred to the Sixth battalion, company D, of the Twentieth engineers, though originally with the Fourth battalion, which is now in France.

Already in France.

A letter from Cook, written January 15 from an Atlantic port, stated that he and Graves, members of the Sixth, were scheduled to sail soon, but that William Rooney, William Showe, Fleming "Kewpie" Stewart, Thomas Carney, Hugh Peyton, Melmoth Bay and William Opallia, all members of the Fourth battalion, had been transported previous to that date, January 15, to France.

Excerpts – "Missoula (MT) Sentinel" Thursday 7 Feb 1918 p 1

UNIVERSITY STUDENT LISTED AMONG THOSE YET UNACCOUNTED FOR

**Marcus Cook of Como and Elmer Cowan
of Victor May Be Numbered With
Victims of Sinking.**

Washington, Feb. 10.—Special.—Seven Montana men are among the 324 soldiers on board the Tuscania whose names are not found upon the incomplete list of survivors given out tonight by the war department. Forty-seven Montana men were on the transport, and 40 are reported safe.

The seven missing men, whose names may appear on lists yet to be published, are:

MARCUS B. COOK, Como.

JACK J. BYRNE, Butte.

JAMES W. SALLEE, Hot Springs.

JOHN EDWARDS, Butte.

ELMER L. COWAN, Victor.

CHAUNCEY J. DAVIDSON, Ana-

LEONARD H. DETHMAN, Mc-

Cabe.

It is not certain that the men still unaccounted for are dead. The war department's list of survivors contains 1,853 names. There were 2,177 persons on board, and the estimated loss is 113. That leaves 211 survivors yet to be listed.

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

One name which brings the tragedy of the Tuscania nearer to citizens of Bozeman is that of Marcus B. Cook of Como, Montana. He is the son of Frank L. Cook of Como and a brother of George Cook who is well known throughout this city.

Marcus Cook attended the preparatory course at the college in 1911-1912. Later he went to Hamilton where he graduated from high school. He entered the forestry school at the State university at Missoula and attended there from 1915 to 1917. During his college career he was well known and a popular young man. He took quite an active part in athletics, especially football. Following this he entered the 20th company of the engineers together with a number of other Montana boys. His brother, George Cook, who lives on his ranch, stated when interviewed by a reporter, that he had received no information and presumed

that the Marcus B. Cook listed was his brother.

Besides the brother mentioned, other relatives are: C. W. Sweet, secretary of the Bozeman Milling company who is a cousin; Mrs. George Durland of Cutbank, and a brother who is attending high school at Cutbank.

"Bozeman (MT) Daily Chronicle" Tuesday 12 Feb 1918 p 1

2 BITTER ROOT BOYS BURIED IN SCOTLAND 171 VICTIMS OF TUSCANIA ARE INTERRED

M. B. COOK E. L. COWAN

Former University Student
and Interscholastic Track
Star Victims of Sinking
of United States Transport.

Both Dead Men Well Known Here

Washington, Feb. 13.—Montana soldiers who have been buried in Scotland, with other victims of the Tuscania's sinking, as reported by an Associated Press correspondent, follow:
MARCUS B. COOK, COMO.
ELMER L. COWAN, VICTOR.
JOHN EDWARDS, BUTTE.
JACK J. BYRNE, BUTTE.
William I. Droogs of Mount Idaho, Idaho, also has been buried in Scotland.

WELL KNOWN IN MISSOULA.

Marcus Cook and Elmer Cowan were well known in Missoula. Cook was a student at the State University, while Cowan represented the Victor high school in several interscholastic track meets held here under the auspices of the state school.

It is thought that, with the deaths of Cook and Cowan, all of the western-Montana men on board the Tuscania have been accounted for, with the exception of James W. Sallee of Hot Springs, on the Flathead. No word of him has been received.

The Sentinel today broke the news of the deaths of Cook and Cowan to their relatives in the Bitter Root valley. No other word has been received by their families.

Cowan Was Aged 22.

Elmer L. Cowan was born in Victor in September, 1895, being 22 years and five months old at the time of his death. He was reared and educated in the valley, being a graduate of the Victor high school and a star in athletics at that institution, winning fame on the track and field.

His father died at Victor on October

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COOK AND COWAN BURIED ABROAD

Former University Student
and Interscholastic Track
Star Victims of Sinking
of United States Transport.



(Continued From Page One.)

3, 1917, and a few weeks later young Cowan enlisted in the Twentieth engineers. His mother has been dead for over 17 years.

Five brothers, two of whom are abroad with the United States army, survive Elmer, they being W. J. Cowan, G. H. Cowan and Frank Cowan, all of Victor, and Arthur Cowan, who was last heard from at Camp Aldershot in England, while Albert Cowan, who has been at Camp Lewis, is also believed to be across the seas.

Career of Marcus Cook.

Marcus B. Cook had completed two months of his sophomore year at the State University when he enlisted in the 20th forestry engineering regiment. He entered the institution in the fall of 1916, after being graduated from the Hamilton high school.

Cook was majoring in the forestry course at the institution and enlisted December 3, being accompanied by Ralph S. Graves and Leo Stewart, who were also aboard the Tuscania at the time of the disaster, but were rescued. The three men originally enlisted in Company O, 4th battalion, but were transferred to the 6th.

Cook, who was a tall, well-built youth, took part in class athletics during his university days and was a long-distance runner on the track team. Last year he formed the bulwark of the freshman attack in the annual tub rush. He was 23 years of age and enlisted just eight days after his birthday. He was a member of the Sigma Nu fraternity.

Although a graduate of Hamilton high school, Cook's home was in Como, where his father, F. L. Cook, owns a ranch just above Darby. His parents are listed among the pioneers of western Montana. He is also survived by a brother, George Cook of Bozeman, Mrs. Kate Durland, a sister, whose home is at Cutbank, and by two younger brothers at the family home at Como, Theodore and Frank.

He Was a Corporal.

The last word received in Missoula from the former student was a letter dated January 12, to one of his fraternity brothers. At that time he was stationed at American University, Washington, D. C. He was one of 16 soldiers detailed to guard experimental laboratories there, and was acting as corporal of his squad.

At that time Cook expressed the opinion that he expected to be transported to France within a short time. "I don't think we will be here long after February first," he wrote. "The sooner, the better for me." He closed his letter by writing: "Give my best regards to all the fellows on the campus and tell them to write whenever they get time."

"Missoula (MT) Sentinel" Wednesday 13 Feb 1918 p 1 & p 4

**UNIVERSITY BOYS
ABOARD TUSCANIA**

**Two Well-Known Students Are
Reported Among
Lost.**

POPULAR IN MISSOULA

**Marcus Cook of Como and
Elmer Cowan of Victor Vic-
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Excerpts – "Anaconda (MT) Standard" Thursday 14 Feb 1918 p 10

COOK AND COWAN ARE WELL KNOWN

One Tuscania Victim Sophomore at State University and Cowan a Graduate of Victor High—Star Athlete.

(Special Dispatch to the Miner.)

Missoula, Feb. 12.—Marcus Cook and Elmer Cowan were well known in Missoula. Cook was a student at the state university, while Cowan represented the Victor high school in several interscholastic track meets held here under the auspices of the state school.

It is thought that, with the deaths of Cook and Cowan, all the western Montana men on board the Tuscania have been accounted for, with the exception of James Sallee of Hot Springs of the Flathead. No word of him has been received.

Cook a Sophomore.

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Cook also was a tall, well built youth, and took part in class athletics during the university days. He was a long distance runner on the track team. Last year he formed the bulwark of the freshman attack in the annual tub rush. He was 23 years of age, and enlisted just eight days after his birthday. He was a member of the Sigma Nu fraternity.

Father Ranchman.

Although a graduate of Hamilton high school, Cook's home was in Como, where his father, F. L. Cook, owns a ranch just above Darby. His parents are listed among the pioneers of western Montana. He is also survived by a brother, George Cook, of Bozeman. Mrs. Kate Durand, a sister, whose home is at Cutbank, and by two younger brothers at the family home at Como, Theodore and Frank.

Excerpts - "Butte (MT) Miner" Thursday 14 Feb 1918 p 3

MARCUS B. COOK SON OF PIONEERS

**Como Boy Who Lost His Life on
Tuscania Nephew of a Great
Falls Resident.**

Marcus B. Cook, of Como, Mont., who lost his life when the Tuscania was torpedoed last week by a German submarine, was the son of Montana pioneers, Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Cook, of Como. He was 23 years old and enlisted last November in the 20th engineers for service in France and was accompanying his company across when he lost his life off the coast of Scotland. Mr. Cook was a nephew of A. W. Douglas of 109 Thirteenth street south.

Mr. Cook was educated at the state university at Missoula. He wanted to render what assistance he could in the fight against the Germans and last November he enlisted and was, for a time, stationed in Virginia. He is survived by a brother, George Cook of Bozeman and Mrs. Kate Durland of Cut Bank.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Cook, parents of the young man, both are members of the Montana Society of Pioneers, having crossed the plains to this state prior to 1869. Mrs. Cook, who was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George A. Douglas, crossed the plains with her parents in 1864, settling with them at

**Boulder. Young Cook was widely known
in the western part of the state and
was quite popular.**

"Great Falls (MT) Tribune" Friday 15 Feb 1918 p 7

FIRST BITTER ROOT LIVES LOST IN WAR

War Brought Home to the Residents of the Bitter Root Valley This Week By the Sad News That Two Prominent Sons Lost Their Lives By the Torpedoing of the Transport Tuscania and Buried With Military Honors in Scotland

The war in which this country is engaged was brought home to the people of the Bitter Root valley this week when it became known that Marcus B. Cook of Como and Elmer Luther Cowan of Victor lost their lives in the Tuscania disaster, the sinking of which vessel was chronicled in last week's Republican. They are the first young men from this county to sacrifice their lives. According to an official announcement received Wednesday these men were buried with military honors on the coast of Scotland.

University Student.

Marcus B. Cook was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Cook of Como. He enlisted in the twentieth engineers of the forest service. Young Cook had worked in the forest service and was a student at the University of Montana. His father owns a ranch near Como, being a pioneer of the Bitter Root valley and a Civil war veteran. Marcus Cook was 23 years old, being born December 1, 1894. He was a graduate of the Hamilton high school. He was well liked by all his acquaintances and at the university he was a prominent athlete.

Beside his parents he is survived by three brothers and a sister. They are George Cook of Bozeman, Theodore and Frank of Como, and Mrs. Kate Durland of Cutbank.

This is the second son that F. L. Cook has lost by drowning. Hiram Cook, his oldest son, was drowned in the Yellowstone river in 1906 while he was with a surveying crew. Marcus Cook was the next oldest child.

Interscholastic Champion.

Elmer Luther Cowan of Victor was 22 years and seven months old. He was born at Victor in September, 1895. He was a member of the senior class of the Victor high school and would have graduated this year. He was a fine athlete and won the individual championship at the Ravalli County Interscholastic meet in 1916. His father and mother are dead, but he is survived by five brothers—Arthur, who is believed to be at Camp Aldershot, England; Albert, who is supposed to be across the ocean with his regiment; W. J. and G. H. Cowan of Victor—and three sisters, Mrs. John Smith, Mrs. W. S. Jones and Mrs. A. W. Fifield of Victor.

UNIVERSITY PAYS TRIBUTE TO COOK

**Memorial Meeting for Man
Lost When Tuscania
Went Down.**

SISSON IS SPEAKER

**President Delivers Leading
Address; Students Tell
of Influence.**

The students of the State University, the faculty of the institution and many people of Missoula, yesterday afternoon gathered in the auditorium of the university at the memorial services held in honor of the late Marcus B. Cook, the first State University student to give his life in the European war. Marcus Cook was drowned when the *Tuscania* was sunk by a German submarine. Never has more fitting tribute been paid to a son of Montana than those which yesterday told to the world of Marcus Cook's splendid character, and the esteem in which the student body, of which for two years he had been a member, held him. The occasion was marked by simplicity and sincerity. Marcus Cook as a student, as a Montanan, and as an American, was fittingly praised.

The invocation was pronounced by Rev. W. T. Lockwood of the Baptist church. President E. O. Sisson of the State University was the first speaker. He said:

Loss Cannot Be Regretted.

"Marcus Cook has lost his life and we have lost him; so at least one might say using words in their most elementary and commonplace sense. How narrow and misleading such words are it is one great purpose of this memorial to show. He has lost his life and we have lost him. Yet as we trace back in imagination on the paths which have led him toward this end, and scrutinize every step which brought him nearer to the final event, we cannot regret one single step nor wish it changed. Now, if ever, the words of the Great Teacher are true: He that is set upon saving his life shall lose it; and he that casts his life away shall save it.' The young soldier of the republic, marching toward the sunrise, stepped through a sudden opened door, beyond our vision, but into glory. For the sake of his memory, for our own sakes, for the sake of a better world and a happier mankind, we must seize and hold this truth.

"And mark well, that from the very first step he knew the door was there and might open just as it did; so likewise know the hundreds of his fellow soldiers for whom the door has not yet opened, and God grant, may not open even to the end of the war.

even to the end of the war.

"Marcus Cook is type and symbol of all who serve today not because his earthly career is ended and his body laid in the hospitable soil of an allied land; not because of any negation or loss or deprivation; but because he has finished the work he set out to do, because he heard the call and answered it and followed the path until he came to the end, for him. For many, for the vast majority we trust, the end of the task will be less dramatic; they will go and return, or will stay here and still do their full duty. But in the quiet heart and conscience, and in the final estimate, honor belongs to duty done, in whatever field and with whatever event at its end.

"He is the type and symbol because his heart answered and his feet did not turn back. So we do well to meet thus to manifest and record our love and reverence for him as we knew him, and our pride that he belongs to us forever; but most of all to clear our own vision, to lift up our own hearts, and be pledged more deeply and consecrated anew to the battle of humanity, still before us, whether it be short or long."

Montana Proud of Son.

Professor C. F. Farmer of the forest school, under whom Marcus Cook studied while at the university, pictured Mr. Cook as a Montanan. He told of his work as a student, of his happy disposition, his influence for good, his admirable character, and his industrious habits.

"Marcus Cook loved his state and loved his country," said Mr. Farmer. "He entered the war not to kill, but to serve that which he regarded as highest in life. He has been called to pay the supreme sacrifice. We may never know the details of this great service, but we will ever know that he paid it cheerfully. Montana and America are proud of this son who gave himself to save them."

Louis Denny, a close friend and a fraternity brother of Marcus Cook told of the place which Mr. Cook held among his fellow students. His remarks showed Marcus Cook to be a clean man, a beloved brother and an admired fellow student.

"Marcus Cook—American," was the subject which Payne Templeton, another student spoke upon.

"Today Marcus Cook lies on a foreign shore," said Mr. Templeton, "but near that sea which reaches back to this land which he so well loved and for which he gave his life. Montana may well be proud to have had such a son as this, and Scotland, that land which gave to the world Wallace, and gave to the world Bruce, may well feel honored to have such a son buried on her shore."

Beautiful music added to the impressiveness of the occasion.

Marcus Cook was born in Hamilton in 1895. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Cook of Como. He lived his whole life in this part of the country. After completing his early education in Hamilton, he came to the State University and enrolled in the school of forestry. He enlisted in the Forestry regiment of the United States army in December of last year. He was a member of the Sigma Nu fraternity.

"Daily Missoulian" (Missoula MT) Saturday 23 Feb 1918 p 2 -
<https://www.newspapers.com/image/328420789/>

UNIVERSITY NOTES.

At 3:30 o'clock, Friday afternoon, the students of the University of Montana gathered in Convocation hall and paid tribute to Marcus Barrett Cook, the first son of the varsity to give his life for the cause of the allies. Hung upon the wall behind the rostrum was an enlarged picture of the former student, and draped about it was the service flag of the forestry school, with its one gold star, and 43 blue ones. Town and gown took part in the ceremonies, and President E. O. Sisson joined with the undergraduates in doing homage to the first university student to "go west" since America entered the world war.

"Anaconda (MT) Standard" Sunday 24 Feb 1918 p 11

278 STARS IN THE UNIVERSITY FLAG

**TWO OF THE BOYS FROM STATE
INSTITUTION AT MISSOULA
HAVE GIVEN LIVES**

**One Went Down With Troopship;
Another Killed While Flying at
British Aviation Camp; Six Mem-
bers of Faculty Have Entered Va-
rious Branches of Service.**

The State University of Montana service flag contains 278 stars, two of them gold. The University has given two of her sons to the cause of world democracy: Marcus Barrett Cook, Twentieth Engineer (Forest), who was a victim of the sinking of the troopship *Tuscania* by a German submarine, and Lester Luke Brennan, former law student, who died when his aeroplane fell. He was training at an English flying field as a member of the Royal Flying corps.

Six members of the faculty and 64 alumni have entered the service. One hundred and ninety-eight former students and ten former short course forestry students are in either army or navy.

The service flag of the University School of Forestry contains sixty-seven stars. These stars represent men in every branch of the service from the medical corps to aviation. The flag was unfurled for the first time February 22 last, when the University held Memorial day exercises for Marcus Cook, who was a forestry student before he enlisted.

Three stars on the forestry flag are for members of the faculty. Captain Dorr Skeels, dean of the school of forestry, and Lieutenant Thomas C. Spaulding, professor of forestry,

are serving in France. Both have leaves of absence from the University. Captain James H. Bonner, professor of forestry, recently with the 519th Service Battalion of Engineers at Camp Devens, is on the inactive list, and has returned to the university.

"Conrad (MT) Independent" Thursday 15 Aug 1918 p 3

MARCUS COOK'S GRAVE

Red Cross Sent Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Cook of Como a Photo Showing Grave of Their Son.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Cook of Como are in receipt of a folder from the American Red Cross at Washington, D. C., containing a photo of the cross placed over the grave of their son, Marcus B. Cook, whose body was washed ashore on the coast of Scotland. On the cross is the following: "America; Pvt. Marcus B. Cook, Co. D., 20th Engrs., 5-2-18." In the folder is the information that he was buried at Port Ellen, Isle of Islay, Kilnaughton, Scotland, an island in the Irish channel between Scotland and Ireland.

"Ravalli Republic" (Hamilton MT) Friday 21 Feb 1919 p 1

MEMORIAL TABLET FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS

Bozeman, Montana.—A bronze memorial tablet is to be placed in Montana Hall at the State College which will contain the names of fifteen men who gave their lives in defense of humanity in the Great World War of 1914-1918. The College plans special service for Decoration Day May 30. The tablet will give the following named men who died while in the service: Raymond and Dale Bowlen of Red Lodge; John Calone of Belt; Earl Cherry of Sidney; Marcus B. Cook of Como; Glenn Dyer of Moore; Cyrus Gatton of Bozeman; Harrell Hibbard of Helena; Robert Hudson of Libby; Ellsworth Kane of Conrad; Ralph Reed of Windham; Alex. Sert of Worden; Oscar J. Solberg of Big Timber, and Carter Yust of Kremlin.

“Sidney (MT) Herald” Friday 6 Jun 1919 p 7

MARCUS COOK MEMORIAL AT COMO

Mr. Hiram Platt, the sage of Como, now eighty-two years old, called at the office of The New Northwest yesterday in the interest of a memorial which the citizens of Como hope to erect in memory of Marcus Cook.

We told Mr. Platt that, already on the campus of the university there was the Marcus Cook memorial, a dormitory for men students erected during the war and named in honor of that heroic youth, the first of the university students to die in the cause of the allies.

Mr. Platt, however, insisted that this was not enough and that the citizens of Como wanted to see erected in the park and near the school where Marcus Cook was a student some fitting memorial. With tears in his eyes, the old man plead eloquently for the erection at Como of some suitable monument in memory not alone of Marcus Cook but of all the boys who went out from that neighborhood to return no more.

We trust that the efforts of Mr. Platt and the citizens of Como and the country surrounding may be rewarded with success, and that some memorial serviceable to men, if it be only a drinking fountain, may be placed in the park as a reminder to the men and women, the boys and girls who may pass along the public highway, that Marcus Cook and other brave boys gave up life with all its joys to save democratic government for mankind.

Should the memorial be erected, and we hope it may, there should be inscribed on it the names of all the youths who went out from the Como community to offer their lives in the service of their country.

"Missoula (MT) Daily Northwest" Tuesday 20 Apr 1920 p 2

SOLDIERS' MONUMENT.

A cast from a design furnished by Hiram Platt was made in the Como park Memorial day by Joseph Iten and assistants from Hamilton. The cast is of concrete and is in memory of Marcus Cook and John McConnell, soldiers who were in the service of the United States during the World war.

"Ravalli Republic" (Hamilton MT) Friday 3 Jun 1921 p 1

PLANS OF H. PLATT

Bronze Tablet for Soldiers' Monument at Como.

Provision Being Made for Names of Deceased Veterans of the Civil and World Wars.

Hiram Platt, the venerable Civil war veteran of Como, who designed the soldiers' monument near the Como school house, planned for the future. He has two bronze tablets for the monument, one for the Grand Army of the Republic and one for the American Legion. He has prepared the following communication to be read tomorrow at the meeting of John C. Freemont Post No. 21, Grand Army of the Republic:

"To the commander, adjutant and comrades of John C. Freemont Post No. 21, Grand Army of the Republic, Hamilton: I can not expect that any of us will live to see the soldiers' monument at Como finished or realize that I planned for the future to develop its usefulness and purpose. I place on it tablets to show the simple records of history that can be made enduring. I have two bronze tablets now ready and am negotiating for one to commemorate the military services of the late Jacob B. Overturf, a grand army veteran. It will occupy the front and middle space between the names of Marcus Cook and John McConnell. The names of the Darby legion at their decease will fall underneath in regular order, and names of the grand army under the Overturf tablet as they follow one by one.

"I now appeal to John C. Freemont Post No. 21 to help me pay for the tablet of Comrade Overturf, which will cost \$75 for an initial tablet. All tablets following will be at reduced cost. The tablets planned by me will be 8x10 inches. The friends of J. B. Overturf will be appealed to for any deficiency. In a spirit of loyalty I have undertaken this task.

"LIEUTENANT HIRAM PLATT,
"Como, Montana."

"Ravalli (MT) Republic" (Hamilton MT) Friday 30 Sep 1921 p 1

**Unique Memorial Shaft to Heroes
of America's Wars Stands in Grove
A Token to Bitter Root Veterans**



Beautiful concrete and bronze memorial shaft dedicated to the heroes of America's wars, standing in a little roadside park between Hamilton and Darby in the Bitter Root valley, Montana.

STANDING in a little rural park but a few steps from the post office of Como within full view of the automobile highway winding up the beautiful Bitter Root valley, is a bronze tableted pedestal of concrete dedicated to the soldiers of the United States who have given their lives to the cause of liberty in the wars in which this nation has participated.

Occupying a position in a little grove set apart to that purpose and situated at a considerable distance from any community, its nearest neighbor being a farm house down the road where is maintained the post office serving that portion of the valley, the monument is unique and in its loneliness draws to it the attention of the passerby.

The pedestal is of concrete, from eight to ten feet in height, and is surmounted by a metal flagstaff, from which on patriotic occasions, is floated the Stars and Stripes.

Five bronze plates are set in the upper portion of the pedestal, one in each of the five faces of that portion, bearing the names of five of the leading nations which participated in the recent World war on the side of democracy and liberty. These read "U. S. A.", "England", "France", "Italy", and "Japan."

Lower down on the main portion of the pillar of concrete are set other bronze tablets, the larger of which bears this inscription:

"To those citizens of the United States who at the call of humanity laid aside their vocations to become soldiers in the grand army of liberty this memorial is dedicated, 1922."

Beneath a bronze plate inscribed "St. Mihiel" is another, as a memorial to a soldier from the Bitter Root who gave up his life in the battle by that name, which reads:

"John Edmund McConnell, Died in France, Sep. 17, 1918."

Another plate carries the inscription "Tuscania", and beneath that is a tablet to one who lost his life in that disaster, "Marcus Barrett Cook, Born at Como. Died in Scotland." While below a plate dedicated to the G. A. R. is still another tablet to a veteran of the Civil War, "Jacob B. Overture. Died at Hamilton, April 21, 1913."

This memorial shaft was erected in this little Como park, on the Park to Park highway, by a veteran of the Civil war residing in the Bitter Root valley, Lieutenant Hiram Platt, who served in the 1st Pennsylvania cavalry through that conflict, and who is a member of the John C. Fremont Post, No. 21, Grand Army of the Republic.

It was donated by Lieut. Platt as a memorial in honor of the heroes who have upheld the honor and traditions of the United States in times of war.

many others from up and won the Bitter Root valley. The first portion of the dedication program was

of war.

The memorial was erected early in the summer of 1922 and was fittingly dedicated on the Sunday afternoon of June 11, 1922, in the presence of the veterans of the Civil war, the Spanish war, the World war, and

conducted in the nearby school house, by Lieut. Platt, then in his 85th year.

Adjutant Howard Dudley, of Hamilton Post of the American Legion, and a large number of legion members were present at the ceremony and formally took over the shaft.

MEMORIAL TO U VETS UNVEILED SATURDAY

Exercises to Be Part of Regular Class Day Exercises on Campus.

A bronze memorial tablet dedicated to the faculty members, alumni and undergraduates of the university who served in the World war and in memory of those who gave their lives in the service will be unveiled during the class day exercises Saturday morning. The tablet will be mounted on a slab of native granite and will be located in the triangle which is formed at the point where the paths from the main campus to the Natural Science building and the women's gymnasium intersect.

The dedication of this memorial to those who served in the war will conclude a five-year campaign on the campus to place a fitting memorial to university service men. In 1920, the movement was begun to raise money for the memorial and several contributions were made but the matter was left in abeyance until the past year when a committee consisting of representatives of the faculty, alumni, Central Board, D. A. V., A. W. S. Quadrons, Silent Sentinel and the Kaimin took up the work. Vivian Corbly is chairman of the committee and the other members are Dean A. L. Stone and T. C. Spaulding, Alva Rees, Grover Johnson, Lurena Black, Fred Martin, Eleanor Leach and Mar-

vin Porter.

The bronze tablet will bear the following inscription: "In honor of the faculty, alumni and undergraduates of the State University of Montana who served in the World war, and in memory of these who gave their lives in service:

"Ian C. Anderson, Virgil Bostwick, Lester Brennan, Roy S. Butzerin, Marcus Cook, Paul L. Dornblaser, Sidney W. Dunbar, Frederick O. Eitelberg, Francis Garrigus, James H. Haubensak, Samuel Hiebert, Harry H. Higman, Raymond F. Loranger, Carlos W. Matheny, James Muri, William E. Ryan, James C. Simpkins, Bruce McThomson, Henry P. Torrey, David M. Whitmore and Ward N. Woodward."

The stone upon which the tablet will be mounted already has been chosen by Dean T. C. Spaulding and Dean A. L. Stone and will be placed in position some time this week. Of the \$300 needed to pay for the memorial the committee has \$230.35 on hand and it is expected that the remaining \$70 will be turned in before school closes.

"Missoulian" (Missoula MT) Wednesday 10 Jun 1925 p 5

It was late in November of 1914 when the students and instructors of the journalism school were offered an inclosed bicycle shed in place of the army tents, and they were glad to make the change. Arrangements were made for the construction of a small shack back of Science hall, and the journalists moved there.

During the World war Marcus Cook hall, the fourth place to house the Montana school of journalism, was constructed as barracks for the Students' Army Training corps. This wooden structure since 1921 has sheltered the journalism school. The old shack is now a store room.

Into the new building is to go many of the treasures of the university. The Indian collections, rare Montana books and papers, historical articles, research studies, will be placed in the "Treasure room" on the third floor of the new strutcure. In addition, in the journalism seminar rooms will be placed files of old newspapers and magazines that have been collected.

"Western News" (Stevensville MT) Thursday 1 Oct 1936 p 4

Journalism Building to Be Dedicated Tomorrow

Great Edifice Is Planned For Journalism Purposes And Is Very Well Equipped

VISITORS at the school of journalism Monday will be as amazed as journalism students were earlier in the year by the completely different picture which the new building presents to those who have become accustomed to the badly-lighted, old "Shack"—Marcus Cook hall.

Not only are all the rooms in the new building well lighted and comfortably warm, but also they have been laid out with a purpose—to serve the needs of a school of journalism.

Take for example the first floor, with the large pressroom. In addition to all of the old equipment, a new automatic press, a reconditioned flatbed press, a new Blue-Streak linotype and other machinery have been purchased. The paper storage and stereotyping rooms have been set off from the remainder of the plant. The office of Charles W. Hardy, foreman, opens into the hallway and into the pressroom, permitting business callers to visit without impeding the work in the pressroom itself.

Also on the first floor are various publications offices, cloak rooms and a lavatory, as well as one large classroom. A complete photo-developing plant also is on this floor.

Second Floor Is the Heart.

The second floor is the heart of the school of journalism. The Kaimin editorial room, with its bright new desks, is a far cry from the dingy Shack quarters. The old arrangement had the Kaimin business manager downstairs, the editor upstairs in the editorial rooms. The new building gives them both private offices, side by side. Both offices lead off to a general business room, which is separated from the hall by a counter. The editors' office also leads off to the large editorial room.

Something was done—the school was given an enclosed bicycle shack. A little later the school was moved to another shack back of Science hall. After the war the school of journalism was housed in Marcus Cook hall, which had been constructed as barracks for the Students' Army Training corps. The fourth temporary home was the last. This year, upon the completion of the new \$200,000 building, the school of journalism enters upon a new career in which it may devote all of its energies to preparing students for the profession of journalism, instead of devoting at least some—if passing—attention to freezing temperatures in winter and boiling temperatures in spring and fall.

Full page of articles & photos about the new University of MT Journalism building, replacing its home in "The Shack" (Marcus Cook Hall) – excerpts from two separate articles cited –
 "The Missoulian" (Missoula MT) Sunday 12 Dec 1937 p 20

Feb. 5 – Anniversary of Disaster!

U-Boat Sinks the Tuscania

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



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



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

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

By ALBERT C. TILLMAN

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

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

Almost 20,000

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

British Vessel

The *Tuscania* was a British ship manned by a British crew; a fine ship, double stacker and carrying 3,000 American troops. The shortest route to Liverpool was south of Ireland and through the south channel of the Irish Sea but in an effort to fool the U boats we took the long way around and came in through the north channel of the Irish Sea. The same formation of convoy held constant all the way with the *Baltic* a quarter mile to our right and somewhat in advance of the *Tuscania*, with the battle wagon in front and the destroyers riding to port, starboard, and rear. During the trip across the Atlantic a British fireman on the ship came up topside to visit with us several times after he got off shift and he told us he had been working on ships between Liverpool and New York ever since the war began and had been aboard five different ships that had been sunk by German

This 20th Engineers consisted of almost 20,000 men who were recruited on a volunteer basis from all parts of the USA. A small detachment from Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana had enlisted in December and was sent to Ft. George Wright to be sworn in. We were sent immediately to Washington, D.C. My company consisted of four other boys from the Bitter Root: Elmer Cowan, James Babbitt and Lawrence Watters of Victor, and Marcus Cook of Como, after whom Cook Hall at Montana State University later was named.

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

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

U Boats but had been lucky enough to escape with his life each time. He said that the average ship hit by a torpedo went down in from three to 15 minutes. He said the English Channel had been a favorite place for German U Boats to lay in wait for Allied ships and recently had been taking a heavy toll of them. He said Fritz was after the Tuscania particularly because it had managed to elude them so often. We had boat drill each day learning to launch the lifeboats which were conveniently placed along the upper deck and each squad of men knew where their boat was located. A stairway led down to the waterline floor in the long hallway that led to the mess halls toward the front of the ship.

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

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

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

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

for us to come and get in this boat.

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

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

Lucky Miss

We could see a light in the distance and we were all hoping that we could manage some

Tangle of Gear

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

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

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

way to reach the area of that light. We found out afterward that this was a lighthouse for the purpose of keeping all ships away from a rocky coastline, and lucky it was that we were late in getting away from the sinking ship and hadn't time to reach that light before we were picked up and taken aboard the English trawler "Elf King" from Larne, Ireland. Our fate otherwise most certainly would have been the same as was that of 46 men out of my company who did reach the rocky coast of Scotland in another lifeboat, only to be dashed to death on the rocks by the turbulent waves in the darkness.

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

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

Drain Plug Out

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

British trawlers from ports along the Irish coast proved to be on the job cruising quietly on the inky water looking for lifeboats while using no lights of any kind in their search. They seemed to have an uncanny way of detecting their presence in the darkness. Finally one of them quietly slipped up beside our lifeboat from apparently nowhere; called to us in the darkness telling us not to be alarmed, that they were British seamen and had come to rescue us. Someone in our boat had cried out "Submarine" but the crew of the trawler soon allayed our fears and they immediately tossed a rope to each end of our boat pulling it directly up against the side of the trawler and the English sailors began reaching down over the rail, grabbing hands and pulling men up on to the deck.

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

"The Missoulian" (Missoula MT) Sunday 31 Jan 1965 p 26

Hell Gate Breezes

By Ed Erlandson

Shantyville has just about disappeared from the University of Montana campus.

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Those temporary buildings constructed as World War I training barracks have finally left the scene.

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First to go several years ago was the old student store which sat behind Main Hall near Dornblaser Stadium. They called it the Coke Store back in the good old days and it served as lunch counter and book shop until the late 1930s when the Student Union building became the student store.

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Then in what seemed like rather rapid order, Simpkins Hall, home of the Little Theater; Marcus Cook Hall, the old "Shack" to many a Journalism grad; the Photo Lab-TV building which had served first as the men's gym, then the women's gym, and the ROTC building, all came down.

This demolition cleared from the campus a Splinterville that originally had been intended to serve only during the duration of World War I. Simpkins, Marcus Cook and ROTC buildings were all part of the complex constructed about 1918.

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You might say the University made good use of these struc-

tures, pressed into service beyond the call of duty because there just weren't enough permanent buildings to house everyone.

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Of course, the old Women's Gym was not a part of the World War I construction, but it had outlived its usefulness.

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What seemed like a lot of room on the campus 10 years ago now seems like not nearly enough.

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They're going to plop down on the women's athletic field just east of the tennis courts a second high rise dorm. The tennis coach can check the backhand, forehand and overhand from overhead.

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And that new student center, which will replace in part the Lodge, which replaced the Student Union, which replaced the Coke Store, is to be constructed on the varsity football practice field just north of Dornblaser Field.

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It used to be that an old Grad coming back after 30 years didn't recognize the place. Now, if the Old Grad stays away three years, he hardly knows the old homestead, it's changing so fast.

"The Missoulian" (Missoula MT) Sunday 12 Dec 1965 p 4

Hidden war memorial may be moved

By Christine Johnson
Staff writer

DARBY — An obscure war memorial which has stood for nearly 60 years close to the old Como School north of Darby may soon be moved to a place of honor on the lawn of the Ravalli County Museum.

The Ravalli County commissioners gave their approval last week for the monument to be placed at the museum in Hamilton if the arrangements can be made by members of the Bitter Root Valley Historical Society.

Don Platt, who was visiting Hamilton from Newburg, Ore., told the commissioners Friday that his grandfather, Hiram Platt, had designed and erected the monument in 1922 to honor men of the Lake Como area who served in the Civil War or World War I.

Platt has offered to pay the cost of moving the cylindrical concrete monument from its present location on the Old Darby Road between the Como bridge and U.S. Highway 93.

Platt said the monument represents his grandfather's idea that "all men who served in the armed forces should be remembered and credited with loyalty and devotion to their country."

A series of bronze plaques on the monument honor John Edmond McConnell and Marcus Barrett Cook, who

died in World War I, and Jacob B. Overturf who was a veteran of the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) in the Civil War. A fourth plaque honoring Hiram Platt as a GAR veteran was added later.

The dedicatory plaque on the monument reads: "To those citizens of the U.S. who at the call of humanity laid aside their vocations to become soldiers in the Grand Army of Liberty this memorial is dedicated."

At the top of the monument a shrapnel shell stands as a spire.

The monument was erected close to the Bitterroot River on about two acres of ground donated by John Algie, a local property owner, Don Platt said. For many years the area was used as a community park and had tables and fireplaces.

Today the battered remains of a table, a few charred rocks and a thick growth of brush are all that is left of the park. The area is a popular fishing access and the anglers are probably the only ones who ever see the monument.

Platt and members of the historical society would like to have the monument moved before it is vandalized.

If their plans are successful, it will share space on the museum lawn with a better known World War I memorial, the Doughboy statue.



Staff photo by Christine Johnson

Dick Casey, a tourist from California who stopped to fish in the nearby Bitterroot River, looks at the war memorial monument.

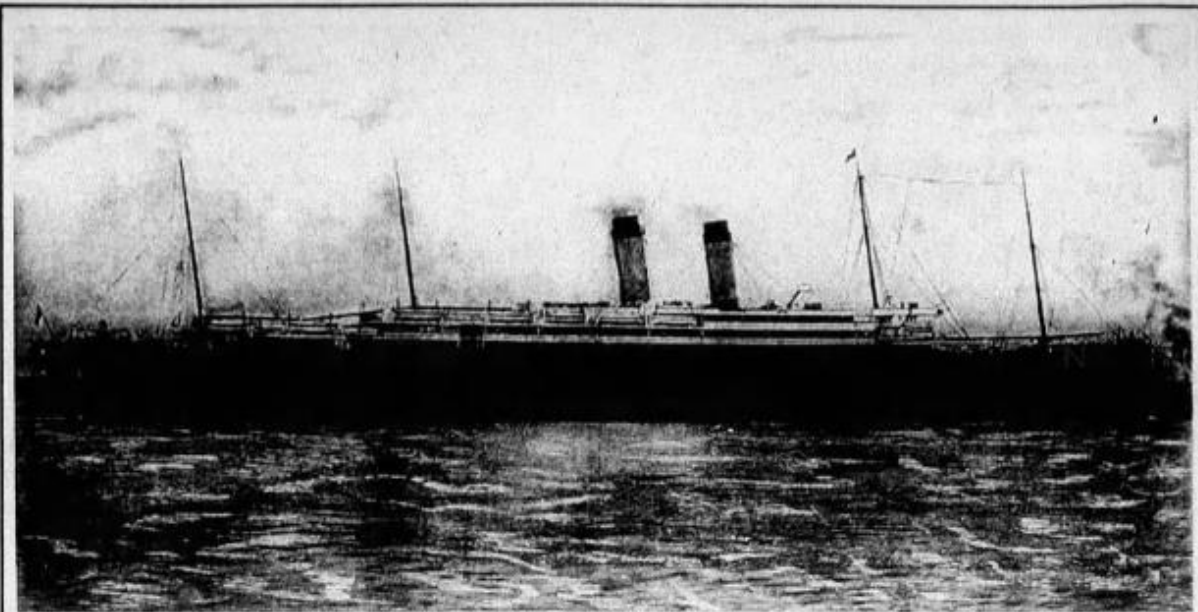
"Missoulian" (Missoula MT) Monday 13 Jul 1981 p 11



A MEMORIAL MONUMENT located near the old Como Bridge south of Hamilton may have a new home soon. Don Platt of Oregon has volunteered to move the memorial to his grandfather, Hiram Platt, a Civil War veteran, to the front of the county museum. Platt and members of the Historical Society told the commissioners Friday that vandalism incidents at the site prompted the proposed move. Other names inscribed on the monument are Marcus Barrett Cook, Jacob B. Overturf and John Edmund McConnell. (Pat Zeiler photo)

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R.M.S. BALTIC
33,000 TONS. LENGTH 400 FEET. BREADTH 50 FEET

The Baltic, accompanying the Tuscania on the convoy voyage.

Source: Wikipedia

*"Where do we go from here, boys;
where do we go from here?"*

FIRST MONTANA CASUALTIES

The *Tuscania* was the first ship carrying American troops en route to France to be sunk, and Americans across the country were stunned. The exact toll from the loss of *Tuscania* is unknown, with 210 soldiers and crew "Killed in Action" being commonly accepted. Many of those who had made it to lifeboats later died when their light craft were smashed against the rocky shorelines. At least 39 of the 384 crewmen aboard perished in the boiler rooms. The heroic action of Royal Navy escort ships, coupled with the leadership and discipline among the soldiers, saved a remarkable 2,187 men.

Ten Montanans lost their lives on *Tuscania*. Among them was Marcus Barrett Cook of Como, Ravalli County, the first casualty from the University of Montana. Cook had graduated from Hamilton High School and completed two months of his sophomore year in forestry at the university when he enlisted with two other university friends, Ralph S. Graves and Leo Stewart, in the 20th Engineers, and all were assigned to Company D. Both Graves and Stewart were among 85 known Montanan survivors.

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Another victim of the *Tuscania* was Elmer Luther Cowan, a graduate and star athlete of Victor High School in the Bitterroot Valley. Cowan's mother had been dead for many years, and with the October 1917 death of his father, young Cowan joined two of his brothers in enlisting in the Army. Cobb was assigned to Company D of the 20th. Chauncey J. Davidson, a native of Anaconda, enlisted in the Army, married Martha Harrison, and three days later departed for duty with the 20th. Eighteen months later his widow, Mrs. Martha Davidson, christened the USS *Deer Lodge* at Portland, Oregon.

Leonard H. Dethmann, a resident of McCabe, Roosevelt County, served with the 20th Engineers and died on the *Tuscania*. His veteran's tombstone in Arlington National Cemetery reads: "PETER [SIC] DETHMANN NORTH DAKOTA PVT 20 ENGRS FEB 5 1918." In his honor the Wolf Point, Montana American Legion adopted the name "Leonard Dethman Post No. 22."

Another casualty of *Tuscania* was John Edwards of Butte. Born in Cornwall, England, Private Edwards lived in Butte and was engaged to Jennie Barnes. They were to be married in January 1918, but he was called to service sooner than he expected, so the day was put off until the "home-coming," which they hoped would be in a few months.

Jennie heard from the war department that he had been on Tuscania, but had not been located. A telegram followed that he was among the missing, and then came the heartbreaking one which told of his death and burial on a slope on the Scottish coast. Private Edwards' veteran's headstone in Arlington National Cemetery reads: "JOHN ENWARDS [sic] MONTANA PVT 20 ENGRS FEB 6 1918."

First Lt. William Binnie of Fallon, Prairie County, was first reported missing, and only later was his death confirmed and his wife notified. The nephew of Major J. F. Binnie, commanding Base Hospital Unit No. 28 in France, Lt. Binnie had moved from Kansas City to Montana and was traveling to France to receive advanced training at the front.

He is buried at Brookwood American Military Cemetery in Woking Borough, Surrey, England. The tribute on his parents' gravestone in Dean Cemetery, Edinburgh, Scotland reads: "Lieut. William Binnie United States Army Who Was Lost with the U.S. Transport Tuscania on 5th February 1918."

1918."

George Nelson Bjork, born at Backefors, Sweden in June 1892, worked as a farm laborer when he registered for the draft in Polson, Flathead County, in June 1917. He entered the Army from St. Helens, Oregon and was assigned to Company F, 20th Engineers. Jack J. Byrnes from Butte served in Company E, 20th.

Upon his death, his mother, Mrs. James Byrne of Butte, applied to the district board for the exemption of her son, James, explaining that her other son John J. Byrne "is now sleeping in the bottom of the Atlantic, having been aboard the Tuscania." She was successful and her son John did not serve.

Charles Emil Swanson of Wagner, Phillips County, had been a resident of Montana for

three years after moving from Rothschild, Wisconsin. At Wagner, Swanson managed the Rogers-Templeton Lumber company's yard, before enlisting in the 20th Engineers. Private Swanson rests today in Pine Grove Cemetery in Wisconsin.

Eugene W. Snyder was born in Montana in 1898. He moved to Rimrock, Washington and worked as a logger for the Reclamation Service before enlisting in Company F, 20th Engineers. He rests today in Mountain View Memorial Park in Lakewood, Washington.

Father:

Frank L. Cook Montana Pioneer Passes on Coast

Early Resident of Bitter
Root Valley Dies at San
Diego. Funeral There.

Hamilton, Aug. 25.—Frank L. Cook, member of the Montana Society of Pioneers, died yesterday at San Diego, Cal., word received by his only daughter, Mrs. George R. Durland, of the Como locality, stated today. Mr. Cook was born at Kalamazoo, Mich., February 24, 1853, and was 86 years of age. He came to Montana in 1868 by steamboat up the Missouri river. He settled at Boulder and there he was married to Mary Douglas, member of another pioneer family. They came together to the Bitter Root valley in 1883, settling first on a homestead that is now the Walter Long ranch, south of Darby. In 1892 they

building a comfortable home where they lived until 1919, when they went to San Diego to live. Mrs. Cook died in 1926 and her husband will be buried by her side at San Diego.

Mr. Cook's death recalls the World war tragedy that claimed the life of his son, Marcus, with other Montana young men when the Tuscania was torpedoed off the coast of Scotland in 1918 as American troops were being transported to the battlefields of France. Other tragedies in the family were the deaths, first of his son, Hiram, then a Montana State College student, in the Yellowstone river, and a younger son, George, who died in Florida a few years ago. The daughter here and the sons, Theodore, of San Francisco, and Frank, Jr., of San Diego, and the daughter-in-law, Mrs. George Cook, at Tampa, Fla., are the only relatives. Mr. Cook was a rancher and fruitgrower of prominence in the valley for many years. Mrs. Durland has made several journeys south to visit her father, the last being in 1937-38.

"The Missoulian" (Missoula MT) Saturday 26 Aug 1939 p 2

Como.—Mrs. George R. Durland was advised of the death of her father, Frank L. Cook, 86, in San Diego, Calif., Thursday. Cook, a native of Michigan, was a member of the Society of Montana Pioneers.

"Helena (MT) Independent-Record" Saturday 26 Aug 1989 p 5

Thomas Sherrill has sold his ranch near Como to Frank L. Cook and is now building a residence on Fourth st., Hamilton, where he will bring his family in a few weeks.

"Ravalli Republic" (Hamilton MT) Saturday 26 Nov 1892 p 1

Notice for Publication.
 [U. S. Land Office, Missoula, Montana.]
 December, 16, 1898.

Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before F. J. Morris, United States Commissioner at Hamilton, Montana, on January 30, 1899, viz:

FRANK L. COOK,
 who made Adjoining Farm Homestead Entry No. 567 for the north half of the southeast quarter, the southwest quarter of the northeast quarter of section 22, township 4 north, range 21 west.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of, said land, viz:

James Tabor, W. B. Harlan, J. T. Logan,
 Eli White, all of Como, Montana.

ELMER E. HERSHEY, Register.

"Ravalli Republic" (Hamilton MT) Wednesday 21 Dec 1898 p 2

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

**Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Cook of Como
Have Enjoyed Twenty-Five Years
of Wedded Bliss.**

Como, April 23.—Twenty of the friends and relatives of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cook assembled at their pleasant home Wednesday evening of last week and gave them a genuine surprise. The event was in celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the wedding of that worthy couple. After a pleasant evening the guests produced baskets of refreshments, including ice cream, cake, etc., and a bountiful repast was enjoyed. On behalf of those assembled and others, W. B. Harlan, in a humorous speech, presented Mr. and Mrs. Cook with a supply of spoons and other articles of white metal. Several articles were also received by mail from distant friends. At a late hour the guests departed, wishing them many happy returns of the day and that they might live to see their golden wedding and more ere called away.

"Ravalli Republic" (Hamilton MT) Friday 24 Apr 1908 p 1

FRUITGROWERS OF MONTANA CONVENE

(Continued From Page One.)

The house then adjourned until 10:00 o'clock in the morning.

The afternoon session was held at the Lucas opera house where the fruit exhibit had been placed during the forenoon. The stage, with its collection of red apples, presented an attractive appearance and before it was an audience of 200 persons wearing the red apple badge of the association. The excellence of the fruit was a surprise to even the fruitgrowers.

Among the exhibitors are: J. B. Taylor, Miss Ollie Rennix, G. H. Davenport, E. A. Johnson, J. O. Read, Oliver Blood and M. C. Rear of Hamilton; M. H. Pierce of Woodside; Richard Creig of Kallispell; H. Platt and Sons and Frank L. Cook of Como; Rev. J. G. Clark of Fromberg and Stiles and Peterson of Victoria. The exhibit of Miss Mary Smith of Flathead county arrived this evening, and is a fine collection of fruit.

"Butte (MT) Miner" Wednesday 10 Feb 1909 p 4

Mother:

EARLY VALLEY SETTLER DEAD IN CALIFORNIA CITY

HAMILTON, Jan. 30.—Word was received here Wednesday of the death of Mrs. Frank L. Cook Tuesday night in San Diego, Cal. Death came after a long illness. Burial will take place in San Diego.

Mrs. Cook was one of the pioneers of Montana and one of the early settlers in the Bitter Root valley. In 1868, when but 5 years of age, she came to the state with her parents and lived for a number of years near Boulder. After her marriage to Mr. Cook she came to the Bitter Root valley with her husband. They located near Como, being among the first settlers in that district.

Besides her husband there survive her, a daughter, Mrs. George Durland, who left here last Monday for San Diego, and two sons, Theodore, a student at the University of Pennsylvania, and Frank jr., who was with her when the end came.

Mary Emma Douglas Cook - "Anaconda (MT) Standard" Sunday 31 Jan 1926 p 23

Frank Cook

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



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Spouse	Mary E Douglass
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I hereby certify that I united in
 Marriage
 Mr Frank Cook
 and
 Miss Mary E Douglass on the
 15th day of April 1883 at the
 Residence of the Brides Father Name
 Boulder City Jefferson Co Montana
 Rev Thos A Todd

Recorded April 20th 1883 at 7 AM
 J W Stinson
 County Recorder

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MRS. FRANK COOK, PIONEER OF BITTER ROOT, PASSES

Word Is Received of Death
in San Diego.

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Surviving Mrs. Cook are her husband; two sons, Theodore, a student at the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, and Roy, who was with her at her death; and a daughter, Mrs. George Durland of Como, who left here Monday for San Diego.

Death has claimed three grown sons of Mrs. Cook. George, who died in Florida last year; Byron, a former State College student at Bozeman, who lost his life in the Yellowstone; and Marcus, for whom the Marcus Cook hall at the State University in Missoula was named, who was one of the victims of the Lusitania which was sunk by a German submarine during the World war.

Some of the errors: Marcus Cook (not Byron) died on Tuscania, not Lusitania – Hiram (not Byron) drowned in the Yellowstone River - son Roy had died in 1889 so was not a survivor – it was Frank Jr. who was with her when she died - “Missoula (MT) Sentinel” Wednesday 27

Jan 1926 p 1

MRS. F. L. COOK DEAD

Pioneer Resident of the Bitter Root Valley, Crossing the Plains Fifty-Eight Years Ago.

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"Ravalli Republic" (Hamilton MT) Friday 29 Jan 1926 p 1

OBITUARY.

Mary E. Cook passed away at San Diego, Cal., January 26, 1926, after a lingering illness of several months.

She was born in Nebraska City, Neb., Nov. 27, 1862, the first child of Mr. and Mrs. George A. Douglas. She came with her parents to Montana in 1864, arriving at Little Boulder early in 1865, where she lived until her marriage. She was married April 15, 1883 to Mr. Frank L. Cook. Six children were born to this union, three of whom survive. They are Mrs. Kate Durland of Como, Montana; Theodore, who lives in New Jersey, and Frank, Jr., who lives in San Diego. The oldest son, Hirman D., was accidentally drowned near Livingston in 1902; another son, Marcus D., went down on the Tuscalina during the World war; and George H. died in Florida in 1925.

Mr. and Mrs. Cook made their home at Como in the Bitter Root valley until about eight years ago when they moved to Salt Lake City where they lived about three years, going from there to San Diego.

She is also survived by her husband, three brothers, Arthur W. Douglas of Portland, Ore., George A. Douglas of Doty, Wash., and John F. Douglas of Jefferson Island, Mont., and one sister, Mrs. Pearl Wertz of Whittier, Cal.

GEORGE A. DOUGLAS WAS PIONEER OF STATE

**Funeral of Boulder Resident
Held Yesterday on Ranch
Where He Had Lived for
Nearly Half Century.**

George A. Douglas, whose funeral was held yesterday at his ranch home two miles south of Boulder, was a pioneer of Montana, having lived in the state for 48 years. Many Good Templars went to the funeral yesterday, as Mr. Douglas was the oldest member of the order in the treasure state.

Mr. Douglas was born in Chateaugay, Franklin county, New York, March 7, 1831, the son of Augustus and Sophia Sylvester Douglas. He remained there until he was 23 years of age when he removed to Madison, Wis. He worked as a fireman on the Milwaukee & Mississippi railroad for a year and then removed to Nebraska, where he was employed as a carpenter and farmer. Because of ill-health he started overland for Montana in 1864 and arrived in Virginia City in August of that year. In 1865 he removed to Little Boulder, where he made his home until death came.

In 1861 Mr. Douglas was married to

Calista Allen, daughter of James F. Allen. Of the union seven children are living and two are dead. The survivors are Mary E., wife of Frank L. Cook of Como; Clara M., wife of T. C. Grady of Missoula; Elmer A. of Helena, Arthur W. of Great Falls, George A. Jr. of Helena, John F. of Cardwell, and Carl C., wife of Bernard Wertz of Salmon, Ida. His wife, two sons, John and Arthur, and Mrs. Wetz were with him when the end came.

Mr. Douglas had been ill for some time, but it was not believed that his condition was serious until a few days ago. He was a charter member of the Boulder Star lodge of Good Templars and has been prominent in the grand lodge affairs of the society. His whole life was devoted to the cause of prohibition. He was also a member of the Society of Montana Pioneers, in which he took a deep interest. Interment was made in the Boulder cemetery.

Maternal grandfather - "Butte (CA) Miner" Monday 29 Jul 1912 p 5

Siblings:

OBSEQUIES OF HIRAM COOK

**Many Friends of the Deceased Gather
at the Home of Mr. and Mrs.**

F. L. Cook on Tuesday.

Como, August 2.—The remains of Hiram D. Cook, who was drowned in the Yellowstone river near Livingston, July 22, were brought to the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Cook, last Monday afternoon. The funeral was held Tuesday at 10 o'clock, the services being conducted by Rev. F. N. Cockcroft of Hamilton, interment being at Darby.

A large gathering of relatives, friends and neighbors assembled to pay their last tribute of respect to one who was held in the very highest esteem by all who knew him. A profusion of flowers was sent as a slight token of esteem by many friends.

The parents have lost a kind and loving son, the brothers and sister a thoughtful and affectionate brother, and all who knew him will ever miss a warm true friend. The bereaved family have the sympathy of all the community in their untimely loss.

The deceased was twenty-two years of age, and was born and raised in the Bitter Root valley. For years he had been an active worker in the Christian Endeavor Society and in the Sabbath school. He was a member of the Presbyterian church at Bozeman, where he had been pursuing a course of study at the Agricultural college. During the summer vacation he was employed by the Northern Pacific railway in the draughting office at Livingston.

Elmer Douglas of Bozeman, and Mrs. T. C. Grady of Missoula, uncle and aunt of the deceased, and Gordon Stuart of Missoula were present at the funeral. A number of friends were also present from Hamilton.

Brother Hiram Douglas Cook (1884-1906) – "Ravalli Republic" (Hamilton MT) Friday 3 Aug 1906 p 1

Engineering Society Organized.

For the purpose of promoting engineering interests and supplying the long felt need of some adequate medium through which to obtain engineering supplies, the Engineer society of the Montana state college has been organized. The society starts off with 30 members and has elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, Howard Flager, '06, of Red Lodge; vice president, Floyd Lorentz '07, of Toston; business manager, Ralph Boyles, '07, of Bozeman; secretary, Carl Widen-er, '08, of Bozeman; treasurer, Hiram D. Cook, '08, of Como; sergeant at arms, Fred Ervin, '08, of Bozeman.

Hiram will not graduate in 1908 from Montana State College – “Carbon County Chronicle”
(Red Lodge MT) Tuesday 11 Oct 1904 p 5

AGGY CADET CORPS OFFICERS APPOINTED

Bozeman, Feb. 5.—At the college assembly the announcement was made of the appointments of officers for the cadet corps for the year. The men were selected on the basis of a competitive examination conducted last week, and the appointments were made by President Hamilton, on nomination of Professor J. A. Thaler, the commandant.

The appointments are as follows:

Company A.

Captain, Floyd S. Lorentz, Toston; first lieutenant, Percy H. Hutton, Ennis; second lieutenant, Harold J. Flager, Red Lodge; first sergeant, Warren Griffith, Gebo; sergeants, R. E. Bancroft, Garrettsville, Ohio; William A. Young, Gilt Edge; Irvin Mountjoy, Twin Bridges; corporals, Fred Ervin, Carl Gottschalck, Walter T. Livingston, Bozeman.

Company B.

Captain, Hiram D. Cook, Como; first lieutenant, Ralph G. Boyles, Bozeman; second lieutenant, Charles O. Ray, Bozeman; sergeants, Howell Richards, Livingston; J. A. Peterson, Absarokee; Perry J. Moore, Twodot; William S. Bole, Bozeman; corporals, Homer Goodell, Philbrook; George Lyons, Twodot.

"Butte (MT) Miner" Monday 6 Feb 1905 p 1

FRIENDS FEAR THAT ANGLER IS DROWNED

Hiram D. Cook Fails to Return
From Fishing Trip on River
Near Livingston.

(Special Dispatch to the Miner.)

Livingston, Mont., July 24.—Hiram D. Cook, an engineer employed in the engineering department of the Northern Pacific railway at this point, is believed to have been drowned in the Yellowstone river yesterday while out fishing with a party of friends. The party went down the Yellowstone about four miles from Livingston and soon after reaching the fishing grounds all separated and began fishing at different points on the river. Later in the afternoon the members of the party met at a point agreed upon for the homeward trip. Cook failed to show up, and although his friends hunted upon the banks of the river until after dark, no trace of the missing man could be found. Today another searching party went carefully over the ground on both sides of the river, but without success. When last seen Cook was standing on a rocky point and had waded out waist deep, where the fishing was supposed to be good. This point was examined today and was found to be a very dangerous position. The water swept swiftly around the point and but a few feet from the shore it was several feet deep. It is believed Cook waded off into water beyond his depth and was carried down with the swift current. Young

Cook was a student at the agricultural college at Bozeman and was employed with the Northern Pacific engineering corps during his vacation. His parents reside at Como, this state. They have been notified of the probable drowning of their son and are expected to arrive in Livingston tomorrow morning.

DROWNED WHILE FISHING

**Hiram D. Cook Supposed to Have Lost
His Life in the Yellow-
stone River.**

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Cook, who reside near the Como school house, received the sad intelligence Wednesday morning that their son, Hiram D. Cook, is supposed to have drowned in the Yellowstone river while fishing Sunday. Mr. Cook left on the afternoon train for Livingston to return with the remains as soon as they are recovered. When young Cook failed to return to the place agreed on for the homeward trip the party he was with searched along the river banks, but no trace of him was found. The last seen of the missing man he was waist deep in the water where the fishing was good. The water is swift at this point and it is believed he got beyond his depth and was carried down the stream.

down the stream.

The deceased was the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Cook and was a student at the Bozeman agricultural college, taking a course in civil engineering. During the vacation he was employed as draftsman in the railroad office of the Northern Pacific Company. He was born 22 years ago above Darby on June 23, and had been attending school at Bozeman for four years. He was a promising young man and his untimely ending is sincerely mourned by a large circle of friends of the family. He was strong and active, and those who knew him best are of the belief that he is alive.

"Ravalli Republic" (Hamilton MT) Friday 27 Jul 1906 p 2

EARNEST SEARCH FOR YOUNG HIRAM COOK

(Special Dispatch to the Miner.)

Bozeman, Mont., July 26.—President J. M. Hamilton received a letter this morning from Prof. R. W. Fisher, who went over to Livingston last night to take part in the search for Hiram Cook, who was supposed to have been drowned below that point last Sunday morning while fishing in the Yellowstone river. Prof. Fisher said that he was organizing a party to go out today on horseback with the determination of finding the boy if possible. Should no word of the lost boy be received here tonight, President Hamilton will probably go over to Livingston in the morning, and perhaps will organize a searching party from among the boy's friends here. Cook's home is in Como. He has been attending the college for four years, and should have graduated from the civil engineering course next year. He was regarded as one of the strongest students in his class. He had work for the summer with the engineering department of the Northern Pacific, and expected to return to college in the fall. His friends here are many, and they are hoping that some less distressing discovery will be made than the one now feared.

"Butte (MT) Miner" Friday 27 Jul 1906 p 3

IN THE RIVER

**HIRAM COOK FALLS A PREY TO THE
TREACHEROUS YELLOWSTONE.**

WHEN LAST NOTICED

**He Was Wading Down Stream—Searching
Parties Fail to Find any Trace of
His Hat or Pole.**

Unless the miraculous has happened, a condition that seems almost improbable, the body of Hiram Cook, a clerk in the office of Chief Engineer Frank J. Taylor, is drifting somewhere in the waters of the treacherous Yellowstone between this place and Grey Cliff, where the remains of those unfortunate enough to fall into the stream usually come to the surface.

Sunday morning young Cook and Messrs. Vorge, Manderson and Christopherson left this city for a fishing expedition on the Lower Yellowstone. Reaching a point near the Milligan ranch, about seven miles east of the city, they camped and then started to fish up and down stream. Naturally, of course, the party separated in course of time, Vorge and Cook being the nearest together. Along in the afternoon Vorge noticed Cook wading down stream at a point in the big bend directly opposite the ranch of County Commissioner

Ebert, and shortly after that the man disappeared behind a clump of bushes. Vorge thought nothing of it at the time, but noticed that at the point where Cook then was two swift currents came together at the point of an island, making a very deep pool and a very swift one.

Later on in the evening Vorge joined the other members of the party, but Cook was not present. A search was made for him in the vicinity where the balance of the party reunited, and it was finally agreed that he had gotten so far away from the camping place that he had decided to walk on home, a distance of less than three miles, rather than return to camp. The party then came to this city and inquiry was made at the places where Cook took his meals and where he roomed, but nothing had been heard from him. Monday passed and no word was received from him. That evening the gentlemen who had accompanied him on the trip went down the river to search, and Coroner Short also hitched up and drove down in that vicinity. Early Tuesday morning Messrs. Christopherson, Vorge and Manderson again visited the place and made a complete search of every point and the river bank between the place where he was last seen and Elton, but no trace of the man, his hat, fishing tackle, or any other object by which he might have been identified could be found. The party returned late in the evening, thoroughly convinced that Cook had gotten beyond his depth and been carried down by the treacherous undercurrent of the Yellowstone.

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Cook was about 22 years of age and a resident of the Bitter Root, where his parents reside. He graduated from the Agricultural college at Bozeman with the last class, being a member of the scientific department, and then came over to take a position in Mr. Taylor's office. He was a young man of exemplary habits and his sudden disappearance is a cause of deep regret among a large circle of acquaintances. No other reason but drowning could be assigned for his disappearance, as he was young, in the best of health, with an exceedingly bright future, and no known cause to induce him to disappear from his home and friends.

He will be remembered by many as having a birth mark immediately under his left eye.

"Livingston (MT) Enterprise" Saturday 28 Jul 1906 p 1

HIRAM COOK'S BODY FOUND IN YELLOWSTONE

Special Dispatch to the Standard.

Livingston, July 28.—The body of Hiram Cook was found in the Yellowstone this afternoon about 20 miles below Livingston. Cook is the young civil engineer who was drowned last Sunday while fishing a few miles below Livingston. His father arrived from Cosmo during the week and before returning to his home last night instituted a systematic search for the body. A party of Cook's friends went down this evening to bring the body, which is now on a sand bar in the middle of the river, to Livingston.

"Anaconda (MT) Standard" Sunday 29 Jul 1906 p 1

BODY OF HIRAM COOK HAS BEEN RECOVERED

Special Dispatch to the Standard.
Bozeman, July 29.—The body of Hiram Cook, who was drowned a week ago to-day in the Yellowstone river below Livingston, was recovered yesterday afternoon about 16 miles east of that point, and passed through here to-day for Como in charge of his uncle, Mr. Douglass, and Vincent K. Wood, a fellow student and fellow employe of the Northern Pacific company. Flowers were sent from here with the body. Hiram Cook was well known among the students here during the last four years, and had the respect and esteem of all. Regret over his untimely death is universal.

"Anaconda (MT) Standard" Monday 30 Jul 1906 p 1

Resolutions.

Since it has pleased Almighty God to take from us one of our most esteemed members and trustworthy workers, it behooves us to give some expression to our feelings and assure his survivors of the esteem in which he was held among us; therefore,

Be it Resolved, That, through us, the Arena Literary Society expresses its profoundest regrets at the untimely demise of our friend and associate, Hiram Douglas Cook.

That, to the dear ones he left behind, we extend our tenderest sympathy and lament the fact that the Infinite One saw fit to deal thus with him.

Let it be further Resolved, That, as a society, we will always hold his remembrance in the highest regard and ever revere his associations with us as a fellow member and a friend.

And let it also be Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the parents of our unfortunate brother, and that a copy be furnished the local papers for publication.

ARTHUR PETERSON,
THOS. B. QUAW, Jr.,
IRVINE MOUNTJOY.

"Bozeman (MT) Courier" Tuesday 6 Nov 1906 p 2

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George Harlan Cook Is Dead in Florida

Hamilton, Jan. 7.—Special.—George Harlan Cook, formerly of Como, died on New Year's day at Tampa, Fla., according to word received here by his sister, Mrs. G. S. Durland. Mr. Cook was born at the Harlan ranch near Como, 38 years ago and spent his early life in that community. In 1912 he graduated from the agricultural college at Bozeman and the following year was married to Miss Vera Anderson of that city. He is survived by his widow and three daughters, Mary, Janet and Doris, and by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Cook, who now live at San Diego, Cal.; two brothers, Frank, Jr., of San Diego and Theodore, who is a student at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, and the sister at Como.

A brother, Marcus Cook, perished when the Lusitania was sunk during the World war and an elder brother, Hiram, was drowned in the Yellowstone river near Livingston several years ago. The family were among the first homesteaders in the Como community. Burial was made at Lake Hamilton, Fla., where the wife and children reside.

Brother George Harlan Cook (1887-1925) – "The Missoulian" (Missoula MT) Thursday 8 Jan 1925 p 6

No. 2685

Application for Marriage License

STATE OF MONTANA,

County of Gallatin,

My real and full name is George Harland Cook
 aged 26 years, born at Come in the County of Bozeman and
State of Montana and now residing at Gregson in the County of
Silver Bow and State of Montana

The christian and surnames of my father
Frank L. Cook
 The christian and maiden names of my mother
Mary Douglas

My color is white I have not
 been previously married, and I desire a license to authorize my marriage with Vera Anderson

aged 25 years, born at Stettin in the County of
State of Illinois and now residing at Bozeman
 in the County of Gallatin and State of Montana The christian and surnames
 of her father Chas Anderson Her mother's christian and
 maiden names Mary Bursch Her color is white
not been previously married.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 16 day of July 1917

Geo. L. Cook
J. L. House
J. F. Preston

No. 2685

Marriage License

STATE OF MONTANA,

County of Gallatin,

TO ANY PERSON AUTHORIZED TO SOLEMNIZE MARRIAGES, GREETING:

You are hereby authorized to join in lawful wedlock and to celebrate within this County the rites and ceremonies of marriage
 between George Harland Cook of Gregson, Mont. a white man,
 aged 26 years, born at Come in the County of Bozeman
 and State of Montana and now residing at
Gregson in the County of Silver Bow State of Montana
 and son of Frank L. Cook and Mary Cook whose
 maiden name was Mary Douglas and who has not been previously married
 with Vera Anderson a white woman, aged 25 years, born at
Stettin in the County of La Salle and State
of Illinois and now residing at Bozeman in the County of
Gallatin and State of Montana and daughter of
Chas Anderson and Mary Anderson whose maiden name was
Mary Bursch and who has not been previously married.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the said District
 Court this 16 day of July A. D. 1917

(Seal)

J. L. House
 Clerk of the District Court.
 By J. F. Preston Deputy Clerk.

No. 2685 **Marriage License**

STATE OF MONTANA, }
County of Gallatin, } TO ANY PERSON AUTHORIZED TO SOLEMNIZE MARRIAGES, GREETING:

You are hereby authorized to join in lawful wedlock and to celebrate within this County the rites and ceremonies of marriage between George Harlan Cook of Greysen, Mont. a white man, aged 21 years, born at Conno in the County of Paradise and State of Montana and now residing at Greysen in the County of Silver Bow State of Montana and son of Frank L. Cook and Mary Cook whose maiden name was Mary Douglas and who has not been previously married with Vera Anderson a white woman, aged 25 years, born at theater in the County of La Salle and State of Illinois and now residing at Bozeman in the County of Hellgate and State of Montana and daughter of Charles Anderson and Mary Anderson whose maiden name was Mary Bursch and who has not been previously married.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the said District Court this 16 day of July A. D. 1913

(Seal) H. L. House Clerk of the District Court.
By J. F. Preston Deputy Clerk.
By J. F. Preston Deputy Clerk.

Certificate of Marriage

STATE OF MONTANA, }
County of Gallatin, } I HEREBY CERTIFY, that on the 16 day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and thirteen at Bozeman in said County, I, the undersigned, a Chapman did join in the HOLY BONDS OF MATRIMONY, with their mutual consent, according to the laws of Montana, George Harlan Cook of the County of La State of Ill and Vera Anderson of the County of Hellgate State of Montana.

In Presence of
Ruth E. Anderson
Will L. Howell Witnesses Raymond M. Houston, Pastor
1st Pres. Ch. Bozeman

Signed Geo. H. Cook GROOM
Vera Anderson Cook BRIDE

Certificate filed for record this 22 day of July A. D. 1913
By J. F. Preston Deputy Clerk. H. L. House Clerk of the District Court.

MISS VERA ANDERSON'S ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED

The Santa Monica (California) Daily Outlook of recent date gives an account of a social event of interest to Bozeman people, as it announces the engagement of Miss Vera Anderson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Anderson, now in California, and Mr. George Cook of Manhattan, formerly a student at the Montana State college. Miss Anderson will return to Bozeman the last of this month with her mother and the other members of the family and the wedding will take place in July.

The engagement was announced at a luncheon given by Miss Vera for Miss Marguerite Berkley of Santa Monica, in honor of her approaching marriage. From the account in the paper the following may be of interest to Miss Anderson's many friends here:

"The guests at one of the several pre-nuptial affairs given for Miss Marguerite Berkley, were initiated into another delightful and wholly unsuspected secret. Miss Vera Anderson was hostess and incidentally later in the evening the center of an interested and animated circle of friends, the secret betrayed being of her engagement to Mr. George Cook, of Montana. With her mother and sister, Miss Anderson has been spending the winter in Santa Monica and during the few months of her visit here, she has gathered about her a large circle of admiring friends, no one of whom, however, suspected the interesting news. Late in the month, the family will return to Montana where the wedding will be solemnized."

"Bozeman (MT) Daily Chronicle" Saturday 14 Jun 1913 p 3

COLLEGE FRIENDSHIP LEADS TO WEDDING

A pretty home wedding was celebrated Wednesday evening at 8:30 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Rose, on South Tracy avenue, when Miss Vera Anderson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. B. Anderson, was given in marriage to Mr. George Harlan Cook of Gregson Springs.

The spacious home was very attractive in its decoration of flowers, smilax and ferns forming a dainty setting for quantities of pink and white carnations. The large window recess in the dining room was transformed into a bower by these dainty flowers and festoons, under which the bridal party took their stand.

The serving table was laid in the library which was profusely decorated with smilax, ferns and pansies. A large basket of these flowers occupied the center of the table, which presented a very beautiful picture with its snowy damask, silver and cut glass.

After the guests assembled, Mr. Will Shovell of Hamilton sang two beautiful selections. At 8:30 the strains of Lohengrin wedding march, played by Miss Zada Sales, floated through the house, and the bride, attended by her maid of honor, Miss Ruth Anderson, descended the stairs, and was joined in the hall by the groom and his best man, Mr. Shovel.

Mr. Houston, of the Presbyterian church, read the marriage service, following the time honored custom of plighting the troth with a ring, the bride being given away by her father.

The bride's dress was white crepe meteor, and she carried a shower bouquet of white roses. The maid of honor wore a dress of seed pearl chiffon, over pink messaline, and carried a bouquet of pink sweet peas.

After congratulations and best wishes were showered on the happy couple, dainty refreshments of ice cream, cake and coffee were served, Mrs. W. R. C. Stewart serving the ice cream, and Miss Kellar pouring the coffee. The young ladies assisting in the serving were Misses Helen Rose, the Misses Darnell and Zada Sales.

The next important event of the evening was the cutting of the bridal cake, an exquisite decorated white cake, the bride giving the first slice to the groom, then the close personal friends of her girlhood having first choice, each hoping to win the lucky slice containing the ring.

Mrs. Cook is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. B. Anderson of this city, a young lady of charming personality, and possessing traits of character which have endeared her to her many friends in Bozeman and elsewhere in the state.

Mr. Cook is from Hamilton, Montana, and for the past few years has attended the Agricultural College here, graduating in 1912. He is a man of sterling qualities and well liked by all who know him. At present, he is superintendent of the Anaconda Copper Mining company's farm near Gregson Springs, and it is here that Mr. and Mrs. Cook will make their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Cook carry with them the good wishes of numerous friends, for, as Vera Anderson, the bride has been popular with both old and young, since her childhood.

"Bozeman (MT) Daily Chronicle" Thursday 17 Jul 1913 p 3

The month of June had nothing on the past week of July as an exposition of the power of Cupid, and many were the marriage licenses issued by the clerk of the district court. On Wednesday, July 16, George Harland Cook and Miss Vera Anderson were given a license to wed, and they were married on that evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Rose on South Tracy avenue by Rev. R. M. Huston. On

"Bozeman (MT) Courier" Wednesday 23 Jul 1913 p 1

FAMILY REUNION AND DINNER AT CHAS. B. ANDERSON HOME

Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Anderson had a pleasant family gathering and dinner party at their home on Tracy avenue south on New Years day, having all their children and grandchildren and the married members of the family at home. Included in the group were Lee Andrson, the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Anderson, and his bride, Mr. and Mrs. George Cook and two children, Mrs. Cook being formerly Miss Vera Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Ivyl Wetmore and baby, Mrs. Wetmore being formerly Miss Ruth Anderson, Donald Anderson, Margaret Anderson and Charles B. Anderson, jr. All enjoyed the family re-union and the excellent home dinner.

"Bozeman (MT) Daily Chronicle" Wednesday 3 Jan 1917 p 3

FORMER COMO MAN

**George Harlan Cook Died
At Tampa, Florida.**

**Passed Boyhood Days in Bitter Root
Valley and Graduated From
Agricultural College.**

George Harlan Cook, a former Como man, died New Year's day at Tampa, Fla., according to word received Tuesday by his sister, Mrs. George Durland of Como. Death was caused by blood poisoning and occurred after only five days of serious illness. Burial was made at Lake Hamilton, where the family resided.

Mr. Cook was born at Como January 18, 1887, and spent his early years there. In 1912 he graduated from the agricultural college at Bozeman. The following year he was married to Miss Vera Anderson of that city and three daughters, Mary, Janet and Doris, were born to them. The wife and children with the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Cook, and two brothers, Frank Jr. and Theodore, survive with the sister. Theodore is a student at the University of Pennsylvania and the parents and younger brother reside at San Diego, Cal.

A brother, Marcus, was drowned when the Lusitania went down off the coast of Ireland during the World war. An older brother also met death by drowning in the Yellowstone river near Livingston about 19 years ago.

Marcus drowned on the Tuscania, not Lusitania – "Ravalli Republic" (Hamilton MT) Friday 9 Jan 1925 p 1

Vera Durland

Vera Cook Durland, 91, formerly of Hamilton, died Saturday at her home in Elfers, Fla.

She was born Nov. 11, 1887, in Streeter, Ill., and moved to Bozeman in 1890.

On July 16, 1913, she married George Cook of Darby and moved with him to Florida. After Mr. Cook's death in 1925, she moved to Tampa, Fla.

She married George Durland, on July 5, 1957, in Hamilton.

Mrs. Durland was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Tampa, and attended the Federated Methodist-Bap-

tist Church of Hamilton. She was a member of the Eastern Star.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1978, and a brother, Don Anderson.

Survivors include two daughters, Mary Vinson, Elfers; and Dorice Saltz, Brevard, N.C.; one brother, Charles Anderson, and one sister, Margaret Kuenzi, no addresses available; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted Tuesday in Elfers.

DURLAND, MRS. VERA COOK, 91, of 2011 Moog Road, Elfers, died Saturday (April 21, 1979). Born in Streator, Ill., she came here 24 years ago from Tampa, where she was a former employee of the Exchange Bank of Tampa and a member of the First Presbyterian Church and OES. Survivors include two daughters, Dorice Saltz, Brevard, N.C., and Mary Vinson, Elfers; a sister Margaret A. Kuenzi, Tampa; a brother Charles B. Anderson, Largo; five grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. Friends may call from 7 to 9 p.m. today at the George B. Morgan Funeral Home, New Port Richey, where funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday with Rev. R. Davis Thomas of the Westminster Presbyterian Church and Rev. Richard Caldwell of the First Presbyterian Church of Tampa officiating. Cremation.

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"Tampa Bay Times" (St. Petersburg FL) Monday 23 Apr 1979 p 23

Mrs. Vera A. Cook Weds In Montana

On July 5, at the Presbyterian Church of Hamilton, Montana, was solemnized the marriage of Mrs. Vera A. Cook, formerly of Tampa and Elfers, and George S. Durland of Hamilton, Montana. Mrs. Durland previously made her home with her mother, Mrs. Charles B. Anderson at Elkhorn Groves, near Elfers.

Out-of-town guests for the ceremony were Mrs. S. J. Jackson, Jr., of Hong Kong, Mrs. Durland's daughter and Lawrence Durland and family of Salt Lake City, Utah, and Donald Durland of Coeur 'd Alene, Idaho, Mr. Durland's sons. A small reception followed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Severns, of Hamilton.

"New Port Richey (FL) Press" Thursday 11 Jul 1957 p 5

Cook-Durland

Claiming interest is the announcement of the wedding of Mrs. Vera Cook, formerly of Tampa and New Port Richey, and George S. Durland of Hamilton, Mont. The ceremony was solemnized July 5 at the Presbyterian Church of Hamilton. A reception was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Severns.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Charles B. Anderson of Elkhorn Groves, Elfers. She was employed at Exchange National Bank during her residence in Tampa.

Out-of-town guests for the wedding included Mrs. S. J. Jackson of Hong Kong, China, daughter of the bride; and Lawrence Durland and family of Salt Lake City, and Donald Durland of Coeur d' Alene, Idaho, sons of Mr. Durland.

"Tampa (FL) Tribune" Wednesday 10 Jul 1957 p 12

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DURLAND—COOK
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George S. Durland and Mrs. Vera Cook were married at the Hamilton Presbyterian church July 5 with Rev. Garner of Victor officiating.

Following the wedding a reception was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Severns at which relatives and friends were in attendance. Following the reception the couple left on a short wedding trip, returning to their home at Como Monday.

Mrs. Durland is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Anderson of Bozeman.

George Durland is one of the most prominent farmers of the valley. For years he has followed the pursuit of agriculture at his farm at Como.

The couple will make their home during the major portion of the year on the Como farm.

Durland-Cook Wedding Solemnized Here At Presbyterian Church

The First Presbyterian church here was the setting July 5 for the wedding of Mrs. Vera A. Cook, formerly of Tampa, Fla., and George S. Durland, Como area farmer. Rev. Hugh Garner, Victor, performed the single-ring ceremony.

Mrs. Gardner Brownlee sang "The Lord's Prayer," accompanied by Dorothy Van Blaricom. The bride was attended by her daughter, Mrs. S. J. Jackson, visiting from Hong Kong, China. Lawrence Durland, son of the groom, attended his father. Baskets of garden flowers decorated the altar.

A reception followed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Severns. The couple left on a short wedding trip to Bozeman. They re-visited the campus of Montana State College, which they both attended. They arrived home Monday.

Mrs. Durland is a Montana native, and the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Anderson, Bozeman. They will live at the Durland farm, where he has been located for almost 40 years.

Relatives and friends at the wedding and reception were Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Durland and

and Mrs. Lawrence Durland and children; Donald Durland, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; Marlene Travaskis, St. Regis; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Severns, Rev. and Mrs. Garner, and Mrs. B. K. Monroe.

George H. Cook, who was married to Miss Vera Anderson at Bozeman Wednesday, arrived here yesterday for a visit at the home of his father, F. L. Cook of Como.

“Ravalli Republic” (Hamilton MT) Friday 18 Jul 1913 p 4

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A little child of Frank Cook, who lives near West Fork, was buried last Sunday.

Brother Roy Cook (1889-1889) – “Ravalli Republic” (Hamilton MT) Friday 10 May 1889 p 1

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Complimenting Miss Cook.

Mrs. P. F. Loffnes and Miss Amelia Loffnes entertained a company of young ladies at the P. F. Loffnes home on East Pine street Thursday evening, complimenting Miss Kate Cook of the office staff of the Missoula Mercantile company. Misses Ethel Fox, Margaret Hart, Lora Bennett, Louise Anderson, Grace Sherman, Florence McQuesten, Ruth Berry, Mildred Thompson, Gladys Groll, Ethel Beaman, Janie Eddy, Irene Thompson, Louise Weisgerber,

Mary Jane Evans, Agnes Berry, Mabel Terry, Estelle Smith, Ann Foss, Marguerite Stevens, Lucile Stevens, Eva Hart, Mrs. Lawrence Grady and Mrs. F. S. Jones were seated with the guest of honor and the hostesses, chatting over needlework, when with impressive ceremony the announcement was made of the coming marriage of Miss Cook and George S. Durland of Cutbank, Mont., which is to be solemnized on October 31 at the F. L. Cook home at Como. Following the announcement, each guest presented Miss Cook with a copy of her favorite recipe for something good to eat to find place in her housekeeping equipment.

Sister Kate Margaret Cook Durland (1890-1956) – “The Missoulian” (Missoula MT) Sunday 8 Oct 1916 p 14

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Bureau of V. S.

Original Record for State Registrar
DELAYED CERTIFICATE OF BIRTH
MONTANA STATE BOARD OF HEALTH

State File No. **Del. 5144**

STATE OF Montana }
COUNTY OF Ravalli } ss.

Name at Birth Kate M. Cook Date of Birth Dec. 1, 1890

Birthplace Darby Ravalli Montana Sex Female
(City or Town) (County) (State)

FATHER **MOTHER**

Full Name Frank L. Cook Maiden Name Mary E. Douglas

Color or race White Birthyear 1853 Color or race White Birthyear 1863

Birthplace Oshkosh Michigan Birthplace Lincoln Nebraska
(City or Town) (State or Country) (City or Town) (State or Country)

The above statements are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

SIGNATURE OF PERSON REGISTERED Kate M. Durland
(Exactly as used at present time)

*If married woman sign maiden name here also Kate M. Cook

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of August, 19 54

NOTARY SEAL Anthony Hork
County Clerk and Recorder, Ravalli
My commission expires County, Montana

DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE By David H. Head, Dep'y

ABSTRACT OF EVIDENCE to be entered by Montana State Registrar

MARRIAGE LICENSE, #1838, dated Oct. 21, 1916 at Como, Montana, issued to George Durland and Kate M. Cook age 25 born at Darby, Montana. Parents: Frank L. Cook and Mary Douglas.

VOTING REGISTRATION, on form of Ravalli, Mont., signed Anthony Hork, certifying that voting registration dated May 5, 1938 issued to Kate M. Durland, age 47 born in Montana.

SCHOOL RECORD, on form of County of Ravalli, Hamilton, Mont., signed Agnes E. Cooper, certifying that records of 1909 list Katie M. Cook born Dec. 1, 1890. Parents: Frank L. and Mary E. Cook.

No prior birth certificate has been filed with the Montana State Board of Health.
Duplicate forwarded for local registration.

Approved 14B. [Signature]
Date 8-21-54 by lk

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V. S. No. 1A-4-55-5M
FEDERAL SECURITY AGENCY
PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

DUPLICATE FOR CLERK AND RECORDER

CERTIFICATE OF DEATH
STATE OF MONTANA

STATE BOARD OF HEALTH
Bureau of Vital Statistics

BIRTH NO. STATE FILE NO. 4747

1. PLACE OF DEATH
a. County **Ravalli**
b. CITY (If outside corporate limits write RURAL) OR TOWN **Hamilton**
c. LENGTH OF STAY (In hospital) **1**
d. FULL NAME OF (If not in hospital or institution, give street address and telephone number) **Daily Memorial Hospital**

2. USUAL RESIDENCE (Where deceased lived, if institution; residence before admission)
a. STATE **Montana** b. COUNTY **Ravalli**
c. CITY (If outside corporate limits, write RURAL) OR TOWN **Como** (Rural)
d. STREET ADDRESS (If rural, give location)

3. NAME OF DECEASED
a. (First) **Kate** b. (Middle) **Margaret** c. (Last) **Durland**
4. DATE (Month) (Day) (Year) OF DEATH **June 2-1956**

5. SEX **Female** 6. COLOR OR RACE **White** 7. MARRIED, NEVER MARRIED, WIDOWED, DIVORCED (Specify) **Married** 8. DATE OF BIRTH **Dec-1-1890** 9. AGE (In yrs. if Under 1 Yr. if under 18, last birthday) Months Days Hours Mins. **65 6 1**

10a. USUAL OCCUPATION (Give kind of work done during most of working life, even if retired) **Housewife** 10b. KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY **Darby, Montana** 11. BIRTHPLACE (State or foreign country) **U.S.** 12. Children of What Country?

13a. FATHER'S NAME **Frank L. Cook** 13b. MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME **Mary E. Douglas** 14. HUSBAND OR WIFE'S NAME **George S. Durland**

15. WAS DECEASED EVER IN U.S. ARMED FORCES? (Yes, No, or Unknown) (If yes, give war or dates of service) **517-40-2288** 16. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER **George S. Durland** 17. INFORMANT

18. Cause of Death (Enter only 1 cause per line for (a), (b) and (c))
I. DISEASE OR CONDITION DIRECTLY LEADING TO DEATH* (a) **Cerebral Thrombosis**
ANTECEDENT CAUSES (b) **Myocardial Infarction**
Morbidity conditions, if any, giving rise to the above cause (a) stating the underlying cause last. DUE TO (c)
II. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS (Conditions contributing to the death but not related to the disease or condition causing death)
19a. DATE OF OPERATION 19b. MAJOR FINDINGS OF OPERATION 20. AUTOPSY? YES ☐ NO ☒

21a. ACCIDENT (Specify) **SUICIDE** 21b. PLACE OF INJURY (e.g., in or about home, farm, factory, street, office bldg., etc.) 21c. (CITY, TOWN, RURAL) (COUNTY) (STATE)

22. TIME (Month) (Day) (Year) (Hour) OF INJURY **June 1, 1956** 23. INJURY OCCURRED While At ☐ Not While ☐ At Work **At Work** 24. HOW DID INJURY OCCUR?

25. I hereby certify that I attended the deceased from **May 1, 1956** to **June 2, 1956** and that death occurred at **4:55 AM** on **June 2, 1956** from the causes and on the date stated above.

26. SIGNATURE **Armon M. ...** (Degree or Title) **MD** 27. ADDRESS **Hamilton, Montana** 28. Date Signed **6-4-1956**

29a. BURIAL, CREMATION, REMOVAL (Specify) **Crementation** 29b. DATE **6-4-56** 29c. Name of Cemetery or Crematory **Hazen & Jaeger Crematory** 29d. Location (City, town or county) (State) **Spokane, Washington**

30. DATA RECD BY LOCAL REGISTRY **6-4-56** 31. REGISTRAR'S SIGNATURE **C. L. ...** 32. FUNERAL DIRECTOR **Dowling Funeral Home-Hamilton, Mont**

33. STATE POST

Mrs. P. F. Loffnes and Miss Amelia Loffnes invited a company of young ladies to their home on East Pine

street Thursday evening in honor of Miss Kate Cook, whose approaching marriage with George S. Durland of Cutbank, Oct. 31, at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Cook at Como, was announced during the evening. The evening was spent with needlework and conversation and at a late hour a supper was served to Misses Ethel Fox, Margaret Fox, Lora Bennett, Louise Anderson, Grace Sherman, Florence McQueston, Ruth Berry, Mildred Thompson, Gladys Groll, Ethel Beaman, Janie Eddy, Irene Thompson, Louise Weisgerber, Mary Jane Evans, Agnes Berry, Mable Terry, Estelle Smith, Ann Foss, Marguerite Stevens, Lucile Steyens, Eva Hart; Mrs. Lawrence Gady and Mrs. F. S. Jones.

"Butte (MT) Miner" Sunday 15 Oct 1916 p 3

DURLAND-COOK.

George S. Durland and Kate M. Cook were married at the home of the bride at Como, Tuesday morning. Rev J. W. Heyward officiated. The happy couple left on the afternoon train for their future home at Cutbank, Teton county.

"Western News" (Stevensville MT) Friday 3 Nov 1916 p 8

Messages tell of the birth of a son last Friday at Cut Bank, Montana, to Mr. and Mrs. Durland. Mrs. Durland was before her marriage Miss Kate Cook of Como, employed in an office of the Missoula Mercantile store.

"Missoula (MT) Sentinel" Monday 12 Nov 1917 p 3

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Kate M. Durland Is Taken By Death, Respected Matron, Native Of Valley

Private funeral services were held for Kate Margaret Durland at St. Paul's Episcopal church in Hamilton with interment being made in Lone Pine cemetery at Darby Monday morning. Rev. R. R. Price officiated at the services attended only by family members. The private services were in respect to wishes of the deceased matron. There were no flowers but friends paid respect by offering contributions to the American Cancer fund.

Mrs. Durland passed away June 2 at Daly Memorial Hospital.

Kate Margaret Cook was born at Darby, Montana Dec. 1, 1890 to pioneer parents Frank and Mary Cook who came to Montana by steam boat up the Missouri river and across the plains in 1868 with their parents and settled at Boulder and Helena.

der and Helena.

She was married to George S. Durland Oct. 31, 1916 at Como, Mont. She is survived by her husband and four children: George Stanley of San Diego, Calif.; Lawrence of Salt Lake City, Utah; Mrs. John F. Hall of Seattle, and Donald of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, and by seven grandchildren.

Mrs. Durland had been a member of the Episcopal church for more than 50 years. She was a member of the executive board of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Diocese of Montana and Custodian of the United Thank Offering. She had been secretary of the St. Thomas Guild for many years.

She was a member of the 50 Year club, Rocky Mountain Grange and Hamilton chapter of the PEO sisterhood.

"Western News" (Stevensville MT) Thursday 7 Jun 1956 p 1

Valley Visitors

by B. K. Monroe

George and Vera Durland write from their home city, Elfers, Florida, that they "hated to give up and say we probably couldn't get back to the Bitter Root this summer." Both have had recurrent illnesses and have been in the home of Mrs. Durland's daughter and son-in-law for care, since both have respiratory troubles, Vera wrote. Since their marriage here in July 1957, the Durlands have been returning to Hamilton from Florida to stay in their mobile home until the autumn colors curtain the valley and give a hint of winter weather.

Vera is a native of Bozeman and was the widow of George Cook, a Como-born Montanan; he died and later his only sister, Kate Cook Durland, wife of George Durland, died at the Como ranch home (the early settled homestead of her parents, Frank and Mary Cook). Kate and George were married in October, 1916 and she died in June 1956.

George came to the Bitter Root as a fruit inspector and later joined forces with Great Northern Railway, serving as an engineer during the first World War, at Cut Bank. Later he and Kate returned to the Bitter Root. During WW II, Durland headed scrap iron collection for the war effort. He served as president of the Ravalli County Improvement Association. George admits he was 87 his last birthday, he was born September 30, 1890, at

September 22, 1978, at Elkhorn, Wisc. Vera has reached past the four-score landmark in age also, but their energies as to mind and what they would still like to do, keep up their summertime residents' faith and interest in the Bitter Root, raising garden vegetables and a few flowers. George, once a member of the Ravalli County Fair Board, always kept interested in the fall exposition and — they just might get back for the 1978 Fair.

“Ravalli Republic” (Hamilton MT) Monday 22 May 1978 p 5

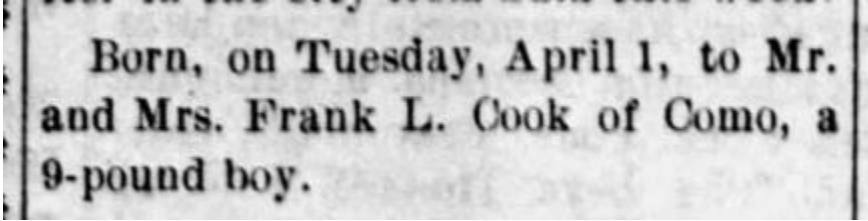
G. S. Durland of Cut Bank came here Saturday and will farm the Frank L. Cook ranch near Como this season. He was accompanied by his family.

“Ravalli Republic” (Hamilton MT) Friday 10 Mar 1922 p 4

Mrs. George Durland of Como has gone to San Diego, Cal., for a visit with her father, Frank L. Cook, former Como resident and one of the earliest settlers of that section.

“Ravalli Republic” (Hamilton MT) Thursday 7 Mar 1935 p 4

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Born, on Tuesday, April 1, to Mr.
and Mrs. Frank L. Cook of Como, a
9-pound boy.

Brother Theodore Vining Cook (1902-1945) – “Ravalli Republic” (Hamilton MT) Friday 4 Apr
1902 p 5

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V. S. No. 2 7M
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF THE CENSUS

Original Record for State Registrar
STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF DEATH
STATE OF MONTANA

State File No.
Rav. 3016
Bureau of Vital Statistics

Registrar's No. See 9-10-45-222

1. PLACE OF DEATH:
(a) County Beavalli CO 1-25-46-R
(b) City or town Como
(If outside city or town limits write Rural)
(c) Name of hospital or institution: Home Home
(If not in hospital or institution write street number or location)
(d) Length of stay: In hospital or institution 7 Months (Specify whether years, months or days)
In this community 7 Months (Specify whether years, months or days)

2. USUAL RESIDENCE OF DECEASED:
(a) State California (b) County _____
(c) City or town San Francisco
(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 Theodore V. Cook
3 (b) If veteran, _____
name war _____
3 (c) Social Security No. 557-10-0587
4. Sex Male **5. Color or** W
6 (a) Single, widowed, mar- Widowed
ried, divorced
6 (b) Name of husband or wife Alma H. Cook
6 (c) Age of husband or wife 45 **if alive** Dead years
7. Birth date of deceased. April 2, 1902
(Month) (Day) (Year)
8. AGE: Years 43 Months 4 Days 4 If less than one day hr. min.
9. Birthplace Como, Montana
(City, town or county) (State or foreign country)
10. Usual occupation Shipping Executive
11. Industry or business Libby-McNeill & Libby
12. Name Frank L. Cook
13. Birthplace Kalamazoo, Michigan
(City, town or county) (State or foreign country)
14. Maiden name Mary E. Douglas
15. Birthplace Lincoln, Nebraska
(City, town or county) (State or foreign country)
16 (a) Informant's own signature. George Durland
(b) Address Como, Montana
17 (a) Cremation Cremation **(b) Date thereof** 8-2-45
(Burial, cremation, or removal) (Month) (Day) (Year)
(c) Place: burial or cremation. Spokane, Wash
18 (a) Signature of funeral director John W. Dowling
(b) Address Hamilton, Montana
19 (a) 8-2-45 **(b) C. C. T. H. and**
(Date rec'd local registrar) (Registrar's signature)
THE UNITED PUBLISHERS, KANSAS, MONTANA.

MEDICAL CERTIFICATION
20. Date of death: Month August day 6
year 1945 hour 6:30 minute PM
21. I hereby certify that I attended the deceased from July 29 1945, to July 29 1945;
that I last saw him alive on July 29 1945;
and that death occurred on the date and hour stated above.
Immediate cause of death: Cardio Vascular Renal Disease
Due to _____
Due to _____
Other conditions (include pregnancy within 2 months of death) _____
Major findings: _____
Of operations _____
Of autopsy _____
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? _____ (e) Means of injury _____
23. Signature C. C. T. H. and (M. D. or other) _____
Address Spokane, Wash Date signed 8-2-45

PHYSICIAN
Underline the cause to which death should be charged statistically.

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/5437/records/60972537>

Theodore V Cook

in the Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, U.S., Marriage Index, 1885-1951



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Detail	Source
Name	Theodore V Cook
Gender	Male
Spouse	Alma M Huey
Spouse Gender	Female
Marriage Place	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, United States
Marriage Year	1927
Marriage License Number	544232
Digital GSU Number	4141644

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2536/records/1800929>

Woman and Pet Are Found Dead

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 5.—(AP)—With her little dog dead in a crib beside her, the body of Mrs. Alma M. Cook, 40, was found Thursday in her bed, a bullet through her temple. The dog had been shot through the head.

Police Captain Alex McDaniel said Mrs. Cook killed the dog and herself after penning a note to her husband, Theodore V. Cook, packing company executive. She had been ill for years.

Suicide of wife Alma Marie Huey – “Montana Standard” (Butte MT) Friday 6 Aug 1943 p 14 – and numerous CA newspapers

Alma Marie Cook

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



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Detail Source

Name	Alma Marie Cook [Alma Marie Huey]
Gender	Female
Birth Date	15 Jan 1902
Birth Place	Pennsylvania
Death Date	5 Aug 1943
Death Place	San Francisco
Mother's Maiden Name	Robb
Father's Surname	Huey

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/5180/records/1466283>

Alma Huey

in the U.S., Presbyterian Church Records, 1701-1970



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Detail Source

Name	Alma Huey
Gender	Female
Record Type	Marriage
Marriage Date	8 Jun 1927
Marriage Place	Churchville, Pennsylvania, USA
Church	North and Southampton Reformed Church
Spouse	Richard Cook

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/61048/records/900729281>

Theodore V. Cook Dies; Youngest Of Pioneer Family

Hamilton, Aug. 6.—Theodore V. Cook, 43, the youngest of the Cook family, early settlers in the Como section of the Bitter Root valley, died here tonight at the home of his sister, Mrs. George Durland, his only surviving relative. He was born at Como April 2, 1902. He was a brother of Marcus Cook, for whom Marcus Cook hall at the State University was named. The body is at Dowling's mortuary, but funeral arrangements have not been made.

"The Missoulian" (Missoula MT) Tuesday 7 Aug 1945 p 3

T. V. Cook, 43, Taken By Death

The body of Theodore V. Cook, 43, who died Monday evening at the home of his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. George Durland, Como, will be sent to San Francisco, Calif., for interment beside his wife who died two years ago.

Mr. Cook was born April 2, 1902, at Como. With his parents he went to Salt Lake City, Utah, in 1917. He graduated from high school there and then went to the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, from where he graduated in 1927.

He then entered the employ of Libby, McNeil & Libby in San Francisco, being manager of the shipping department when he retired in February, 1945, because of ill health, and came to live with his sister. The sister is the only surviving relative. He was a brother of Marcus Cook for whom Marcus Cook hall at the university is named.

No funeral services will be held here. The Dowling Funeral Home will handle arrangements for shipping the body.

Cook Rites to Be In San Francisco

Hamilton, Aug. 7.—The body of Theodore V. Cook was sent today to San Francisco, Cal., for burial beside the grave of his wife who died two years ago. A native of the Bitter Root valley, Mr. Cook died in the home where he was born, 43 years ago. He was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cook and last of five sons in the family. He is survived by his sister, Mrs. George S. Durland with whom he had spent the past seven months at the old home. He came from San Francisco where he had been in the employ of Libby McNeil & Libby for 17 years, and at the time of his death he was manager of the shipping department there.

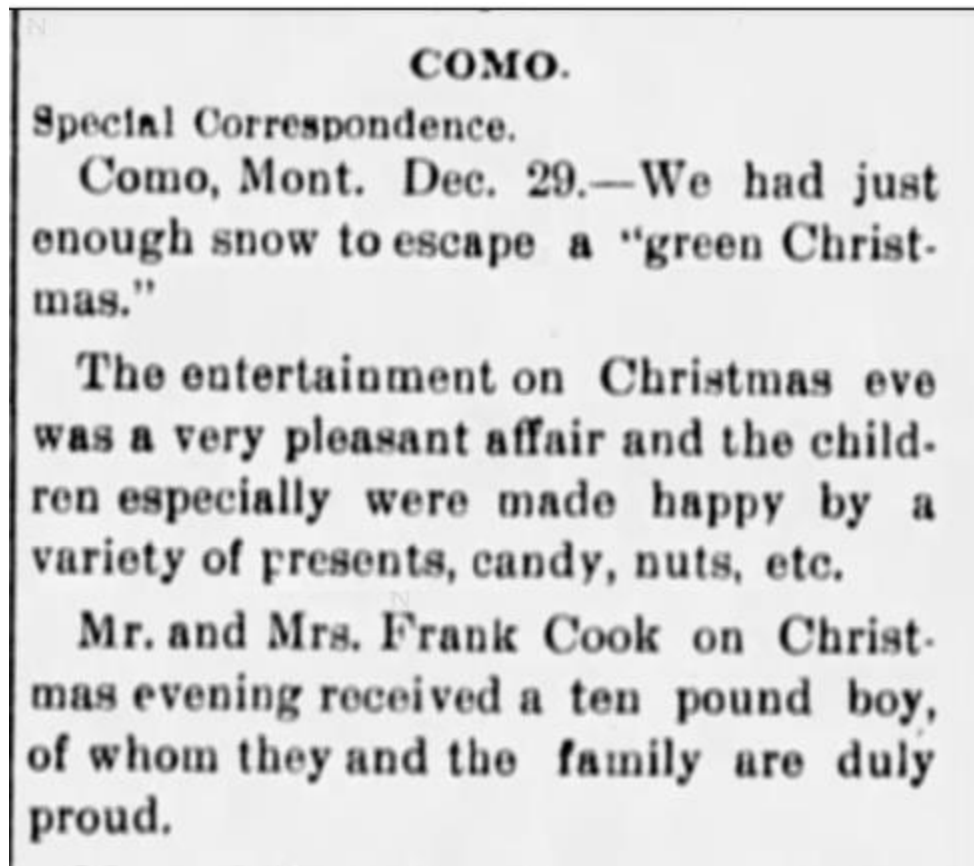
The Cook family was among the first to locate in the Como area in the early 1880s, the parents going to San Francisco several years ago. Theodore Cook was a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, going from Philadelphia to the California position.

There were no services held here, and a nephew, Stanley Durland, who was here from San Diego, accompanied the body south. The Dowling funeral home was in charge.

"The Missoulian" (Missoula MT) Wednesday 8 Aug 1945 p 7

George S. Durland, Como rancher, left Tuesday for a visit with his son, Stanley, in San Diego, Calif. En route home he will visit Mrs. Durland's brother, T. V. Cook, in San Francisco. He expects to be away about three weeks.

"Ravalli Republic" (Hamilton MT) Thursday 14 Oct 1943 p 1*



Birth on 24 Dec 1924 of **Frank Leon Cook Jr. (1904-1944)** – “Ravalli Republic” (Hamilton MT)
 Friday 30 Dec 1904 p 2*

California, U.S., County Birth, Marriage, and Death Records, 1849-1980



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Name	Frank L Cook
Gender	Male
Event Type	Marriage
Marriage Date	19 Aug 1933
Marriage Place	Los Angeles, California, USA
Spouse	Alice D Wilson

<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/197517065/person/252613462793/facts>

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

View record

Name Frank Leon Cook
 Gender Male
 Birth Date 24 Dec 1905
 Birth Place Montana
 Death Date 5 Mar 1944
 Death Place San Diego
 Mother's Maiden Name Douglas
 Father's Surname Cook

<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/197517065/person/252613462793/facts>

Form V. S. No. 6—12M—1-39. Original Record for State Registrar

STATE OF MONTANA
STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF BIRTH
 State Board of Health
 BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE
Rav. 4136

Place of Birth
 County of Ravalli
 Village or City of Como No. _____ Street. Reg. No. _____
 (If birth occurred in a hospital or institution, give its NAME instead of street and number)

2. Full name of child Frank Leon Cook (If child is not yet named, make supplemental report, as directed)

3. Sex Male 4. Twin, triplet, or other _____ 5. Premature _____ 6. Legitimate? yes 7. Date of birth Dec. 24, 19 04
 (If birth occurred in a hospital or institution, give its NAME instead of street and number)

9. Full name of FATHER Frank L. Cook 18. Full name of MOTHER Mary E. Douglas

10. Residence (usual place of abode) Como, Mont. 19. Residence (usual place of abode) Como, Mont.
 (If non-resident, give place and State)

11. Color or race W. 12. Age at last birthday 51 (Years) 20. Color or race W. 21. Age at last birthday 41 (Years)

13. Birthplace (city or place) Kalamazoo 22. Birthplace (city or place) Nebraska
 (State or country)

14. Trade, profession, or particular kind of work done, as Spinner, Sawyer, Bookkeeper, etc. Farmer 23. Trade, profession, or particular kind of work done, as Housekeeper, Typist, Nurse, Clerk, etc. Housewife

15. Industry or business in which work was done, as Silk Mill, Sawmill, Bank, etc. Farmer 24. Industry or business in which work was done, as Own Home, Lawyer's Office, Silk Mill, etc. Housewife

16. Date (month and year) last engaged in this work _____ 17. Total time (years) spent in this work 51 25. Date (month and year) last engaged in this work _____ 26. Total time (years) spent in this work 21

27. Number of children of this mother (as time of this birth and including this child) 7 (a) Born alive and now living 6 (b) Born alive but now dead 1 (c) Stillborn

28. If stillborn, period of gestation _____ months _____ weeks 29. Cause of stillbirth _____

What prophylactic was used to prevent ophthalmia neonatorum? _____

CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MIDWIFE

I hereby certify that I attended the birth of this child, who was _____ at _____ m., on the date above stated

(When there was no attending physician or midwife, then the father, householder, etc., should make this return.)
 Given name added from a supplemental report _____ (Date of) _____

(Signed) John M. Duvaland, M. D.
 or Midwife
 Address Hamilton, Montana
 Filed Feb. 14, 1940 C. C. Tyft, mpa
 Registrar

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1221

SERIAL NUMBER 3295	1. NAME (Print) Frank Leon Cook (First) (Middle) (Last)		ORDER NUMBER 1221
2. ADDRESS (Print) 3727 Charles St. Pt. Loma San Diego Calif. (Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State)			
3. TELEPHONE B 4970 (Exchange) (Number)	4. AGE IN YEARS 34 yrs. DATE OF BIRTH Dec 24, 1908 (Mo.) (Day) (Yr.)	5. PLACE OF BIRTH Combs Montana (Town or county) (State or country)	6. COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP U. S. A.
7. NAME OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS Mr. Ted Saleebey (Mr., Mrs., Miss) (First) (Middle) (Last)			8. RELATIONSHIP OF THAT PERSON Friend
9. ADDRESS OF THAT PERSON 401 W. Washington St. San Diego Calif. (Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State)			
10. EMPLOYER'S NAME SELF.			
11. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS 3727 Charles St. San Diego Calif. (Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State)			
I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.			
REGISTRATION CARD D. S. Form 1 (over)		Frank L. Cook (Registrant's signature)	

16-17105

DESCRIPTION OF REGISTRANT

Other obvious physical characteristics that will aid in identification none

SELECTIVE SERVICE
LOCAL BOARD #160
4105 PACIFIC HIGHWAY
SAN DIEGO, CALIF.
(STAMP OF LOCAL BOARD)

(The stamp of the Local Board having jurisdiction of the registrant shall be placed in the above space.)

Social Security Death Index

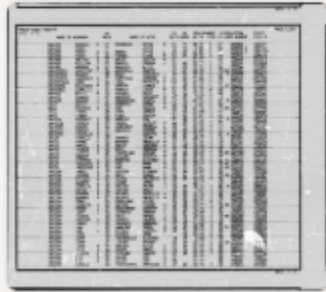
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Name	Alice C. Balogh
Social Security Number	553-24-2642
Birth Date	8 Feb 1910
Issue year	1952
Issue State	California
Death Date	7 Apr 1989

<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/6064894/person/6013001277/facts>

Alice C Balogh

in the California, U.S., Divorce Index, 1966-1984



Detail Source

Name	Alice C Balogh
Spouse Name	John A Balogh
Location	San Diego City
Date	Jul 1969

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/1141/records/3985297>

John A. Balogh

VALLEY CENTER — John A. Balogh, a truck driver for Talone Meat Packing Co. for 20 years, died May 4 in Palomar Memorial Hospital. He was 69.

Mr. Balogh was born in Greeley, Colo. He lived in Valley Center for 30 years. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps.

Survivors include his wife of 40 years, Alice; son Richard Balogh of Escondido and Frank Cook of El Centro; daughters Kathy Wachs of Lemon Grove, Dianne Eshbach of Burbank and Nancy Hinze of Spring Valley; sister Ann Peters of Vista; 12 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Private family services were held in Valley Center Community Church with the Rev. Donald Anderson officiating. Private interment will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to a favorite charity.

Alhiser-Wilson Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

“Escondido (CA) Daily Times-Advance” Wednesday 9 May 1984 p 41

Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

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

NOK = next-of-kin

Name: Marcus Barrett Cook

Name variations: Mark Cook

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: Como, Ravalli MT
 Sailed on "Tuscania" as: Marcus B. Cook
 Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": father F.L. Cook, Como MT
 Burial on isle of Islay, Scotland: 1st buried at Kilnaughton, Islay, Scotland - grave 52, as Marcus B. Cook
 Body returned from war on: "Antigone" arriving Hoboken 29 Sep 1920
 Body listed on return ship as: Marcus B. Cook
 Rank: private, Co. D, 20th Engrs
 World War I draft registration (1917): b. 10 Nov 1894 Como MT; res: Como, Ravalli MT.
 Single. Forest Service, US. Tall & slender

Veterans Administration Military Index:
 Enlistment & discharge dates not given
 Born 10 Nov 1894; died 6 Feb 1918
 Address: Salt Lake City UT
 Rank/unit: private, Co. D, 20th Engineers

Montana Military Record – Resident of Como, Ravalli MT. Inducted at Fort George Wright on 12 Dec 1917 at age 23 years 1 month. Born Como MT. Private, Co. D, 6th Battalion, 20th Engineers 19 Dec 1917 to 5 Feb 1918. Overseas to 5 Feb 1918; killed in action 5 Feb 1918 in the sinking of the Tuscania. Notification of death: to father F.L. Cook, Como MT.

Birth & death:

Born: 10 Nov 1894 Como, Ravalli MT
 Died: 5 Feb 1918 Tuscania
 Find A Grave record: 125343106, presence on Tuscania noted in text & flower
 Burial location: Arlington, Arlington Co. VA
 Cemetery: Arlington National
 Tombstone: veteran tombstone: Montana Pvt 20 Engrs.

Father: Frank Leon Cook, Sr., 24 Feb 1853 Oshtemo, Kalamazoo MI – 24 Aug 1939 San Diego, San Diego CA.
 Son of Hiram Cook (1817-1897, F: 40448289) & Mary E. Vining (1817-1894, F: 132522981).
 In 1860 resided in MI – in 1870 in Upper Boulder, Jefferson MT.
 In 1919 moved to Salt Lake City, Salt Lake Co. UT, then to San Diego, San Diego CA about 3 years later.
 Rancher & fruit grower in MT.
 Buried in Greenwood Memorial Park, San Diego, San Diego CA.
 Find A Grave: 99936644

Mother: Mary Emma Douglas Cook, 27 Nov 1862 Lincoln, Lancaster NE – 26 Jan 1926 San Diego, San Diego CA.

Daughter of George Augustus Douglas & Calista Allen.

Buried in Greenwood Memorial Park, San Diego, San Diego CA.

Find A Grave: 99936647

Parents' marriage: 15 Apr 1883 Boulder, Jefferson MT. They celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary in Apr 1908.

Spouse:

Spouse Find A Grave:

Children:

Siblings:

- Hiram Douglas Cook, 28 Jun 1884 Darby, Ravalli MT – 22 Jul 1906 Livingston, Park MT. Ironically, since Marcus died in the sinking of the Tuscania, Hiram drowns while fishing in the Yellowstone River. - "Butte (MT) Miner" 27 Jul 1906 p 3 – Bozeman: President J.M. Hamilton [of the U of MT] received a letter 26 Jul from Professor R.W. Fisher who went over to Livingston MT to search for Hiram Cook, who is supposed to have drowned below Livingston fishing in the Yellowstone River. Hiram, a resident of Como, spent 4 years at the university & was to graduate in civil engineering next year. He worked in the summer in the engineering department for the Northern Pacific, and was to return to college in the fall. - "Ravalli Republic" (Hamilton MT) 27 Jul 1906 p 2 – adds details that he was last seen by companions fishing waist-deep in water where there were strong currents; failed to meet group. - "Anaconda (MT) Standard" 30 Jul 1906 p 1 – dated 29 Jul: the body of Hiram Cook, drowned a week ago today in the Yellowstone River below Livingston, was recovered yesterday (28 Jul) about 16 miles east of that point. The body passed through Bozeman today on its way to Como MT, accompanied by his uncle Mr. Douglass & fellow student/Northern Pacific employee Vincent K. Wood. He studied at the university the past 4 years. Had the respect & esteem of all. - "Ravalli Republic" Friday 3 Aug 1906 page 1 – the body of Hiram D. Cook, who drowned in the Yellowstone River near Livingston on 22 Jul, was brought to the home of his parents, Mr. & Mrs. Frank L. Cook, last Monday afternoon. The funeral was held Tuesday; interment in Derby MT. The funeral was attended by a large gathering of relatives, friends & neighbors. Hiram was 22, born & raised in the Bitter Root Valley. Active in his church. In agricultural study at Bozeman. Worked in the summer for the Northern Pacific Railroad in the drafting office at Livingston. Buried in Lone Pine Cemetery, Darby, Ravalli MT, where he shares a headstone with brother Roy. F: 75998035
- George Harlan Cook, 18 Jan 1887 Como, Ravalli MT – 1 Jan 1925 Ballast Point, Hillsborough FL. – Graduate of the agricultural college at Bozeman MT [now Montana State University] in 1912. -Husband of Vera Elizabeth (Lizzie) Anderson (11 Nov 1887 Streeter IL-1979 Elfers, Pasco FL, F: 68450227), whom he married 16 Jul 1913 in Bozeman, Gallatin MT. – They had 3 daughters. - Widowed, Vera Anderson Cook on 5 Jul 1957, also in Bozeman, Gallatin Mt, married George Stanley Durland, her former brother-in-law, since he was the widowed husband of George Cook's

sister Kate Cook Durland. – Died of blood poisoning. – Buried in Oaklawn Cemetery, Winter Haven, Polk FL. F: 68450226

- Roy Albert Cook, 20 Apr 1889 Ravalli Co. MT – 3 May 1889 MT [likely Ravalli Co. MT]. Buried in Lone Pine Cemetery, Darby, Ravalli MT, where he shares a tombstone with brother Hiram. F: 75998051
- Kate Margaret (“Katie”) Cook Durland, 1 Dec 1890 Darby, Ravalli MT – 2 Jun 1956 Hamilton, Ravalli MT. – Wife of George Stanley Durland (1890-1978, F: 75998844)), whom she married 31 Oct 1916 Ravalli Co. MT. – MT death certificate: resident of rural Como, Ravalli MT. Died at Daly Memorial Hospital, Hamilton, Ravalli MT on 2 Jun 1956. Born 1 Dec 1890 Darby MT. Married to George S. Durland. Housewife. Daughter of Frank L. Cook & Mary E. Douglas. SSN 517-40-2288. Died of carcinoma of pancreas & liver, metastasized. Cremated 4 Jun 1956 in Spokane WA at Hazen-Jaeger Crematory. – Her widowed husband George Durland married Vera Anderson Cook, the widowed wife of Kate’s brother George Cook. – Buried in Lone Pine Cemetery, Darby, Ravalli MT. F: 75998861
- Theodore Vining (Teddy) Cook, 2 Apr 1902 Como, Ravalli MT – 6 Aug 1945 Como, Ravalli MT. – A resident of NJ in Feb 1926 when his mother died. – Moved with his parents to Salt Lake City, Salt Lake Co. UT. – Graduate of the University of Pennsylvania (Philadelphia PA) in 1927. – Executive in CA of Libby, McNeill & Libby, San Francisco CA until he retired in Feb 1945 due to poor health. – When he registered for the WWII draft on 14 Feb 1942, Theodore lived at 1010 Fell St., San Francisco CA, next-of-kin Mrs. Alma Cook of the same address, employed by Libby, McNeill & Libby. – Husband of Alma Marie Huey (15 Jan 1902 PA – 5 Aug 1943 San Francisco CA, F: 87584803) whom he married in Philadelphia PA in 1927. – In the 1910 census for Bensalem, Bucks PA, Alma M. Huey (8 PA) lived with parents Israel S. Huey (1870-1937, F: 63220003) & Clara M. Robb (1874-1951, F: 63220004). – Alma committed suicide, first shooting her dog in the head & placing it in a crib, then lying down next to the dog and shooting herself in the head. This story appeared in many CA newspapers. Her funeral document gives the cause of death as “gunshot wound of head with skull fracture & brain laceration.” – Theodore died of cardiovascular renal disease. Theodore is buried with Alma in Cypress Lawn, Colma, San Mateo CA. F: 87584967
- Frank Leon Cook, Jr., 24 Dec 1904 Edwards, Ravalli MT – 5 Mar 1944 San Diego, San Diego CA. – His birth record indicates he was his mother’s 7th child, 6 of whom were living. – Married Alice Dempsey Wilson on 19 Aug 1933 in Los Angeles Co. CA. She was the daughter of Harlan Raphael Wilson (13 Jun 1882 IL – 28 Jun 1950 SD, whose mother’s maiden name was Dempsey) & Hortense Nesfell Leffingwell (16 Jan 1878 IL – 20 Feb 1968 SD, the daughter of Charles Leffingwell & Elizabeth Francis, Francis being the surname). Alice Wilson was born 8 Feb 1910 San Jacinto, Riverside CA & died 7 Apr 1999 San Diego, San Diego CA. – Frank Jr.’s obituary said he was survived by his wife Alice of 40 years. – In the 1940 census for San Diego, San Diego CA, Frank L. Cook (34 MT, landscape architect, private business) lived at 3727 Charles with wife Alice W. (30 CA), son Jerry (4 CA) & daughter Nancy (2 CA). – After Frank Jr.’s death, Alice married John Alvin Balogh (1914-1984). In the 1950 census for San

Diego, San Diego CA, John A. Balogh (35 CO, driver of a dairy truck for a retail dairy business) lived at 3727 Catalina with wife Alice W. Balogh (40 CA. In their household were stepson Frank L. Balogh (instead of Cook, 14 CA, cleans floor for a janitor business) & stepdaughter Nancy A. Balogh (instead of Cook, 11 CA), son Richard (5 OR) & daughter Alice D. Balogh (4 CA). John & Alice Balogh divorced in San Diego, San Diego CA in Jul 1969. - Buried in Greenwood Memorial Park, San Diego, San Diego CA as are his parents. F: 181807422

Notes:

Wartime:

"Anaconda [MT] Standard" 14 Feb 1918 p 10 - in 2nd month of sophomore year at MT State U when enlisted, started MT State in fall 1916, Hamilton HS grad, enlisted 9 Dec 1917 with Ralph Graves & Leo Stewart (both survivors)

"Butte Miner" 14 Feb 1918 p 3 - enlisted 8 days after birthday (9 Dec) after 2 months of his sophomore yr at U of MT, Hamilton H.S. graduate, entered U in fall 1916, majoring in forestry, enlisted with Ralph S. Graves & Leo Stewart (survivors), long-distance runner on track team, tall & well-built, age 23, member Sigma Nu, lived in Como MT where father F.L. Cook owns ranch just above Darby, parents among pioneers of western MT, brothers George (Bozeman), Theodore & Frank (both Como) & sister Mrs. Kate Durland (Cutbank)

"Great Falls (MT) Tribune" 15 Feb 1918 p 7 – "Marcus B. Cook Son of Pioneers" – Marcus B. Cook of Como MT, age 23, died on the Tuscania. Son of MT pioneers, Mr. & Mrs. Frank L. Cook of Como MT. Enlisted Nov 1917 in 20th Engineers for service in France. Nephew of A.W. Douglas, 100 – 13th St. S., Great Falls. Educated at state university in Missoula. Was stationed in VA. His brother George Cook lives in Bozeman MT & sister Mrs. Kate Durland in Cut Bank MT. His parents are members of the MT Society of Pioneers, having crossed the plains to MT in 1869. His mother, the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. George A. Douglas, crossed the plains with her parents in 1864, settling with them at Boulder. Marcus was widely known in western MT & quite popular.

"Daily Missoulian" (Missoula MT) 23 Feb 1918 p 2 – students of MT State University, faculty & residents of Missoula gathered 22 Feb 1918 in the university auditorium for a memorial service for Marcus B. Cook, 1st student casualty of the war. He had a splendid character & the esteem of the student body; had been at the university 2 years. There was an invocation & speakers. The 1st speaker said "Marcus Cook has lost his life and we have lost him." C.F. Farmer, his professor in the forestry school, praised him for his "happy disposition, his influence for good, his admirable character, and his industrious habits." His fraternity brother Louis Denny & another student spoke. Marcus was b. in Hamilton MT in 1895 to Mr. & Mrs. F.L. Cook of Como. Educated in the Hamilton schools, then enrolled in the forestry program at the state university. Enlisted Dec 1917. Member Sigma Nu fraternity.

"Conrad (MT) Independent" 15 Aug 1918 p 3 – There are 67 stars on the MT State University School of Forestry service flag. It was unfurled on 22 Feb 1918 when the school held a Memorial Day exercise for student Marcus Cook.

"Missoulian" Sunday 31 Jan 1965 p 26 – photo of Marcus - one of the wooden buildings erected at Montana State University during war as barracks named Marcus Cook Hall, for many years the School of Journalism, torn down 2 years ago (ca. 1963)

Obituary:

Censuses:

1900 Edwards, Ravalli MT – conducted 2 Jun 1900

Frank L. Cook, 47 MI, Feb 1853, parents b. NY, married 17 years, farmer

Mary E., 37 NE, Nov 1862, father b. NY, mother b. OH, gave birth to 5 children, 4 are living

Hiram, 15 MT, Jun 1884, at school

George, 13 MT, Jan 1887, at school

Katie, 9 MT, Dec 1890, at school

Marcus B., 5 MT, Nov 1894

1910 Edwards, Ravalli MT – conducted 6 May 1910

Frank L. Cook, 57 MI, parents b. NY, in 1st marriage, married 27 years, farmer, general farm

Mary E., 47 NE, father b. NY, mother b. OH, in 1st marriage, gave birth to 7 children, 5 are living

Marcus B., 15 MT

Teddy V., 8 MT

Frank L., 5 MT

Pearl F. Ritch, 24 WI, school teacher, public school [boarder]

1920 Salt Lake City, Salt Lake Co. UT – 10th Ave. – conducted 7 Jan 1920 – Marcus is dead

Frank L. Cook, 66 MI, parents b. NY

Mary E., 57 NE, father b. NY, mother b. OH

Theodore V., 17 MT

Frank L., 15 MT

[occupation for all: none]

1930 San Diego, San Diego CA – 3718 Central Ave. – father & brother

Frank L. Cook, 77 MI, parents b. NY, widowed, no occupation

Frank L. Jr., 25 MT, father b. MI, mother b. NE, single, foreman, nursery