

TUSCANIA

Crofts, Charles Herbert
1891 NY – 1925 NY



Left: Charles Herbert Crofts – “Brooklyn (NY) Daily Eagle” 9 Mar 1918 p 2 – Right: “New York Evening World” 8 Feb 1918 p 3

CROFTS CHARLES HERBERT

Pvt 100 Aero Sqdn

163 Lafayette Ave Brooklyn NY

No 249 873 Died 6/1/25

Born 12/1/91

Enl 11/25/17 Dis 10/28/18

C 1 035 360

K

A 2 841 638

T 1 993 829

R

CL 1 643 837

I 219 722

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Schedule of Return and Return
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LIST OF UNITED STATES CITIZENS
(FOR THE IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES)

Number 105

S. S. Metagana sailing from Liverpool, Aug. 31st, 1918, Arriving at Port of New York, Sept. 11, 1918.

NAME IN FULL		AGE	SEX	IF NATIVE OF UNITED STATES, GIVE DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH (CITY OR TOWN AND STATE)	IF NATURALIZED, GIVE NAME AND LOCATION OF COURT WHICH ISSUED NATURALIZATION PAPERS, AND DATE OF PAPERS	ADDRESS IN UNITED STATES	
FAMILY NAME	GIVEN NAME	Yrs	Mos				
Crofts	Chas. H.	26	10	M	M	1891. New York.	324-53rd St. Brooklyn.

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623

Crofts Charles H 249,873 white
 (Surname) (Christian name) (Army serial number) (Race: White or colored)

Residence: Broadway & 12 Sts New York NEW YORK
 (Street and house number) (Town or city) (County) (State)

* Enlisted in R.A. at Ft Slocum NY Nov 25/17
 † Born in Brooklyn NY 25 11/12 yr

Organizations: 229 Aero Sq to Jan 9/18; 118 Aero Sq to Jan 12/18;
 100 Aero Sq to disch.

Grades: Pvt

Engagements:

Wounds or other injuries received in action: None.

‡ Served overseas Jan 24/18 to Sept 11/18

§ Hon. disch. Oct 28.18 on S.C.D.

Was reported 11 1/9 per cent disabled on date of discharge, in view of occupation.

Remarks:

Form No. 724-2½ A. G. O. March 12, 1920.

*Insert "R. A.", "N. G.", "E. R. C.", "N. A.", as case may be, followed by place and date of enlistment. † Give place of birth and date of birth, or age at enlistment.
 ‡ Give dates of departure from and arrival in the United States. § Give date and cause.

Charles H Crofts

in the New York, U.S., Abstracts of World War I Military Service, 1917-1919

NY WWI service card -

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C. H. CROFTS DIES; WORLD WAR HERO

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Thu, Jun 04, 1925 -Page 12

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CROFTS—In loving memory of my husband, CHARLES V. CROFTS, who entered into rest on Nov. 29, 1924.
MINNIE DORLON CROFTS.

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CROFTS—In loving memory of my son, CHARLES HERBERT CROFTS, U. S. V., who entered into rest June 1, 1925.
MINNIE DORLON CROFTS.

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CROFTS—In loving memory of my son, CHARLES HERBERT CROFTS, U. S. Veteran, who entered into rest on June 1, 1925.
MINNIE DORLON CROFTS.

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Life

RACES AT CLERMONT RINK.

Spirited racing was the order at the Clermont Rink yesterday morning, when the interscholastic competitions were decided. Herman Froeb, of Poly Prep, won the half mile senior event from scratch and thus lays claim to the championship interscholastic cup for the season. The quarter mile novice handicap for the Van Rensselaer trophy was won by Charles Crofts, of Public School No. 11. The time of 48 seconds was remarkably fast. Frederick H. Bedford, of Poly Prep, captured first honors in the quarter mile scratch race.

BOY CHAMPIONS TO SKATE

Will Meet in Relay Race on
Friday Night.

Good Programme Arranged for the
Closing Meet of the Season at
Local Rink.

The public school relay skating championship of Greater New York will be decided at the Clermont Avenue Rink next Friday night, when the last race meet of the season will occur. Many of the most prominent amateur skaters will be seen in competition. The champion relay racing team of Public School No. 11, consisting of Augustus Peverelly, Jr., captain; Charles H. Crofts, Harry Dahn and William Bauer, will meet the team to be picked by Captain Harry Raffe and any other scholastic teams which enter the competition for the championship. It will be at one mile, each skater to go one-quarter of a mile. Entrance fee to this event is free, and four handsome medals go to the winners.

The remaining events on the card consist of a one-mile senior handicap, Class A; one-mile junior handicap, Class B, and two-mile handicap. A footrace on the ice in street shoes will be one of the most interesting features of the ice sports events. Entrance fee to each event is 50 cents per man, and the rules of the National Amateur Skating Association, under whose sanction the meet is given, will govern the events. The entries close with Manager I. C. Mosher, at the rink, at 7 p. m. Gold, silver and bronze medals will go to the first, second and third in each of the scheduled competitions.

Arthur Yale Sarony, Walter R. Lee, Philip J. Kearney, Edward L. Crabb and all the cracks will race. LeRoy See, the former national amateur champion skater, will officiate as referee of the big meeting, which closes New York's speed-skating season.

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BRAVE LAD DISCOVERS FIRE IN HIGH SCHOOL

**CREATES NO ALARM, NOTIFIES
TEACHERS QUIETLY AND PUPILS
MARCH OUT.**

**Flames Were Circling in Class Room 18
of Marcy Avenue Edifice, When
Charlie Crofts Saw Them—Then the
Practical Efficiency of Fire Drill Is
Shown by Prompt School Discharge.**

The practical efficiency of the fire drill was never better illustrated than at the Boys' High School, Marcy avenue and Madison street, yesterday morning, when the 1,400 students marched out on to the street, wholly unaware that the institution and their own lives were threatened by a fire that started in a class room on the third floor.

That a panic was averted was due to the presence of mind of 14-year-old Charles Crofts, of 57 Lafayette avenue, who is a pupil in Room No. 18. He noticed, at 11 o'clock, that the woodwork adjoining steam pipes in that room was smoking, and he detected a tiny blaze. Prof. Freeborn was in the room at the time. Quite nonchalantly, the lad left his seat, unnoticed by his fellow students, and walking straight to the professor told him what he had discovered.

The professor was not to be outdone by the boy in the matter of nerve. He immediately despatched the lad to the office to give the alarm. He found Prof. Alden there. The explanation that the boy had to give was made inside of three words.

"Fire—No. 18—"

Prof. Alden did not wait for the rest of the sentence, but seizing the telephone, called up Police Headquarters, and at the same time, flashed word to the different classrooms for the fire drill. Charlie Crofts hurried back to his class in time to take his place in line, and march out with the rest of the boys, and did not even hint that there was fire in the building.

The fire drill in the high school provides that every means of escape shall be utilized, and the people in the neighborhood were for the next five minutes treated to the sight of hundreds of lads pouring down the several fire-escapes, and out of the doors, like a myriad of ants, but as they had often witnessed the same sight before when there was no fire, they simply looked on admiringly.

It was not until nineteen minutes after that the boys themselves knew that they were escaping a real peril.

Janitor Brown and his assistant, a man named Flanagan, with the chemical fire extinguishers, that they grabbed from the walls, had the fire out inside of five minutes. The damage was trifling. The boys remained on the sidewalk about a half-hour in all, when they returned to their classrooms and resumed their studies.

A peculiar feature of the fire is that the police of the Gates Avenue Station, yesterday afternoon and this morning, knew nothing of it, and had not even the faintest scratch recording the fact on their blotter.

address to the children.
At 11 o'clock all the children were served with milk and cake. Following the refreshments came the athletic events. These took place on the track in front of the judges stand. The summaries were:

60-Yard dash for boys between the ages of 8 and 9 years—Won by W. Ellwood; second, W. Short; third, Betran Van Buskirk.

50-Yard dash for seniors—Won by W. Ellwood; second, Charles Crofts.

100-Yard dash for seniors—Won by William Falth.

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The Central Five who last season successfully met such teams as Good Counsel, Patchogue, Tottenville, etc., will again put a strong team forward and would like to hear from the strongest teams in the city. Will travel within 100 miles of New York: Charles H. Crofts, 770 Union street.

basketball

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**16 BROOKLYN-L. I.
MEN KNOWN TO
HAVE BEEN SAVED**

Four friends in the Bedford district—Charles H. Crofts, 307 Carlton avenue; Melville W. Miller, 70 North Portland avenue; Frederick Flux, 105 Clinton avenue, and Washington Godley Davies, 35 North Oxford street—enlisted December 12 in the 213th Aero Squadron at Mineola.

Flux, aged 30, and Davies, aged 31, were employed in the Bridge Department, the former as a foreman and the latter as driver of a repair truck. Both enlisted as mechanics.

Miller, aged 22, enlisted as a cook in the 213th Squadron. He graduated from Public School No. 12 and was for a time a student at Manual. Just previous to enlisting he was employed by the Columbus Distilling Company of Greenpoint and was a member of the Central Branch Y. M. C. A., where he was taking a course in engineering. He has considerable reputation as a bowler and won laurels on several Y. M. C. A. teams.

Miller and Davies are graduates of Public School No. 12, and Flux of Public School No. 1. Davies' mother, Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Davies, has received a cablegram from him saying he had landed safely and was well.

In addition to the list of survivors in yesterday's Eagle, the following have been announced:

Charles H. Crofts, 307 Clinton avenue.

Charles A. Firth, 238 Abingdon road, Kew Gardens, L. I.

Joseph F. Lee, 600 Bedford avenue.

Walter J. Martin, 550 Hamburg avenue.

Charles Pausewang, Mineola, L. I.

Nathan Perlman, 1166 Flatbush avenue.

Arthur L. Stanbrough, Huntington, L. I.

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Crofts Had Hair-Raising Experience.

The letter of Crofts was the shortest of all but he glosses over a hair-raising experience which makes one wish that a trained observer had been in the boat with him. He writes:

Dear Ma—Could not cable you that I am safe, as I am flat broke, but as I suppose you must have guessed, I was on board the Tuscania when she was torpedoed. Had a pretty tough time of it, as the lifeboat I got into was overturned when they started to lower it and we were all thrown into the water. I struck my head as I fell and got a nasty cut, but the cold of the water revived me and I managed to get to another boat which was passing near me, and was pulled into it. We drifted about for about seven or eight hours and were finally smashed up on the rocks of an island off the coast of Scotland. One man was dashed to death, but the rest of us succeeded in fighting our way in to the shore, where we were found the next morning by a coast guard.

He took us to his shack and fed us and dried our clothes and then took us down to the village where we were taken care of for two days, until the military authorities were notified and moved us.

We were all battered up a bit on the rocks, but are coming around nicely now. I had one finger on my left hand crushed, but would not let the doctor cut it off, and they tell me here at the hospital, where I go every day, that my head and hand will both come around fine.

I hope it is soon, as we sure would like to get a chance to get even with the Huns for what we got.

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OF THE SEA.

The same mail which brought a letter descriptive of the Tuscania sinking from Corporal Fred Lampe also brought letters from other survivors, Lafayette W. Rothsteen Jr., who wrote to his parents at 235 Van Buren street, and Charles H. Crofts, who wrote to his mother, Mrs. Minnie Crofts, 307 Carlton avenue.

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Father



One of her grandsons, Charles H. Crofts enlisted in the U. S. Aviation Service during the war, and on reaching the other side was transferred to the British Aviation Service. He was a survivor of the Tuscania, and in an air raid on London was shot down and injured. He was decorated by the British Government for bravery, and was invalided home, being now in Brooklyn.

The obituary of his grandmother, Margaret Thomas Crofts, widow of his grandfather, Thomas Crofts, and mother of his father, Charles V. Crofts - "Brooklyn Chat" 19 Apr 1919 p

COMPANY A'S ANNUAL RECEPTION.

A Bright Scene at the Academy of Music Last Evening.

The annual reception of Company A, Twenty-third Regiment, was held last evening in the Assembly Rooms of the Academy of Music, which were crowded with ladies and gentlemen. Nearly every company in the regiment was represented, and Colonel Ward and his staff also dropped in about the time the festivities were at their height. The costumes of the ladies were beautiful and picturesque. Each chandelier was profusely decorated with smilax, and Eben's band was almost hidden from view in a garden of lilies and palms. About half-past 9 o'clock, after the overture was played, the dancing commenced, and among those who participated were: Colonel Rodney C. Ward, Colonel John N. Partridge, Major Fincke, Arthur M. Guy, A. S. Barney, M. E. Robinson, C. C. Blossom, Lieutenant C. Burd, H. Burrell, Dr. H. L. Cochran, T. C. Overton, E. A. Wilson, J. V. Kinsey, J. W. Clarke, W. R. Stuart, Eliot Gordon, T. T. Leigh, Robert J. Keller, E. Burton Hart, A. W. Perrine, F. F. Leavens, H. T. Eschwege, R. P. Wardell, R. H. Macdonald, N. J. Murray, Henry E. Ide, Charles A. Coleson, G. E. Ide, Charles V. Crofts, O. W. Bowen, S. B. Hendrick, O. C. Voorhies, J. H. Gates, J. H. Keller, H. Hordy, Franklyn B. Torrey, William C. Hough, Samuel McLean, William H. Hawes, E. J. Stebbins, W. B. Lubby, Captain D. W. Van Ingen, Eugene Suben, W. D. Baker, Joseph J. Byers, W. B. Gellotte, Arthur B. Raymond, C. W. Church, A. L. Beebe, E. B. Terry, James A. Elliot, Colonel J. G. Story, Charles E. Walters, C. Connors, Charles P. Duffee, P. C. Vallette, F. B. Vallette, Lieutenant A. A. Thompson, Lieutenant Colonel Frothingham, O. E. Birges, D. C. Grant, F. W. Stanbough, F. W. Struller, R. Struller, E. Verity, Dr. A. T.

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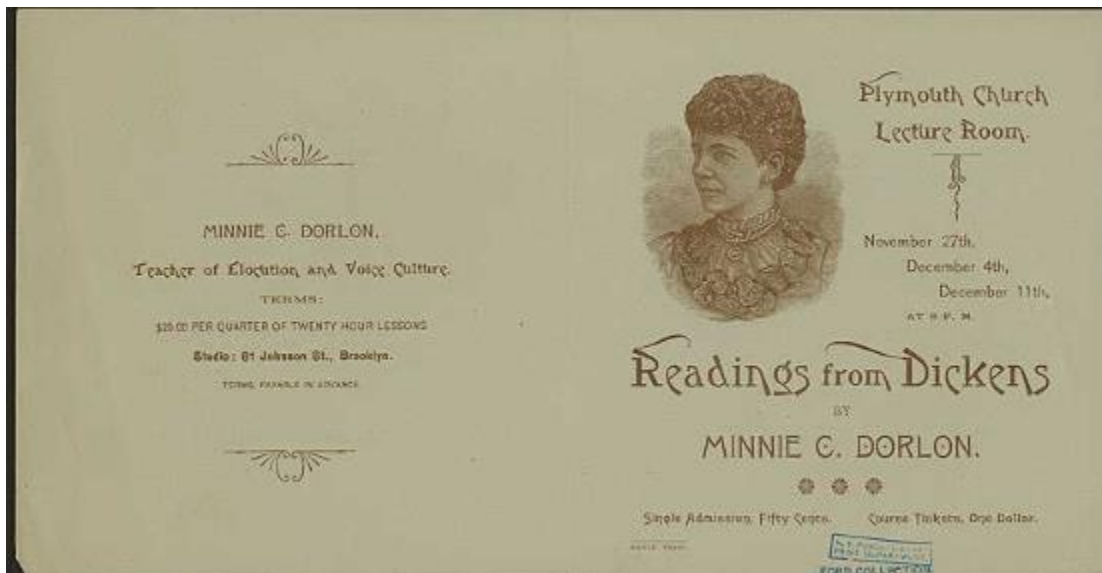
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Mother



Minnie Dorlon Crofts - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/57534064/person/38327693376/media/0f1dd8ac-d7be-440b-bda5-e344e6cfff1>



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CROFTS — MINNIE DORLON
CROFTS, March 6, 1940, at Fort
Wayne, Indiana, widow of Charles
V. and mother of Sidney E. Crofts.
Interment private.

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 [London, England, Crisp's Marriage Licence Index, 1713-1892](#)
 Marriage & divorce
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Name	Minnie Caroline Dorlon
Spouse	Charles Vezin Crofts
Marriage	16 Jul 1889
Residence	Saint Martin in the Fields, Middlesex
Spouse's Residence	Saint Martin in the Fields, Middlesex

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CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

Local No. 265
Registered No. 1881

1. PLACE OF DEATH:
County Allen
City or town Pt. Wayne
Street address, hospital, or institution Lutheran Hospital
Stay in hospital or inst. (year, or month, or days) 5 days
Stay in this community (year, or month, or days) 5 yrs

2. USUAL RESIDENCE (HOME) OF DECEASED:
(For foreign births give residence of mother)
State Indiana County Allen
City or town Pt. Wayne
Street No. 2107 Carvers Ave
(If rural give LOCATION)
3. (a) IF VETERAN, NAME WAR No

1. (a) FULL NAME Minnie Dorlon Crofts
2. (b) Social Security Number NONE

3. AGE: 71 Years Months 0 Days If less than 100 days
4. SEX: Female
5. Color or race: White
6. (a) Name of husband or wife: Charles V.
7. (b) Name of mother, give age: years
8. Date of death: March 6, 1940
9. Date of birth: Unknown
10. Birthplace: Brooklyn, New York
11. Usual occupation: Housewife
12. Industry or business:
13. Name: Sidney Dorlon
14. Birthplace: Brooklyn, N. Y.
15. Maiden name: Caroline Schaffer
16. Birthplace: Brooklyn, N. Y.
17. Informant: S.S. Crofts
Address: Chicago, Ill.
18. Cause of death: Cremation
Date thereof: 3/8/40
(Burial, cremation, or removal, when?) (month) (day) (year)
Cemetery or crematory: Lindenwood
Location: Pt. Wayne, Ind.
19. Funeral director: D.O. McComb & Sons
Address: Pt. Wayne, Ind.
Filed: 3/8/40 Karl R. Eberly (State Officer)

MEDICAL CERTIFICATION
DE DATE OF DEATH March 6, 1940 11:45 P
21. I CERTIFY that death occurred on the day above stated, that it occurred
Decayed from 74.25 to 40.11, from 6 to 10,
and that I last saw him after on March 6 19 40.
Immediate cause of death:
Due to heart failure 120
Due to chronic myocarditis 2 yrs.
and cardiac asthma 5 yrs.
Other condition: 95
Major findings:
Of operations: none
Of exposure: none
22. VIOLENCE: If death was due to external causes, fill in the following:
Accident, suicide, or homicide Date of _____
Where did injury occur? (City or town) (County) (State)
Injured at home, farm, industry, public place (where?)
Injured at work? Means of injury _____
23. SIGNATURE John H. Kellum M.D.
214 Wayne Pharmacal Bldg. N. D. or other
Address 714 Wayne Ind. Date signed March 7, 1940

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MISS MINNIE C. DORLON.

The Favorite Brooklyn Elocutionist Gets Married in England.

There have been few greater favorites with the Brooklyn public in the last few years than Miss Minnie C. Dorlon, the elocutionist, who on all occasions of charity has freely tendered her services, and who, as an artiste, has won high ecomium in her chosen profession. Miss Dorlon is one of the daughters of Sidney Dorlon. News has just been received from London, Eng., that on June 17, she was married there to Mr. Charles E. Crofts, also of Brooklyn.

The residence of Miss Dorlon, when at home here, is at No. 81 Johnson street. From the story, as now told, it seems that Mr. Crofts has been a most devoted suitor for some time. Last spring Miss Dorlon departed for Europe to fulfill business engagements, and she has met with great success on the other side of the big pond. In the meantime, Mr. Crofts has been traveling in Europe also, and on the couple meeting again in London they were quietly married, only members of the family being aware of the fact.

After her present European engagements Mrs. Crofts, nee Miss Dorlon, will return to the States to fill her winter engagements, but she has so won the hearts of the English people that engagements have been made with her for next year to repeat her present successes. It is thought that the happy couple will arrive in this country about the end of July.

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CROFTS—DORLON.—Miss Minnie C. Dorlon, a daughter of the late Sidney Dorlon, of Brooklyn, was married in London, on June 17, to Charles E. Crofts. Miss Dorlon is an elocutionist of considerable talent, and has on several occasions delightfully entertained Yonkers audiences.

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Yonkers NY

PLUCKING AMERICANS ABROAD.

Miss Minnie Dorlon, the well-known elocutionist of this city, who is at present traveling abroad, and who was recently married in England to Mr. Charles E. Crofts, of this city, says, among other things in one of her letters to her sister, Miss Mattie Dorlon: We were staying in the southern part of France, in a district where the English language is very seldom heard. One bright afternoon while sitting in the parlor of the hotel with several friends, only one of whom could speak French, two well-to-do looking Frenchmen entered and began at once conversing in their own tongue as follows:

First Frenchman—Who are these ladies?

Second Frenchman—Americans.

F. F.—Are you the proprietor of this hotel?

S. F.—I am.

F. F.—Then charge them three times the regular price. Money flows in that free land like water from a spring.

S. F.—Ah! thanks, my friend, for the information (laughing heartily). I shall now make my fortune and retire.

F. F.—No thanks at all.

S. F.—(Laying his hand on the other's shoulder). Come, my friend, this is too dry, let us wet the birth of prosperity.

The two Frenchmen left the room arm in arm, and if it were not for the one lady who understood the language, we should yet be under the delusion that they were a "jolly pair." Miss Dorlon adds that she stayed at that hotel just as long as it took her to get her luggage together.

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Sibling:

CROFTS

Sidney E. Crofts of Glen Ellyn, loving husband of the late Katharine F.; fond father of Katharine (Robert) Storm; grandfather of William R. and Katharine M. Visitation Wednesday, 1:30 p.m., until memorial service at 3 p.m., at the Leonard Memorial Home, 565 Duane St., Glen Ellyn. Private interment at Forest Hill Cemetery. If desired, memorials may be sent to the Glen Ellyn Rotary Scholarship Fund or the First Congregational Church of Glen Ellyn. Info.: 469-0032.

Chicago Tribune

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Brother Sidney Elliott Crofts (1890-1980) –

Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

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

NOK = next-of-kin

Name: Charles Herbert Crofts

Name variations: also found misspelled as Crafts and Croft

Military:

On Tuscania: 100th Aero Squadron, 14th Squad - private

Serial number: 249,873

Entered service from: Brooklyn, Kings NY

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: Charles H. Crofts

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": mother Minnie Crofts, 307 Carlton Ave., Brooklyn NY

Returned from war on: "under orders U.S.A." on "Matagama" leaving Liverpool 31 Aug 1918 & arriving Ellis Island, NYC 11 Sep 1918. Listed as b. 1891 NY, resident 324 – 53rd St., Brooklyn NY, age 26 years & 10 months, married.

Sailed on return ship as: Chas. H. Crofts

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank:

World War I draft registration (1917): indexed as Charles N. Crofts, reads Charles H.

Crofts, card signed Charles Herbert Crofts - b. 1 Dec 1891 Brooklyn NY; res: 146 Lawrence St., NY, NY. Married. Burlesque [?] mgt., T.H. D---kess [?], 46th St., Getty Bldg. NY. Tall & slender

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlisted 25 Nov 1917

Discharged 28 Oct 1918

Address: 163 Lafayette Ave., Brooklyn NY

Rank/unit: private, 100th Aero Squadron

NY Army Card: enlisted 25 Nov 1917 Ft. Slocum NY, b. Brooklyn NY, 25 years 11 months old. Left service 11-1/9% disabled, discharged 28 Oct 1918 on SCD [service-connected disability]

Birth & death:

Born: 1 Dec 1891 Brooklyn, Kings NY

Died: 1 Jun 1925 Tupper Lake, Franklin NY (in Veterans Hospital, as a result of war injuries & exposure) – also listed as Altamont, Albany NY in the NY Death Index

Died:

Find A Grave record:

Burial location: buried on 4 Jun 1925 in Lot 5586, section 101. His father, Charles V. Crofts, who died 6 months earlier, is buried in the same plot.

Cemetery: Green-Wood Cemetery, Brooklyn, Kings NY

Tombstone:

BURIAL SEARCH

Please note that this database of those interred at Green-Wood is not complete; some names, particularly of those interred in the earliest years of the cemetery, may be missing from it. We do have complete records at the cemetery, so please [contact us](#) if you need further assistance.

Also, please note that the date of interment listed here may not be the date of an individual's first burial at Green-Wood; if an individual is interred in one grave, but then moved to another, the date of interment listed here will be that for interment in the current (or second) location.

[View a map showing Section numbers here.](#) To find the precise location of a Lot, use the kiosk in the Administrative Office or opposite the security guard's station in the Arch (located at the Main Entrance on 5th Avenue at 25th Street). [Learn more about Green-Wood's genealogy services here.](#)

Burial Search Results: [2 matched entries]

Last Name	First Name	Burial Date	Lot	Section	More +
CROFTS	CHARLES	1925-06-04	5586	101	±
CROFTS	CHARLES V.	1924-12-02	5586	101	±

Father: Charles Vezin Crofts, 23 Jan 1864 NY – 29 Nov 1924 NY.

Obituary: "Brooklyn Citizen" 3 Dec 1924 p 2 – Funeral for Charles V. Crofts was held 2 Dec 1924 at his home at 163 Lafayette Ave., where he died. Survived by wife Minnie Dorlon Crofts & sons, Charles H. & Sidney E. Crofts. Private interment. - Buried in Green-Wood Cemetery, Brooklyn NY, in same plot as son Charles Herbert Crofts – Lot 5586, section 101, on 2 Dec 1902. "Brooklyn Daily Eagle" 29 Nov 1926 p 20 – In memoriam by Minnie Dorlon Crofts of her husband, Charles V. Crofts, who died 29 Nov 1925. His passport application, granted 22 Dec 1921: Charles V. Crofts, b. Brooklyn NY on 23 Jan 1864. Son of Thomas Crofts, who was born in England & emigrated from Dorcat Kipon/Heron [that is a guess], Residence 163 Lafayette Ave., Brooklyn NY. Auditor. Going to Mexico on personal business.

Find A Grave:

Mother: Minnie Caroline Dorlon Crofts, May 1868 (1900 census) or 1869 (tombstone) NY – 6 Mar 1940 Fort Wayne, Allen IN.

Daughter of Sidney Dorlon & Caroline Shaffer.

She performed in recitals & on the radio & taught drama, diction, interpretation. -

"Brooklyn Eagle" 30 Sep 1927 p 36 – Minnie Dorlon Crofts, long & familiarly known to Brooklynites as an entertainer of many & varied talents, was on the radio for 20 minutes last night. She should be on every week. She showed her remarkable coloratura range & did humorous song recitations. Obituary: "Brooklyn Daily Eagle" 16 Mar 1940, p. 7 – Minnie Dorlon Crofts died 6 Mar 1940 at Fort Wayne IN. Widow of Charles V. Crofts, mother of Sidney E. Crofts. Interment private. Buried in Lindenwood Cemetery, Fort Wayne, Allen IN. IN death certificate: Minnie Dorlon Crofts, 2017 Airles [spelling?] Ave., Fort Wayne, Allen IN

– d. at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne, Allen IN on 6 Mar 1940 of cardiac issues. Age 71 (birth date not given), b. Brooklyn NY. Housewife. Widowed; husband was Charles V. Crofts. Daughter of Samuel Dorlon (Brooklyn NY) & Caroline Schaffer (Brooklyn NY).

Informant: S.E. Crofts, Chicago IL. Cremated.

Burial in Lindenwood Cemetery, Fort Wayne, Allen IN.

Find A Grave: 65245438

Parents' marriage: 17 Jul 1889 London, England

Spouse: Charles listed himself as married on his 5 Jun 1917 WWI draft card & was listed as married on the ship roster when he returned from war in Oct 1918 – but listed his mother as his NOK. No wife is mentioned in his obituaries.

Spouse Find A Grave:

Children:

Siblings:

- Sidney Elliott Crofts. 18 Feb 1890 Boston, Suffolk MA – 12 Apr 1980 Wheaton, DuPage IL. - Even though censuses list him as born in NY, he was either born in Boston MA or later decided he was born in Boston MA. - In 1916, married Katharine F. McDonough (1888-1979, F: 14894933) in NJ. WWI draft 1917: resident of 177 Lenox Rd., Brooklyn NY; b. Boston MA 18 Feb 1890. Insurance broker for Liverpool & L & S [?] Insurance Co., 80 William St., NYC. Married & claims exemption from draft due to dependents. - In 1920, in insurance, living in Columbus OH, employed by the Sun Life Assurance Co. of Canada. In 1930 living in Fort Wayne, Allen IN: Crofts, Sidney E. (Kath) h1816 Vermont Ave. WWII draft 1942: Sidney Elliott Crofts, 406 S. 4th St., Chicago IL, wife Katharine, b. 18 Feb 1890 Boston MA, employed by Batavia Body Co., Batavia IL. Obituary: "Chicago Tribune" 14 Apr 1980 p 14 – Sidney E. Crofts, of Glen Ellyn IL, husband of the late Katharine F., father of Katharine (Robert) Storm. Private interment in Forest Hill Cemetery, Glen Ellyn, DuPage IL. F: 14894942

Notes:

Wartime:

"NY Evening World" 8 Feb 1918 p 4 - photo - as Charles H. CROFT - age 24, of 307 Carlton Ave., Brooklyn NY. Boys' High School graduate, enlisted Nov 1917, trained in TX. His mother Mrs. Minnie Croft is a drama teacher. His mother says he always wears a leather money belt with her photo in it so he can be easily identified. Had trouble entering service, but Brig. Gen. Kline appealed on his behalf.

"Brooklyn Daily Eagle" 9 Mar 1918 p 2 - photo – His letter home to his mother Mrs. Minnie Crofts, 307 Carlton Ave., because he had no money to cable her. His lifeboat overturned as

it was being lowered & he hit his head as fell into water, Was pulled into a passing boat, where he spent 7-8 hours before crashing onto Scottish island where 1 man dashed to death. Fought his way to shore, was found next morning by coast guard [this is a single coast watcher], taken to his shack, fed, clothes dried, taken to village where spent 2 days. One finger on his left hand was crushed, but refused amputation. Has been told at the hospital on his daily visits that his head & hand will be fine.

Post-war:

Obituary:

"Brooklyn Daily Eagle" 3 Jun 1925 p 2 - Charles Herbert Crofts, 163 Lafayette Ave., Brooklyn, hero of WWI, d. at Veterans Hospital, Tupper Lake NY as a result of injuries & exposure suffered as part of the 100th Aero Squadron. Was on the Tuscania. Fell 1,500 feet in a plane brought down near Amiens, France, when in a big German offensive, later wounded 5 times. Recipient Distinguished Service Cross.

"Brooklyn Times Union" 4 Jun 1925 p 12 – Charles Herbert Crofts, 163 Lafayette Ave., Brooklyn, d. 1 Jun 1925 at the US Veterans Hospital in Tupper Lake NY from injuries & exposure in the war. Repeats much of information found in "Brooklyn Daily Eagle" 3 Jun 1925 p 2 – article. Adds son of Minnie Dorlon Crofts & the late Charles V. Crofts. Funeral held 4 Jun 1925 at 29 Ashland Place. Although the headline reads "C.H. Crofts, World War Hero, Buried Today" – there is no interment location noted.

Censuses:

1900 Brooklyn, Kings NY – 648 Fulton St. – conducted 12 Jun 1900
 Charles Crafts [sic], 36 NY, Jan 1864, parents b. England, married 11 years, clerk (law)
 Minnie, 32 NY, May 1868, parents b. NY, in 1st marriage, gave birth to 2 children, 2 are living
 Sudney, 10 NY, Feb 1890, at school
 Charles, 8 NY, Dec 1891, at school

1905 NY state census – Brooklyn, Kings NY
 Chas. B. (?) Crofts, 40 US, clerk – drugs
 Minnie D., 34 US, housekeeper
 Sidney E., 15 US, at school
 Charles H., 13 US, at school

1910 Brooklyn NY – 427 Dean St. – conducted 23 Apr 1910
 Charles V. Crofts, 42 NY, parents b. England, in 1st marriage, married 21 years, bookkeeper, undertaker
 Minnie D., 40 NY, parents b. NY, gave birth to 2 children, 2 are living
 Sidney E., 20 NY, single, clerk, insurance office
 Charles H., 18 NY, single, clerk, bank

1915 NY state census – Kings Co. – 770 Union St.

Charles Crofts, 47 US, salesman, real estate

Minnie, 44 US, housework

Sidney E., 25 US, insurance broker

Charles H., 23, insurance clerk

[all are US citizens]