

# TUSCANIA

**Tuscania casualty**

**Cheshier, John Wilburn**

**1890 CA – 5 February 1918 Tuscania**

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| Wash.<br>CHESHER, JOHN W.                                      |     |      | PVT.              | F       | 6thBn.<br>20th     |                  | Engrs.    | No Div. World War                                                                                     |  |                                    |  |
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John W Cheshier

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

| PAGE 7<br>WASHINGTON |           | WHITE: INDUCTED INTO NATIONAL ARMY OR ASSIGNED THERETO UPON ENLISTMENT. |                                  |               |  |
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| <b>INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT THIS FORM</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                         |                                                            |                                                            |                                                                                             |                                               |                                                                   |
| 1. All U. S. Military Personnel, including civilian employees of the Army, returning to the United States, will be listed on this form, which will be accomplished in eight copies by Personnel Adjutant of Port of Embarkation.                                                  |                                                                         |                                                            |                                                            |                                                                                             |                                               |                                                                   |
| 2. The passengers will be classified and grouped under the following headings, with reference to the reason for their return: (1) "Sick & Wounded", (2) "Prisoners", (3) "On Leave", (4) "For Discharge", (5) "For Duty", (6) "For Retirement", (7) "For Orders", (8) "Deceased". |                                                                         |                                                            |                                                            |                                                                                             |                                               |                                                                   |
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# John Wilburn Cheshier

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| <b>BIRTH</b>       | 13 Jun 1890<br>Ukiah, Mendocino County, California, USA                                                       |
| <b>DEATH</b>       | 5 Feb 1918 (aged 27)<br>Isle of Islay, Argyll and Bute, Scotland                                              |
| <b>MONUMENT</b> ⓘ  | <a href="#">Stonehenge Monument</a><br>Maryhill, Klickitat County, Washington, USA <a href="#">Add to Map</a> |
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Memorial in Klickitat Co. WA – Find A Grave 19070044

Life:

## Washington Men Not Reported as Lost or Saved From Ship

Following Washington soldiers were on the Tuscania, but have not been reported either as lost or saved up to 11 o'clock Sunday night:

John W. Cheshier; Joe M. Cheshier, father, Lucas.

First Lieutenant Richard H. Conner, field artillery, reserve corps; A. P. Conner, father, Harper.

Maurice L. Custard; J. M. Custard, father, Ridgefield.

Charles L. Hall; George Neugent, uncle, Vancouver, R. F. D. 3.

Jesse Robert Kime; William E. Kime, father, Deer Park.

Lawrence J. Leahy; Mrs. James Leahy, mother, 1129 Wabash avenue, Spokane.

List continues – "Spokane (WA) Spokesman-Review" Monday 11 Feb 1918 p 2

## KLICKITAT SOLDIER IS MISSING

**John W. Cheshier Was Member of  
Twentieth Engineers.**

GOLDENDALE, Wash., Feb. 12.—Relatives of John Wilburn Chesler of Lucas, Klickitat county, who was reported in press dispatches yesterday as being among the missing in the Tuscania disaster list are anxiously awaiting news. The missing soldier is a son of John M. Cheshier, a farmer residing in the Cedar valley section of the Simcoe mountains, 20 miles northeast of Goldendale. He enlisted in company F. Sixth battalion, 20th engineers at Vancouver, Wash., about December 1 on account of the experience he had acquired as a woodsman during his residence in the Klickitat country.

Cheshier is 26 years old and was born at Ukiah, Cal. He came to Klickitat county 15 years ago and for a number of years drove the star route stage from Goldendale to Cedar valley.

“Spokane (WA) Spokesman-Review” Wednesday 13 Feb 1918 p 10

## Five Soldiers From This State Dead

(Special to The Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 14.

—Press dispatches today from Scotland, checked with information at the war department, reveals that five soldiers from Washington, members of the Sixth battalion, 20th engineers, victims of the Tuscania, were among those whose bodies washed ashore on the coast of Scotland, and were buried there.

They were: David G. Renton, of North Bend; John W. Cheshier, of Lucas; Robert F. Warren, whose mother lives at 1527 Terry avenue, Seattle; William Matthews, of R. F. D., No. 2, Bellingham, and Wesley W. Hyatt of Lebam, Pacific county.

The first four were buried in a single grave containing 78 soldiers. This leaves seven state of Washington soldiers of the same battalion still unaccounted for. They, their next of kin and addresses are:

Charles L. Hall; George Nugent, uncle, R. F. D. No. 3, Vancouver.

Benjamin G. Olmstead; E. M. Olmstead, father, Tenino.

Anton B. Olson, Odd Fellows' lodge, Milan.

Arthur M. Root; Mrs. W. E. Root, mother, 1608 North 48th st., Seattle.

Irene Smith; Mrs. Mabel E. Smith, wife, E130 Indiana ave., Spokane.

Eugene Snyder; Joe Snyder, father, care reclamation service, Rimrock.

George O. Stierlan; G. A. Stierlan, father, Ferndale.

Irene Hoyez Smith was not dead & not buried – "Tacoma (WA) Times" Thursday 14 Feb 1918 p 3

# Goldendale Soldier Lost With Tuscania

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Goldendale, Wash., Feb. 13. — John Wilburn Cheshier is among the missing from the ill-fated Tuscania.

Relatives are anxiously waiting definite news and hoping that his name will appear in the saved column.

Cheshier is the son of John M. Cheshier, a farmer in the Cedar valley section of the Simcoe mountains, 20 miles northwest of Goldendale. He enlisted in Company F, Sixth battalion, Twentieth Engineers, forestry, national army, at Vancouver, Wash., about December 1, 1917.

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"Oregon Daily Journal" (Portland OR) Wednesday 15 Feb 1918 p 3

# OBITUARY.

John Wilbur Cheshier was born at Sierra, Cal., June 13th, 1890. He came to Cedar Valley, in this county in November 1902, where he has resided since, until he entered the army. He assisted his father in his mail route between Goldendale and Lucas for three years, then spent four years in the Indian Service as Forest Ranger on the Yakima Reservation, prior to his enlistment in the 20th Eng. Forestry, on December 8th, 1917. He went to Washington D. C. Dec. 17th; later leaving that city with his company on January 22nd, for France. He met his death on the ill-fated transport Tusciana, which was destroyed by a German submarine.

Burial occurred on the shores of Scotland, with a number of his fellow soldiers, just two months from the time he had enlisted.

The family are extended the sympathies of the community as well as the numerous friends and acquaintances of the deceased. The young man gave his life for his country in her hour of need. What greater service can man do?

"Goldendale (WA) Sentinel" Thursday 21 Feb 1918 p 5

## J. M. CHESHER HAS LETTER FROM FRANCE

Following is a touching letter received the past week from France by John W. Cheshier and family, which tells of the death of their son John, who was lost on the ill-fated Tuscania in February, sunk by a German submarine:—

Headquarters Co. F, 6th Bn., 20th Engineers, A. E. F., April 10, 1918.

To the parents of John W. Cheshier:

It is with deep regret and heavy heart that I write you regarding the death of your patriotic son John, who was a member of Co. F, 6th Bn., 20th Engrs.

As you know, we were aboard the ill-fated steamship Tuscania, which was torpedoed off the north coast of Ireland at 5:50 P. M., Feb. 5, 1918.

On this particular day John was well and in fine spirits and, when we were struck, marched to his life boat station with coolness, got off in the boat assigned to him, and got safely away from the ship. When a short distance away from the ship, the life boat became overturned in some way, precipitating the occupants into the water.

By this time the sea had become rough, and, being dark, it was next to impossible to rescue every man. Though all were equipped with, and had on life belts, they were of little use in such a rough sea.

John's body was recovered the next day, and together with others, was buried with military honors by the survivors, assisted by the Scottish authorities and the people of the Island of Islay. The kind Scottish people were very tender in their care of both living and the dead, and lavished a profusion of flowers on the caskets of those who are no longer with us. Poor fellows, now sleeping this last sleep with the solemn music of the ocean, beating against the sturdy rock cliff; this will be their requiem. Gone, but not forgotten by loved ones at home and comrades abroad.

Further information may be obtained from Colin Campbell H. C. W., No. 7 Charlotte St., Port Ellen, Islay, Scotland. This gentleman stated that he would be very glad to hear from the people of the men who rest in Port Ellen, and that no expense would be spared to grant their wishes so far as possible.

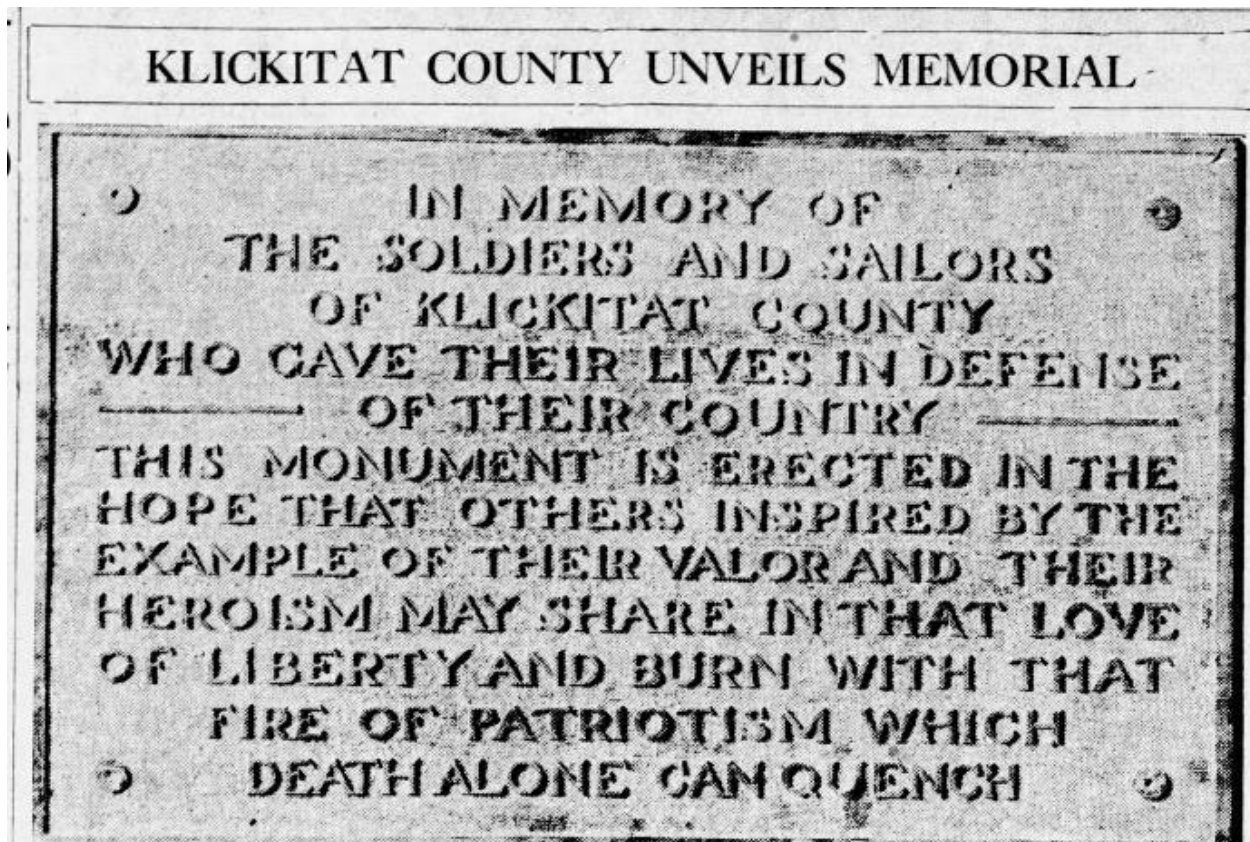
In extending you my sympathy for your loss, I wish you to take comfort in the noble cause in which your son lost his life, and his patriotism in offering himself to his country in her hour of need. We who survive will not forget those who were lost and, while our time may come later, hope we may be spared until we can render some payment to the pirates who caused so many to go prematurely.

Yours very truly,

C. E. Hetrick Capt.  
20th, Eng., Commanding Co. F, 6th Bn.

These were basically "form letters" written by officers, describing each casualty's conduct the same way – "Goldendale (WA) Sentinel" Thursday 30 May 1918 p 1 -

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# UNVEIL MONUMENT TO HONOR HEROES OF KLICKITAT CO.

Replica of Altar Stone of Stone-  
henge, of Salisbury Plains,  
Dedicated to Boys.

ERECTED ON SAM'L HILL FARM

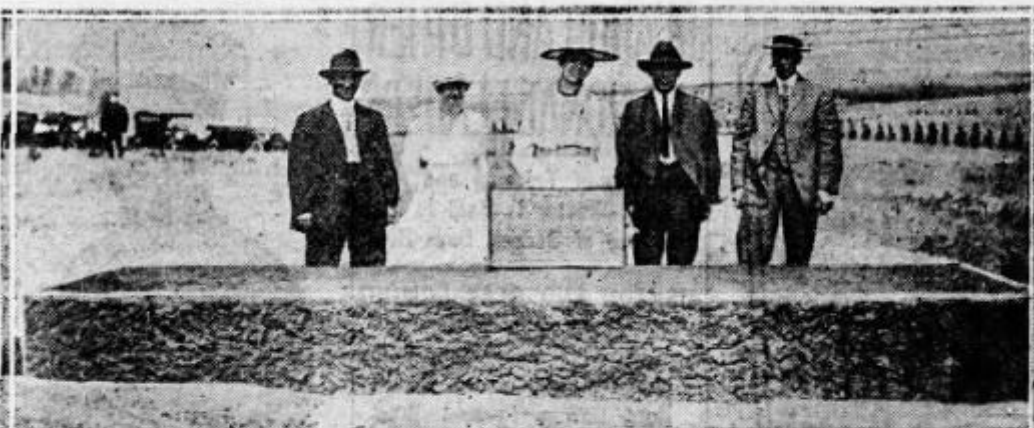
Stirring Exercises at Maryhill,  
Wash., Attended by Many Peo-  
ple From Northwest.

Maryhill, Wash., July 4.—The people of Klickitat county observed the national holiday by dedicating a memorial to the soldiers and sailors of the county who have given their lives in the struggle against Hun barbarism.

The names of those thus honored were: Dewey V. Bromley, John W. Cheslier, James B. Duncan, Robert F. Graham, Carl A. Lester and Robert F. Venable.

Lengthy article continues – "Oregon Daily Journal" (Portland OR) Thursday 4 Jul 1918 p 14

## KLICKITAT HONORS MEN FALLEN FOR LIBERTY



Top—Klickitat county's monument to soldier dead and committee in charge of dedication ceremonies. Left to right—Dr. H. H. Hartley, Mrs. Walter Ferguson, Mrs. Harry Donner, C. T. Camplan, D. Ledbetter. Bottom—Samuel Hill delivering the address of the day.



Excerpt:

### Six Names Inscribed

Six names have already been inscribed upon the monument, Dewey V. Bromley, John W. Cheshier, James B. Duncan, Robert F. Graham, Carl A. Lester and Robert F. Venable. Space has been left for others who are expected in the nature of things to follow. Of the six, "One sleeps in the land where rolls the Oregon," said Nelson B. Brooks, who made the chief dedicatory address. "Three in the soil of the pine clad hills of Klickitat, one upon the blood stained hills of France and one who when the ocean gave up its dead from the torpedoed Tuscania found a burial place beneath the heather of Scotland."

The completion and care of the memorial will be in charge of the Klickitat County Soldiers' and Sailors' Memorial association, of which the following are trustees: Samuel Hill, W. G. Collins, Charles H. Babcock, E. N. Hill and J. C. Potter.

## STONEHENGE DEDICATION ON MAY 30TH

What is said to be the first War Memorial started in the United States is to be dedicated Memorial Day at Maryhill, Washington, about twelve miles south of Goldendale, Washington. This Memorial, erected by Samuel Hill, is located on the cliff overlooking the Columbia River and is near the location of the Maryhill Museum of Fine Arts, dedicated by Queen Marie on her trip to this country. Mr. Hill was the donor of the famous peace arch located on the boundary line between Canada and the United States at Blaine, and is known throughout the world as the foremost advocate of good roads.

This Memorial is unique in many respects. About four thousand years ago on the plains of Salisbury, England, there were placed a number of curious stones. Later on, this collection was called Stonehenge. Some of these stones mark the summer and winter solstice. One stone called the "Altar Stone" was probably used for the sacrifice of victims to the heathen god of war, sometimes captives, sometimes expiatory offerings from the home warriors, but always to the heathen god of war. Similar conditions again arose and sacrifices were again made to the heathen god

of war during the great World War. With the purpose of honoring those from Klickitat county who gave their lives during the World War, Mr. Hill erected this Memorial at Maryhill, the "Altar Stone" being located by Professor W. W. Campbell, now president of the University of California, in June, 1918, by observation so that its position may be determined in all time to come.

The name of every soldier or sailor from Klickitat county, who gave his life during the war, together with his date of birth and death, has been placed on bronze plates and entered there as a perpetual memorial, the principal inscription being on the "Altar Stone" and as follows:

"In memory of the soldiers and sailors of Klickitat County who gave their lives in defense of their Country. This monument is erected in the hope that others inspired by the example of their valor and their heroism may share in that love of liberty and burn with that fire of patriotism which death alone can quench."

The Monument was consecrated July 4th, 1918. The names on the Memorial are as follows:

Harry Gotfredson, born May 6, 1894, died July 30, 1918.

Edward Lindbland, born March 25, 1899, died September 15, 1918.

Carl A. Lester, born October 6, 1888, died March 15, 1918.

Dewey V. Bromley, born July 15, 1898, died April 13, 1918.

Robert F. Graham, born February 29, 1896, died April 17, 1917.

John W. Cheshier, born June 13, 1890, died February 5, 1918.

# Veterans To Meet At Memorial

## Annual Sunset Pilgrimage To Stonehenge Monument Sched- uled On Sunday Evening

At Maryhill's Stonehenge monu- ment this Sunday residents of the Mid-Columbia area will pay homage to the memory of Klickitat county men who fell in the first World War a quarter century ago.

The annual Sunset Memorial Pil- grimage to the Maryhill monument is scheduled for 4:00 p. m., Sunday afternoon. Sponsor of the pilgrim- age will be Goldendale's Louis Leidl post of the American Legion. The Rev. George L. Jefferson, pastor of White Salmon's Methodist church, will deliver the memorial address.

Glen Brock, chairman of the Legion's memorial committee, has invited other Legion posts in the Mid-Columbia area to participate in the Sunset Pilgrimage. All residents of the area are urged to attend.

## Memorial To War Dead

The Stonehenge monument was built by the late Samuel Hill as a memorial to the Klickitat county men who died in the service of their country in the World War. It is an exact replica of the ancient Druid monument on Salisbury plain in England.

The names of 12 Klickitat county men are memorialized on the cement pillars of the monument. These names include: Louis Leidl, James Henry Allyn, James D. Duncan, Carl A. Lester, Evan Childs, Robert F. Venable, Robert F. Graham, Edward Lindblad, John W. Cheshier, Charles Auer, Dewey V. Bromley and Harry Gotfredson.

## Third Pilgrimage

The Stonehenge monument was one of the first memorials in the United States dedicated to the heroes of the World War.

The first Sunset Memorial Pil- grimage was sponsored by the local Legion post in 1938. At that time Mayor Joseph Carson, of Portland, was the speaker. The following year a pilgrimage was held and then the practice was discontinued for two years. Legion officials hope to make the pilgrimage an annual event here- after.

"Goldendale (WA) Sentinel" Thursday 21 May 1942 p 1

## Klickitat County and World War I

Editor's Note:—From the files of The Sentinel each week will be published important happenings in Klickitat county 24 years ago. The following is reprinted from The Sentinel of May 30, 1918.

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All young men in this county having reached the age of 21 years since last June, and those who will be 21 years of age by June 5, 1918, are required to register on that date between the hours of 7 a. m. and 9 p. m. A great deal of publicity has been given the registration and it is assumed that all are aware of it. Claim of ignorance will not be allowed.

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It is hoped on July 4 to dedicate the altar stone of the proposed Stonehenge memorial at Maryhill. All residents of Klickitat county will be invited to participate. It is the intention that every soldier and sailor from Klickitat county who dies shall have his name, date of birth and death put on a metal plate and the same entered there as a perpetual memorial.

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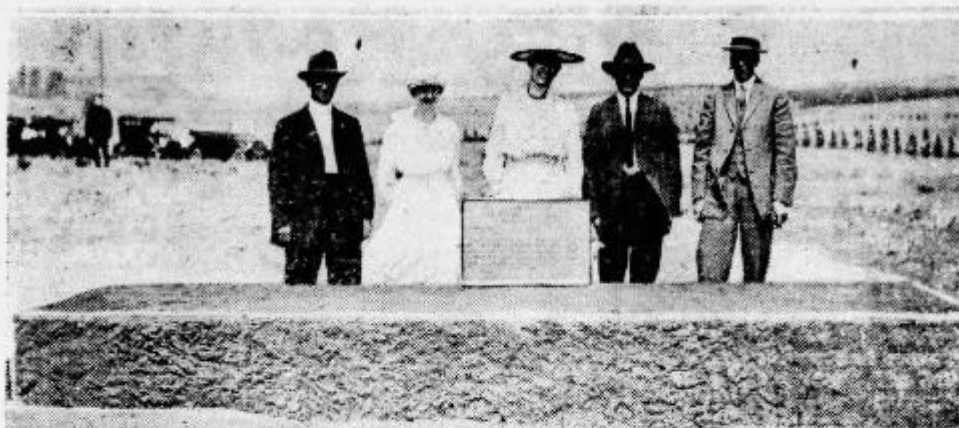
A touching letter was received the past week by John W. Cheshier and family which tells of the death of their son, John, who was lost on the ill-fated Tuscania in February, sunk by a German submarine. The Tuscania was torpedoed off the north coast of Ireland at 5:50 p. m. Feb. 5, 1918. The lifeboat in which Cheshier was attempting to escape in overturned in rough seas and the occupants were drowned. The bodies were later recovered and buried with full military honors on the Island of Eslay, Ireland.

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Thirteen members of Goldendale's G. A. R. post and two Confederate Army veterans are in charge of local Memorial day ceremonies. Since last Memorial day two G. A. R. members and two American soldiers of the present war have been laid to rest in the Goldendale cemetery.

"Goldendale (WA) Sentinel" Thursday 28 May 1942 p 5

## Stonehenge Memorial Dedicated July 4, 1918



Dedication ceremony for the Stonehenge Memorial.

Dedication services for the celebrated Stonehenge War Memorial were conducted July 4, 1918, during the first World War. The monument, patterned after the original Druid ruins of Stonehenge, England, was designed as a tribute to the men who died in that war.

This old cut shows parts of the dedicatory services. At the bottom, Samuel Hill, who conceived the idea of the Memorial, addresses the holiday gathering at the rites. Klickitat county was the first in America to dedicate such a monument to its war victims.

Nelson B. Brooks of Goldendale gave the chief dedicatory address at the ceremonies, attended by 500 persons, including many military and civilian dignitaries.

The first six names, on the dedicatory plaque at the time of the dedication, were Dewey E. Bromley, John W. Cheshier, James B. Duncan, Robert F. Graham, Carl A. Lester and Robert F. Venable, all from this county. Others were added later.

First trustees of the soldiers' and sailors' association, set up to care for and perpetuate the monument, were Samuel Hill, W. G. Collins, Charles H. Babcock, E. N. Hill and J. C. Potter.

The Sentinel is planning a campaign to have the names of World War 2 and Korean War dead added to the roll of honor. Several county groups have advanced the idea that the noted monument should be preserved as a tribute to all of the county's war victims, rather than only those of the first World War. Additional plaques, according to the plan, will be erected to bear the names of those who have sacrificed their lives in later conflicts.

"Goldendale (WA) Sentinel" Thursday 1 Jul 1954 p 29

Father:

## John Cheshier Services Read

John Marion Cheshier was born in Missouri Jan. 15, 1861, where he grew to manhood. He died June 12, 1953, while in St. Elizabeth's hospital at the age of 92 years. He became a Christian in his early teens and united with the Baptist church. He was a faithful worker serving in various offices in the church until his declining years.

He was married to Clara Bell Carter to which union three sons and two daughters were born. Two sons now survive him. They are William E. of Salem, Ore., and Wilfred A. of Yakima. Also surviving are 25 grandchildren, 34 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grand child. Also surviving are two nephews, Ben Knox of Prosser and William Knox of Yakima and a niece, Miss Nellie Knox of Sunnyside with whom Mr. Cheshier made his home for many years.

Mr. Cheshier migrated to California in 1885, came to Goldendale in 1902 and to Sunnyside in 1931. He made his home in Union Gap the past two years.

Funeral services were held in Walter C. Ball & Son's Chapel June 17 at two p.m. with Rev. Michael Petrillo officiating. Burial was in the family plot in the Sunnyside cemetery.

Nominations for City Marshal were then called for and J. P. Lowe, John Cheshier, R. W. Briggs and A. Hague were placed in nomination. Mr. Hague declined to allow his name to be submitted, and so also did R. W. Briggs. The first ballot stood: Lowe 7, Cheshier 6, Briggs 1. The second ballot, Cheshier 7, Lowe 5, Briggs 1, Hague 1. Balloting continued for some time without result and finally, on motion, the convention passed to nominations for Trustees. Several names were mentioned but it was not known whether those named would accept. Dr. E. G. Case was nominated and the other nomination for Trustee was postponed to a future meeting of the convention.

"Ukiah (CA) Dispatch Democrat" Friday 7 Mar 1902 p 1

**POSTMASTERS APPOINTED**  
 Washington, Nov. 24.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL)—Mrs. Irma White has been appointed postmaster at Bridgeport, Baker county, Or.; Mrs. Emily A. Prentice at Appleton and John M. Cheshier at Lucus, both in Klickitat county, Washington.

"Oregon Daily Journal" (Portland OR) Thursday 24 Nov 1927 p 4

J. M. Cheshier left Tuesday for Sunnyside and Toppenish, where he expects to spend the winter. He went over with his son Will, who came over for him. He has three sisters at Sunnyside and Will lives at Toppenish.

"Goldendale (WA) Sentinel" Thursday 15 Oct 1931 p 6

Mrs. G. A. Jacroux, son Albert, and the Misses Hilma Bruner and Celesta Higdon motored to Sunnyside Saturday, where they called on Mrs. J. L. Knox, a former Cedar Valley resident, and J. M. Cheshier. Mr. Cheshier is getting along as well as can be expected from his recent auto accident, and Mrs. Knox and Miss Nell Knox are just fine. Mr. Cheshier is out of the hospital and at the Knox home. The party also called on Mrs. W. H. Barnes and baby daughter, Patty Lou.

"Goldendale (WA) Sentinel" Thursday 8 Mar 1934 p 3

Mother:

It is ordered by the court that all of the property of the estate of Clara B. Cheshier, deceased, be and the same is set aside to the surviving spouse in lieu of homestead and exemptions.

"Goldendale (WA) Sentinel" Thursday 25 Jun 1931 p 1

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE  
OF WASHINGTON, FOR KLIK-  
ITAT COUNTY.

IN THE MATTER OF THE GUARDIANSHIP OF  
CLARA B. CHESHIER, INSANE.

Notice of Hearing of Petition for Appointment  
of Guardian. To the above named Clara B. Chesh-  
ier, and to the person having her custody in con-  
trol, if any:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that John M.  
Cheshier has filed in this court a petition praying  
for the appointment of a guardian of the estate  
of said Clara B. Cheshier, Insane, wherein it is  
alleged that said Clara B. Cheshier, is an insane  
person, and that she has an estate in Klickitat  
County, Washington, which needs the care and at-  
tention of some fit and proper person, and that  
said petitioner is willing and qualified to act as  
such guardian.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the  
hearing upon said petition in this court, is by or-  
der of the Court, set for Tuesday, the 19th day of  
July, 1910, at the hour of 10 o'clock A. M., at the  
Court House in Goldendale, Washington, when  
and where you may show cause why the prayer of  
said petition should not be granted.

Witness, the Hon. Donald McMaster, Judge of  
the Superior Court and the Seal of said Court af-  
fixed this 18th day of May, 1910.

IRA. E. HORNIBROOK.  
Clerk of said Superior Court.

20-June 16

"Goldendale (WA) Sentinel" Thursday 30 Jun 1910 p 8

**NOTICE OF SALE OF TIMBER ON  
REAL ESTATE**

In the Superior Court of the State of Washington for Klickitat County. In the matter of the guardianship of the estate of Clara B. Cheshier, an incompetent person.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned guardian of the estate of Clara B. Cheshier, an incompetent person, will sell at public auction, all the interest of his said ward, in and to the timber on the following described real estate, said interest being the community interest of said ward therein, to wit:

The north half of the southwest quarter, and southwest quarter of southwest quarter and west half of southeast quarter of southwest quarter and south half of southwest quarter of southeast quarter of section ten (10) township six (6) north of range fourteen (14) east of the Willamette Meridian.

Said sale will be made at the front door of the county court house in Goldendale, Washington, pursuant to

an order of the above entitled Court duly made and entered, and will take place on Saturday, the 18th day of September, 1926, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, and will be made upon the following terms, to wit:

Cash in hand to the highest and best bidder, the purchaser to have twenty years in which to remove said timber, together with rights of way for the removal thereof, the conveyance thereof to contain the customary conditions in the case of sale of timber, and to provide that the owners of the land shall have the exclusive right of occupancy of said land, with the right to till any portion suitable for tilling, and the right to pasture said land with live stock.

Said sale will be made subject to confirmation and approval of the above entitled Court.

Dated this 23rd day of August, 1926.

J. M. CHESHER, Guardian of the estate of Clara B. Cheshier, an incompetent person.

WARD & BRODIE, Attorneys for guardian. Aug. 26-Sep. 16-4t—

— Mr. John M. Cheshire and Miss Clara B. Carter, both of Eagleville, were married at the residence of J. P. Hamilton Esq., of this city, last Monday evening, Elder Harper officiating. While not personally acquainted, still the BROAD-AX extends congratulations on the happy event.

“Bethany (MO) Democrat” Thursday 18 Jun 1885 p 3

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/859615149/?article=de335c18-830a-4e51-8d18-1a7ceaeec338&xid=5580>

1208

Name,

Clara B. Chesling.

No. 1208.

Committed from

Mendocino

County, Cal., June 14<sup>th</sup>

, 1899.

by Hon. J. M. Mannow

, Superior Judge.

Admitted

June 14, 1899.

Witnesses:

J. H. Smith

Examining Physicians:

Doctors J. L. Boud, M.D., and Geo. W. Stout, M.D.

Age,

33. Years.

Nativity,

Missouri.

Civil Condition,

Married.

Occupation,

Housekeeper.

How long in California,

12 years.

What State or country last from?

When did attack first appear?

About five years ago.

Been in Asylum before?

No.

Insane relatives?

No.

Suicidal?

Suicidal?

Homicidal?

Destructive?

Incendiary?

Filthy?

No.

Alcohol?

No.

Narcotics?

No.

Epilepsy?

Head injury?

Yes.

Cause:

Class,

Mania.

Address of relative or friend:

J. M. Chesling, Ukiah, Cal.,

{ husband }

History: Restless, excited, dangerous; says everything said in her house is at once known to everyone in town; that everytime she changes her clothes the bell rings on the railroad engine; a few days since sent her little girl to the railroad depot with a request that the engine would cease ringing the bell while she changed her clothing. Says people are watching everything she does, and on one occasion sent her little children to the house-top to look out for her. Excited; suspicious. Have people talking.

Died May 28, 1931

CA State Hospital records - <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/35432:9206>

## Clara B Cheshire

in the California, U.S., Death Index, 1905-1939



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| Detail       | Source                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|--------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Name         | Clara B Cheshire<br><a href="#">[Clara Belle Carter Cheshire]</a><br><a href="#">[Clara Carter Cheshire]</a><br><a href="#">[Clara Belle Cheshire]</a><br><a href="#">[Clara Belle Carter]</a> |
| Birth Year   | abt 1866                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Death Date   | 28 May 1931                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Age at Death | 65                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Death Place  | Mendocino, California, USA                                                                                                                                                                     |

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/523808:5187>

Siblings:

## Pioneer Resident Of Goldendale Dies On June 30

Mrs. James E. Cummens, 62, a resident of Klickitat County since 1902, passed away in Goldendale on June 30th.

Born in Bethany, Missouri, on March 26th, 1887, she came to the northwest with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John M. Cheshier, in 1902, settling in Cedar Valley, near Goldendale.

She was married to James E. Cummens on July 28, 1905 in Yakima, and began her married life in Klickitat county.

Three children were born of this union: one son, Ronald P. Cummens of Goldendale, and two daughters, Francis Grace Cummens, who preceeded her mother in death, and Nell Elizabeth Barnes, of Sunnyside, Washington.

Mrs. Cummens is survived by her husband, James E. Cummens of Goldendale; her children, Ronald P. Cummens, and Nell Elizabeth Barnes; six grandchildren; two brothers, Wilfred A. Cheshier of Yakima, and William Cheshier of Eugene, Oregon.

Funeral services were held on July 2nd, with Jay Durbin of the Church of Christ officiating. Interment was made at the I.O.O.F. cemetery.

Pallbearers for the funeral were Clem Zelinski, Dana Kelly, Ez Kaiser, Doug Layman, Eldon Cassell, and Charles Atkins.

Sister Ethel E. Cheshier Cummens (1887-1949) – "Goldendale (WA) Sentinel" Thursday 7 Jul 1949 p 1

WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
PUBLIC HEALTH STATISTICS SECTION  
CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

93E  
12425

REG. DIST. NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
REGISTRAR'S NO. R-2

STATE FILE NO. 12425

|                                                                                                                       |  |                                                                                                                                                 |  |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|
| 1. PLACE OF DEATH<br>a. COUNTY <u>Klickitat</u>                                                                       |  | 2. USUAL RESIDENCE (Where deceased lived. If institution: residence before admission.)<br>a. STATE <u>Washington</u> b. COUNTY <u>Klickitat</u> |  |
| b. CITY (If outside corporate limits, write RURAL and give township)<br><u>Goldendale</u>                             |  | c. CITY (If outside corporate limits, write RURAL and give township)<br><u>Goldendale</u>                                                       |  |
| d. FULL NAME OF (If not in hospital or institution, give street address or location)<br>HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION _____ |  | d. STREET (If rural, give location)<br>ADDRESS _____                                                                                            |  |

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|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| 3. NAME OF DECEASED<br>a. (First) <u>Ethel</u> b. (Middle) <u>A.</u> c. (Last) <u>Cummins</u>                         |                               | 4. DATE OF DEATH<br>(Month) (Day) (Year)<br><u>6-30-49</u>            |                                           |
| 5. SEX <u>female</u>                                                                                                  | 6. COLOR OR RACE <u>white</u> | 7. MARRIED, NEVER MARRIED, WIDOWED, DIVORCED (Specify) <u>married</u> | 8. DATE OF BIRTH<br><u>March 26, 1887</u> |
| 9. AGE (In years, last birthday) <u>62</u>                                                                            |                               | 10. KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY<br><u>housewife</u>                  |                                           |
| 11. BIRTHPLACE (State or foreign country)<br><u>Bethany, Mo.</u>                                                      |                               | 12. CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY?<br><u>U. S. A.</u>                       |                                           |
| 13. FATHER'S NAME<br><u>John W. Cheshier</u>                                                                          |                               | 14. MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME<br><u>unknown</u>                            |                                           |
| 15. WAS DECEASED EVER IN U. S. ARMED FORCES (Yes, no, or unknown) (If yes, give war or dates of service)<br><u>No</u> |                               | 16. SOCIAL SECURITY NO.<br><u>534-09-1357</u>                         |                                           |
| 17. INFORMANT<br><u>Ronald Cummins, Goldendale, Wash.</u>                                                             |                               | 18. DATE OF OPERATION<br><u>7-2-49</u>                                |                                           |

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| 19. CAUSE OF DEATH<br>(Enter only one cause per line for (a), (b), and (c))<br><br>*This does not mean the mode of dying, such as heart failure, asthma, etc. It means the diagnosis, injury, or complication which caused death. |  | MEDICAL CERTIFICATION<br>I. DISEASE OR CONDITION DIRECTLY LEADING TO DEATH* (a) <u>acute coronary heart failure</u><br>ANTECEDENT CAUSES<br>Marked conditions, if any, giving rise to the above cause (a) stating the underlying cause last.<br>Due to (b) _____<br>Due to (c) _____<br>II. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS<br>Conditions contributing to the death but not related to the disease or condition causing death. |  | INTERVAL BETWEEN ONSET AND DEATH                                                    |  |
| 20. DATE OF OPERATION<br><u>7-2-49</u>                                                                                                                                                                                            |  | 21. MAJOR FINDINGS OF OPERATION                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |  | 22. AUTOPSY?<br>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |  |

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|---------------------------------------------------|--|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|------------------------------------------------|--|
| 23. ACCIDENT (Specify)<br><u>SUICIDE</u>          |  | 24. PLACE OF INJURY (e.g., in or about home, farm, factory, street, office bldg., etc.)             |  | 25. (CITY, TOWN, OR TOWNSHIP) (COUNTY) (STATE) |  |
| 26. TIME OF INJURY<br>(Month) (Day) (Year) (Hour) |  | 27. INJURY OCCURRED<br>While at <input type="checkbox"/> Not while at work <input type="checkbox"/> |  | 28. HOW DID INJURY OCCUR?                      |  |

29. I hereby certify that I attended the deceased from 7-30, 1948, to 6-30, 1949 that I last saw the deceased alive on 6-29, 1949 and that death occurred at \_\_\_\_\_, from the causes and on the date stated above.

|                                                                        |  |                                                                  |  |                                                         |  |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|------------------------------------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------------------------|--|
| 29a. SIGNATURE<br><u>J. M. Kid M.D.</u>                                |  | 29b. ADDRESS<br><u>922 S. 1st St. Wash.</u>                      |  | 29c. DATE SIGNER<br><u>7-1-49</u>                       |  |
| 30. BURIAL, CREMATION, REMOVAL (Specify) <u>BURIAL</u>                 |  | 31. DATE<br><u>7-2-49</u>                                        |  | 32. NAME OF CEMETERY OR CREMATORY<br><u>I. D. O. P.</u> |  |
| 33. LOCATION (City, town, or county) (State)<br><u>Goldendale, Wn.</u> |  | 34. FUNERAL DIRECTOR<br><u>J. C. Phillips, Goldendale, Wash.</u> |  |                                                         |  |

DATE REC'D BY LOCAL REG. July 1 - 1949 REGISTRAR'S SIGNATURE May Host

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## Ethel A. Cheshier

in the Washington, U.S., Marriage Records, 1854-2013



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### Detail Source

|                |                                          |
|----------------|------------------------------------------|
| Name           | Ethel A. Cheshier<br>[Ethel A. Cheshire] |
| Gender         | Female                                   |
| Race           | White                                    |
| Marriage Age   | 19                                       |
| Birth Date     | abt 1886                                 |
| Birth Place    | Missouri                                 |
| Marriage Date  | 30 Jul 1905                              |
| Marriage Place | North Yakima, Yakima, Washington, USA    |
| Father         | <a href="#">John Marion Cheshire</a>     |
| Mother         | <a href="#">Clara Bell Cheshire</a>      |
| Spouse         | <a href="#">James E. Cummins</a>         |

[https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/97693060:2378?tid=6095817&pid=-1110980986&queryid=5b1055a7-ac7f-4738-ae93-7b69a8811a34&\\_phsrc=cPx25015&\\_phstart=successSource](https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/97693060:2378?tid=6095817&pid=-1110980986&queryid=5b1055a7-ac7f-4738-ae93-7b69a8811a34&_phsrc=cPx25015&_phstart=successSource)

## Ethel Arada Cheslier

in the Missouri, U.S., Birth Registers, 1847-2002



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### Detail Source

|             |                                  |
|-------------|----------------------------------|
| Name        | Ethel Arada Cheslier             |
| Gender      | Female                           |
| Race        | White                            |
| Birth Date  | 22 Mar 1886                      |
| Birth Place | Union, Harrison, Missouri, USA   |
| Father      | <a href="#">John M Cheslier</a>  |
| Mother      | <a href="#">Clara B Cheslier</a> |
| Page number | 7                                |

Cheslier Ethel Arada White Mar 22 - 1888  
 Female Yuma Sup.  
 Wash

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1382  
MARRIAGE RETURN.

1. Date of license July 28<sup>th</sup> 1905
2. Full name of groom James C Cummins
3. Age last birthday 32
4. Color (a) white
5. No. of groom's marriages \_\_\_\_\_
6. Residence Lucas Wash
7. Birthplace (b) Haukon Iowa
8. Occupation Carpenter
9. Father's name Elias W Cummins
10. Mother's maiden name Elysheth A Pitt
11. Full name of bride Ethel A. Cheslier  
Maiden name if a widow \_\_\_\_\_
12. Age last birthday 19
13. Color (a) white
14. No. of bride's marriages \_\_\_\_\_
15. Residence Lucas, Wash.
16. Birthplace (b) Bethesda, Missouri.
17. Occupation \_\_\_\_\_
18. Father's name John Morrison Cheslier
19. Mother's maiden name Clara Bell Carter
20. Date of marriage July 28<sup>th</sup> 1905
21. Place of marriage North Yakima Wash.
22. By whom married, and official station D. K. Braman. - Minister of the Gospel
23. Names of witnesses and their residences:  
 No. 1 R. L. Jordan - North Yakima  
 No. 2 Ethel Jordan North Yakima

NOTE.—(a) State color distinctly, so race may be known, as White, Black, Mulatto, Indian, Chinese, Mixed White and Indian, etc.

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## **James Cummens Rites Held Here Saturday , Dec. 4**

Graveside services for James E. Cummens, early day settler in the Cedar Valley area, were held at the I.O.O.F. Cemetery Saturday, December 4 with the American Legion in charge. He passed away December 1 at the Veterans Hospital in Vancouver.

Cummens was born April 5, 1873 at Waukon, Iowa. He settled in the Cedar Valley area when a young man. He was married to Ethel A. Cheshier in Yakima, July 30, 1905.

His wife and one son, Francis, preceded him in death. Surviving members of the faamily are, one son, Ronald Cummens of Goldendale and one daughter, Mrs. W. H. Barnes of Grandview, six grandchildren and two great grand daughters.

For the past ten years Mr. Cummens had made his home in Goldendale and Sunnyside with relatives. He was a Spanish American and World War I veteran.

"Goldendale (WA) Sentinel) Thursday 9 Dec 1954 p 12

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## William Cheshier Services Saturday

Funeral services will be held at the Virgil T. Golden company chapel Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock for William Cheshier, late resident of Route 1, Gervais, who died at a local nursing home Wednesday.

Cheshier had been ill since suffering a stroke five years ago and had been at the nursing home for about a year.

A resident of the Salem-Gervais area since coming to Oregon in 1942, Cheshier was born in California, November 19, 1888. He moved from there to the state of Washington and resided in Goldendale and Yakima prior to coming to Oregon. He was a member of the Baptist church. •

Survivors include his wife, the former Jessie E. Counts, to whom he was married at Goldendale, Wash., November 19, 1912; a daughter, Mrs. H. M. Vearrier of Empire, Ore.; four sons, William E. Cheshier, Jr., of Portland, Merle Cheshier of Yakima, Wash., Marion Cheshier in Alaska, and Virgil Cheshier of Salem; a brother, Wilfred Cheshier of Yakima; and 11 grandchildren.

Brother William Elkins Cheshier (1888-1954) – "Salem (OR) Capital Journal" Thursday 22 Apr 1954 p 36



Wm. Cheshier came to town Monday this week, the first trip made out of Cedar Valley since the "big snow." Dave McKune, stage and mail driver to Cedar Valley had been able to work out in that direction for twelve miles, when he had to return. Wm. and Wilfred Cheshier put on a snow plow and managed to cross the mountain, some 14 miles, to the old Woods place, where they were met by Mr. McKune. John Robinson was also out on the road attempting to get it open to Cedar Valley.

"Goldendale (WA) Sentinel" Thursday 12 Jan 1928 p 3

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

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|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| SERIAL NUMBER<br><b>U 318</b>                                                                                                                    | 1. NAME (Print)<br><b>William Elkins Cheshier</b><br>(First) (Middle) (Last)               |                                                                                    | ORDER NUMBER |
| 2. PLACE OF RESIDENCE (Print)<br><b>Underwood Skamania Washington</b><br>(Number and street) (Town, township, village, or city) (County) (State) |                                                                                            |                                                                                    |              |
| [THE PLACE OF RESIDENCE GIVEN ON THE LINE ABOVE WILL DETERMINE LOCAL BOARD JURISDICTION; LINE 2 OF REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE WILL BE IDENTICAL]   |                                                                                            |                                                                                    |              |
| 3. MAILING ADDRESS<br><b>Same</b><br>(Mailing address if other than place indicated on line 2. If same insert word same)                         |                                                                                            |                                                                                    |              |
| 4. TELEPHONE<br><b>None</b><br>(Exchange) (Number)                                                                                               | 5. AGE IN YEARS<br><b>53</b><br>DATE OF BIRTH<br><b>Nov. 19, 1888</b><br>(Mo.) (Day) (Yr.) | 6. PLACE OF BIRTH<br><b>Lakeport Calif.</b><br>(Town or county) (State or country) |              |
| 7. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS<br><b>Mrs. Jessie E. Cheshier, Underwood, Washington</b>                         |                                                                                            |                                                                                    |              |
| 8. EMPLOYER'S NAME AND ADDRESS<br><b>Skamania County.</b>                                                                                        |                                                                                            |                                                                                    |              |
| 9. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS<br><b>Underwood Skamania Washington</b><br>(Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State)     |                                                                                            |                                                                                    |              |
| I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.                                                                              |                                                                                            |                                                                                    |              |
| D. S. S. Form 1<br>(Revised 4-1-42)                                                                                                              |                                                                                            | 16-21630-2<br><i>William Elkins Cheshier</i><br>(Registrant's signature)           |              |

## REGISTRAR'S REPORT

## DESCRIPTION OF REGISTRANT

| RACE  |          | HEIGHT (Approx.) |          | WEIGHT (Approx.) |          | COMPLEXION |          |
|-------|----------|------------------|----------|------------------|----------|------------|----------|
| White | <b>X</b> | <b>6ft, 2½</b>   |          | <b>200</b>       |          | Sallow     |          |
|       |          | EYES             |          | HAIR             |          | Light      |          |
| Negro |          | Blue             | <b>X</b> | Blonde           | <b>X</b> | Ruddy      |          |
|       |          | Gray             |          | Red              |          | Dark       | <b>X</b> |

Other obvious physical characteristics that will aid in identification

**Right eye missing, two small toes off on right foot.**

I certify that my answers are true; that the person registered has read or has had read to him his own answers; that I have witnessed his signature or mark and that all of his answers of which I have knowledge are true, except as follows:

(Signature of registrar)

Registrar for Local Board **One Skamania Wash.**  
 (Number) (City or county) (State)

Date of registration **Local Board No. 1** **APR 27 1942**  
 97

|                 |     |
|-----------------|-----|
| Skamania County | 059 |
| Board No. 1     | 001 |
| Skamania County | 059 |
| APR 28 1942     | 001 |
| APR 28 1942     | 001 |

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| WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                        |                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                               | STATE FILE NO. 20565                                        |                                                                                                |
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| REG. DIST. NO. 81                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                        |                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                               | REGISTRAR'S NO. 188                                         |                                                                                                |
| CERTIFICATE OF DEATH                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                        |                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                               |                                                             |                                                                                                |
| 1. PLACE OF DEATH<br>a. COUNTY Yakima                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                        |                                                                                                                                                          | 2. USUAL RESIDENCE (Where deceased lived. If institution: residence before admission)<br>a. STATE Washington b. COUNTY Yakima |                                                             |                                                                                                |
| b. CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION Yakima                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                        | c. LENGTH OF STAY IN 1b 15 years                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                               | c. CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION Yakima                           |                                                                                                |
| d. NAME OF HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION 1919 McGlothorn Drive                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                        |                                                                                                                                                          | d. STREET ADDRESS 1919 McGlothorn Drive                                                                                       |                                                             |                                                                                                |
| e. IS PLACE OF DEATH INSIDE CITY LIMITS? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                        |                                                                                                                                                          | e. IS RESIDENCE INSIDE CITY LIMITS? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>                       |                                                             | f. IS RESIDENCE ON A FARM? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. NAME OF DECEASED (Type or print) First Middle Last WILFRED A CHESHIER                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                        |                                                                                                                                                          | 4. DATE OF DEATH October 23 1957                                                                                              |                                                             |                                                                                                |
| 5. SEX Male                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 6. COLOR OR RACE White | 7. Married <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Never Married <input type="checkbox"/> Widowed <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced <input type="checkbox"/> | 8. DATE OF BIRTH 6/4/1893                                                                                                     | 9. AGE (In years last birthday) 64                          |                                                                                                |
| 10a. USUAL OCCUPATION (Give kind of work done during most of working life, even if retired) Retired Laborer                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                        | 10b. KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                               | 11. BIRTHPLACE (State or foreign country) Ukiah, California |                                                                                                |
| 13. FATHER'S NAME John M. Cheshier                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                        |                                                                                                                                                          | 12. CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY? US                                                                                               |                                                             |                                                                                                |
| 15. WAS DECEASED EVER IN U. S. ARMED FORCES? (Yes, no, or unknown) (If yes, give year or dates of service) No                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                        |                                                                                                                                                          | 16. SOCIAL SECURITY NO. 4201                                                                                                  |                                                             |                                                                                                |
| 17. INFORMANT Mrs. Lillie Cheshier                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                        |                                                                                                                                                          | Address Yakima, Wn.                                                                                                           |                                                             |                                                                                                |
| 18. CAUSE OF DEATH (Enter only one cause per line for (a), (b), and (c).)<br>PART I. DEATH WAS CAUSED BY:<br>IMMEDIATE CAUSE (a) - Chlamydia, heart disease<br>Conditions, if any, which give rise to above cause (a), stating the underlying cause last. DUE TO (b) - Cordeae Amyloma.<br>DUE TO (c) -<br>PART II. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS CONTRIBUTING TO DEATH BUT NOT RELATED TO THE TERMINAL DISEASE CONDITION GIVEN IN PART I (a) - |                        |                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                               |                                                             | INTERVAL BETWEEN ONSET AND DEATH 4rs<br>Sudden                                                 |
| 20a. ACCIDENT <input type="checkbox"/> SUICIDE <input type="checkbox"/> HOMICIDE <input type="checkbox"/>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                        | 20b. DESCRIBE HOW INJURY OCCURRED. (Enter nature of injury in Part I or Part II of item 18.)                                                             |                                                                                                                               |                                                             |                                                                                                |
| 20c. TIME OF INJURY Hour Month, Day, Year a. m. p. m.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                        | NOV 6 1957                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                               |                                                             |                                                                                                |
| 20d. INJURY OCCURRED While at work <input type="checkbox"/> Not while at work <input type="checkbox"/>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                        | 20e. PLACE OF INJURY (e.g., in or about home, farm, factory, street, office bldg., etc.)                                                                 |                                                                                                                               | 20f. CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION COUNTY STATE                   |                                                                                                |
| 21. I attended the deceased from 8-17-55, to 10-23-57 and last saw him alive on 10-22-57<br>Death occurred at 9:30 PM on the date stated above; and to the best of my knowledge, from the causes stated.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                        |                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                               |                                                             |                                                                                                |
| 22a. SIGNATURE John W. Shaw                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                        |                                                                                                                                                          | 22b. ADDRESS Yakima, Wn                                                                                                       |                                                             | 22c. DATE SIGNED 10-24-57                                                                      |
| 23a. BURIAL, CREMATION, REMOVAL (Specify) Burial                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                        | 23b. DATE 11/2/57                                                                                                                                        | 23c. NAME OF CEMETERY OR CREMATORY Tahoma Cemetery                                                                            |                                                             | 23d. LOCATION (City, town, or county) (State) Yakima Washington                                |
| 24. FUNERAL DIRECTOR Shaw and Sons Yakima, Wash.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                        |                                                                                                                                                          | 25. DATE REC'D BY LOCAL REG. 11-1-57                                                                                          |                                                             | 26. REGISTRAR'S SIGNATURE STANLEY R. BENNER, M.D.                                              |

Brother Wilfred A. Cheshier (1893-1957) - <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/7530297:6716?tid=6095817&pid=-1111064954&queryid=193e00cd-c7ed-4009-b128->

## Wilfred A Cheshier

in the Washington, U.S., Marriage Records, 1854-2013



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| Detail         | Source                                |
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| Name           | Wilfred A Cheshier                    |
| Gender         | Male                                  |
| Race           | White                                 |
| Marriage Age   | 24                                    |
| Birth Date     | abt 1893                              |
| Birth Place    | California                            |
| Marriage Date  | 16 Feb 1917                           |
| Marriage Place | North Yakima, Yakima, Washington, USA |
| Father         | J M Cheshier                          |
| Mother         | Clara Beel Cheshier                   |
| Spouse         | Lillie Johnson                        |

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### Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

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

NOK = next-of-kin

### Name: John Wilburn Cheshier

Name variations: Wilburn Cheshier, John Wilburn Cheshire

### Military:

On Tuscania: 20th Eng. 18th/Co. F - private

Serial number: not assigned to military personnel until after the Tuscania sinking

Entered service from: Lucas, Klickitat WA

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: John W. Cheshier

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": father Joe M. Cheshier, Lucas WA

Burial on isle of Islay, Scotland: 1st buried at Kilnaughton, Islay, Scotland - grave 32, as J.W. Cheshire

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

Body listed on return ship as: entry is illegible on Fold3.com database, also not indexed – appears to read J.W. [some variation of Cheshier]. To find it: use search terms *F + Church + Antigone* on Fold3 to locate the record for soldier F. Church on the line below Cheshier's  
Rank: pvt, Co. F, 20th Engrs

World War I draft registration (1917): - as John Wilburn Cheshier - b. 13 Jun 1891 Ukiah CA; res: Lucas, Klickitat OR. Single. Farmer working for self. Card signed J.W. Cheshier. Tall & slender.

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlistment & discharge dates not given

Birth: 13 Jun 1891

Death: 6 Feb 1918

Address: Lucas WA

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

#### Birth & death:

Born: 13 Jun 1890 (Arlington & Ukiah tombstone) – or 13 Jun 1891 (WWI draft) – or Jun 1892 (Find A Grave memorial & 1900 census) in Ukiah, Mendocino CA

Died: 5 Feb 1918 Tuscania

#### **Has two Find A Grave records:**

Burial location: Arlington, Arlington VA

Cemetery: Arlington National

Tombstone: veteran tombstone: Washington Pvt 120 Engrs

Find A Grave: 57041922 – presence on Tuscania noted in text & flower

Memorial location: Maryhill, Klickitat WA

Cemetery: Stonehenge Monument

Find A Grave: 19070044 – presence on Tuscania noted in flower

Father: John Marion Cheshier, 15 Jan 1861 Knoxville, Ray MO – 12 Jun 1953 Sunnyside, Yakima WA.

Son of William Elkins Cheshier/Cheshire & Susan Frances Spencer.

In 1940 census, living with niece Eleanor Knox in Sunnyside WA.

John outlived his children John, Ethel & Clara.

He moved to CA in 1885 – to Goldendale WA in 1920 – to Sunnyside WA in 1931.

Buried in Lower Valley Memorial Gardens, Sunnyside, Yakima WA.

Find A Grave: 173499360

Mother: Clara Belle Carter Cheshier, ca. 1865/1866 Harrison Co. MO – 29 May 1931 Ukiah, Mendocino CA.

Adopted daughter of William Benjamin Anderson Carter (d. 16 Oct 1911 OR, F: 89334374, who fought for the Union in the Civil War from Iowa & was a prisoner-of-war in TX for 11 months) & Sarah A. Dunkerson (d. 29 Dec 1911, F: 91779912). William's obituary on his Find A Grave record does not mention a daughter.

On her Find A Grave record is a note that she was adopted. From DNA submitted to online genealogy sites, it appears that she is related biologically to a Donahoo-Spradling descendant from Harrison Co. MO, likely living in the towns of Marion MO and/or Bradley MO.

In the 1870 census for Harrison Co. MO, Clara B. Carter (4 MO), listed as “daughter,” resides with William B.A. Carter (30 IN, wagon maker) & Sarah A. (29 MO) Carter, keeping house. Cheshier was institutionalized in the Mendocino State Hospital for the Insane on 14 May 1899, and was living there in the 1900, 1910 & 1920 censuses (although she is also listed at home in Ukiah CA with the family in the 1910 census).

CA State Hospital Records – Mendocino State Hospital – for Clara B. Cheshire – admitted 14 Jun 1899. Born MO. Age 33. Committed from Mendocino Co. by J.M. Mannow, Superior Judge. Witness: J.H. Smith. Doctors: J.L. Bond M.D. & George W. Stout M.D. Had lived in CA for 12 years. The attacks first occurred about 5 years ago. Has no insane relatives. Not filthy, not using alcohol or narcotics. Had a head injury. Relative’s address: J.M. Cheshire, Ukiah CA, husband. “Restless, excited, dangerous; says everything said in her house is at once known to everyone in town; that everytime she changes her clothes the bell rings on the railroad engine; a few days since sent her little girl to the railroad depot with a request that the engine would cease ringing the bell while she changed her clothing. Says people are watching everything she does, and on one occasion sent her little children to the house-top to look out for her. Excited; suspicious. Hears people talking.” Note added says: “Died May 28, 1931.”

Buried in Ukiah Cemetery, Ukiah, Mendocino CA.

Find A Grave: 28997515

Parents’ marriage: 8 Jun 1885 Harrison Co. MO

Spouse:

Spouse Find A Grave:

Children:

Siblings:

- Ethel Arada (on MO birth record, but Arrida on family trees). Cheshier Cummens, 22 Mar 1886 [MO birth record] or 26 Mar 1887 [Find A Grave] Bethany (or Union), Harrison MO – 30 Jun 1949 Goldendale, Klickitat WA. - Wife of James Elias Cummens (1874-1954, F: 62193619) whom she married 30 Jul 1905 in North Yakima, Yakima WA. – James & Ethel had 3 children. Buried in IOOF Mountain View Cemetery, Goldendale, Klickitat WA. F: 62240835
- William Elkins (“Bill”) Cheshier, Sr. 19 Nov 1888 Lakeport, Lake CA – 21 Apr 1954 Salem, Marion OR. - Husband of Jesse Elizabeth Counts (1892-1973, F: 245573542) whom he married 19 Nov 1912 at Goldendale, Klickitat WA. – On his WWII draft registration, dated 27 Apr 1942, he is listed as “right eye missing – 2 small toes off rt. foot.” - Buried in Belcrest Memorial Park, Salem, Marion OR. F: 59204150
- Wilfred A. Cheshier, 4 Jun 1893 Ukiah, Mendocino CA – 23 Oct 1957 Yakima, Yakima WA. Husband of Lillie Pearl Johnson (1899-1959, F: 33617384) whom he married in

1918 in Yakima, Yakima WA. - Wilfred & Lillie had 20 children; he was survived by 10 daughters & 8 sons. - Buried in Tahoma Cemetery, Yakima, Yakima WA. F: 33617328

- Clara Belle Cheshier, b. ca. 1898 CA – d. ca. 1901 Ukiah, Mendocino CA. Does not appear with the family in the 1900 census.

Notes:

Wartime:

“Spokane (WA) Spokesman-Review” 13 Feb 1918 p 10 – From Goldendale WA, 12 Feb – relatives of John Wilburn Chesier [sic] of Lucas, Klickitat Co. WA, who was reported missing yesterday, are anxiously awaiting news. He is the son of John M. Cheshier [spelled correctly the 2<sup>nd</sup> time], a farmer in the Cedar Valley section of the Simco Mountains, 20 miles northeast of Goldendale. He enlisted in Co. F, 6<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 20<sup>th</sup> Engineers at Vancouver WA around 1 Dec 1917, because of his experience as a woodsman in the Klickitat country. Age 26. Born Ukiah CA. Came to Klickitat County 15 years ago & for a number of years drove the star route stage from Goldendale to Cedar Valley.

“The Oregonian” (Portland OR) 13 Feb 1918 p 16 –

John Wilburn Cheshier, a Klickitat soldier on the Tuscania, has been reported both missing & saved so relatives are anxiously awaiting definite news. Son of John M. Cheshiar, rancher in the Cedar Valley section of the Simcoe Mountains, 20 miles northwest of Goldendale. His father did not know he was on the ship until his son’s name appeared in press reports on Monday. John enlisted in the 6<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 20<sup>th</sup> Engineers Forestry, at Vancouver Barracks WA around 1 Dec 1917. Well-known at Goldendale, having been a US mail carrier on the route from Goldendale from Lucas Post Office for several years. The experience gained as a woodsman during his 15-year residence in the Klickitat forests led him to enlist in the forestry division. He is 26, unmarried, born Ukiah CA. First one among the 300 soldiers & sailors gone from Klickitat County to be reported in the casualty list.

“Tacoma (WA) Times” 14 Feb 1918 p 3 – press dispatches from Scotland, which were checked with the War Department, note that 5 soldiers from WA, in the 6<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 20<sup>th</sup> Engineers, were among the bodies washed ashore in Scotland & buried. One is John W. Cheshier. They were buried in a single grave of 78 men.

Note the same issue of the same newspaper provides conflicting reports:

“Goldendale (WA) Sentinel” 14 Feb 1918 p 1 – “Three Klickitat Boys on Torpedoed Ship” – the Klickitat boys (Beals, Cheshier, Robinson) on the ill-fated Tuscania are supposedly safe. John W. Cheshier has been reported both as missing & saved. The paper takes the optimistic view that all three are safe. The paper reports 115 casualties [actually, 215].

“Goldendale (WA) Sentinel” 14 Feb 1918 p 5 – Today’s newspaper lists John Wilbur Cheshier among those lost on the Tuscania, dispelling any hope of his being a survivor. His death brings the war home to us in Klickitat very forcibly.

“Goldendale (WA) Sentinel” 30 May 1918 p 1 – “J.M. Cheshier Has Letter from France” – letter dated 10 Apr 1918 from Headquarters Co., Co. F, 6<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 20<sup>th</sup> Engineers – from Captain C.E. Hetrick. These were basically “form letters” in which every casualty is described as “well and in fine spirits” who marched to his lifeboat station with coolness after the ship was torpedoed. The letter adds that John’s lifeboat had gotten only a short distance from the ship before it overturned. It was impossible to rescue every man and their lifebelts were of little use. John’s body was recovered the next day on Islay & buried with military honors. “The kind Scottish people were very tender in their care of both living and the death, and lavished a profusion of flowers on the caskets of those who are no longer with us.” Captain Hetrick suggests the family write Colin Campbell H.C.W, No. 7 Charlotte Street, Port Ellen, Islay, Scotland.

Post-war:

Obituary:

US National Cemetery Interment Control Form – Arlington National VA  
John W. Cheshier, WA Private, Co. F, 6<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 20<sup>th</sup> Engineers, no division, WWI. Buried 5 Feb 1918 in Scotland. Reinterment 22 Oct 1920 – White, European, 1023. “Orig.Bur. Grave #32, Row 2, #154 Kilnaughton, Port Ellen Islay Argyll, Scotland. C.R. Oct 1920.”

Censuses:

1900 Ukiah, Mendocino CA

John Cheshier, 53 MO, May 1866, parents b. MO, day laborer

And children:

Ethel, 14 CA, May 1886, at school

William, 11 CA, Nov 1888, at school

Wilburn, 7 CA, Jun 1892, at school

Wilford, 6 CA, Jun 1893 CA

1910 Cedar Valley, Klickitat WA

John M. Cheshire, 49 MO, parents b. TN, married, in 1<sup>st</sup> marriage, married 25 years, mail carrier, US mail

Clara B., 45 MO, parents b. US, in 1<sup>st</sup> marriage, gave birth to 5 children, 4 are living [she is also listed as a resident of the Mendocino State Hospital for the Insane]

William E., 21 CA, common laborer, orchard

John W., 18 CA, farm labor, home farm

Wilfred, 16 CA

Ethel E. Cummins, 24 MO, parents b. MO, in 1<sup>st</sup> marriage, status: married [John M.'s daughter]

Ronald P. Cummins, WA, father b. IA, mother b. MO [grandson]

1920 Ukiah, Mendocino CA – Mendocino State Hospital for Insane – conducted 6 Jan 1920  
– line 93

Clara Cheschire [sic], 53 MO, married, parents b. US, patient, dormitory worker, state hospital

1930 Ukiah, Mendocino CA – Mendocino State Hospital

Clara B. Cheshire, 34 MO, patient, married