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finalized version is available.

Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

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

NOK = next-of-kin

TUSCANIA**Tuscania casualty
Inglehart, Delbert E.****1894 MI – 5 February 1918 Tuscania**

INGLEHART DELBERT E		X C 7107
Pvt 158 Aero Sqd		K
Santa Monica Calif		A 4 675 552
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Born 6/9/94		R
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164 U. S. TROOPERS ON TUSCANIA LAID IN FOREIGN GRAVES

War's sorrow entered Southern California homes today.

Announcement from Washington showed that among the Tuscania's heroic dead were four boys of the Southland. Two were Los Angeles lads, one was from Santa Monica, and one was an El Monte boy.

THE DEAD

Claude W. Walker, Hotel Preston, 206 East Ninth street, Los Angeles.

Alexander S. Gillespie, 842 West Seventeenth street, Los Angeles.

Ora L. McCoy, El Monte.

Delbert E. Inglehart, Santa Monica.

Gillespie was a member of the 20th engineers. He was a son of Mrs. Agnes Gillespie and had two sisters, one in Los Angeles and one, a Mrs. Gerard, in Palma.

Mrs. Gillespie was visiting her daughter in Palma today when the news of her son's death was given her. She bore up bravely under the blow, though she almost collapsed with the first shock.

"Did His Duty," Says Mother

"My boy did his duty," sobbed Mrs. Gillespie. "I am proud of him. That's all I can say."

Walker was the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Walker. He had not been in Los Angeles for a few weeks before he entered the army in Oklahoma. He first was assigned to Camp Travis, Tex. He was selected with five others from that camp "for dangerous service." Just what that was is not known. His mother received a letter from him a few days ago, just before he sailed on the Tuscania.

Walker was a man of magnificent physique and had qualified as a

the heart to ask him not to answer the call."

Inglehart was a veteran soldier. He served three years in the Fourth United States cavalry, his enlistment having just come to an end when the war with Germany was declared. He reenlisted and was attached to the 100th aero squadron. He was 24 years old, a man of unusually powerful physique and an expert swimmer.

McCoy was one of the best known young men in El Monte. He was in business there and had been for years when he answered the call to the colors and became a member of the 20th engineers. He was 28 years old and had lived in El Monte practically all his life.

He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank N. McCoy. He was a member of the firm of McCoy Bros., cigar dealers, being associated with his brother Ben. The aged father was heartbroken when informed of the loss of his son, but was consoled by

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sharpshooter. He was an expert automobile driver. He was 30 years old.

Mr. and Mrs. Walker had clung persistently to the hope that their son had survived.

Proud of Way He Died

"He was so strong and brave," said Mrs. Walker, "that it didn't seem possible he could have lost his life. It seems as if we could not bear the loss, but we must do the best we can. We can be proud of the way he died, at least."

Inglehart's death was the more heartrending to his mother, Mrs. Henry E. Inglehart, 2527 Lake street, Santa Monica, because she had twice dreamed since the loss of the Tuscania that her boy had come home to her.

When the news of the sinking first came to Mr. and Mrs. Inglehart they refused to believe that their son had met death. The first night after she received the news, Mrs. Inglehart dreamed that she saw her boy saved from the sea and landing from a lifeboat. The night following, a dream came to her in which she saw Delbert entering the front gate and stepping upon the porch of his home. The impression was so vivid upon her that it seemed when she first awakened as if the boy's homecoming were a reality.

"It seems as if his death couldn't be true," Mrs. Inglehart sobbed. "I was afraid when he left, but he wouldn't hang back and I didn't have

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the thought that his boy had died a hero's death in a just cause.

Body of Santa Monica Hero On Way Here

"To those who devoutly died for their country it is right that people come and pray at their tomb," wrote Raymond Poincare, president of France, in the back ground of a symbolic poster which France sent in appreciation of Delbert Inglehart, to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Inglehart of 236 Central avenue, Ocean Park.

He gave his life when the Tuscania went down February 5, 1918. His body will arrive in Santa Monica late next week for military honors.

The service of Inglehart who was 23 years of age, was honored in Scotland with the 160 other boys who made the supreme sacrifice and his body was laid at rest on the shores of the island of Isly. His father and mother sent for the body a month ago, and it will lie in state in the parlors of J. W. Todd until the arrangements for a military funeral have been completed by the city of Santa Monica and the American Legion.

It will be held from the Christian church of Ocean Park where his father and mother worship.

Inglehart was the first Santa Monica boy to make the supreme sacrifice overseas.

He had been in the regular army for four years, stationed at Honolulu. In June of 1917 he came home on reserve and was employed as a bus driver. He was called to Camp Lewis in October.

About February 1, the transport Tuscania steamed across the sea. On the fifth, she entered the channel between Ireland and Scotland. The rest of the thrilling tragedy of the great boat and her gallant crew was told the Ingleharts by one of the officers.

"About 8 o'clock the giant torpedo struck us and we began to sink rapidly. The night was pitch dark. The wind roared, and the sea raged and tore mightily. It was so cold that many of us were half frozen, and the water turned to ice as it dashed up on our decks. About a quarter of the life boats were destroyed by the torpedo, else we would not have lost the 164 of our 2000 boys. According to his drill, Inglehart got into the boat reserved for him and others of his comrades. Heroically Inglehart and his friends, picked up dozens of drowning boys who had no boats. As far as I know the boat Inglehart was in did not find shore in that tempestuous blackness until 2 o'clock in the morning. They were dashed upon the rocks and mangled and crushed to death. We found Inglehart and his comrades several days later lying dead against the great pitiless rocks of Scotland's coast."

Inglehart was a mechanic in the 158th Aero Squadron, though he was with the Fourth Cavalry during his service in Honolulu. He was born in Muskegon county, Michigan, in 1884.

His mother declares that ever since he was a little boy it had been his ambition to be a sailor.

Hanging side by side in the living room of the Inglehart home is the great tribute of France and that of America, which reads:

"In profound appreciation of Delbert Inglehart's devotion to his country and its ideals of liberty and independence, and in giving his life for their preservation."

The body will be laid in Woodlawn cemetery.

Besides his parents, Inglehart left a sister and brother in Ocean Park, Nelley and John, Mrs. A. P. Inglehart, his grandmother, Mrs. J. V. Murray of Hollywood, sister; and Mr. and Mrs. E. Rupley, grand parents, in Long Beach.

From the "Santa Monica (CA) Bay District News" 8 Oct 1920

SANTA MONICA TO HONOR HERO DEAD.

CITY PAYS HOMAGE TO SOLDIER
KILLED WHILE EN-
GAGED IN RESCUE WORK.

(LOCAL CORRESPONDENCE.)

SANTA MONICA, Oct. 8.—In order that the city of Santa Monica as well as the American Legion may have the opportunity of honoring Delbert Inglehart, a military funeral will be held when his body arrives here from Scotland late next week.

Inglehart, aged 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Inglehart of 236 Central avenue, Ocean Park was killed Feb. 5, 1918, when the transport Tuscania went down in the channel between Scotland and Ireland. Inglehart was to have served in France with the One Hundred Fifty-eighth Aero Squadron.

The body, which has rested on the coast of the island of Islev for two years, will lie in state in the undertaking establishment of Todd & Co., until arrangements are completed for the impressive military cortege and service.

The Inglehart family is in receipt of a certificate honoring the bravery of their son, by President Poincare of France, and of a like certificate from the American government.

Inglehart, according to his commanding officer, was dashed against the pitiless rocks of Scotland's coast, after he had taken several drowning men into his lifeboat, and was crushed to death.

DELBERT E. INGLEHART FUNERAL TOMORROW

Funeral services for Delbert E. Inglehart of the 158th aero squadron of Southern California will be held tomorrow at the Rose Avenue Christian church of Ocean Park.

Inglehart died February 2, 1918, when the transport on which he was being taken to France was torpedoed off the coast of Ireland. With 32 other comrades he was buried in Ireland, the body being exhumed and brought to America a few weeks ago.

Astonishing that two years later, the date of the sinking has been forgotten – 5 Feb 1918 – “Los Angeles (CA) Evening Express” Saturday 23 Oct 1920 p 15

SOLDIER'S FUNERAL,

[LOCAL CORRESPONDENCE]

SANTA MONICA, Oct. 22.—The body of Delbert Inglehart, Ocean Park boy, who was killed on the coast of Scotland, when the transport *Tuscania* was sunk by a German torpedo, arrived in Santa Monica this afternoon, and will lie in state at the undertaking establishment of J. W. Todd, until Monday, when the American Legion, Santa Monica Post, will hold a military funeral for him. Inglehart who was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Inglehart of 236½ Central avenue, Ocean Park, was 22 years of age. According to his commanding officer, he died bravely, trying to save the lives of his comrades. The funeral will be held from the Rose-avenue Christian Church, at 2:30 Monday. Interment will be at Woodlawn.

“Los Angeles (CA) Times” Saturday 23 Oct 1920 p 20

WEDDING AT HIGH NOON

A pretty wedding at high noon today, united in marriage Miss Sadie A. Inglehart of 2533 Lake street, Ocean Park, to James V. Murray of the New York Motion Picture company.

The wedding took place at the home of the bride's mother in Ocean Park, the Rev. W. A. Wright officiating.

The bride was a charming vision in a blue taffeta frock made short, and enshrouded in soft filmy shadow lace, with corsage of white rose buds. The bridesmaid, Miss Effie Baker, wore a smart little model of white crepe de chine and carried a shower of carnations. The groom was attended by Chester Inglehart, brother of the bride.

A wedding dinner followed the ceremony; and tonight the young couple will be tendered a reception in Columbia hall.

Following the short honeymoon Mr. and Mrs. Murray will be at home at 2533 Lake street, Ocean Park.

Marriage of his sister Sadie Inglehart Murray – "Venice (CA) Evening Vanguard" Wednesday 26 Jul 1916 p 4

INGLEHART—Henry Inglehart, at 237 Ocean Park boulevard. Beloved husband of Minnie Inglehart. Father of John and Chester Inglehart, Mrs. Sarah Murray and Mrs. Nellie Becker. Services Saturday, 10:30 a. m. at the chapel of Kirkellie, Bernard & Peek. Interment Woodlawn cemetery.

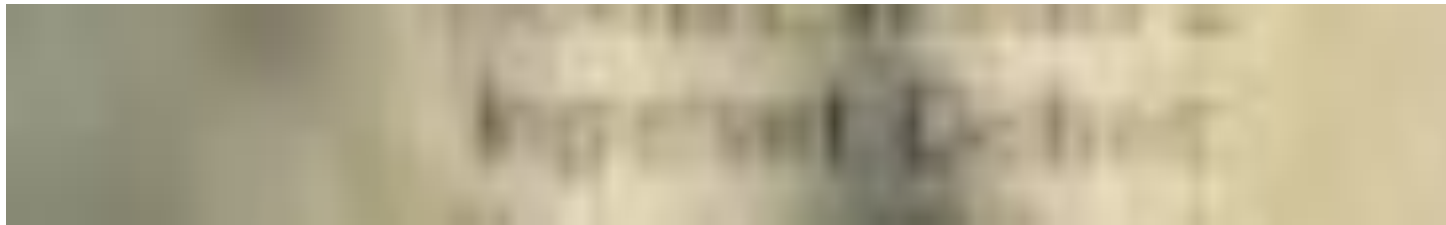
Obituary of father Henry Inglehart – "Venice (CA) Evening Vanguard" Friday 16 Feb 1940 p 7



Tombstone of father Henry Inglehart in Woodlawn Cemetery, Santa Monica, Los Angeles CA - Billion Graves <https://billiongraves.com/grave/Henry-E-Inglehart/28074380>



Might this be Jennie Rupley Inglehart's grave in Woodlawn Cemetery, Santa Monica, Los Angeles CA? The person died in 1922, as she did. And Henry and son Delbert are buried in this cemetery, as are several people named Rupley. F: 214689587



Find A Grave 191476552

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Birthname: Henry Adelbert Inglehart - <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:S3HY-6QZS-RW2?i=63&personUrl=%2Fark%3A%2F61903%2F1%3A1%3ANQZ8-LB3>

122-517-6962

PLACE OF DEATH, DIST. No. (To be inserted by Registrar)

County of _____

City or Town of _____

or Rural Registration District _____

California State Board of Health
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS

State Index No. 6962

Local Registered No. 272

STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

Loamshier Hospital (Ward) _____

FULL NAME Jennie Etta Inglehart

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

SEX Female COLOR OR RACE white SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED (Write the word) married

DATE OF BIRTH Jan. 16 1877

AGE 45 years 8 months 7 days

OCCUPATION (a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work... Housewife

(b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer) _____

(c) Name of employer _____

BIRTHPLACE (State or country, city or town) Michigan

NAME OF FATHER Emanuel Rupley

BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (city or town) Ohio

MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Sarah Mc Mullen

BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (State or country, city or town) Michigan

LENGTH OF RESIDENCE At Place of Death 17 years months days (Primary registration district) (If nonresident, give city or town and state)

In California 17 years months days

How long in U.S., if of foreign birth? years months days

THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE (Informant) Emanuel Rupley (Address) _____

FILED 9-25-22 S. L. Berkley Registrar of County

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

DATE OF DEATH Sept. 23 1922

I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from Sept. 15 1922 to Sept. 23 1922 that I last saw her alive on Sept. 23 1922 and that death occurred on the date stated above at 3:10 P.M.

The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows: Uremia following gall bladder & appendicitis operation

(Duration) years months 6 days

Contributory (Duration) years months days

Where was disease contracted if not at place of death? _____

Did an operation precede death? Yes Date of Sept. 12 - 22

Was there an autopsy? _____

What test confirmed diagnosis? (Signed) M. J. Gates (Address) Ocean Park

*State the DISEASE CAUSING DEATH, or, in deaths from VIOLENT CAUSES, state (1) MEANS OF INJURY; and (2) whether (probably) ACCIDENTAL, SUICIDAL, or HOMICIDAL. (See reverse side for additional space.)

PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL Santa Monica DATE OF BURIAL 9-26-1922

UNDERTAKER J. H. Todd EMBALMER'S LICENSE No. 731

ADDRESS Santa Monica

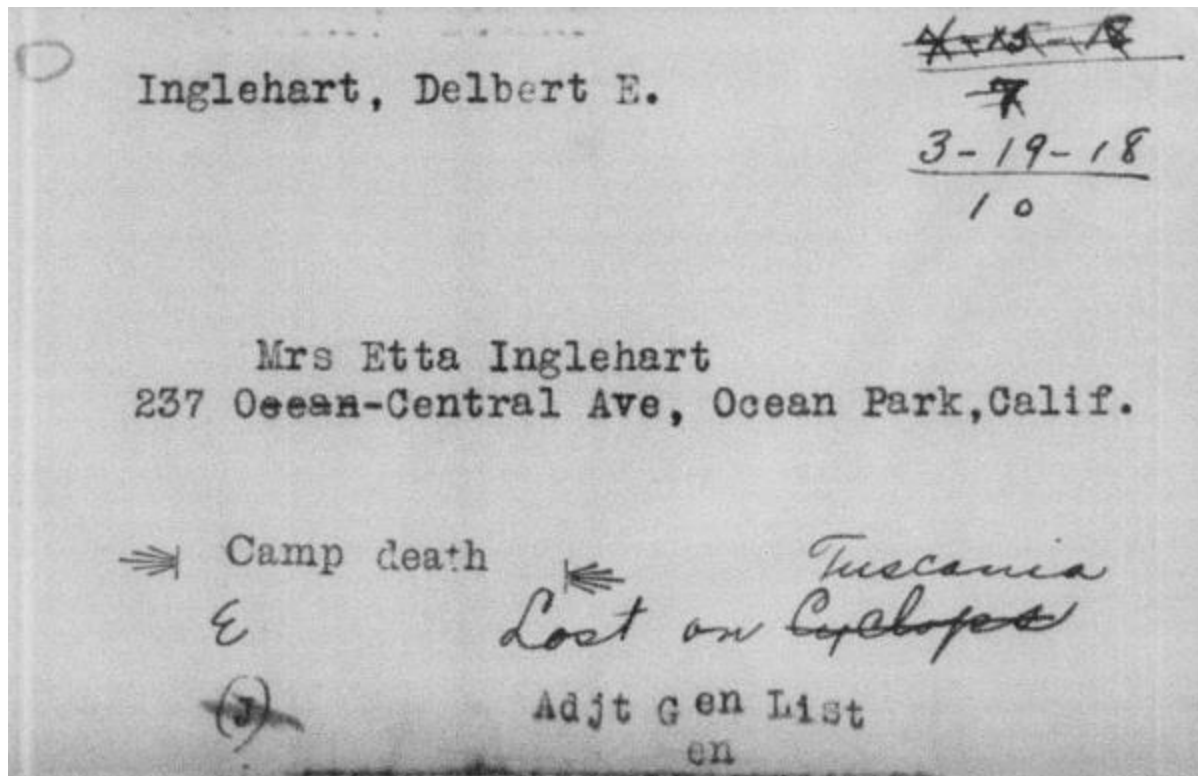
CA death certificate of his mother Jennie Etta Inglehart who died 23 Sep 1922 following a gall bladder & appendix operation on 12 Sep 1922, in Loamshier Hospital, Santa Monica CA.

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CALIFORNIA WHITE; INDUCED INTO NATIONAL ARMY OR ASSIGNED THERETO UPON ENLISTMENT.

NAME	SERIAL NO.	RANK	ORGANIZATION AT TIME OF DEATH	DATE OF DEATH
Inglehart, D. W.		Pvt	158 Aer Sq Sig C.	Feb 5/18

US, WWI American Expeditionary Forces Deaths, 1917 - 1919 - California page 17 - entered as D.W. Inglehart - <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:QPHC-ZM6Z>



Delbert E Inglehart

California, Geographical and Name Index of Californians who served in WWI, 1914-1918

<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSRH-H3N4-B?cc=3029259&personUrl=%2Fark%3A%2F61903%2F1%3A1%3AC4V-6HW2>

Name: Delbert E. Inglehart

Name variations: Adelbert Inglehart (1900 census) – birthname: Henry Adelbert Inglehart

Military:

On Tuscania: 158th Aero Squadron - private

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

Entered service from: Santa Monica, Los Angeles CA

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: Delbert E. Inglehart

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": mother Etta E. Inglehart, 2533 Lake St., Santa Monica CA

First buried on the isle of Islay, Scotland: buried in Killeyan, Islay, Scotland - grave 9, as D.E. Inglehart

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

Body listed on return ship as: D.E. Inglehart

Rank & unit: pvt, 158th Aero Sq

World War I draft registration (1917): as Delbert E. Inglehart - b. 9 Jun 1894 Holton MI; res: 2533 Lake, Ocean Park (Santa Monica), Los Angeles CA. Single. Driving auto-jitney bus, employed by

mother, on Santa Monica route, Venice to Sawtelle. Was a private for 3 years 8 months in the US Cavalry.

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Birth date: 6 Jun 1894

Death date: 6 Feb 1918

Address: Santa Monica CA

Rank/unit: private, 158th Aero Squadron

Birth & death:

Born: 9 Jun 1894 Holton, Muskegon MI [as Henry Adelbert Inglehart, in Laketon township, Muskegon Co. MI]

Died: 5 Feb 1918 Tuscania

Find A Grave record: 191476552, presence on Tuscania indicated in text

Burial location: Santa Monica, Los Angeles CA

Cemetery: Woodlawn

Tombstone: grave is unmarked; he is listed on a column with names of WWI soldiers

Father: Henry Emmanuel Inglehart, 1 Sep 1859 MI – 15 Feb 1940 Los Angeles, Los Angeles CA. Son of John A. Inglehart & Almira Chaney. His name on some records is John H.E. Inglehart. Buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, Santa Monica, Los Angeles CA.

Find A Grave:

BillionGraves 28074380 - <https://billiongraves.com/grave/Henry-E-Inglehart/28074380>

Mother: Jennie Etta (Jennietta/Jennie Floretta) Rupley Inglehart, 16 Jan 1877 [CA death certificate, also found as Aug 1877] MI – 23 Sep 1922 Santa Monica, Los Angeles CA. Daughter of Emanuel/Emmanuel Rupley & Sarah McMillian/McMullen. Died in Loamshier Hospital of uremia following a gall bladder & appendix operation on 12 Sep 1922.

Find A Grave:

Parents' marriage: 30 Nov 1892 Muskegon, Muskegon MI – John H.E. Inglehart to Etie Rupley

Spouse:

Spouse Find A Grave:

Marriage:

Children:

Siblings: Delbert was the oldest child.

- Chester/Casper Emery Inglehart, 30 Sep 1896 Holton, Muskegon MI – 19 Mar 1965 Orange Co. CA. Family tree records have turned Chester (the name under which he is buried) into two people: Casper & Chester – or perhaps twins, with different death dates. SSN 556-22-0925. - Married Hazel May Younkin 21 [or 20] Sep 1916 in Los Angeles Co. CA. "Los Angeles Times" Thursday 21 Sep 1916 p 10 – marriage license: Chester E. Inglehart, age 21 & Hazel M. Younkin, age 16. – In Oct 1938 was a fishing boat captain. - In 1942 on his WWII draft card, he is living in Costa Mesa CA, unemployed, NOK Mrs. Louise Bechtold.
- Sarah A. ("Sadie") Inglehart Murray, 20 Aug 1898 MI – 31 May 1980 Arcadia, Los Angeles CA. SSN 568-18-4114. Married James Vincent ("Jim") Murray (1896-1955) on 26 or 27 Jul 1916 in Ocean Park, Los Angeles CA. James married Minnie May Swick (1860-1945) in 1930. In the

1930 census Sarah, age 31 MI, living in Los Angeles, Los Angeles CA, lists herself as widowed. Listed with her is 19-year-old Henrietta Inglehart, described as a “lodger” (but Henrietta Nellie Inglehart is her sister). - In the 1940 census she says she is divorced. Sarah Murray, 41 MI, an astrologist, divorced, is living with her sister Nell H. [Inglehart] Becherer (29 CA) & her husband Oliver E. Becherer (40 IL) in Los Angeles, Los Angeles CA.

- Infant male Inglehart, b. 2 Apr 1901 Holton, Muskegon MI – d. 9 Apr 1901 Holton, Muskegon MI. Listed as “Babe Inglehart” on his death certificate. Cause of death: premature birth.
- John Lewis Inglehart, 18 Dec 1903 Muskegon, Muskegon MI – 22 Mar 1963 Los Angeles Co. CA. Married Ruella Victoria Nicholson (b. 1907), daughter of Edward Nicholson & Sadie Curtis (b. 1907) on 24 Jul 1922 in Los Angeles Co. CA. They had a son Gilbert Leroy Inglehart (1923-1988, F: 3820435). In 1948 married Grace Evelyn Smith (1925-2000). Served in the US Coast Guard Reserve in WWII. Buried in Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery, San Diego, San Diego CA. F: 76422464
- Henrietta Nellie (“Nell”) Inglehart Becherer, 14 Feb 1911 Ocean Park, Los Angeles CA – 11 Nov 1989 Los Angeles, Los Angeles CA. SSN 564-66-0253. Although Henrietta was her birthname, she used the names Nellie or Nell. Wife of Oliver Edward Becherer (1899-1966, F: 150008632), who was a Buick dealer. Oliver was the son of Charles Becherer & Anna Hornberger. They are buried in Rose Hills Memorial Park, Whittier, Los Angeles CA. F: 150008633

Notes:

Delbert’s birth name was Henry Adelbert Inglehart. The “E” used as his middle name might have been taken from his father Henry’s middle name Emmanuel and/or his maternal grandfather’s name, Emmanuel Rupley.

Pre-war:

1911 Santa Monica CA city directory

Inglehart, Delbert E., mechanic, Kenney & Silvey, resident of 2533 Lake, Santa Monica

Served in regular Army before the war for 3 years, 8 months, in the cavalry.

Wartime:

Post-war:

Obituary:

Censuses:

1900 Holton, Muskegon MI

Henry Inglehart, 40 MI, Sep 1859, father b. NY, mother b. MI, married 7 years, farmer
Jennie, 23 MI, Jan 1877, father b. OH, mother b. IL, gave birth to 3 children, 3 are living
Adelbert, 5 MI, Jun 1894

Casper, 3 MI, Sep 1896

Sarah, 1 MI, Aug 1898

1910 Santa Monica, Los Angeles CA – Lake St./Main St.

Henry Inglehart, 50 MI, father b. NY, mother b. MI, married 17 years [no occupation listed]

Jennietta, 33 MI, father b. OH, mother b. IL, gave birth to 6 children, 4 are living, nurse, practical

Delbert, 15 MI, apprentice blacksmith

Chester, 13 MI

Sarah, 11 MI

John, 6 MI