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Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

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

NOK = next-of-kin

The logo for Tuscania, featuring the word "TUSCANIA" in a stylized, black, serif font with a drop shadow effect, set against a solid red rectangular background.

Johnson, Guss
1890 OR – 1968 CA



Guss Johnson -<https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/2411527/person/-1843521899/media/cc8486e7-1e3e-4bd3-8c5e-035966c11fe4>



<https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/2490656/person/-1838760564/media/928a25d9-c68c-4580-8e6a-7a2a96fc26e5>



Guss Johnson – 1965 Santa Rosa CA - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/2490656/person/-1838760564/media/8a7436b5-f167-4388-90cf-fff4afcb1eff>



Guss Johnson with his 2nd wife Maude – in Coos Bay OR, 1962 - from Find A Grave 32932219



Wife Maude Magdalena Stevia Johnson – Find A Grave 32932127



His 1st wife Ethel Olsen ca. 1914/1915 - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/2490656/person/-1042029688/media/3f21353b-1818-4047-85c7-a89b494a3144>



Left: his mother Mary Sophia Ansama on her wedding day, 19 Dec 1886, San Francisco CA - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/2490656/person/-1042015278/media/854c3899-a240-43f1-9726-9bc3768b9eb3> – Right: his father Andreas Gabriel Johansson/Johnson, also on their wedding day -



Daughter Beulah Lorraine Johnson Meeler – by his 2nd wife Maude -
<https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/2411527/person/-1843524228/media/ee273ce3-100f-48be-92d0-40cf86b996cf>

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Guss Seward Johnson

Oregon, World War I, County Military Service Records, 1919-1920

Name:	Guss Seward Johnson
Event Type:	Military Service
Event Date:	8 Dec 1917
Event Place:	Clark, Washington, United States
Event Place (Original):	Vancorver, Washington
Residence Place:	Reedsport, Oregon
Military Service Branch:	Army
Military Final Rank:	Private
Birthplace:	Smith River, Douglas, Oregon
Father's Name:	Andrew Gabriel Johnson
Father's Birthplace:	Finland
Mother's Name:	Mary Sophia Ansevan
Mother's Birthplace:	Finland
Father's Birth Year:	1844
Mother's Birth Date:	1852
Father's Birth Date:	1844

<https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/sources/L2RW-PGS>

Guss Johnson

Oregon, World War I, Veteran State Aid Applications, 1921-1938

Name:	Guss Johnson
Event Type:	Military Service
Event Date:	6 Dec 1917
Event Place:	Astoria, Clatsop, Oregon, United States
Event Place (Original):	Astoria, Ore, United States
Residence Place:	Reedsport, Oregon
Military Final Rank:	Pvt
Birth Date:	11 May 1890
Birthplace:	Gardiner Oregon
Relative's Name:	Mary S Johnson
Serial Number:	250816

<https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/sources/L2RW-PGS>

Guss Johnson

Guss Johnson, 78, one of the few survivors in this area of the sinking of the British troop ship *Tuscania* during World War I died in a San Francisco hospital Tuesday.

Mr. Johnson, 721 Oak st., was a retired logger and commercial fisherman and lived in Sonoma County for five years.

He was in the U.S. Army and aboard the *Tuscania* when it was sunk in the Irish Sea with the loss of 213 lives on Feb. 5, 1918.

A native of Gardiner, Ore., Mr. Johnson was a member of a pioneer Oregon family.

He was a veteran of World War I, a 30-year member of F. O. E. Coos Bay Aerie, Coos Bay, Ore., and a member of VFW Memory Post 1844, and Barracks No. 258. Veterans of World War I, both of Santa Rosa.

Mr. Johnson is survived by his wife, Maude M. Johnson, Santa Rosa; his daughters, Dorothy P. Steele, Redwood City; Lucille McKinney, Florida; Esther J. Wood, Illinois, and Beulah Meeler, Oregon; his sons, Richard Hansen, Sebastopol; Harold Malde, Colorado, and Keith Watkins, Garden Grove; a sister, Hulda Luark, Oregon, and 26 grandchildren.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at Welti Chapel of the Roses. Committal services will follow in the veterans section of Santa Rosa Memorial Park.

JOHNSON—In San Francisco, Dec. 3, 1968: Guss Johnson, dearly beloved husband of Maude M. Johnson of Santa Rosa, beloved father of Dorothy P. Steele of Redwood City, Lucille McKinney of Florida, Esther J. Wood of Illinois, Beulah Meeler of Oregon, Richard Hansen of Sebastopol, Harold Maide of Colorado and Keith Watkins of Garden Grove, loving brother of Hulda Luark of Oregon, also survived by 26 grandchildren. A native of Gardiner, Ore., age 78 years. A veteran of World War I, a member of V.F.W., Memory Post No. 1844, a veteran of World War I Barracks No. 258 both of Santa Rosa, a 30 year member of F.O.E. Coos Bay Aerie, Coos Bay, Ore.

Friends are invited to attend services on Saturday, Dec. 7, 1968, at 2 p.m. from the Welti Chapel of the Roses. Committal services will follow in the Veterans section, Santa Rosa Memorial Park.

Obituaries of Guss Johnson - "Santa Rosa (CA) Press-Democrat" 5 Dec 1968 p 6 (on same page)

Maude Johnson dies Thursday

Last rites were held Saturday for Maude M. Johnson, 71, who died Thursday at Palm Drive Hospital following a long illness.

Rev. Canon Kenneth B. Samuelson, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, officiated at the 1:30 p.m. service held under the direction of Anny Funeral Chapel. Interment followed at the Santa Rosa Memorial Park veterans lawn.

Mrs. Johnson, an eight-year Sonoma county resident, lived in Santa Rosa six years before moving to Sebastopol. She lived with her step-son, Richard Hansen, and his family at 615 Hetts lane.

In addition to her son, Mrs. Johnson is survived by her daughters, Beulah Meeler, Oregon, Lucille McKinney, Ukiah, Dorothy Steel, Redwood City, and Ester Wood, Illinois. Mrs. Johnson was the sister of Randall Stevia, Jessie Wheeler, both of Washington, and J. Orville Stevia, Oregon.

She also leaves 21 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Mrs. Johnson was a member of Eagle Lodge auxiliary, Memory Post auxiliary and Veterans of World War I auxiliary, all in Santa Rosa. She was also active in several prayer groups.

A native of Canada, she was born Oct. 7, 1898. As a young girl she was a pianist with a Canadian symphony orchestra. She also played after coming to Portland, Ore., from Canada, in 1923. Mrs. Johnson made her home for many years in Reedsport, Ore.

Obituary of wife Maude Stevia Johnson – "Sonoma West Times & News" (Sebastopol CA) Thursday
24 Sep 1970 p 10

Emma Sten
 REEDSPORT — Emma Sten, native daughter of Western Douglas County, and member of an early-day family, died in Reedsport late Tuesday, Sept. 14. Death followed an illness of many months.

Chapel funeral services will be held at the Unger Funeral Home Saturday, Sept. 18 at 1 p.m.

Mrs. Sten was born in the North Fork community, Smith River, Jan. 22, 1889. She was one of triplets born to the Andrew Johnson family and was later adopted by the Otto Mattsons and reared by them. Her parents had originally come from Finland and settled in the Dean's Creek area east of Reedsport.

Mrs. Sten married Ed Sten in 1911 and was associated with her husband's early-day activities in and around Reedsport which included commercial fishing, carpentering, boat building and dairy ranching. Mr. Sten died last year.

One daughter, Marie Sten Clark of Reedsport, survives in the immediate family. There also are two grandsons, John and Ed Clark; a granddaughter, Rose Marie Clark Ingram, Vancouver, Wash., and two great-grandchildren. Two sons died in early childhood during the influenza epidemic of 1920.

The Rev. Perry Johnson, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Reedsport will officiate at the services. Interment will be in Gardiner Cemetery.

Mrs. Jennie Yarbrough Passes Away at 52

Jennie Willena Yarbrough, 52, died at the Douglas County hospital Sunday after a long illness. She was born in the Smith River district, near Gardiner, Jan. 22, 1889, and for the larger part of her life was a resident of Reedsport. Besides her husband, J. Francis Yarbrough, she is survived by four sons, Arnold Y. Yarbrough, Marshfield; Riley L. Yarbrough, Fort Lewis; Alton L. Yarbrough, Portland, and Clyde L. Yarbrough, Reedsport; two sisters, Mrs. Emma S. Sten, Winchester Bay and Mrs. Hilda L. Luark, Reedsport, and a brother, Guss C. Johnson, Reedsport. Services will be held in the Masonic cemetery, Reedsport, Wednesday at 2 p. m. Arrangements are in care of the Stearns mortuary, Oakland.

Left: Obituary of his sister Emma Johnson/Mattson Sten/Stein – “Coos Bay (OR) World” Friday 17 Sep 1965 p 2 – Right: Obituary of his sister Jenny Willena Johnson Yarbrough – “Roseburg (OR) News-Review” Monday 13 Oct 1941 p 4

Couple Remarried In Home Service

Mrs. Hulda Linda Luark and John Michael Luark were married Nov. 21 at a ceremony performed in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Baker in Springfield. This was a remarriage for the couple.

The Rev. Erwin W. Marshall of South Side First Church of Christ officiated. Mr. and Mrs. Baker attended the couple. A dinner was served after the marriage rites.

For the ceremony Mrs. Luark wore a gray suit with pink and black accessories and a corsage of pink roses. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andreas Johansson of Reedsport. Mr. Luark is the son of Mrs. Emma Christman of Reedsport.

The couple now is at home at 120½ Hansen Lane in Eugene.

A Eugene man, John M. Luark, 73, of 120½ Hansen St., died after his car left icy Oregon 62 in Klamath County. The state police said the accident happened not far from the town of Fort Klamath, about 60 miles north of Klamath Falls.

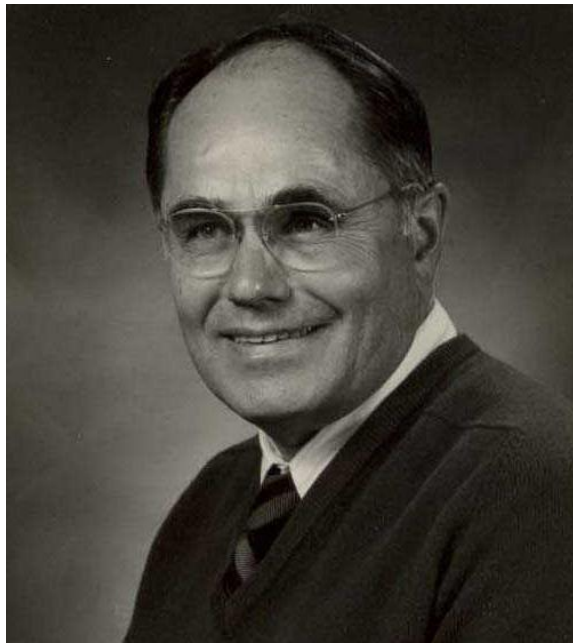
Left: The remarriage of his sister Hulda Linda Johansson to John Michael Luark – “Eugene (OR) Guard” Sunday 2 Dec 1956 p 42 – Death of John Michael Luark in a car accident – “Salem (OR) Capital Journal” Tuesday 28 Nov 1967 p 8



Stepdaughter Dorothy Patricia Olsen ("Pat") Keirse Steele Gardini -
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Daughter Esther Johnson – stepdaughter Patricia Keirse – daughter Lucille Johnson -
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Left: Son Harold ("Hal") [Johnson] Malde - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/2490656/person/-1042025699/media/f659b87d-05a7-41ce-a500-e1355aa675d0> -
 Right: Daughter Esther ("Toni") [Sandstrom] Wood - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/2490656/person/-1042025695/media/d0dfba43-9f12-41b1-8d5c-7b8b80a77f0c>

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		Johnson, Patricia	Daughter				x	F	W	11	S	
		Esther	Daughter				x	F	W	3	S	

1930 census for Cedar Hills, Washington Co. OR – linked on Ancestry.com to Guss's stepdaughter Patricia Keirsey Johnson (age 11) & daughter Esther Johnson (age 3), residing with Arvid (38 Sweden) & Jennie (39 Finland) Sandstrom.

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Children Harold & Lucille – Aug 1927 after the death of their mother Ethel -
<https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/2490656/person/-1042025699/media/9426fe30-a104-4801-83f0-1a99b2dc9950>



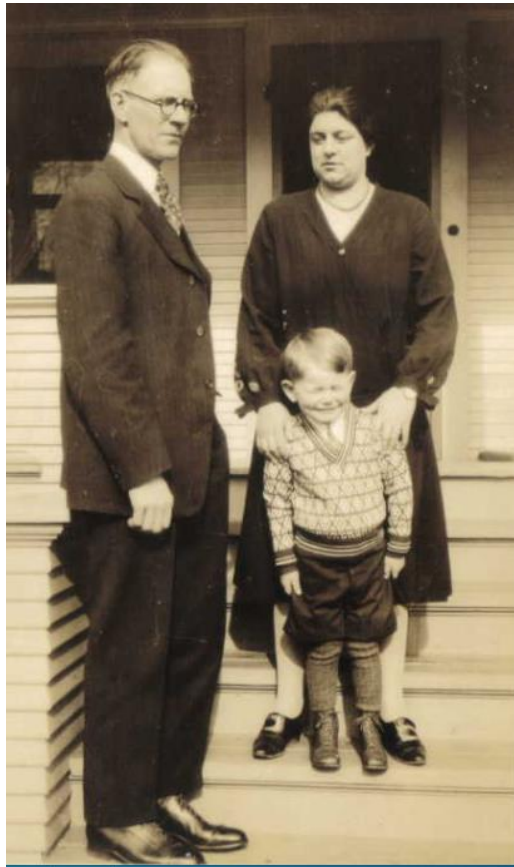
From left: stepdaughter Dorothy Patricia Olsen Keirse, daughter Lucille Florence Johnson (by 1st wife Ethel Olsen), daughter Esther J. ("Toni") Johnson (by 1st wife Ethel Olsen), Beulah Lorraine Johnson (by 2nd wife Maude Stevia) - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/2490656/person/-1042025705/media/806d7428-8fda-4f84-81b1-e2bf475f9a97>



Guss Johnson with daughter Lucille, 1929 - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/2490656/person/-1042025705/media/4afc4172-dccd-483a-a5d6-1cb25df8c617>



Left: Daughter Lucille Florence Johnson - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/2490656/person/-1042025705/media/d8c244e5-3fc2-4604-bb7b-d28beb95ccac> -
Right: Son Richard Hansen - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/2490656/person/-1838764802/media/4fdcc72e-9361-404e-9092-acfa058f2385>



Son Richard with his adoptive parents, Henry & Ethel (Below) Hansen -
<https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/2490656/person/-1838764802/media/8ad1681a-9c85-4acd-9cf5-943135d2f416>



Son Keith Glenn Watkins - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/2490656/person/-1042025691/media/47ddf00f-0293-43ae-9391-49e0c019cd55>



LUCILLE FLORENCE JOHNSON MCKINNEY

Lucille Florence Johnson McKinney passed away on April 15, 2006 at the age of 84 from complications of Alzheimer's. She was born on May 1st 1921 in Reedsport, Oregon to Gus and Ethel Johnson. She lost her mother at a young age and was raised in part by her loving cousins, the Haacks. For part of her childhood she grew up on a houseboat on the Umpqua River, she would swim up river for miles when the tide was coming in and then swim back to the boat when the tide reversed. She continued to enjoy her swimming at the Redwood Health Club for many years as a senior citizen. She joined the Marines during WWII and later put herself through college on the G.I. Bill, with an Art degree.

Lucille was a teacher at the Redwood Valley Elementary for twelve years.

She raised 5 children, was very strong and independent. She traveled world wide, enjoyed elder hostels, white water rafting, snorkeling in the Caribbean, wild flowers, gardening, decorating with treasures she found at garage sales, and watercol-

or painting.

Lucille had been on every road in Mendocino, Lake and Sonoma Counties, including roads we wouldn't attempt without 4 wheel drive. She's been to most of Californian's state parks.

Lucille started the Ukiah Chapter of California Native Plant Society; she enjoyed hiking with the Sierra Club and had one of the prettiest gardens in Ukiah.

She was preceded in death by her ex-husband James McKinney, her son John McKinney, daughter Colleen Johnson, sisters, Patricia Steele, Esther Wood, Beulah Meeler, brothers Richard Hansen and Keith Watkins. She is survived by her sons Ralph McKinney and his wife Roisin residing in the United Arab Emirates, Jim McKinney, daughter Patricia and her husband Raymond Chadwick, son-in-law Joe Johnson from Clovis, nine grandchildren and one great granddaughter.

We'll remember her spirit for fun and wide variety of activities she enjoyed.

Mom, you have been from sea to shining sea and now you're in the beautiful spacious skies.

A memorial service will be held on Thursday, April 20, 2006 at 3:00 PM at the Evergreen Memorial Gardens Chapel.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Eversole Mortuary.

Obituary of his daughter Lucille Florence Johnson Lester McKinney Addor, reverted to McKinney –
"Ukiah (CA) Daily Journal" Wednesday 19 Apr 2006 p 2

Richard 'Dick' Hansen**Dec. 5, 1924 - Oct. 22, 2002**

A memorial service for Richard "Dick" Hansen, 77, of Coos Bay, will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 26, at Holy Redeemer Catholic Church, 2250 16th, North Bend. The Rev. Karl Shray will officiate.

He was born Dec. 5, 1924, in Marshfield, the son of Henry and Ethel Below Hansen. He died Oct. 22, 2002, in Coos Bay.

He was raised in Forest Grove, Clatskanie and other logging camps. He attended high school at Saint Mary's School for Boys (then an orphanage) in Aloha.

He enlisted in the U.S. Navy on his 17th birthday, two days before Pearl Harbor and spent four years in the South Pacific, involved in most of the major battles. After discharge from the Navy in December

1945, Richard sailed "coastwise" on tankers and various cargo ships until 1948.

On Oct. 9, 1948, Richard married Nancy Dawson in Reedsport. He attended Clark Junior College and Southwest Washington College of Education on the GI Bill, then went back to sea with Military Sea Transport Service during the Korean Conflict.

In 1959, the rapidly expanding family moved to California, where he was a general contractor, Realtor and developer for the next 28 years. He was also a dealer in rare books and maps as a sideline.

While in California, Richard was active in community affairs, including many years on the Sebastopol School Board. He was on various planning commissions and was



**Richard 'Dick'
Hansen**

Cub Scout pack master. In 1985, Richard retired because of poor health and the family moved back to North Bend, where they have since lived.

In North Bend, he was a founding officer of Friends of Shore Acres. He was also active in Friends of the Library in both Coos Bay and North Bend and served on the North Bend Library Board for two terms. He was a member of the Navy League and organized many shipmate reunions for the USS Gamble and USS Rudyard Bay, on which he served in World War II. Richard was also the author of several books and magazine articles.

National organization affiliations included National Association of Homebuilders, American Book Association, National Federation of Bottle Clubs, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Disabled American Veterans. He was a founding member of the Naval Mine Warfare Association, serving as a historian for the group for 14 years.

He is survived by his wife, Nan; eight children and 10 grand-

children: William and Nancy Hansen and Sara of Los Gatos, Calif.; Kate and Ken Nelson and KC and Erica, of Mather, Calif.; Barbara and George Wilson and Zach and Alex of Citrus Heights, Calif.; Eric and Terri Hansen and Eli of Homewood, Calif.; Mary Camilleri and Monica and John of Sacramento, Calif.; John Hansen of Honakaa, Hawaii; Mike and Erin Hansen and Gwendolyn of Fresno, Calif.; and Mardi and James Gilkey and Samantha of Glasgow, Scotland; sisters, Lucille McKinney of Ukiah,

Calif., and Beulah Meeler of Lakeside; brother, Harold Malde of Boulder, Colo.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family suggests memorial contributions to Hearthside Alzheimer's Unit, 2625 Koos Bay Blvd., Coos Bay, Ore. 97420.

Obituary of son Richard [Johnson] Hansen – "Coos Bay (OR) World" Friday 25 Oct 2002 p 5

GUSS JOHNSON returned to Reedsport this morning. He has been in town since Saturday visiting with friends in Englewood.

"Coos Bay (OR) World" Monday 11 Aug 1919 p 5

GUSS JOHNSON, who has been working at Davis Inlet, spent the weekend with his relatives in Reedsport. He went to Davis inlet today.

"Coos Bay (OR) World" Monday 25 Aug 1919 p 3

Guss Johnson returned to his home here Friday after being confined to Keizer hospital in North Bend for several weeks. Johnson suffered an injury to his spine while working at repairing barges.

"Coos Bay (OR) World" Thursday 9 Feb 1939 p 2

Mr. and Mrs. Guss Johnson and daughter have returned to their home on the Umpqua river after residing in California for a few months while Guss worked in ship-yards. The Johnsons' return to Reedsport was hastened somewhat by the crowded housing conditions.

"Coos Bay (OR) World" Thursday 15 Feb 1945 p 9

Commercial fishermen from here attending a committee hearing before members of the state legislature in Salem Thursday were Harry Henderson, Guss Johnson, John Christman and Newton Cannon. S. J. Wessela, operator of the Western Auto Supply store here, furnished the transportation for the trip. A. V. Anderson, official of the Fishermen's union and also a commercial fisherman, was in Salem during the session.

News of Reedsport OR – "Coos Bay (OR) World" Monday 17 Mar 1947 p 3

Name: Guss Johnson

Name variations: Gus Johnson, Cus Johnson, Gustaff Seward Johnson, August Johnson

Military:

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

Serial number: 250,816

Entered service from: Reedsport, Douglas OR

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: Guss Johnson

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": mother Mrs. Mary Johnson, Reedsport OR

Returned from war on: "Calamares" Mar 1919

Sailed on return ship as: Guss Johnson

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: mother Mrs. Mary Johnson, Reedsport OR (pvt, 18th Co., 20th Engrs)

World War I draft registration (1917): as Guss Johnson - b. 11 May 1890 Reedsport OR; res:

Reedsport, Douglas OR. Logger, not employed at present. Single. Has a mother dependent on him.

Claimed exemption: bad leg. Tall height, medium build. Registered on 1 Jun 1917 (earlier than national registration day on 5 Jun 1917)

World War II draft registration (1942): as Guss Johnson - b. 11 May 1890 Reedsport, Douglas OR; res: Reedsport, Douglas OR. Mailing address: 1010 Post St., San Francisco CA. NOK Maude Johnson, Reedsport OR. Employed by New England Fishing Co., Winchester Bay, Douglas Co. OR. Height: 5'11 ½" – 203 lbs. Has a wooden leg.

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlisted 8 Dec 1917

Discharged 17 Mar 1919

Address: Reedsport OR

Rank/unit: private, Bordeaux Cas Co 48 A SD

Birth & death:

Born: 11 May 1890 Reedsport, Douglas OR (obit: Gardiner, Douglas OR)

Died: 3 Dec 1968 San Francisco, San Francisco Co. CA (in a San Francisco hospital)

Find A Grave record: 32932219 – photo - presence on Tuscania noted in flower

Burial location: Santa Rosa, Sonoma CA

Cemetery: Santa Rosa Memorial Park

Tombstone: veteran flat: Oregon Pvt 18 Co 20 Engrs WWI

Father: Andreas Gabrial/Gabriel [Andrew] Johnsson/Johansson/Johnson, 13 Jun 1844 Finland – 30 Oct 1916 Reedsport, Douglas OR. According to an Ancestry.com family tree, he caught a chill rowing home from Gardiner in a very cold rainstorm & died of pneumonia.

Find A Grave:

Mother: Maria Sophia Ansama Johnson, 23 Sep 1852 Paavola, Etela-Suomen Laani, Finland – 20 Feb 1929 Douglas Co. OR. Daughter of Jacob Ansama (1823-1889) & Hedvig Austina (1824-1915).

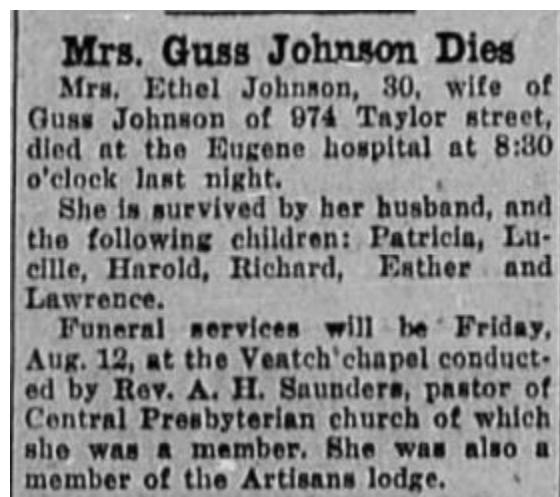
Find A Grave:

Parents' marriage: 19 Dec 1886 San Francisco CA

Spouse:

Spouse Find A Grave:

Marriage: when Guss married Ethel, he said he had been married one time before, which was also her answer – and she had been previously married.



Obituary of Ethel Olsen Johnson, who died the day her son Keith Glenn Johnson Watkins, here referred to as Lawrence, was born – “Eugene (OR) Guard” Wednesday 10 Aug 1927 p 2

Spouse: Ethel Marguerite Olsen/Olson Keirse Johnson, 3 May 1897 Marion Co. OR – 9 Aug 1927 Eugene, Lane OR. She died the day her son

Daughter of Nels Olsen (1847-1924, F: 122296730) & Valborg/Walborg Caroline Larsen (b. Oslo, Norway 1854-1924, F: 122296747). Buried in West Lawn Memorial Park, Eugene, Lane OR.

Previously married to Charles Keirse (b. 1890 Seattle, King WA). They had daughter Dorothy Patricia Olsen Keirse in 1918.

Spouse Find A Grave: 153250711

Marriage: 1 May 1920 Hoquiam, Grays Harbor WA by a minister. Marriage was filed 21 May 1920.

The left half of the original record is missing from the online file. Guss Johnson, age 29, resident of Reedsport OR, b. Gardiner OR, fisherman – Ethel Olsen, age 22, resident of Portland OR, b. Marion OR, housewife. Both said they had one previous marriage. Marriage license recorded under name August Johnson.

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Spouse: Maude Magdalina Stevia Johnson, 7 Oct 1898 Hanover, Grey County, Ontario, Canada – 17 Sep 1970 Sebastopol, Sonoma CA (at Palm Drive Hospital, after a long illness). Daughter of David Stevia (1868-1933, F: 116464976) & Rhoda Krupp (1869-1949, F: 116464869). Was a pianist with a Canadian symphony orchestra as a young girl. She moved from Canada to Portland OR in 1923. At the time of her death, she resided with her stepson Richard Hansen [Guss’s son by his 1st marriage to Ethel Olsen] & his family at 615 Hetts Lane. Sebastopol CA. Buried in Santa Rosa Memorial Park, Santa Rosa, Sonoma CA.

Spouse Find A Grave: 32932127

Marriage: 22 Dec 1932 Multnomah Co. OR.

Children: by his 1st wife Ethel Olsen/Olson Keirse:

- Lucille Florence Johnson Lester McKinney Addor, changed surname back to McKinney, 1 May 1921 Reedsport, Douglas OR – 15 Apr 2006 Ukiah, Mendocino CA. SSN 551-16-5892. Raised by her cousins, the Haacks. Spent part of her childhood living on a houseboat on the Umpqua River. - In the 1940 census, she lists her occupation as a taxi dancer in a public dance hall. This was an occupation in which male customers purchased tickets to dance with females for the length of a dance. See: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Taxi_dancer#:~:text=A%20taxi%20dancer%20is%20a,for%20a%20small%20sum%20each. – Joined the US Marine Corps in WWII. Afterwards, put herself through college on the GI Bill & earned an art degree. - Marry Ralph Lester (1920-1947) around 1941. - Married James William McKinney (1924-1985) on 7 Oct 1948. Divorced in Brevard Co. FL in Nov 1965. – Married 12 Jul 1975 in Ukiah, Mendocino CA to Richard F. Addor. Divorced Dec 1976 in Mendocino Co. CA. Her surname reverted to McKinney. - Resident of FL in Dec 1968 & Ukiah CA in Sep 1970. – Taught at Redwood Valley Elementary School for 12 years. Died from complications of Alzheimer’s disease.
- Harold E. (“Hal”) Johnson Malde, 9 Jul 1923 OR – 2007. SSN 544-12-0963. Ensign Harold Malde, who had attended Willamette University, became engaged to Jan Rose Blake, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. A.L. Blake of Camas WA. (“Salem [OR] Capital Journal” 13 Mar 1944

p 5. - Resident of CO in Dec 1968. Geologist for US Geological Survey (Jul 1976 CO). Photo & article in "Bismarck (ND) Tribune" 4 Sep 1933 p 20.

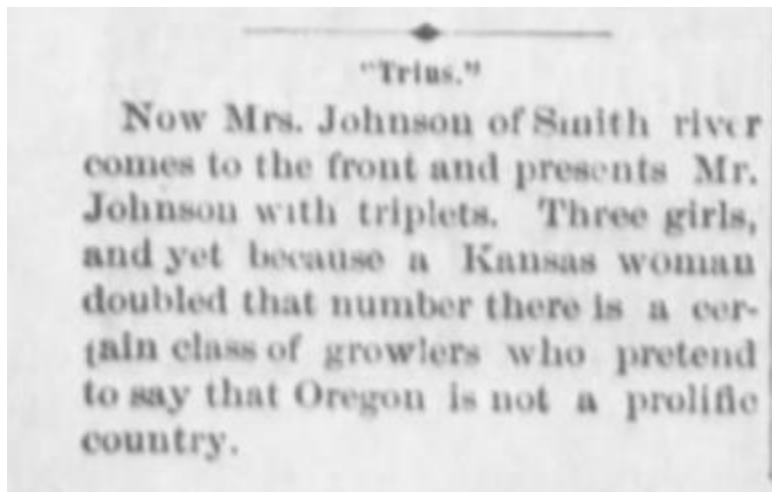
- Richard ("Dick") Hansen, 5 Dec 1924 OR [Marshfield?] – 22 Oct 2002 North Bend, Coos OR. Adopted by Henry Adolph Hansen (1883-1981) & Ethel Below Hansen (1889-1938). His obituary copied above lists him as their son, born in Marshfield OR. Raised in Forest Grove, Clatskanie & other logging camps. Following the death of Ethel Hansen, he attended Saint Mary's School for Boys, an orphanage in Aloha/Beaverton OR. - Enlisted in the US Navy on his 17th birthday, 2 days before the attack on Pearl Harbor & served 4 years in the South Pacific. Discharged from the Navy in 1945 & employed on tankers & cargo ships until 1948. - Husband of Nancy Madeline ("Nan") Dawson (1930-2016, F: 162465321), whom he married 9 Oct 1948 in Reedsport, Douglas OR. Marriage: "Coos Bay (OR) World" Saturday 16 Oct 1948 p 6 – Miss Nancy Dawson, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. C.M. Dawson of Smith River, married Rickard [sic] Hansen, son of Mr. & Mrs. Guss Johnson of Reedsport OR, on 9 Oct 1948 at the Reedsport Community Church. He works in the lumbering industry. – Attended Clark Junior College & Southwest WA College of Education, then returned to sea with the Military Sea Transport Service during the Korean War. – Moved to CA in 1959, where he was a general contractor, realtor & developer for the next 28 years, dealing in rare books & maps as a sideline. Active in community affairs, including many years on the Sebastopol CA school board & in Cub Scouts. Resident of Sebastopol CA in Dec 1968. – Retired in 1985 due to poor health; he & his family moved back to North Bend OR, where he was also active in community affairs (library). Buried in Sacramento Valley National Cemetery, Dixon, Solano CA, sharing the tombstone with wife Nancy, with the inscription "Dad and Mom They Taught Us Well." F: 162465268
- Esther ("Toni") Johnson Wood, 4 Jun 1926 Portland, Multnomah OR – 4 Jun 1978 Dade Co. FL. Resident of IL in Dec 1968. Wife of Daniel G. Wood (1915-1986) whom she married 28 Dec 1955 in Cook Co. IL.
- Keith Glenn Johnson Watkins, 9 Aug 1927 Eugene, Lane OR – 3 Dec 1998 Garden Grove, Orange CA. SSN 542-18-2915. Born the day his mother Ethel died. He is referred to as "Lawrence" in her obituary. In 1930 census, lived in Seattle, King WA with A. Glenn Watkins (39) & Emma J. Watkins (40). A. Glenn Watkins (1891-1951, F: 6319032) & Emma (F: 6319030) buried in Crown Hill Cemetery, Seattle, King WA. - When he registered in 1942 for the WWII draft, he notes he was recently discharged. Resident of 5412 Kensington Pl., Seattle WA. NOK was A. Glenn Watkins. – Married Rosalie Marie Durham on 6 Dec 1947 in Seattle, King WA. - Resident of Garden Grove CA in Dec 1968.

Children: by his 2nd wife Maude Magdalina Stevia

- Beulah Lorraine Johnson Meeler, 24 Aug 1934 Reedsport, Douglas OR – 8 Sep 2004 Lakeside, Coos OR. Married 9 Dec 1950 in Coos Bay, Coos OR to Marvin Warnell Meeler (1927-2006). Marriage: "Coos Bay (OR) World" Saturday 16 Dec 1950 p 5 – Miss Beulah L. Johnson, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Guss Johnson, formerly of Reedsport OR, now residents of Coos Bay OR, married Marvin W. Meeler, son of Mrs. Dorothy McEntire of Fresno CA at the Johnson home by a minister from the 1st Baptist Church on 9 Dec 1950. - Died of complications following a stroke. Homemaker, also employed a dry cleaner & restaurants. Maintained Winchester Bay post office for 5 years. Also worked with her husband as custodians at Reedsport (OR) High School until she retired in 1989. Survived by husband, daughter, son & brother Harold Maulde of CO & sister Lucille McKinney of Ukiah CA. Buried in Reedsport Masonic Cemetery, Reedsport, Douglas OR. F: 9480477

Stepdaughter: by his 1st wife Ethel's 1st marriage to Charles Keirse:

- Dorothy Patricia Olssen Keirse Gardini Steele, 22 Apr 1918 Seattle, King WA – 23 Sep 1986 Willits, Mendocino CA. SSN 551-16-5891. Married to Henry Ernie Gardini (1908-1982, F: 3401380). Dorothy Patricia Gardiner files for divorce against Henry E. Gardini in the 2nd Judicial District, State of NV, Washoe Co on charges of extreme cruelty on 9 Mar 1946. - Married to Alfred Nelson Steele (1894-1965, F: 3637102). ("Reno [NV] Gazette-Journal" Saturday 6 Apr 1946 p 7] – Filed under "births" but obviously a list of marriage licenses in the "Nevada State Journal" (Reno NV) Saturday 13 Apr 1946 p 8 is Alfred N. Steele, 52, San Francisco CA & Dorothy Patricia Gardini, age 27, Carson NV. - As Mrs. Steele, a resident of Redwood City CA in Dec 1968. Her son Phillip Gordon Steele, b. 26 Jan 1949 CA – d. 7 May 1969 NC, F: 3636948, who shares the tombstone in Golden Gate National Cemetery, San Bruno, San Mateo CA with his father Alfred. Also had son Frederick Andrew Steele (1947-2014).



Guss's triplet sisters born – "Salem (OR) Capital Journal" 28 Jan 1889 p 4

Siblings:

- Alfred Johanson, 20 Nov 1887 Douglas Co. OR – Jan 1888 Douglas Co. OR
- Emma Johanson/Johnson Mattson/Matson Sten, 22 Jan 1889 OR – 1965. Triplet sister of Julian/Julia & Jenny. She was adopted by the Otto Mattson family. In the 1910 census she appears as Matson. Was married as Mattson to Edward Emil Sten (1869-1964, F: 25484559) on 3 May 1911. Buried in Gardiner Cemetery, Gardiner, Douglas OR. F: 25484560.
- Julia/Julian Johanson, 22 Jan 1889 OR – 1889. Triplet sister of Emma & Jenny.
- Jenny Willina Johanson Yarbrough, 22 Jan 1889 OR – 9 Oct 1941 Reedsport, Douglas OR (at the Douglas County hospital). Triplet sister of Emma & Julia/Julian. Born in the Smith River district near Gardiner OR. Married 21 Mar 1909 in Douglas Co. OR to Francis Lee Yarbrough (1883-1950, F: 25497775) who married Ethel Blanch in 1942 after Jenny's death. – "Roseburg (OR) News-Review" Tuesday 25 Mar 1924 p 1 – the wife & 4 children of Francis L. Yarbrough, who are destitute & heavily in debt, will be dependent on the county & welfare after he was sentenced to the maximum of 10 years in prison for statutory rape of Viola Coffin, who has a child but admits it is not his child & she has had frequent partners. "Coos Bay (OR) World" Friday 26 Dec 1924 p 5 – Gov. Pierce of OR issued Christmas paroles,

among them 1 to Francis L. Yarbrough. - Buried in Reedsport Masonic Cemetery, Reedsport, Douglas OR. F: 25497776

- Hulda Linda Johansson Luark, 6 Apr 1897 Reedsport, Douglas OR – 4 Feb 1971 Eugene, Lane OR. Resident of OR in Dec 1968. Had originally married John Michael Luark (1892-1967, F: 210875031) in 1917 in North Bend, Coos OR. The couple remarried 21 Nov 1956 in Springfield, Lane OR. Buried in West Lawn Memorial Park, Eugene, Lane OR. F: 210875707

Notes:

<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/2411527/person/-1843521899/facts>

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After the death of his wife Ethel Olsen on the day she gave birth to their son Keith, his children ended up raised by others and all had different surnames than Johnson, both the girls and boys.

Sometime between WWI – when he noted he had “a bad leg” on his 1917 draft registration – and his WWII draft registration in 1942, Guss had one of his legs amputated, as he reported having “a wooden leg.”

Pre-war:

Wartime:

“Los Angeles Evening Express” 12 Feb 1918 p 3 – among those listed as sick or injured in an Irish hospital is Pvt. Guss Johnson, Reedsport OR.

“Los Angeles Times” 13 Feb 1918 p 4 – there were 40 names removed today from the list of those unaccounted for. One was Pvt. Guss Johnson, Reedsport OR.

Post-war:

Obituary:

"Santa Rosa (CA) Press-Democrat" 5 Dec 1968 p 6 - age 78, 1 of the few survivors in the area of the British troopship Tuscania with its 213 casualties. Resident of 721 Oak St., Santa Rosa CA. Retired logger & commercial fisherman. Lived in Sonoma Co. 5 years. WWI Army veteran. Born in Gardiner OR of a pioneer OR family. Member of VFW & Veterans of WWI. Survived by wife Maude M., 4 daughters & 3 sons. Funeral 7 Dec 1968 with burial in the veterans section of Santa Rosa Memorial Park.

Social Security number: 537-10-0192

Censuses:

1900 Gardiner, Douglas OR

Andreas Johansson, 55 Finland, Jul 1844, parents b. Finland, married 14 years, emigrated 1880, in US for 20 years, naturalized, farmer

Marie S., 47 Finland, Sep 1852, parents b. Finland, emigrated 1884, in US for 16 years, gave birth to 6 children, 4 are living

Jenny Willina, 11 OR, Jan 1889, at school

Gustaff C., 10 OR, May 1890, at school [i.e. Guss]

Hulda L., 13 OR, Apr 1887

1930 Portland, Multnomah OR – 130 ½ - 4th St.

Guss Johnson, 39 OR, parents b. Finland, widower, fisherman, fishing company, WWI veteran

Lodger with Stanley H. William & about 20 other lodgers

1940 Reedsport, Douglas OR – same place in 1935

Gus Johnson, 49 OR, fishing, commercial

Maude, 41 Canada

Beulah L., ~~wife~~, 5 OR

Lucille F., 18 OR, taxi dancer, public dance hall