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This document lacks 1950 census data.

Please return to Tuscania1918.org in the future to see if a revised and
finalized version is available.

Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

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

NOK = next-of-kin

TUSCANIA

Left the Tuscania in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada

MacDonald, Roderick Donald

1891 WA – 1981 WA



Caption reads Roderick, Mame, Idadean & Bob (?) - https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/2296130/person/-362696679/media/56d1f4cb-f7f1-44e9-8351-8d07df37454c?_phsrc=hFB28578&_phstart=successSource



Roderick Donald MacDonald - https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/2296130/person/-362696679/media/ad32dfa6-de54-4130-940f-32e81c0e9e4c?_phsrc=hFB28578&_phstart=successSource



Roderick Donald MacDonald (left) with son Jack E. MacDonald - [ncestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/2296130/person/-362696679/media/f37b0c5b-5c87-4986-8c10-23b0d763d1df?_phsrc=hFB28580&_phstart=successSource](https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/2296130/person/-362696679/media/f37b0c5b-5c87-4986-8c10-23b0d763d1df?_phsrc=hFB28580&_phstart=successSource)



The MacDonald family – Roderick at far left, Georgianne/George at left front, father John, mother Anna, Evelyn at front center, youngest child James in very front – The children is descending order of age were Anna, Margaret, Roderick, Ruth, Isabelle, Dora, John, Georgianne, Evelyn & James - https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/2296130/person/-362696679/media/d0a7c484-18bb-4a5b-8d1a-640aea02db36?_phsrc=hFB28580&_phstart=successSource

MCDONALD RODERICK DONALD		C 1-367-636
Pvt 16 Co 20 Engrs		K
Bellingham Wash		A 1 880 997
Sa	2 308 603	Died T 470 947
Born	2/16/91	R
Enl	12/12/17	Dis 5/11/19 Cl 756 612
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Mc Donald Roderick D		2,308,603	White	1½
(Surname)	(Christian name)	(Army serial number)	(Race: White or colored)	
Residence:	RFD 2	Bellingham	WASHINGTON	
	(Street and house number)	(Town or city)	(County)	(State)
* Enlisted in	WA Ft Lawton Wash	Dec 12/17		—
† Born in	Bellingham Wash	26 8/12yrs		—
Organizations:	16 Co 20 Engrs to disch			—
Grades:	Pvt			—
Engagements:				—
Wounds or other injuries received in action: None. —				
‡ Served overseas:	Feb 5/18 to May 24/19			—
§ Hon. disch.	June 11/19 on demobilization			—
Was reported	0	per cent disabled on date of discharge, in view of occupation.		
Remarks:				—

Form No. 724-1½, A. G. O.
March 12, 1920.

3-7688

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

WA, WWI service card

Were Left in Halifax Hospital.
 BELLINGHAM, Wash., Feb. 11.—A letter received here today from Roderick McDonald says that he and several other American soldiers who left the United States on the ill-fated Tuscania were left at Halifax, N. S., in a Catholic hospital for treatment when the transport touched there before striking across the Atlantic.

"Spokane (WA) Spokesman-Review" Tuesday 12 Feb 1918 p 3

PLACE OF MARRIAGE		WASHINGTON STATE BOARD OF HEALTH	
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS		CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE	
County of		License No. 6410	
Town of			
City of			
GROOM	PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS	BRIDE	
Full Name <i>Roderick D. McDonald</i>	Full Name <i>Mams M. Scott</i>		
Residence <i>Bellingham Wash.</i>	Residence <i>Bellingham, Wash.</i>		
Age at last Birthday <i>21</i> years	Age at last Birthday <i>21</i> years		
Color or Race <i>White</i>	Color or Race <i>White</i>		
Single <i>Single</i>	Single <i>Single</i>		
Widowed or Divorced	Widowed or Divorced		
Number of Marriage <i>First</i>	Number of Marriage <i>First</i>		
Birthplace <i>Washington</i>	Birthplace <i>Iowa</i>		
(State or Country)	(State or Country)		
Occupation <i>Farmer</i>	Occupation <i>Teacher</i>		
Name of Father <i>John D. McDonald</i>	Name of Father <i>H. B. Scott</i>		
Birthplace of Father <i>Scotland</i>	Birthplace of Father <i>Penn.</i>		
(State or Country)	(State or Country)		
Maiden Name of Mother <i>Annis Ferguson</i>	Maiden Name of Mother <i>Emma Wellington</i>		
Birthplace of Mother <i>Scotland</i>	Birthplace of Mother <i>Ohio</i>		
(State or Country)	(State or Country)		
Maiden Name of the Bride, if she was previously Married.			
We, the groom and bride named in this certificate hereby certify that the information given therein is correct, to the best of our knowledge and belief.			
<i>Roderick McDonald</i> Groom		<i>Mams M. Scott</i> Bride	
CERTIFICATE OF PERSON PERFORMING CEREMONY			
I HEREBY CERTIFY, That <i>Roderick D. McDonald</i> and <i>Mams M. Scott</i> were joined in marriage by me			
in accordance with the laws of the State of Washington, at <i>Bellingham, Wash.</i>			
this <i>18th</i> day of <i>July</i> , 1918			
Signature of <i>E. H. Gelvin</i>		Signature of <i>E. H. Gelvin</i>	
Witnesses to the Marriage <i>Wm. E. Gelvin</i>		Person Performing the Ceremony <i>M. M. Scott</i>	
Residence <i>Bellingham</i>		Official Station <i>1130 Garden St.</i>	
		Residence <i>Bellingham, Wash.</i>	

MARGIN RESERVED FOR BINDING

Write Plainly With Unfading Ink—This is a Permanent Record.

This blank to be filled by the Minister, Priest or official performing the marriage ceremony and returned to the County Auditor of the county in which the marriage took place, within five days from the date of marriage.

Marriage record 18 Jul 1923 - https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/2296130/person/-362696679/media/33627877_f3ccdbbe-03f7-4d48-a993-2686e6c1b668?_phsrc=hFB28580&_phstart=successSource

Mother:

Funeral

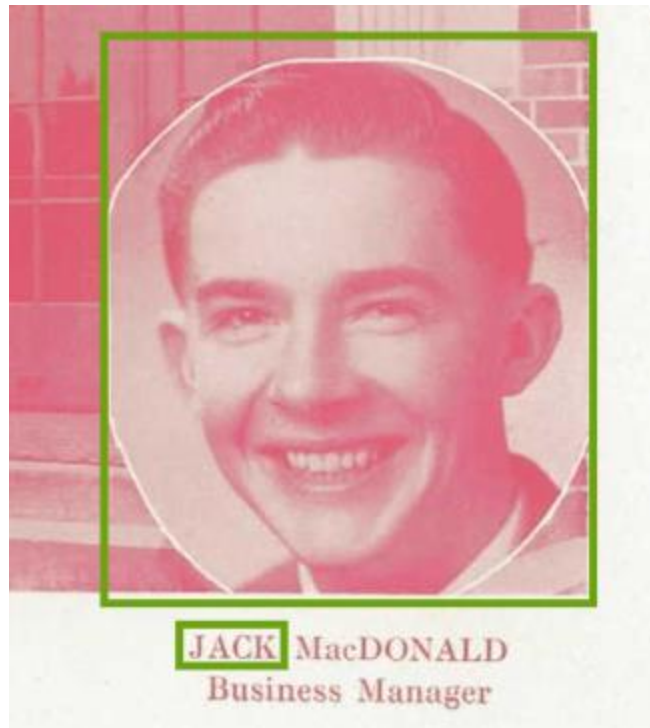
McDonald -- Anna aged 68, Ferndale route 1, passed away at a local hospital Tuesday night, August 28, following a two month illness. Mrs. McDonald had been a resident of this county for the past forty years and was a member of the Presbyterian church in Scotland and of the Mothers of Foreign Wars Veterans. Surviving her are three sons. Roderick D., of Ferndale; John T., of Laural; and James James L., of Everett; seven daughters, Mrs. Anna Christensen, Mrs. Margie Nygren Mrs. Georgia Flick, Mrs. Evelyn Hinote and Mrs. Ruth Cannon, of this city. Mrs. Belle Wight, of Laural; and Mrs. Dora Frederickson of Blanchard; also twenty grand - children. The remains are resting at the Harlow-Hollingsworth Funeral Home, where funeral services will be conducted by Rev. James M. Wilson Thursday, August 30, at 2 p.m. Burial in Woodlawn Cemetery.

From mother Anna Ferguson MacDonald's Find A Grave 5977960

Children:



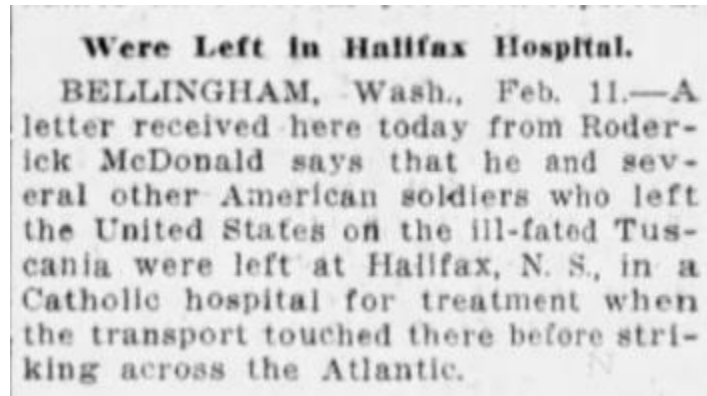
Children Ina Dean MacDonald & Jack E. MacDonald - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/2296130/person/-362695308/media/ba381c3d-7c9a-46c0-82c3-177c2431142d>



Jack E. MacDonald, about age 16, business manager, Ferndale (WA) High School yearbook -
https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/1265/images/sid_7132_1942_0009?treeid=2296130&personid=-362695308&usePUB=true&_phsrc=hFB28603&_phstart=successSource&usePUBJs=true&pId=444347259

PLACE OF MARRIAGE		WASHINGTON STATE BOARD OF HEALTH	
County of <u>Whatcom</u>		BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS	
Town of _____		CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE	
or		License No. <u>4208</u>	
City of <u>Bellingham</u>			
GROOM		BRIDE	
Full Name <u>Geo F. Cannon</u>	Full Name <u>Caroline R. MacDonald</u>		
Residence <u>Bellingham</u>	Residence <u>Bellingham</u>		
Age at last Birthday <u>24</u> years	Age at last Birthday <u>25</u> years		
Color or Race <u>white</u>	Color or Race <u>white</u>		
Single Widowed or Divorced _____	Single Widowed or Divorced _____		
Number of Marriage _____	Number of Marriage _____		
Birthplace <u>Seattle</u> (State or Country)	Birthplace <u>Bellingham</u> (State or Country)		
Occupation <u>Electrician</u>	Occupation <u>School Teacher</u>		
Name of Father <u>J. H. Cannon</u>	Name of Father <u>John MacDonald</u>		
Birthplace of Father <u>Wis</u> (State or Country)	Birthplace of Father <u>Scotland</u> (State or Country)		
Maiden Name of Mother <u>Carrie E. Linker</u>	Maiden Name of Mother <u>M. Ferguson</u>		
Birthplace of Mother <u>Main</u> (State or Country)	Birthplace of Mother <u>Scotland</u> (State or Country)		
Maiden Name of the Bride, if she was previously Married _____			
We, the groom and bride named in this certificate hereby certify that the information given therein is correct, to the best of our knowledge and belief.			
<u>Geo F Cannon</u> Groom		<u>Caroline R. MacDonald</u> Bride	
CERTIFICATE OF PERSON PERFORMING CEREMONY			
I HEREBY CERTIFY, That <u>Geo F Cannon</u> and <u>Caroline R. MacDonald</u> were joined in Marriage by me			
in accordance with the laws of the State of Washington, at <u>Bellingham</u>			
this <u>12</u> day of <u>June</u> , 191 <u>9</u>			
Signature of Witnesses to the Marriage { <u>M. A. Powell</u>	Signature of person performing the ceremony { <u>W. A. Powell</u>		
Residence _____	Official Station <u>Chaplain</u>		
	Residence _____		

Marriage of sister Ruth Caroline / Caroline R. MacDonald to George F. Cannon 12 Jun 1919 -
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"Spokane (WA) Spokesman Review" Tuesday 12 Feb 1918 p 3

Name: Ronald Donald MacDonald

Name variations: R.D. MacDonald

Military:

On Tuscania: 20th Eng. 16th/Co. D - private

Serial number: 2,308,603

Entered service from: Bellingham, Whatcom WA

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: Roderick D. Mac Donald

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": mother Anna Mac Donald, RR2, Bellingham WA

After removal from the "Tuscania" in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada, sailed as: Roderick B.

McDonald, on ship "55" on 6 Mar 1918, NOK mother Mrs. A. Mc Donald, Bellingham [sic] WA (pvt, Co. D, 20th Engrs)

Returned from war on: Santa Paula" May 1919

Sailed on return ship as: Roderick D. Mac Donald

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: mother Anna Mac Donald, Bellingham WA (pvt, 16th Co., 20th Engrs, Forestry)

World War I draft registration (1917): as Roderick MacDonald - b. 16 Feb 1891 Bellingham WA; res; RFD No. 2, Bellingham WA. Single, with dependent mother & brother. Farmer, employed by mother & self, Laurel WA. Tall height, medium build.

World War II draft registration (1942): as Roderick Donald MacDonald - b. 16 Feb 1891 Bellingham WA; res: Ferndale WA. NOK Mrs. R.D. MacDonald, same address. Self-employed, farm, Rt. 2, Ferndale, Whatcom WA. Height: 5'11" – 170 lbs.

Veterans Administration Military Index: as Roderick Donald McDonald

Enlisted 12 Dec 1917

Discharged: 11 Jun 1919

Address: Bellingham WA

Rank/unit: private, 16th Co., 20th Engineers

Birth & death:

Born: 16 Feb 1891 Bellingham, Whatcom WA

Died: 25 Dec 1981 Ferndale, Whatcom WA

Find A Grave record: 72931264 – presence on Tuscania indicated in flower

Burial location: Ferndale, Whatcom WA

Cemetery: Woodlawn

Tombstone: veteran flat: US Army WWI

Father: John Thomas MacDonald, 3 Nov 1865 Scotland - 16 May 1920. Buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, Ferndale, Whatcom WA.

Find A Grave: 5977609

Mother: Anna Baines MacDonald, 10 Aug 1866 Scotland – 28 Aug 1934 Bellingham, Whatcom WA. Daughter of Donald Ferguson. Buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, Ferndale, Whatcom WA.

Find A Grave: 5977960

Parents' marriage: 1885

Spouse: Mame M. Scott MacDonald, 17 May 1889 Washington township, Jasper Co. IA – 21 Jul 1968. Daughter of William Finley Scott & Emma Fullington. Buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, Bellingham, Whatcom WA.

Spouse Find A Grave: 5977610

Marriage: 18 Jul 1923 Bellingham, Whatcom WA

Children:

- Jack E. MacDonald, 27 Apr 1924 Bellingham, Whatcom WA – Sep 2020 Bend OR (his obituary – not viewed – was published 26 Sep 2020). His sister's obituary says Jack had predeceased her as of Apr 2019 but that does not appear to have been the case. Attended Ferndale (WA) High School. Enlisted in the military on 11 Feb 1943 in Tacoma WA. Married on 17 Dec 1949 in King Co. WA to Bettie Jean Pyne, both residents of King Co. WA; they obtained a marriage license on 15 Dec 1949.
- Inadean ("Deanie") MacDonald DeGraaff, 10 Nov 1928 Bellingham, Whatcom WA – 29 Apr 2019 Tacoma, Pierce WA. Married Howard Lewis DeGraaff (1926-1990) on 25 Oct 1947 in Ferndale, Whatcom WA. They had 2 children. Part-owners of North Washington Implement Co. Buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Greenwood, Whatcom WA. F: 199039979

Siblings: Roderick was the 3rd-oldest of those listed. Between the 1900 & 1910 censuses, 4 additional siblings died.

- Anna Ferguson MacDonald Christensen, Jun 1886 (claimed 1888 on Find A Grave but conflicts with sister Margaret's birth) ND – 9 Nov 1958 Bellingham, Whatcom WA. Wife of George W. Christensen (1888-1944), whom she married 17 Apr 1917 in Mount Vernon, Skagit WA. Buried in Bayview Cemetery, Bellingham, Whatcom WA. F: 7381129
- Margaret O. (Margie) McDonald [sic] Nygren, 28 Nov 1888 ND – 8 Jan 1976. Wife of John Alben Nygren (1891-1969) whom she married 16 Aug 1911 in Whatcom Co. WA. Buried in Bayview Cemetery, Bellingham, Whatcom WA. F: 35291204
- Ruth Caroline MacDonald Cannon Merriman, 4 Feb 1893 Bellingham, Whatcom WA – 25 Nov 1990. SSN 536-30-8127 (Social Security claims birthdate of 4 Apr 1898.) Caroline R. MacDonald, age 25, b. Bellingham WA, married on 12 Jun 1919 in Bellingham, Whatcom WA to George Frederick Cannon (1895-1952, F: 8355923). Was Mrs. Ruth Cannon when her mother died in Aug 1934. Buried with husband Richard S. Merriman (1911-1981, F: 122499645) in Greenacres Memorial Park, Ferndale, Whatcom WA. Richard was earlier married to Beulah Agnes Cummins (1917-1962) in 1936. F: 137751855

- Isabelle Christina (Belle) MacDonald Wight, 5 Jul 1895 Bellingham, Whatcom WA (also found as Laurel, Klickitat WA) – 4 Mar 1981 Whatcom Co. WA. Wife of Ford Merton Wight (1896-1982). Buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, Bellingham, Whatcom WA. F: 31625233
- Dora E. MacDonald Fredrickson Dawson, 8 Sep 1898 Bellingham, Whatcom WA – 1 Nov 1997 WA. Also found as Flora. Wife of Oscar John Fredrickson, b. ca. 1893 WA, d. 1 Aug 1950 Spokane, Spokane WA. Was Mrs. Dora Frederickson [sic] of Blanchard WA in Aug 1934 when her mother died. Married on 16 Jun 1946 to Schuyler A. Dawson (1895-1981) in Whatcom Co. WA. Buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, Bellingham, Whatcom WA. F: 73031907
- John Thomas MacDonald, 21 Dec 1899 Bellingham, Whatcom WA – 2 Jul 1985 Whatcom Co. WA. At age 22, John married on 1 Sep 1922 in Whatcom Co. WA to Deborah Harrison McKay (1906-1966, F: 72931323). Buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, Bellingham, Whatcom WA. F: 72931102
- Georgianne Barbara (Georgie) MacDonald Bellingar Fleck, 16 Jan 1901 Laurel, Whatcom WA – 7 Mar 1995 Martin Co. FL. Married in Whatcom Co. WA on 4 Jun 1919 to Lee Anthony Bellingar (1900 MI-1964 WA, F: 75204676). They had 2 children, Lee & Betty. She was age 17; Lee was 19. Lee later married Ferne Serene Meyers (1907-2005). - Georgina Bellingar married on 6 Aug 1934 in Whatcom Co. WA to Byarde Burdett Fleck (1896-1966). Grave marker reads "Georgina B. Fleck." Buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, Bellingham, Whatcom WA. F: 72930925
- Evelyn G. MacDonald Hinote, 14 Mar 1904 Whatcom Co. WA – 20 Apr 1989 Bellingham, Whatcom WA. SSN 539-58-6327. Married 31 Aug 1922 in Whatcom Co. WA to Curtis Allen Hinote (1902-1997). Buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, Bellingham, Whatcom WA. F: 51815362
- James L. MacDonald, 2 Oct 1905 Whatcom Co. WA – 9 Jan 1996 Bellingham, Whatcom WA. SSN 533-09-5937. Birth record lists name as L. James MacDonald. Husband of Signe Cemoria Larson (1909-2000) whom he married on 24 Jul 1926 in Bellingham, Whatcom WA. Buried in Greenacres Memorial Park, Ferndale, Whatcom WA. F: 148884924

Notes

Pre-war:

Wartime:

"Spokane (WA) Spokesman-Review" Monday 11 Feb 1918 p 1 – not yet listed among the survivors is Roderick D. MacDonald of Bellingham WA, in Co. D, 6th Battalion, 20th Engineers.

"Tacoma (WA) News Tribune" Tuesday 12 Feb 1918 p 2 – the War Department announced 21 more Tuscania survivors were safe, with 6 from OR & 2 from WA. Among the Washington soldiers taken from the ship in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada due to illness was Roderick D. Macdonald, RFD 2, Bellingham WA.

Post-war:

Obituary:

Social Security number: 534-14-7937

Censuses:

1900 Laurel, Whatcom WA

John McDonald, 37 Scotland, Nov 1862, parents b. Scotland, emigrated 1882, in US for 18 years, naturalized, married 15 years, farmer

Annie, 36 Scotland, Aug 1863, parents b. Scotland, emigrated 1885, in US for 15 years, gave birth to 7 children, 7 are living [wife]

Annie, 13 ND, Jun 1886, at school [daughter]

Margaret, 11 ND, Nov 1888, at school

Rodrick, 9 WA, Feb 1891, at school

Ruth, 7 WA, Apr 1893, at school

Bell, 5 WA, Jul 1894

Dora, 1 WA, Sep 1898

John, 5 months WA, Dec 1899

1910 Eldridge, Whatcom WA – Road 374 – father not listed

Annie MacDonald, 50 Scotland, parents b. Scotland, in 1st marriage, age 28 at 1st marriage, gave birth to 14 children, 10 are living

Annie, 23 ND

Margaret, 22 ND

Rodrick, 19 WA

Ruth, 17 WA

Isabel, 14 WA

Dora, 11 WA

John, 10 WA

Georgie, 7 WA

Evelyn, 5 WA

James, 4 WA

1920 – cannot locate

1930 Ferndale, Whatcom WA – conducted 11 Apr 1930

Roderick D. McDonald, 39 WA, parents b. Scotland, age 32 at 1st marriage, truck driver, milk condensing, WWI veteran

Mame M., 36 IA, father b. PA, mother b. OH, age 30 at 1st marriage

Jack E., 5 WA

Ina D., 1 year 4 months WA

1940 Ferndale, Whatcom WA – Mountain View Road – in Whatcom Co. WA in 1935

Roderick McDonald, 49 WA, road supervisor, county road work

Mame, 47 IA

Jack, 15 WA

Ina Dean, 11 WA

& hired hand John Curry, 24 WA, farming, farm

& lodger Bernice Hauge, 24 ND