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b = born

d = died

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

NOK = next-of-kin

TUSCANIA

McKee, Joseph Lemuel
1896 SD – 1959 CA



New officers of District 10 of the American Legion are (seated) Malcolm M. Champlin, commander, and (standing, left to right) Frank S. Canario, second vice-commander; Joseph L. McKee, first vice-commander, and Phil F. Holtz-knecht, junior past commander.—Tribune photo.

Legion Elects Malcolm Champlin As Commander of District 10

ALBANY, Aug. 16.—Malcolm M. Champlin, Oakland attorney, was elected commander of District 10 of the American Legion last night at a meeting in the Albany Veterans Memorial Building.

Champlin holds the Navy Cross and the Silver Star, earned while serving as a naval aide to Gen. Jonathan Wainwright on Bataan.

He was elected by 200 delegates representing 33 posts and 6500 members of the American Legion in Alameda County.

As first vice-commander of the District, the Legionnaires elected

Cavite Navy Yard, on the Bataan Peninsula and on Corregidor. Later, Champlin served under General MacArthur in Australia and in the Aleutian campaign.

Champlin has been first vice-commander of the Tenth District for the past year. He is a past commander of Montclair Post of the Legion, was chairman of the resolutions committee at the department convention of the American Legion last year and will serve at San Diego this year as chairman of the state convention credentials committee.

Joseph L. McKee, manufacturer and former city councilman of Berkeley, a 33-year member of the Legion. He was an aviator in World War I.

Frank S. Canario of the Oakland police force, a navy veteran who served in Admiral Halsey's Task Force 58 in World War II and adjutant of Oakland Post 5, American Legion, was named second vice-commander.

Champlin graduated from Annapolis in 1934. After three years as a naval officer, he studied law at the University of California and upon graduation entered practice in Oakland. With war clouds on the horizon, he became an FBI special agent. In June of 1941 his testimony resulted in long sentences for 32 saboteurs.

In July, 1941, Champlin was ordered by the Navy to the Philippine Islands where he became flag lieutenant to the commandant of the 16th Naval District. Without orders, he set fire to all the gas and oil in Manila in the face of the advancing Japanese army, and saw service at the

Joseph Lemuel McKee, standing, back, center - "Oakland (CA) Tribune" Thursday 16 Aug 1951 p 15



In street dress—but mentally in the garb of Santa Claus—are these representatives planning the campaign of the Veterans Hospitals Christmas Committee. They include (left to right) Nancy Pankey, Sgt. A. J. Foster Post 2508, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Auxiliary; Florence Ramos, East Bay Association of Insurance Women; Elmer P. Zollner, co-ordinator for Oakland Veterans Hospital; Arthur Daniels, co-ordinator for Oak Knoll Naval Hospital, and Joseph L. McKee, co-ordinator for the Livermore Veterans Hospital.—Tribune photo.

Joseph Lemuel McKee is seated at far right – “Oakland (CA) Tribune” Sunday 5 Nov 1950 p 15

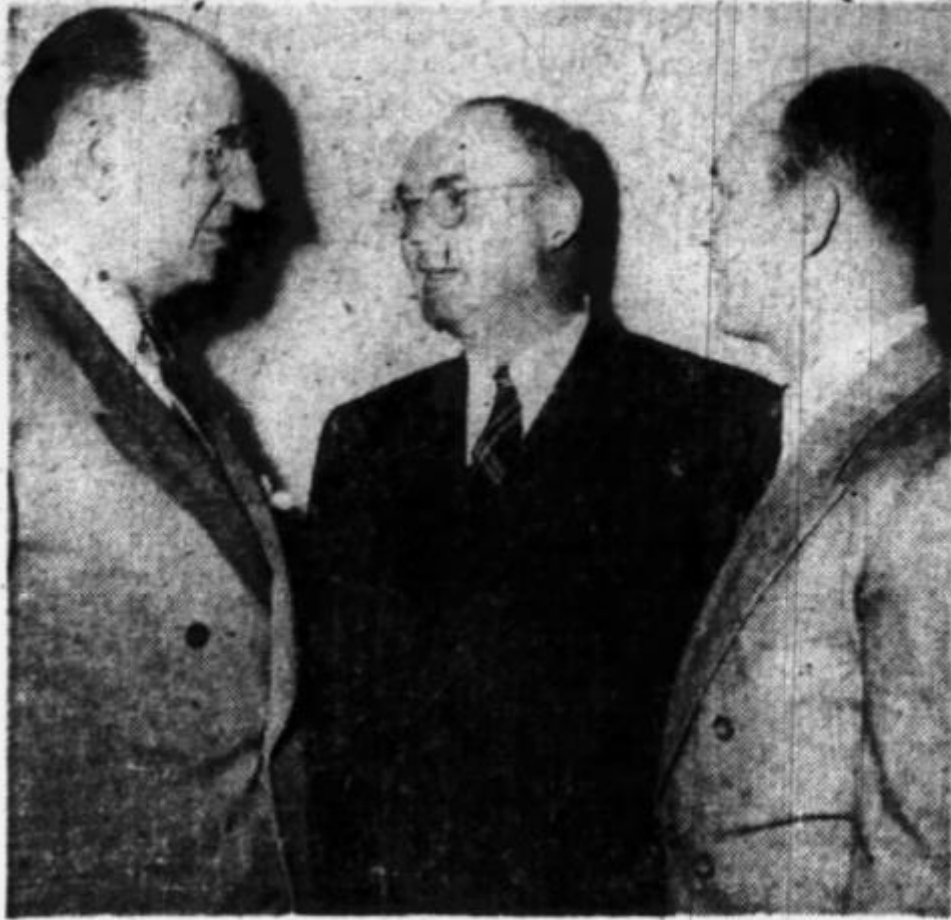


Joseph Lemuel McKee is at far right – “Oakland (CA) Tribune” Wednesday 15 Nov 1950 p 16



Mrs. Shelagh Davis, of Berkeley, about to board a plane for Washington, D.C., where she will receive a posthumous Congressional Medal of Honor for her late husband, Comdr. George Fleming Davis, gets a bon voyage from (left to right) Hubert Davis, Joseph L. McKee, and Mayor Fitch Robertson, of Berkeley.

Joseph Lemuel McKee is 2nd from right – “Oakland (CA) Tribune” Tuesday 13 Nov 1945 p 13



Tribune photo

Officials of the Livermore Veterans Administration Hospital make plans for the Christmas celebration to be held there with the help of the Veterans Hospitals Christmas Committee. They are (from left) Joseph L. McKee, co-ordinator; Dr. W. A. Cassidy, manager, and L. W. Hunt, recreation director.

Joseph Lemuel McKee is at far left – "Oakland (CA) Tribune" Friday 14 Dec 1951 p 10



A flower laden memorial barge was launched at Aquatic Park Sunday as the United Veterans Council paid tribute to the war dead of Berkeley. Participating in the Memorial service were Jack Rubenstein of Berkeley Post, American Legion (left) Joseph McKee, Tenth District, American Legion, and Dyer Pierson (right).—Tribune photos.

Joseph Lemuel McKee is in the middle, holding the flag – “Oakland (CA) Tribune” Monday 29 May 1950 p 6



Tribune photo

The Le Conte School in Berkeley has received the Mount Vernon flag and plaque for outstanding citizenship. Pictured at the presentation are (from the left) Joseph L. McKee, the 10th District American Legion commander; Herbert Egeroff and Carol Calkin, students at the school; and E. B. Vaughn, commander of Campanile Legion Post.

Joseph Lemuel McKee is standing at far left – "Oakland (CA) Tribune" Friday 1 May 1953 p

From Joseph McKee.

The McKee family received the following interesting letter from their son and brother, Sergeant J. L. McKee, who is in charge of the Engineer Department of the 213th Aero Squadron:

Somewhere in France,

With Huns to Our Credit.

My Own Dearest Folks:

I'm taking a lot of time tonight to write letter, and think it's about time I did so. Business is rushing around here and I am kept very busy. I have lots of cone and cylinder work to do and miss that "Magic Rule."

Last night I was to a banquet given by six of our cooks for two other fellows and myself. In a few more days there is going to be another one given for us by a bunch of French lieutenant fliers. Why are we so popular? We're the only original jazz band in captivity and I made all the instruments out of broken aeroplane parts. We were playing in a certain town about a week ago

and were suddenly stopped by a bomb which lit about two blocks from where we were sitting. That is the only one that has come our way so far. It wrecked four houses.

I am enclosing a souvenir of Johanne D'Arc, which I got at her birthplace. It's for the whole bunch.

Every time a German bullet goes through a place we patch the hole with a piece of cloth with the German Cross on it. All our planes returned this noon and the sailmakers were busy drawing pictures of German Crosses and pasting them on the planes, while somewhere in Germany a flag was at half-mast.

I don't know how much of this will go through, but don't think I have written anything to help the enemy or make the censor mad. News is scarce, the kind you can put on paper, so must close. With lots of love to all.

JOSEPH,

213th Aero Squad., A. E. F.

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LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE INITIAL McKEE, Joseph L.				GRADE Sgt		SERVICE NUMBER 250113		NAME OF CEMETERY GOLDEN GATE			
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Joseph L McKee

Military • Indiana, World War I, Enrollment Cards, 1919



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Event Type **Military Service**

Event Date **12 Apr 1917**

Event Place **Fort Thomas, Campbell, Kentucky,
United States**

Event Place (Original) **Ft Thomas, Ky**

Name **Joseph L McKee**

Age **22**

Residence Place **Indiana Harbor, Indiana**

Birth Year (Estimated) **1895**

Birthplace **Bridgewater, S Dak**

Military Rank **Sgt**

Military Service Place **Army**

<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:QPZ6-HG19>

HAMMOND BOY AMONG TUSCANIA MISSING

The parents and sisters of Joseph L. McKee fear for the safety of the young soldier who was a member of the 215th aero squad aboard the transport Tuscania which was sunk off the Irish coast Tuesday. Late this afternoon Washington reported McKee's name was not on the list of rescued which, however, is only partially compiled.

Private McKee is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. S. McKee of 15 Waltham street. He enlisted at Indiana Harbor April 6th.

"Munster (IN) Times" Friday 8 Feb 1918 p 1

ONLY ONE INDIANA MAN UNACCOUNTED FOR

**Clement E. Eckstein, Jasper, Known
Here, Reported as
Rescued.**

(By Everett C. Watkins)

Washington, February 11.—Apparently only one of the eighteen Indiana soldiers aboard the Tuscania when it was torpedoed by a Hun submarine remains to be accounted for.

This man is Joseph L. McKee, son of Joseph L. McKee, 4126 Harris avenue, Indiana Harbor. He belongs to the Two Hundred and Thirteenth Aero Squadron.

Hope that he will yet be reported as saved lies in the fact that the names of something like 170 soldiers, who were rescued, are yet to be cabled from London to the War Department. These names probably will not reach here until tomorrow, the delay being accounted for by the

fact that time is lost in locating and checking up scattered groups of survivors landed at different ports in England and Ireland. Doubt as to McKee's fate must exist until the last list of survivors is reported.

Eight Indiana soldiers were included among the 600 or 700 additional names of survivors which poured into Washington today. Nine other Hoosiers had been previously reported as saved. The Indiana heroes reported as having been saved:

Ray D. Orebaugh, Indianapolis.

Archie McCracken, New Albany.

Grover J. Rademaker, Marion, Ind.

Lawrence C. Bell, Georgetown.

Clement E. Eckstein, Jasper.

Frank L. Crzeszeszyk, South Bend.

Frank W. Pearson, Mooreland.

Charles A. Campbell, DuBoise.

"Seymour (IN) Tribune" Monday 11 Feb 1918 p 4

Missing Hoosier on Tuscania Located

**Only 74 American Soldiers Aboard
Torpedoed Transport Are
Now Unaccounted for**

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—Thirty-seven American soldiers who sailed on the Tuscania and who had not been accounted for since the ship was torpedoed, Feb. 5, were found to be survivors today, when the Associated Press list of Tuscania missing was checked against all available official records. They included: Theodore A. Montgomery, Manistique, Mich., and Joseph L. McKee, Indiana Harbor, Indiana.

“Evansville (IN) Courier & Press” Wednesday 20 Feb 1918 p 13

Mr Joseph L Mckee

United States, GenealogyBank Historical Newspaper Obituaries, 1815-2011

Deceased

Name:	Mr Joseph L Mckee
Event Type:	Obituary
Event Date:	24 Apr 1959
Event Place:	San Francisco, California
Event Place (Original):	San Francisco, California
Address:	1440 Ordway
Residence Place:	Berkeley
Residence Date:	23 Apr 1959
Sex:	Male
Age:	61
Occupation:	Councilman [Industrialist]
Birthplace:	Denver, Colorado
Death Date:	23 Apr 1959
Death Place:	Berkeley
Burial Place:	San Bruno
Affiliate Image Identifier:	1508788D02D3BD1A

Relatives

Sister:	Mildred Henderson
Sister:	Harriet Hazeltine
Wife:	Anna

<https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/sources/LWFX-74J>

OBITUARY

Joseph L. McKee

BERKELEY, April 24 — Funeral services will be held Monday for Joseph L. McKee, 61, former member of the Berkeley City Council and a leader in veterans' organizations, who died at his home at 1440 Ordway St. yesterday.

Mr. McKee had lived in Berkeley for 18 years and was owner of the McKee Manufacturing Co., makers of traffic signs.

He served a single term as councilman from July, 1943 to May, 1947.

In World War I, he was a flier with the 213th Aero Squadron overseas. He was active in veterans affairs, serving as commander of Campanile Post 402, American Legion; commander of 10th District, American Legion; chef de gare, Voiture 257, 40 and 8; president of the United Veterans Council of Berkeley, commissioner of veterans affairs in Alameda County and a member of the Berkeley police reserve.

He is survived by his wife, Anna; and two sisters, Mrs. Harriet Hazeltine of Concord and Mrs. Mildred Henderson of Wisconsin.

The Campanile Post of the American Legion and Voiture 257 will hold services at 8 p.m. Sunday at the Berkeley Hills Chapel, Shattuck Ave. and Cedar St.

Dr. Vere V. Loper, pastor of the First Congregational Church, will conduct services at 2 p.m. on Monday at the Berkeley Hills Chapel. Interment will be at Golden Gate National Cemetery.

☒ Male	Name <u>Joseph M. Kee</u>	Card No. <u>53</u>
☐ Female	County <u>Spink</u>	P. O. <u>Redfield</u>
☒ White	Township	Sec. T. R.
☐ Black	Ward <u>1</u>	City <u>Redfield</u> No. { St. Av.
☐ Red	Hotel or Institution	
☐ Yellow	Age <u>9</u>	Occupation <u>School child</u>
☐ Married	Place of Birth <u>S. D.</u>	
☒ Single	Years in South Dakota <u>9</u>	Years in United States
☐ Widowed	Birthplace of Father <u>Iowa</u>	
☐ Divorced	Birthplace of Mother <u>Wis.</u>	
☒ Can Read	Signed <u>E. M. Allen</u> Enumerator	
☐ Can't Read		
☒ Can Write		
☐ Can't Write		
☐ Blind		
☐ Deaf		
☐ Idiotic		
☐ Insane		

1905 SD state census – Redfield, Spink SD - <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:S3HY-67W9-Q1T?i=2997&personaUrl=%2Fark%3A%2F61903%2F1%3A1%3AMM4B-BHV>

Card No. <u>E881</u>	Name <u>Joseph M. Kee</u>	Age <u>18</u>
Sex <u>Male</u>	County <u>Webster</u>	P. O. <u>1313.5 av</u>
Color <u>W</u>	Town or Township <u>St. Dodge</u>	Ward <u>2</u>
Married... Widowed...	Occupation <u>Labor</u>	Months in 1914 Unemployed
Single <u>X</u> Divorced...	Total earnings for 1914 from occupation \$ <u>4.00</u>	
Months in School 1914	Extent of Education { Common Grammar High School College	
Public... High...	Birth Place <u>S. D.</u>	Do you own your home or farm? { Yes No
Private... College...	Incumbrance on farm or home \$	Value of farm or home \$
Read <u>yes</u>	Military Service: Civil War... Mexican... Spanish... Infantry... Cavalry...	
Write <u>yes</u>	Artillery... Navy... State... Regiment... Company...	
Blind... Deaf...	Church Affiliation <u>Can</u>	
Insane... Idiot...	Father's Birthplace <u>Iowa</u>	Mother's Birthplace <u>Wis.</u>
If Foreign Born are you Naturalized	Remarks	
Years in U. S. <u>18</u>	Signed <u>Otto Weiss R. E. W.</u> Assessor	
Years in Iowa		

1915 IA state census – Fort Dodge, Webster IA - <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-C9PN-Z9C8-4?i=1511&cc=2240483&personaUrl=%2Fark%3A%2F61903%2F1%3A1%3AQK4Y-Z271>

Father:

Joseph S. McKee
 BERKELEY, May 7 — Last rites will be held tomorrow for Joseph S. McKee, 87, retired manufacturer of highway signs, who had resided in this area since 1924.
 Mr. McKee, who lived at 1440 Ordway St., died Monday at a local rest home. He was born in Iowa. Founder of an Oakland manufacturing business, Mr. McKee turned the plant over to his son, Joseph L. McKee, former member of the Berkeley City Council, on his retirement.
 Besides his son, Mr. McKee is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Mildred Henderson of Oshkosh, Wis., and Mrs. Harriet Hazelton of Concord.
 Dr. Vere V. Loper, pastor of the First Congregational Church, will conduct services at 2 p.m. at Berkeley Hills

Chapel, Shattuck Ave. and Cedar St. Concluding services will be at the Chapel of Memories.

Obituary of father Joseph James Samuel McKee – “Oakland (CA) Tribune” Wednesday 7 May 1958 p 29

McKee, Joseph James Samuel, in Berkeley, May 5, 1958, of 1440 Ordway, Berkeley, beloved husband of the late Ida May McKee; loving father of Mrs. Mildred Henderson of Oshkosh, Wisconsin; Joseph L. McKee of Berkeley and Mrs. Harriet Hazelton of Concord. A native of Iowa, aged 87 years.
 Friends are invited to attend services at the Berkeley Hills Chapel (Page & Oder), 1602 Shattuck Avenue at Cedar, Berkeley, Thursday, May 8, at 2 p.m. Dr. Vere V. Loper officiating.

Obituary of father Joseph James Samuel McKee – “Oakland (CA) Tribune” Wednesday 7 May 1958 p 29

Mother:

McKEE—In Oakland, February 19, 1946; Ida May McKee, wife of Joseph J. S. McKee, mother of Mrs. H. E. Henderson of Oshkosh, Wisconsin; Joseph L. McKee of Berkeley, Mrs. Irvin Hazeltine of Oakland, sister of Charles Terrill of Portland, Oregon; Ernest W. Terrill of Grand Junction, Colo., and Mrs. Eva Mallett of Los Angeles, also survived by nine grandchildren and three great grandchildren; a native of Wisconsin; a member of American Legion Auxiliary Unit No. 5, American War Mothers' Chapter No. 3, and Lion Relief Corps of Oakland.

Friends are invited to attend funeral services Thursday, February 21, 1946, at 3:45 o'clock p.m., in the Ivory Chapel of the Edward E. Niehaus Company, 2640 Grove Street at Derby, Berkeley.

Obituary of mother Ida May Terrill McKee – “Oakland (CA) Tribune” Wednesday 20 Feb 1946 p 11

Siblings:



Sister Mary Marguerite McKee Henderson (1894-1970) - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/74952126/person/42333915393/media/74e8ee02-7574-4a10-88ba-525ce4d6ae1b>

1	404	1 G. H. Winans	3 Harry Earl Henderson	6 years 27
				7 White

2	June 8th 2	4	Fort Dodge Ia.	8	White
	1915	5	Mechanic (Automobile)	9	First
11	Harry M. Henderson	14		18	Anglo Saxon
12	Hattie Evelyn Olds	15	Fort Dodge Ia	19	First
10	Bloomington Ill	13	Mildred Margerite	16	years 21
				17	White
Rev. W. A. Minty					
20	Bridgewater So. Dakota	23	at Fort Dodge, Ia		
21	Joseph James Samuel McKee	24	Mrs. Harry M. Henderson Mrs. J. J. S. Mcree		
22	Ida May Terrill	25	Rev. W. A. Minty, Congl. Minister		
Iowa, U.S., Marriage Records, 1880-1951 for Joseph James Samuel McKee					
1914 - 1915 > 461 (Shelby - Wright)					

Marriage of sister Mary Marguerite (Margerita) McKee to Harry Earl Henderson on 8 Jun 1915 in Webster Co. IA -

https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/8823/images/42563_fp030872_0193-00218?pId=1053938555

Oshkosh

Mrs. Henderson

Mrs. Mildred M. Henderson, 76, who had been residing at Evergreen Manor, died Tuesday at 11:45 a.m. at Mercy Medical Center. She had been ill three weeks.

The former Mildred McKee was born in Bridgewater, S.D., on Sept. 23, 1894, and was married on June 10, 1915, at Fort Dodge, Iowa, to Harry E. Henderson, who preceded her in death on Feb. 21, 1966.

Mrs. Henderson was a member of Trinity Episcopal Church and active in its women's group, a member of Wednesday Club, was a resident counselor at Evergreen Manor, past board member of Camp Fire Girls and Women's Division of the Chamber of Commerce and a former house mother at Webster Hall.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Burton Keefe, Oshkosh; four sons, H. William Henderson, Battle Creek, Mich., Charles W. Henderson, San Angelo, Tex., Donald J. Henderson, Wilton, Conn., and Edwin C. Henderson, Orlando, Fla., and one sister, Mrs. Harriet Hazeltine, Oakland Calif.

Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. at Filiss & Bills Funeral Home, with the Rev. James D. Warner, rector of Trinity Episcopal Church, officiating. Burial will be in Ellenwood Cemetery.

Friends may call at the funeral home Thursday from 4-9 p.m. A memorial has been established.

Obituary of sister Mildred Marguerite McKee Henderson – "Oshkosh (WI) Northwestern"
Wednesday 2 Dec 1970 p 40

HARRIET HAZELTINE

Services pending

KERRVILLE – Services for Mrs. Harriet Hazeltine, 101, who died Sunday, Jan. 24, 1999,

in a local hospital, are pending at Kerrville Funeral Home.

Obituary of sister Harriet McKee Hazeltine – “Kerrville (TX) Times” Monday 25 Jan 1999 p 6

Wife #1 – Clara E. Collingsworth

Iowa, U.S., Marriage Records, 1880-1951 for Clara E. Collingsworth			
1919 - 1920 > 489 (Shelby - Wright)			
1 5	1 J. B. Ashton	3 Joseph Lemul McKee	6 years 24
2 July 5	2	4 Hammond, Ind.	7 White
		5 Sheet Metal	8 1st
9 Bridgewater, S. Dak		12 Clara E. Collingsworth	15 years 21
10 Joseph J. S. McKee		13	16 white
11 Ada M. Terrill		14 Fort Dodge, Iowa	17 1st
18 Otho, Iowa	21 at Fort Dodge, Ia, 7-8-19		1
19 John E. Collingworth	22 Helen Douglas		
	W.J. Gurnett		
20 Sarah E. Hawley	23 A.A. Brooks, 1st M.E. Church		

Marriage of Joseph Lemuel McKee to Clara E. Collingsworth (note G is struck out of surname) on 8 Jul 1919 (license on 5 Jul 1918) Fort Dodge, Webster Co. IA by Methodist Episcopal minister A.A. Brooks -

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**MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
DIVISION OF VITAL STATISTICS**

COUNTY Kent

41 1679
DOCKET No. 4787

DIVORCE RECORD

Name of each Clara McKee Age _____
Joseph L. McKee Age _____

State or Country in which married Fort Dodge Iowa Date July 8-1919

Date of Filing Petition Jan 22-1926 Who was Libellant wife.
 (Husband or Wife)

Was Case Contested No (Yes or No) Date of Decree or Judgment Apr 27-1926

Cause for Which Divorced Cruelty and non support

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE IS CORRECT ACCORDING TO THE RECORDS OF THIS COURT.

Was Alimony Granted No

Whether Granted, Refused or Withdrawn _____

Whether Absolute or Conditions _____

Number of Children in Family 2 (see reverse side)

I hereby certify that the above is correct according to the records of this Court.

Date May 20/26 Clerk of Superior Court, County of Grand Rapids

Jacob M. Vander Stal

Divorce of Clara Collinsworth McKee from Joseph Lemuel McKee in Kent Co. MI on 27 Apr 1926 – on grounds of “cruelty and non support”

https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/9092/images/41327_335143-01180?iId=223260

Marriage License

9-14-45 KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN

41 36130
State File No.
76-227
Local File No.

To any person legally authorized to solemnize marriage in the State of Michigan,
Greeting:

Marriage May Be Solemnized in the State of Michigan Between

ALBERT E. ACHER Full Name of Male 66 White Age at last birthday Color 919 Northwood Ave. Residence No. Street Ft. Dodge, Iowa City Zone No. State Napoleon, Indiana Birthplace—City and State Physician Occupation John Acher Father's Full Name Magdalena Flick Mother's Maiden Name One Number of times previously married	CLARA E. MCKEE Full Name of Female 46 White Age at last birthday Color 407 Cherry St., S.E. Residence No. Street Grand Rapids 3, Michigan City Zone No. State Otho, Iowa Birthplace—City and State Secretary Occupation John E. Collingsworth Father's Full Name Sarah E. Henley Mother's Maiden Name One Number of times previously married
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Maiden name (if a widow)

Parent's or Guardian's consent, in case she has not attained the age of eighteen years, has been filed in my office. An affidavit has been filed in this office, as provided by Public Act No. 128, Laws of 1887, as amended, by which it appears that said statements are true.

In Witness Whereof, I have signed and sealed these presents,
this 14 day of SEPT., A. D. 1945

L. S. LEWIS J. DONOVAN
County Clerk
Geo. Lumbard
Deputy County Clerk

Certificate of Marriage

Between Mr. **Albert E. Acher** and M. **Clara E. McKee**

I Hereby Certify that, in accordance with the above license, the persons herein mentioned were joined in marriage by me, at Grand Rapids, county of Kent, MICHIGAN, on the 15th day of Sept., A. D. 1945 in the presence of

Juanita E. Eggleston of Rockford, Mich.
Full Name Residence City State

Louis H. Eggleston of Rockford, Mich.
Full Name Residence City State

as witnesses.

Charles M. Houser Minister, East Church
Signature of Magistrate or clergyman Official Title

Grand Rapids, Michigan
Post Office Address

This copy is to be retained by the County Clerk until the original is returned; then it is to be completed by endorsement and forwarded on the first of the following month to the Michigan Department of Health.

Marriage of Clara Elizabeth Collingsworth McKee to Albert E. Acher on 15 Sep 1945 in Grand Rapids, Kent MI - https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/9093/images/41326_341735-00696?treeid=&personid=&hintid=&usePUB=true&usePUBJs=true&pld=4796060

Wife #2 E. Jeanne Mallieux Petite

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Marriage License

County of Alameda,

State of California }

This license authorizes, within the County of Alameda, State of California, the marriage

of Joseph Lemuel McKee, color or race white, a native of South Dakota, aged 30 years, a resident of Oakland

County of Alameda, State of California and

E Jeanne Mallieaux Petite, color or race white, a native of France, aged 26 years, a resident of Oakland

County of Alameda, State of California

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of Alameda, this 23rd day of October, 1926.

(SEAL)

COUNTY CLERK OF THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA AND EX-OFFICIO CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA.

By E. E. Gross Deputy

Marriage Certificate

State of California, } ss.
County of Alameda

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I am An Ordained Elder in the Free Methodist Church and that

Joseph Lemuel McKee and E Jeanne Mallieaux Petite were joined in marriage by me on the 23rd day of October, 1926, at Alameda

County of Alameda, State of California, and that P W Howard, a resident of

Alameda, County of Alameda, State of California, and

R Immerstol, a resident of Oakland,

County of Alameda, State of California, were present as witnesses of said ceremony.

Filed for Record at request of

E. E. Kessel

this 26 day of Oct, A. D. 1926.

at 11 min. past 11 o'clock a M.

[Signature] County Recorder.

By 40445 Deputy Recorder.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this

23rd day of October, 1926.

E. E. Kessel

SIGNATURE OF PARTY PERFORMING CEREMONY.

Minister of the Gospel

TITLE OF PARTY PERFORMING CEREMONY.

PLACE OF MARRIAGE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA.		California State Board of Health BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS		STATE INDEX NO. _____ LOCAL REGISTERED NO. <u>3727</u>	
GROOM			BRIDE		
FULL NAME <u>Joseph Lemuel McKee</u>			FULL NAME <u>E Jeanne Mallieaux Petite</u>		
RESIDENCE <u>1819-7th Ave Oakland</u>			RESIDENCE <u>763 Santa Rey Ave Oakland</u>		
COLOR OR RACE <u>White</u> AGE AT LAST BIRTHDAY <u>30</u> Years			COLOR OR RACE <u>White</u> AGE AT LAST BIRTHDAY <u>26</u> Years		
SINGLE WIDOWER OR DIVORCED <u>divorced</u> NUMBER OF MARRIAGE <u>Second</u>			SINGLE WIDOWER OR DIVORCED <u>divorced</u> NUMBER OF MARRIAGE <u>Second</u>		
BIRTHPLACE <u>South Dakota</u> (State or Country)			BIRTHPLACE <u>France</u> (State or Country)		
OCCUPATION (a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work. <u>Radio Engineer</u> (b) General nature of industry, business or establishment in which employed (or employer)			OCCUPATION (a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work. <u>Graduate Nurse</u> (b) General nature of industry, business or establishment in which employed (or employer)		
NAME OF FATHER <u>Joseph J. McKee</u>			NAME OF FATHER <u>Francis Mallieaux</u>		
BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER <u>Iowa</u> (State or Country)			BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER <u>France</u> (State or Country)		
MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER <u>Ida M Terrell</u>			MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER <u>Mary Sullivan</u>		
BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER <u>Wisconsin</u> (State or Country)			BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER <u>Pennsylvania</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>Joseph L McKee</u> Groom. <u>E Jeanne Mallieaux Petite</u> Bride.					
CERTIFICATE OF PERSON PERFORMING CEREMONY					
I HEREBY CERTIFY that <u>Joseph Lemuel McKee</u> and <u>E Jeanne Mallieaux Petite</u> were joined in marriage by me in accordance with the laws of the State of California, at <u>Alameda</u> this <u>22nd</u> day of <u>October</u> , 192 <u>6</u> .					
Signature of Witness to the Marriage <u>P W Howard</u>			Signature of Person performing the Ceremony <u>G G Russell</u>		
Residence <u>2834 Adams St Alameda</u>			Official Position <u>Minister of the Gospel</u>		
Filed <u>Oct 26 1926</u> <u>G W Bacon</u> REGISTRAR (County Recorder)			Residence <u>1414 Park Ave Alameda</u>		

Marriage on 23 Oct 1926 in Alameda Co. CA to E. Jeanne Mallieaux Petite, age 26, previously married & divorced -
https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/8797/images/42292_1020601537_1374-00376?pld=2202657

Wife #3 Anna Clare Reilly:



Marriage license with Anna Clare Reilly – “Santa Ana (CA) Register” Monday 8 Apr 1929 p 3

Joseph L. McKee

California Marriages, 1850-1945

Name:	Joseph L. McKee
Event Type:	Marriage
Event Date:	6 Apr 1929
Event Place:	Santa Ana, Orange, California, United States
Event Place (Original):	Santa Ana, Orange, California, United States
Sex:	Male
Age:	32
Marital Status:	Divorced
Ethnicity:	American
Race:	White
Birth Year (Estimated):	1897
Birthplace:	South Dakota
Father's Name:	Joseph McKee
Mother's Name:	Ida Terrell
Spouse's Name:	Anna C. Reilly
Spouse's Sex:	Female
Spouse's Age:	27
Spouse's Marital Status:	Single
Spouse's Race:	White
Spouse's Race (Original):	White
Spouse's Birth Year (Estimated):	1902

<https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/sources/LWFX-74J>

Spouse's Birthplace:	Pennsylvania
Spouse's Father's Name:	Mathew Reilly
Spouse's Mother's Name:	Mary Malloy

Life:

Many Bathers Saved By Life-Guard Gill

Lake Michigan Storm-Swept—Rollers Flood Bathhouse
and Park—Gary and Eaast Chicago, as Well as
Hammond Bathers Injured

Without the services of Life-Guard Gill, the useful equipment of the municipal beach hospital and the attendance of physicians, lives would have been last Sunday and Monday at the Hammond lake front.

Injured in diving, cut by glass, overcome by heat and in some instances apparently drowned, fifteen bathers were taken into the hospital when 10,000 used the beach Sunday. Many of these Gill had rescued. On Monday the rollers were so high that they flooded the bathhouse and park. After pulling in many bathers in distress Gill ordered the bathhouse closed at 4:30. The white caps had not been so high in a year. The lake calmed down today.

Girl Nearly Drowned.

Bertha Johnson of Chicago, had stopped breathing when she was rescued out of five feet of water Sunday and carried into the hospital room. The lungmotor was used and it was two hours and twenty-five minutes before she regained consciousness. Harriett McKee and Clara Collinsworth of Hammond, were nearly drowned.

The list of those most seriously hurt or overcome by heat and water Sunday follows:

(article continues, at the end of the list:)

Harriett McKee and Clara Collingworth, 545 150th street, Hammond, overcome and lungs filled with water.

Apparently Joseph's sister Harriett and first-wife-to-be Clara Collinsworth were both nearly drowned in the same event – "Munster (IN) Times" Tuesday 1 Aug 1916 p 5

VETERANS COUNCIL ELECTS OFFICERS

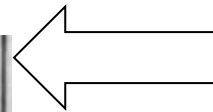
BERKELEY, Jan. 10.—Joseph L. McKee, commander of Campanile Post No. 402, American Legion, has been elected president of the United Veterans' Council of Berkeley.

Mrs. Carrie L. Hoyt, vice-Mayor of Berkeley, was re-elected vice-president; Mrs. Fredonia Buell, president of Julia Dent Tent, Daughters of Union Civil War Veterans, secretary-treasurer, and Mrs. Caroline R. Ogilvie, past department president of the American War Mothers, was re-elected chairman of finance.

McKee will serve as general chairman for the council's Washington's Birthday banquet.

"Oakland (CA) Tribune" Friday 10 Jan 1941 p 7

Under leadership of Joseph L. McKee, president, the United Veterans Council will stimulate attendance of 21-year-old first voters, while arrangements for presence of naturalized Americans are being made by Miss Sue Irwin and Denis L. Hennessey, city leaders in Americanization activities.

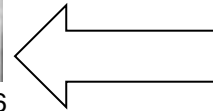


GROUPS COOPERATE

Cooperating with the Berkeley Festival Association, in charge of Berkeley's Diamond Jubilee celebration, in sponsoring the citizenship program are the following organizations: Constitution Committee, a permanent organization named last year by Mayor Gaines; Junior Chamber of Commerce, Citizenship Committee of the University of California Y.M.C.A.; Berkeley School Department, Service Clubs Council, United Veterans Council, Berkeley City Council and University of California Joint Student-Faculty Committee on Citizenship Appreciation.

Members of a committee assisting Mayor Gaines in the program include Miss Ruth Price, Miss Sue Irwin, Miss Carol Adams, Dr. Virgil Dickson, George Brasfield, A. B. Campbell, Denis L. Hennessey, Samuel J. Hume, Elwin J. Le Tendre, and Joseph L. McKee.

"Oakland (CA) Tribune" Sunday 20 Apr 1941 p 16



3 New Candidates File in Berkeley

BERKELEY, March 19. — Three new candidates for Berkeley's municipal election filed papers today with City Clerk Florence Turner. Two are nominees for vacancies on the City Council, namely, Redmond C. Staats Jr., attorney and former president of the Berkeley Junior Chamber of Commerce, and Joseph L. McKee, manufacturer, inventor of highway signs and leader in veterans' circles.

Also filing for office was Mrs. Oscar Evans, P.-T.A. leader and former teacher, who seeks one of two vacancies on the Board of Education.

Nominations for the May 4 election will close at noon tomorrow, City Clerk Turner said. Offices to be filled are that of Mayor, five places on the City Council, two school directors and city auditor.

"Oakland (CA) Tribune" Friday 19 Mar 1943 p 19

Two political newcomers will replace Councilmen Berg and French — Redmond C. Staats Jr., attorney, past president of the Berkeley Junior Chamber of Commerce and son of a former veteran Alameda County supervisor, and Joseph L. McKee, manufacturer, who was an air squadron sergeant in World War I.

"Oakland (CA) Tribune" Monday 28 Jun 1943 p 10



Joseph Lemuel McKee is the bent-over figure in this poor photograph from the "Oakland (CA) Tribune" Monday 28 May 1945 p 13 about Memorial Day observances

	No. 1814 CERTIFICATE OF INDIVIDUALS DOING BUSINESS UNDER FICTITIOUS NAME
N	We, the undersigned, JOSEPH L. McKEE and CLIFFORD C. RICHARDS, do hereby certify:
	That our full names and addresses are:
	JOSEPH L. McKEE, 1440 Ordway, Berkeley, California;
	CLIFFORD C. RICHARDS, 408 Colusa, Berkeley, California.
	That we are transacting business in the State of California under the fictitious name and style of SOLAR FLYING SERVICE; that we are the sole owners and proprietors of said business; that the place where said business is carried on and our principal place of business under said name is Buchanan Field, Contra Costa County, State of California.
	IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands this 21st day of June, 1946.
	JOSEPH L. McKEE, CLIFFORD C. RICHARDS.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF ALAMEDA)ss.
On this 21st day of June, 1946, before me, Oswald G. Ingold, a Notary Public in and for the County of Alameda, State of California, residing therein, duly commissioned and sworn, personally appeared JOSEPH L. McKEE and CLIFFORD C. RICHARDS, known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the within instrument and each for himself acknowledged to me that he executed the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal at my office in the County of Alameda, the day and year in this certificate first above written.

(SEAL) OSWALD G. INGOLD,
Notary Public in and for the County of Alameda, State of California.

Filed in the office of the County Clerk of the County of Contra Costa, State of California, this 24 day of June, 1946.

W. T. PAASCH, County Clerk.
M. E. KELLY, Deputy Clerk.

OSWALD G. INGOLD
Attorney at Law
214 Woolsey Building
2168 Shattuck Ave.
Berkeley 4, Calif.
BERkeley 1267.

June 25; July 2, 9, 16, 23-2D

“Contra Costa Gazette” (Martinez CA) Tuesday 2 Jul 1946 p 8



Joseph's home at 1440 Orchard Street, Berkeley CA, built 1937 – current (2021) value \$1.8 million

Name: Joseph Lemuel McKee

Name variations:

Military:

On Tuscania: 213th Aero Squadron - cook

Serial number: 250,113

Entered service from: Indiana Harbor, Lake IN

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: Joseph L. McKee

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": father Joseph S. McKee, 4126 Parrish Ave., Indiana Harbor IN

Returned from war on: "Louisville" May 1919

Sailed on return ship as: Joseph L. McKee

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: father Joseph S. McKee [sic], 15 Hammond St., Waltham IN (sgt, 213th Aero Sq)

World War I draft registration (1917): enlisted in Apr 1917 shortly after war was declared so did not register on 5 Jun 1917 (national registration day).

World War II draft registration (1942): as Joseph Lemuel McKee - b. 2 May 1896 Bridgewater SD; res: 1440 Ordway St., Berkeley, Alameda CA. NOK Mrs. Anna McKee, same address. Employed by Joseph L. McKee, 812 – 61st St., Oakland CA. "scar on left fore arm" Height: 6'2" – weight: 203 lbs.

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlisted: 12 Apr 1917

Discharged: 17 Jun 1919

Address: 455 E. Fulton St., Grand Rapids MI

Rank/unit: sergeant, 213th Aero Squadron

Birth & death:

Born: 2 May 1896 (tombstone) Bridgewater, McCook SD (census, CA death index) (also 2 May 1897)

Died: 23 Apr 1959 Berkeley, Alameda Co. CA

Find A Grave record: 3607951 – presence on Tuscania indicated in flower

Burial location: San Bruno, San Mateo CA

Cemetery: Golden Gate National

Tombstone: veteran tombstone: South Dakota Sgt 213 Aero Sq WWI

Father: Joseph James Samuel McKee, 4 Mar 1871 IA – 5 May 1958 Alameda Co. CA. Founded a manufacturing company in Oakland, Alameda CA which he turned over to his son, who made traffic signs. Buried in Chapel of Memories & Columbarium, Oakland, Alameda CA.

Find A Grave: 120975571

Mother: Ida May Terrill McKee, 18 Nov 1866 WI – 19 Feb 1946 Oakland, Alameda Co. CA. Daughter of Ephraim Wetherbee Terrill & Harriet Maria Chichester. Buried in Chapel of Memories & Columbarium, Oakland, Alameda CA.

Find A Grave: 120975527

Parents' marriage: 1893

Spouse: Clara Elizabeth Collinsworth McKee Acher, 7 Jan 1899 Otho, Webster IA – 24 Apr 1971 Fort Dodge, Webster IA. SSN 386-10-7490. Daughter of John E. Collinsworth & Sarah E. Hanley.

Following her 1926 divorce from Joseph McKee, Clara lived in Grand Rapids, Kent MI in the 1920 census in the Stuyvesant Apartments at 407 Cherry Street. She listed herself as age 30, single, parents b. IL, stenographer in a law office.

She married 15 Sep 1945 in Grand Rapids, Kent MI to physician Albert Edward Acher (1878-1964, F: 25776749). She was a secretary. Both had been married once previously.

Buried with surname Acher in Oakland Cemetery, Fort Dodge, Webster IA.

Spouse Find A Grave: 25776773

Marriage: 8 Jul 1919 Fort Dodge, Webster IA. Divorced in Kent Co. MI with petition filed 22 Jan 1926 & divorce granted 27 Apr 1926. Uncontested divorce. Plaintiff Clara charged cruelty & non-support.

Spouse: E. Jeanne Mallieaux Petite McKee, b. France ca. 1900. Daughter of Francis Mallieaux (France) & Mary Sullivan (PA). Is she the Mrs. Jane Petite listed in the 1926 Alameda County CA voter registration, a nurse, residing at 528 – 28th St., Republican.

Spouse Find A Grave:

Marriage: 23 Oct 1926 Alameda Co. CA. She was age 26, Joseph was age 30. Both were divorced; this was the 2nd marriage for both. An Ancestry.com family tree suggests she married Mr. Petite ca. 1918.

Spouse: Anna Clare Reilly McKee, 27 Nov 1904 PA – 26 Sep 1981. Daughter of Mathew Reilly & Mary Malloy. Buried in Golden Gate National Cemetery, San Bruno, San Mateo CA.

Spouse Find A Grave: 3606517

Marriage: 6 Apr 1929 Santa Ana, Orange CA. Joseph was age 32, divorced, b. SD. Anna was age 27, single, b. PA.

Children:

Siblings: Joseph was the 2nd child of 4 & the only son

- Mildred Marguerite McKee Henderson, 23 Sep 1894 Bridgewater, McCook SD – 1 Dec 1970 Oshkosh, Winnebago WI. SSN 393-40-3597. Married 8 Jun 1915 in Webster Co. IA to Harry Earl Henderson (1889-1956, F: 11264125). Buried in Ellenwood Cemetery, Oshkosh, Winnebago WI. F: 11264115
- Harriet Gertrude McKee Hazeltine, 26 Nov 1897 Bridgewater, McCook SD – 24 Jan 1999 Ingham, Kerr TX. Wife of Irving Hazeltine (1895-1986, F: 232712625). Social Security records last residence in Twain Harte, Tuolumne CA. Burial location of Harriet & Irving unknown. F: 232712788
- Helen (V. in 1900 census, I. in 1910 & 1920) McKee, Oct 1899 SD (1900 census which is accurate for her siblings). Listed in the 1900, 1910 & 1920 censuses. Cannot trace. Is not mentioned as a survivor in her mother's Feb 1946 or father's May 1958 obituaries or her brother Joseph's Apr 1959 obituary.

Notes:

Pre-war:

Wartime:

"Des Moines (IA) Register" Monday 11 Feb 1918 p 1 – among those not listed as a survivor: Corporal Joseph L. McKee, Indiana Harbor IN, 213th Aero Squadron.

Post-war:

Obituary:

Social Security number:

Censuses:

1900 Bridgewater, McCook SD – conducted 2 Jun 1900

Joseph J.L. McKee, 29 IA, Mar 1871, parents b. PA, married 7 years, grain buyer

Ida M., 33 WI, Nov 1866, father b. VT, mother b. NY, gave birth to 4 children, 4 are living

Mildred U., 5 SD, Sep 1894

Joseph L., 4 SD, May 1896

Harriot L., 2 SD, Nov 1897

Helen V., 7 months SD, Oct 1899

1910 Frankfort, Spink SD – Madison Ave.

Joseph J.S. McKee, 39 IA, parents b. PA, in 1st marriage, married 17 years, merchant, retail hardware

Ida M., 43 WI, father b. VT, mother b. NY, in 1st marriage, gave birth to 4 children, 4 are living

Mildred M., 15 SD

Joseph L., 13 SD

Harriett G., 12 SD

Helen I., 10 SD

1920 Hammond, Lake IN – 15 Waltham St. – the entry for his parents & sister Helen are on one page, Joseph & wife Clara are separated from them by the Adrian Tinkham family & appear on the next page

<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:33SQ-GR6H-PZW?i=5&cc=1488411> (Joseph & Clara)

<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:33SQ-GR6H-PHK?i=4&cc=1488411> (parents)

Jos. L. McKee, 23 SD, father b. IA, mother b. WI, foreman, iron products [son]

Clara E. McKee, 20 IA, father b. IL, mother b. IN, stenographer, valve company [daughter-in-law]

On previous page:

Jos. J.S. McKee, 49 IA, parents b. PA, superintendent, iron products company

Ida, 53 WI, father b. VT, mother b. NY

Helen I., 20 SD, father b. IA, mother b. WI, clerk, retail store

1930 Los Angeles, Los Angeles CA – 1547 W. 65th Place

Joseph L. McKee, 32 SD, parents b. US, salesman, signs manufacturing company, WWI veteran

Anna, 26 PA, parents b. Irish Free State

1940 Oakland, Alameda CA – 5177 Grove St. – same place in 1935

Joseph L. McKee, 43 SD, store salesman, metal sign manufacturing

Anna C., 35 PA