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The research has not been completed, so there may be errors and omissions.

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

McKendrick, Morton (Martin/Merton/Marton)
1894 IL – 1957

***LAD WHO STOLE HOPES
TO BECOME ENGINEER***



Waif's Plea to Be Housed in Reform School Will Be Answered.

FELT HUNGER'S PANGS

Committed Burglary So He Might Get a Chance to Study Machinery.

Merton McKendrick, 16 years old, waif of the street, who committed burglary that he might find a home in the Industrial School for Boys at Boonville, is to have his wish and hope gratified.

Peter Carroll, 2300 Wash street, whose store was entered Wednesday morning, refused to prosecute the boy.

who will be permitted to plead guilty to a charge of burglary and it is expected that within the next few days he will be lodged within the State institution, where he promises that he

will make the very best of his opportunities.

Merton McKendrick, during the brief years of his life, through suffering and contact with the rough corners of the world, has become wise in the affairs of life. He knows what it means to go supperless to bed without a prospect of breakfast, and that, too, on the hard floor in the vicinity of steam pipes, or in the loft of barns, where he has taken chances for years with the police and with owners of buildings who frequently harbor vicious dogs.

Merton learned long ago how to make friends with the vagrant dogs in the street. There has been a bond of sympathy between him and them which he is unable to explain, but which has been real.

It's the human beings in the world who are cruel and thoughtless, according to the philosophy of the street gamin who will take a new start in the industrial school.

The boy admits he broke a window at the Carroll store and entered to get bread and meat because, he said, he was hungry. Finding no bread he took cigars which he sold on the street, leading to his arrest.

"I hope they'll be good to me," he said in discussing his prospects. "I want to be a machinist and an electrical engineer."

The right Merton McKendrick (?), age matches – "St. Louis (MO) Star and Times" 20 Jan 1911 p 8
<https://www.newspapers.com/image/205132042/?terms=mckendrick&match=1>

Accident to a Child.

Merton McKendrick, the 2-year-old son of A. G. McKendrick, 923 Wash street, fell from a second-story window at that number yesterday afternoon. The child was picked up by its mother and conveyed to the City Dispensary. There Dr. Russell examined it, and pronounced it uninjured. Mrs. McKendrick took the child home and called in Dr. F. P. Parker, 823 North Eleventh street. He pronounced the injuries very serious, and said that the child would probably die before morning. The little fellow bled freely from the mouth, and Dr. Parker expressed the opinion that he was internally injured. Dr. Russell was seen at the City Dispensary and asked about the child's condition. He said that when brought there the child was able to walk, and seemed uninjured, except for the fact that it was somewhat dazed. When seen at his home last night the little fellow was conscious and, barring occasional hemorrhages, did not seem to be in much pain.

This appears to be him, in this story Merton McKendrick – a head injury could explain much (his wartime psychosis, his institutionalization in Sheridan WY) – “St. Louis (MO) Globe-Democrat”

Sunday 12 May 1895 p 12 -

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/571393122/?terms=%22merton%20mckendrick%22&match>

A BABE'S TERRIBLE FALL.

Two-Year-Old Morton McKendrick Drops From a Second Story Window.

Two-year-old Morton McKendrick fell from a second-story window at his home, 923 Wash street, yesterday afternoon and was dangerously injured internally.

The child was playing around a room on the second floor, and, while its mother was out, crawled onto a chair near one of the windows. While looking out of the window, it lost its balance and fell out, landing on its left side on the brick pavement, fifteen feet below.

Mrs. McKendrick witnessed the accident, and ran to her baby, which she found bleeding profusely at the mouth. She hastened with it to the City Dispensary, where Dr. Russell pronounced the child's injuries of a slight nature. He told Mrs. McKendrick to give it no medicine, but to keep it in a dark room.

The anxious mother, instead of taking the advice, went to Dr. F. P. Parker, at Eleventh street and Franklin avenue. Upon examining the baby, he found that it had been internally injured. He pronounced the injury of a very serious nature, and gave it as his opinion that the infant would not live through the night.

Dr. Russell, when seen at the Dispensary, said that, when Mrs. McKendrick brought the injured baby to him, it was able to walk about and did not appear to be in a bad condition.

In this story, as Morton McKendrick - "St. Louis (MO) Post-Dispatch" Sunday 12 May 1895 p 15

The Case of Merten McKendrick.

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.

Saturday's Post-Dispatch contained a letter signed "A Mother," which touched my heart, and I could not help but think what a "good mother" she must be to interest herself in the poor, unfortunate orphan boy who stole some cigars, hoping he would be sent to the Industrial School and become an electrician. If this "mother" had it within her power to save this orphan boy, he certainly would be saved, but perhaps she is like myself, unable to do what so many in St. Louis could accomplish if they would but take the matter up. An orphan, alone in this city, wanting to learn, and under arrest! Is there not some lawyer who will help this boy out of his troubles? And then will not some good, charitable person help him to become an electrician? In this large city, where we have so many who give liberally to different societies, there must be someone whose heart will be touched and who will save this boy, and be rewarded by seeing him a good man, instead of leaving him to be sent to the workhouse and leaving there discouraged. Who will be the person to "give the boy a chance?"

ANOTHER MOTHER.

"St. Louis (MO) Post-Dispatch" Thursday 26 Jan 1911 p 14

MCKENDRICK MARTIN		X C 5-6-57 263 194
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U. S. VETERANS BUREAU
MAIL AND RECORDS
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INDEX CARD

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Mc Kendrick, Morton.	Oct. 16/17.	Trans fr. 50 Co. 165 D.B. 12/22/17. per VOCG. 90 Div. 12/22/17.
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Morton Mc Kendrick
Military • United States, Enlisted and
Officer Muster Rolls and Rosters,
1916-1939

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REPORT OF INTERMENT										NAME OF CEMETERY			
TO: THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL, WASHINGTON 25, D. C.										Fort Logan National Cemetery(north)			
NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) McKendrick, Martin										EMBLEM (Check one) ☒ CHRISTIAN ☐ HEBREW ☐ OTHER (Specify)			
RANK Pvt				SERIAL NUMBER 2515103				SERVICE DATA (Company, Regiment, Division, or other organization, and basic arm of service) 6th Co, 1st Inf Tng Regt AEF, (white)					
STATE Tennessee Mo.				☒ WW I ☐ OTHER (Specify) ☐ WW II									
DATE OF BIRTH			DATE OF DEATH			DATE OF INTERMENT			GRAVE LOC.		DATES OF SERVICE		
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NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN OR OTHER RESPONSIBLE PERSON Miss Ada McKendrick (Aunt) 10733 St Lawrence Lane St Anne, Missouri										SHIPPING POINT FOR HEADSTONE NEAREST FREIGHT STATION Englewood, Colo.			
SIGNATURE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF NATIONAL CEMETERY, OR TRANSPORTATION OFFICER, OR QM OF POST CEMETERY James Davis JAMES DAVIS										POST OFFICE ADDRESS 3698, SO, SHERIDAN DENVER, 14, COLO			
QMC FORM 14 REV 1 JUL 50				PREVIOUS EDITIONS OF THIS FORM ARE OBSOLETE				SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE SIDE					

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STATE OF TENNESSEE, DYER COUNTY.



REPORTED

AUG 31 1891

*"The world was sad!—the garden was a wild!
And man, the hermit, sighed—till woman smiled!"*

A. G. DAVIS, Clerk.

To any one legally authorized to solemnize marriages:

THIS IS TO AUTHORIZE YOU to Solemnize the Rites of Matrimony

Between J. G. McKendrick and Belle Howard
of your County, agreeably to an act of the General Assembly, in such cases made and provided: Provided that there is
no lawful cause to obstruct the Marriage for which this License is desired; otherwise these shall be null and void, and shall
not be accounted any License or Authority for you or either of you, for the purpose aforesaid, more than if the same had
never been prayed or granted.

Given under my hand at the Clerk's Office, in said County, this 25 day of August 1891

A. G. Davis Clerk.

By _____ D. C.

STATE OF TENNESSEE.

STATE OF TENNESSEE,
DYER COUNTY.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS,
THAT WE J. G. McKendrick and W. B. Rook
of County of Dyer and State of Tennessee, are held and firmly bound unto the State of Tennessee in the sum of
Twelve Hundred and Fifty Dollars, to which payment, well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors
and administrators, and each and every one of us, jointly and severally by these presents.

WITNESS our hands and seals, this 25 day of August 1891

W. B. Rook [SEAL.]
W. B. Rook [SEAL.]

THE CONDITION OF THE ABOVE OBLIGATION IS SUCH, that whereas, the above bounden
J. G. McKendrick has this day prayed and obtained a License to marry
Belle Howard; Now, if there is no lawful cause to obstruct said marriage
and for which License is desired, then this obligation to be void, otherwise to remain in full force and virtue in law.

ATTEST: A. G. Davis Clerk.
By _____ D. C.

CERTIFICATE.

STATE OF TENNESSEE,
DYER COUNTY.

I Solemnized the Rites of Matrimony between the within named parties on the
24 day of August 1891

Returned on the 2nd day of Sept 1891 W. B. Sampson J. P.
A. G. Davis Clerk.
By _____ D. C.



gmmcreynolds "Mr. Jim McKendrick of Yorkville and Miss Belle Howard of Illinois who was visiting Yorkville stole a march on the people and slipped off to Dyersburg and married last Tuesday. They got married, came home, and had to tell it themselves before anybody at Yorkville suspected such a thing." Source "Yorkville" 9 September 1891 Gibson County Herald

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MARION WOMAN DIES
Services For Myrtle Hartwell
To Be Friday

Mrse. Myrtle Hartwell, 78, 402 W. Main St., Marion, died at 12:15 a. m. today in Marion Memorial Hospital.

She was born in Carterville on July 6, 1878. She was married to Edward Hartwell in Marion in 1895. He died in 1938. She was a member of the First Church of Christ Scientist of Marion.

Mrs. Hartwell leaves daughters, Mrs. B. R. Stiff and Mrs. Lee Calhoun of Long Beach, Calif., six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Services will be held at 2 p. m. Friday in the Wilson-Frick Funeral Home of Marion where friends may call after 7 p. m. today. Mrs. C. K. Gibbon will officiate. Burial will be in Maplewood Cemetery.

Obituary of Myrtle A. Howard Hartwell – “Southern Illinoisian” (Carbondale IL) Wednesday 20 Mar 1957 p 3

Form 1		2102. REGISTRATION CARD		No. 125	
1	Name in full	<i>Martin M. Kendrick</i>		Age, in yrs. <i>23</i>	
2	Home address	<i>no home</i>			
3	Date of birth	<i>April 23 1894</i>			
4	Are you (1) a natural born citizen, (2) a naturalized citizen, (3) an alien, (4) or have you declared your intention (specify which)?	<i>natural born</i>			
5	Where were you born?	<i>Cairo Dec. U.S.A.</i>			
6	If not a citizen, of what country are you a citizen or subject?	-			
7	What is your present trade, occupation, or office?	<i>laborer common.</i>			
8	By whom employed?	<i>unemployed</i>			
9	Have you a father, mother, wife, child under 12, or a sister or brother under 12, solely dependent on you for support (specify which)?	<i>No.</i>			
10	Married or single (which)?	<i>single</i>		Race (specify which) <i>Caucasian</i>	
11	What military service have you had? Rank	<i>none.</i>		branch	
12	Do you claim exemption from draft (specify grounds)?	<i>No.</i>			
I affirm that I have verified above answers and that they are true. <i>266</i> <i>76</i> <i>Morton M. Kendrick</i> <i>266</i> <i>76</i> <i>Morton M. Kendrick</i>					

If person is of African descent, tear off this sticker

24-1-11 A
REGISTRAR'S REPORT

1	Tall, medium, or short (specify which)? <u>Medium</u>	Slender, medium, or stout (which)? <u>Slender</u>
2	Color of eyes <u>light brown</u>	Color of hair? <u>black</u> Bald? <u>no</u>
3	Has person lost arm, leg, hand, foot, or both eyes, or is he otherwise disabled (specify)? <u>No</u>	

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

[Signature]

(Signature of Registrar)

Precinct 13
City St. Louis County LB #8
State Mo. June 5-17
(Date of registration)

WWI draft registration in Precinct 13, St. Louis MO L.B. #8 on 5 Jun 1917 – name entered as Martin on top line but appears to be signed Morton – the location data (plus number #125) matches the FBI report below -

https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/6482/images/005151915_04007?usePUB=true&_phsrc=hFB33523&_phstart=successSource&usePUBJs=true&pld=31257693

REPORT FORM NO. 2

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Victor Weiskopf, El Paso, Texas 10/26/1917 for 10/9/1917

IN RE MARTIN MCKENDRICK
EVASION FROM DRAFT

Advised by Chairman board ninth ward that they have no record registration of Martin McKendrick please wire his street address here.

signed "Brennan"

The following was sent in reply to the above:

El Paso, October 12.th 1917

Brennan
Justice, Four Eleven Custom House,
St. Louis, Mo.

Telegram received; Martin McKendrick ;party either does not know or will not state what his address was when he registered ;card is partly illegible ;ward is either six or eight precinct thirteenth.

signed " Jones"

The subsequent message received in re the above matter is contained in Special Agent Jones ' report for October 13.th (dated October 16.th) As reported in the same report Martin McKendrick having been reported by Special Agent Brennan of St. Louis, Mo. as being a deserter ,was therefore handed over to the military authorities. A copy of Special Agent Jones' letter addressed to Provost Marshal Captain Alexander M. Weyand ,El Paso Texas, dated October 15.th ,was mailed in due time to the Washington and San Antonio offices.

This investigation is therefore now closed.

REPORT FORM NO. 1

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REPORT MADE BY: Victor Weiskopf	PLACE WHERE MADE: El Paso, Texas	DATE WHEN MADE: 10/26/1917	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: for 10/9/1917
TITLE OF CASE AND OFFENSE CHARGED OR NATURE OF MATTER UNDER INVESTIGATION: IN RE MARTIN MCKENDRICK EVASION FROM DRAFT			
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS, EVIDENCE COLLECTED, NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF PERSONS INTERVIEWED, PLACES VISITED, ETC.: at El Paso, Texas. On instructions from Special Agent Jones I brought this party to the office on the evening of the 9.th from The Santa Fe Street Bridge, where he was being detained by the Immigration Service Officers. <u>McKendrick</u> , stated he was born in Ruford Tenn. and had registered on June 5.th at St. Louis Mo. His registration card bears No. 125, Ward 9, Precinct 22 13. He could not state where he lived while in St. Louis, and did not know,			

if he had been called for examination or drafted. When asked if he had left a forwarding address with the Board in St. Louis, Mo he stated he did not.

In view of these facts it was decided by Special Agent Jones to hold this party in the county jail until the Exemption Board in St. Louis could be communicated with regarding the status of McKendrick. The following message was then sent:

El Paso, Texas October 9.th 1917

Brennan

Four Eleven Custom House

St. Louis, Mo.

Martin McKendrick registered your city ward nine precinct thirteen number one two five. Please advise status.

signed " Jones"

On October 11.th the following message was received at the Bureau office:

St. Louis, Mo. October 11.th 1917

Jones,

824 Mills Building,

El Paso, Texas.

COPY OF THIS REPORT FURNISHED TO:

4-2-47

Original and 1 copy Washington, 1 San Antonio, 1 El Paso. 2

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P.O. Box 1102,
El Paso, Texas,
October 15, 1917.

Captain Alexander M. Heyand,
34th Infantry, Provost Marshal,
El Paso, Texas.

Dear Sir:

I am handing over to you one Martin Hoxendrick,
who registered on June 5th in Ward 8, Precinct No. 13, in the city
of St. Louis, Missouri. His Order No. is 266 and his Serial No.
is 1102.

I am advised by telegraph from the Exemption Board
of St. Louis, Missouri, that Hoxendrick has been certified for
military service and has failed to respond, and thereby is con-
sidered as a deserter from the United States Army. I am handing
him over to you as such.

Very truly yours,

Max Jones
Special Agent, Department of Justice.

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REPORT FORM NO. 1

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REPORT MADE BY: <u>Gus T. Jones,</u>	PLACE WHERE MADE: <u>EL PASO, TEXAS.</u>	DATE WHEN MADE: <u>Oct. 16, 1917.</u>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <u>Oct. 13, 17</u>
TITLE OF CASE AND OFFENSE CHARGED OR NATURE OF MATTER UNDER INVESTIGATION: <u>IN RE MARTIN MCKENDRICK.</u> <u>Evasion of draft.</u>		page three.	

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS, EVIDENCE COLLECTED, NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF PERSONS INTERVIEWED, PLACES VISITED, ETC.

Having reference to previous reports on this case by Special
 Employee Weiskopf, I am to-day in receipt of the following telegram

"St. Louis, Mo..
 Oct. 13, 1917."

Jones,
 824 Mills Bldg.
 El Paso, Texas.

Just advised by local board that Martin McKendrick registered here
 eighth ward, no home, serial number, 2104, order 266; this Board
 has called up to 570; McKendrick has been certified as a deserter.
 Brennan".

Immediately on receipt of this message, I turned McKendrick
 over to the Provost Marshal, transmitting at the same time a let-
 ter addressed to the Provost Marshal advising him that this man
 was being handed over to him as a deserter, according to the regula-
 tions of the draft act. I will state that McKendrick is now in
 the custody of the military as a deserter.

CLASS OF SERVICE DESIRED ☐ Fast Day Message ☐ Day Letter ☐ Night Message ☐ Night Letter Patrons should mark an X opposite the class of service desired; OTHERWISE THE TELEGRAM WILL BE TRANSMITTED AS A FAST DAY MESSAGE.	WESTERN UNION TELEGRAM	Form 1206 Receiver's No. Check Time Filed
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NEWCOMB CARLTON, PRESIDENT GEORGE W. E. ATKINS, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

Send the following telegram, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

66025

Oct. 13, 1917.

Jones, 824 Mills Bldg., El Paso, Tex.

Just advised by local board that Martin McKendrick registered here eighth ward, no home, serial number twenty one hundred two, order two sixty six. This board is has called up to five seventy. McKendrick has been ~~is~~ certified as a deserter.

Brennan

O.B. Govern. Rate,
 Chg. R. J. Brennan,
 411 Customhouse.

REPORT FORM NO. 1			
REPORT MADE BY: Wm. Brashers	PLACE WHERE MADE: St. Louis, Mo.	DATE WHEN MADE: Oct. 13, 1917.	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: Oct. 11, 1917.
TITLE OF CASE AND OFFENSE CHARGED OR NATURE OF MATTER UNDER INVESTIGATION. In re: Martin McKendrick. Description and matter.			
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS, EVIDENCE COLLECTED, NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF PERSONS INTERVIEWED, PLACES VISITED, ETC. <u>In St. Louis, Mo.</u> Referring to my report dated October 10, 1917, in re above entitled matter. Got to advise that I succeeded in getting in communication with Wm. R. Brennan, Chairman of the Local Board of the 8th Ward and he stated no such name as Martin McKendrick appears on his list of having registered.			
			Oct. 11, 1917.

Oct. 11, 1917.

" Jones,
824 Mills Bldg.,
El Paso, Texas.

advised by Chairman Board 9th Ward that they have no record
registry of Martin McKendrick. Please wire his street address
here.

SEND the following Telegram, subject to the
terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to.

[DESIGN PATENT No. 66025]

Oct. 11, 1917.

Jones, 824 Mills Bldg ., El Paso, Texas.

Advised by Chairman Board ninth ward that they have no record
registration of Martin Mc Kendrick. Please wire his street
address here.

Brennan.

O.B.Gov .Rate, Chg. E. J. Brennan, 411 Customhouse.

RECEIVED
OCT 13 1917
Bureau of Inventions
Department of the Interior

REPORT FORM NO. 1

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REPORT MADE BY: <u>Wm. Brashers</u>	PLACE WHERE MADE: <u>St. Louis, Mo.</u>	DATE WHEN MADE: <u>Oct. 11, 1917.</u>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <u>Oct. 10, 1917.</u>
TITLE OF CASE AND OFFENSE CHARGED OR NATURE OF MATTER UNDER INVESTIGATION: <u>In re: Martin McKendrick.</u> <u>Conscription Act Matter.</u>			

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STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS, EVIDENCE COLLECTED, NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF PERSONS INTERVIEWED, PLACES VISITED, ETC.

in St. Louis, Mo.

Special Agent in Charge Brennan is in receipt of a telegram from Agent Jones of El Paso, Texas, which reads as follows:

El Paso, Tex. Oct. 9, 1917.

"Brennan, 411 Custom House, St. Louis, Mo.

Martin McKendrick registered your city, Ward 9, Precinct 13, number 125. Please advise status.

Jones."

Acting under instructions of Special Agent in Charge Brennan, Agent endeavored to ascertain the status of the above mentioned person, but was unable to get any information as the Chairman and Clerk of the 9th Ward, Local Board could not be located, and the young lady in charge could give no information.

US Federal Bureau of Investigation Case Files for Martin McKendrick, classified as a deserter as he failed to appear for his draft call in St. Louis MO & was confined in El Paso TX -
<https://www.fold3.com/image/671153>

Name: Martin (Morton/Merton/Marton) McKendrick

Name variations:

Military:

On Tuscania: Camp Travis Det. 2, Casuals - private

Serial number: 2,315,103 – or – 2,515,103 (Veterans Administration Master Index)

Entered service from: Marion, Williamson IL

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: Morton McKendrick

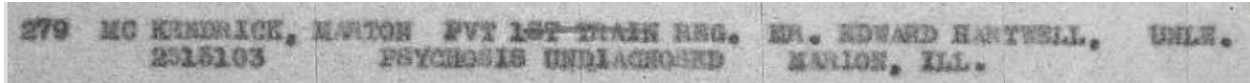
Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": uncle Edward Howard, Marion IL (pvt, Co. 50, 165th Depot Brigade)

Returned from war on: "Finland" Feb 1919, "sick & wounded" - "psychosis undiagnosed" – found at:

<https://www.fold3.com/image/604254139?rec=625057734&terms=finland,incoming,hartwell>

Sailed on return ship as: Marton McKendrick

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: uncle Edward Hartwell, Marion (indexed as Marlos) IL (pvt, 1st Train. Regt.)



World War I draft registration (1917): indexed as Martin McKendrick but looks as if signed Morton: b. 23 Apr 1894 Cairo IL; no home. Single. Unemployed common laborer. Medium height, slender build. **Registered in St. Louis MO.**

World War II draft registration (1942):

Veterans Administration Military Index: as Martin McKendrick

Enlisted: 16 Oct 1917

Discharged: 2 Aug 1919

Address:

Rank/unit:

Birth & death:

Born: 23 Apr 1894 Cairo, Alexander IL (WWI) or 23 Aug 1894 (tombstone & Veterans Administration Master Index) also found as Ruford (?) TN

Died: 5 May 1957 (tombstone & Veterans Administration Master Index)

Find A Grave record: 3360378

Burial location: Denver, Denver CO

Cemetery: Fort Logan National

Tombstone: veteran tombstone: Tennessee Pvt 6 Co 1 Inf Tn Regt WWI (1st Training Regt. agrees with return voyage)

Father: apparently James G. McKendrick, Jun 1860 TN (in 1900 census) -

Find A Grave:

Mother: apparently Belle Howard McKendrick, May 1876 IL. Daughter of Charles C. Howard & Martha Ann Robertson (sometimes found as Robinson or Robison). In the 1870 census, Martha Robertson lives in Township 10, Williamson Co. IL with parents Joseph Robertson (56 TN) & Carolina Robertson (44 TN). Joseph A. Robertson (1818-1883, F: 205986808) & Candace Caroline Dean (1824-1900, F: 205987394)

Find A Grave:

Parents' marriage: married 25 Aug 1891 in Dyer Co. TN – J.G. McKendrick of Yorkville TN & Belle Howard of IL

Spouse:

Spouse Find A Grave:

Marriage:

Children:

Siblings:

Notes:

This man has been a challenge. His first name apparently is found as Merton, Morton, Martin and Marton. He falls out of a two-story window in St. Louis in 1895. Perhaps a head injury (as he was bleeding from his nose? Might this explain his return from war with psychosis and his institutionalization in mental hospitals for decades? Could it explain his unclear answers to the FBI in 1917 when apprehended as a deserter?

He is apparently homeless as a child at age 16 (Orphaned? One or more parents deserted him? Runaway?) when he is apprehended for burglary in St. Louis MO in 1911. From wartime FBI records, he is apparently not clear on his life story. Included here are records that seem to apply to him but may not be 100% accurate as far as identification.

"St. Louis (MO) Star & Times" 20 Jan 1911 p 8 - photo, age 16, "waif of the streets," homeless, committed burglary so could be sent to Industrial School for Boys, Boonville, storekeeper Peter Carroll refused to press charges, Merton had broken window to get bread & meat, stole cigars & sold them on street, wants to become machinist or electrical engineer

Next-of-kin:

When Morton McKendrick sails on "Tuscania," he lists his uncle, Edward HOWARD, of Marion IL as his next-of-kin. When Marton McKendrick returns on "Finland" in Feb 1919, he lists Edward HARTWELL of Marion IL. His mother's maiden name seems to be Howard.

Edward Ellsworth Hartwell (1872 IL – 1938 IL, F: 106621505) was the son (only child) of Lorenzo Dow Hartwell & his 1st wife, Ola (Eola) Rebecca Calvert (1854-1917, F: 1368977887). Lorenzo then married Rena Bell Phillips (1858-1920, F: 132621700) on 7 Jul 1890 in Perry IL. Edward married Myrtle Ann Howard (6 Jul 1878 Centerville IL – 22 Mar 1957 IL, F: 106621611). Edward & Myrtle married 20 Jun 1897 in Williamson Co. IL. Note that Morton had first provided HOWARD as Edward's surname when he sailed on "Tuscania."

Myrtle Ann Howard McKendrick was the daughter of Charles C. Howard (1851 TN – 1913, F: 132621728) & his 1st wife, Martha Ann Robertson (Robinson/Robison). They had married 5 May 1872 in Williamson Co. IL.

Myrtle's Social Security number: 324-14-4020.

In the 1880 census for Eight-Mile, Williamson IL – conducted 12 Jun 1880:
 C.C. Howard, 29 TN, parents b. TN, farmer
 Martha, 25 IL, father b. TN, mother b. IL, keeps house
 John, 7 IL
 Mary, 5 IL
 Sarah, 3 IL

Mertle, 2 IL [daughter Myrtle]
 Culinous, 2 IL [male]

An aunt, Miss Ada McKendrick, is the responsible party on his veteran tombstone application. She resides at 10733 St. Lawrence Lane, St. Anne MO. Ada McKendrick, b. 11 Jan 1865 TN – 21 Apr 1958 St. Louis MO at age 93 & is buried in Valhalla Cemetery, F: 186400247. She either resided in, or died in, Hillsboro MO. She was the daughter of John W. McKendrick & Martha A. Felts. Her brothers are found as William S. (1854-1885, F: 26627095), James (1857) & Robert R.H. McKendrick (1862-1924, F: 156619599). Is her brother James the father of Martin/Merton/Morton McKendrick?

Pre-war:

In the 1900 census for St. Louis MO, James G. McKendrick lived at 1208 ½ High St. In the 1902 St. Louis MO city directory, James G. McKendrick lived at 1208 High.

Wartime:

Desertion issue:

The US Federal Bureau of Investigation Case Files are copied above. Summary: Martin McKendrick is picked up on the Santa Fe Street Bridge in El Paso TX by the Immigration Service on 9 Oct 1917 & held in the El Paso County jail. He said he had registered for the draft on 5 Jun 1917 in St. Louis MO & had been born in Ruford TN. Some of his record is illegible (agent can read Precinct 13 & either Ward 6 or 8 on form), but he is also listed as being registrant #125 in Ward 9, Precinct 13 in St. Louis MO [which agrees with the WWI draft card copied above]. Martin either did not know or did not want to state where he resided when he registered in St. Louis MO. [His card says he had no home.] Martin did not know if he had been called for a physical examination or had been drafted. He admitted he had not left a forwarding address with the St. Louis MO draft board. Since he had failed to respond to the draft call there – he was #266 in the draft list and the St. Louis draft board had called men through #570 – he was considered a deserter from the US Army & turned over to them in Texas on 15 Oct 1917. [His Veterans Administration Military Index card shows he entered the US Army on 16 Oct 1917.]

“Chicago (IL) Tribune” Sunday 10 Feb 1918 p 2 – among those on board: Morton McKendrick of Marion IL, in Camp Travis Detachment 1 overseas casuals

“Belleville (IL) News-Democrat” Monday 11 Feb 1918 p 1 – one of the 2 Illinois survivors is Merton McKendrick of Marion IL.

Post-war:

Obituary:

Social Security number:

Censuses:

1900 St. Louis MO – 1208 ½ High St.

James G. McKendrick, 39 TN, Jun 1860, parents b. TN, married 8 years, barber

Belle, 24 IL, May 1876, parents b. IL, gave birth to 2 children, 1 is living [wife]

Merton, 6 TN, Aug 1893, father b. TN, mother b. IL, at school [listed as daughter]

& a lodger

1910 Miller, Kay OK

Found at:

https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/7884/images/4449552_01012?usePUB=true&_phsrc=hFB33526&_phstart=succesSource&usePUBJs=true&pId=22929597

Merton McKendrick, 16 TN, father b. TN, mother b. IL, farm laborer, boarder with:

Robert McGinnes, 70 Canada & wife Nancy W. McGinnes, 57 MO, their son & 23 boarders (ranch & farm laborers)

1920 Kankakee, Kankakee IL – Kankakee State Hospital for the Insane – line 83

Merton McKendrick, age not listed, b. IL, patient, no occupation

1930 Election District 6, Sheridan WY – US Veterans Hospital for Insane Patients – line 59

Martin McKendrick, 38 TN, single, parents b. US, inmate, no occupation, WWI veteran

1940 Sheridan Co. WY – US Veterans Administration facility, Sheridan Co. WY – same residence in 1935 – line 36

Martin McKendrick, 55 TN, single, patient