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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

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.

Megquier, Winfield Scott Garth
1897 MN – 1936 WA



Winfield S. G. Megguler, who was on the Tuscania when it was sunk February 5 off the north coast of Ireland, has written his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Megguler, 427 North avenue, Hill-yard, from Winchester, England:

"I am well now, comfortably writing in the Y. M. C. A. rooms, but talk about you praying, we sure did pray when we knew the ship was sinking."

Young Megguler enlisted in the aviation corps on April 1, 1917, though he will not be 21 until March 28. From Fort Wright he went to Kelly field, San Antonio, Texas, and spent some time at Greatness field, Lake Charles, La., before sailing for France. He is with the 158th aero squadron, A. E. F.

Winfield Scott Garth Megquier - "Spokane (WA) Spokesman-Review" Sunday 24 Mar 1918 p 6

Megquier Winfield S.G. 250,020 White ^{2½}
 (Surname) (Christian name) (Army serial number) (Race: White or colored)
 Residence: Hillyard WASHINGTON
 (Street and house number) (Town or city) (County) (State)
 *Enlisted in R.A. Ft George Wright Wash Apr 1/17
 †Born in Brainerd Minn 20 yrs
 Organizations: 158 Aero Sq to Apr 29/19; 866 Aero Sq to---;
 1st Pursuit Group Kelly Field Tex to Sept 4/19;
 94 Aero Sq to disch
 Grades: Pvt
 Engagements:
 Wounds or other injuries received in action: None.
 †Served overseas: Jan 24/18 to Mch 7/19
 §Hon. disch. June 4/20 Abolishment R.A. Reserve
 Was reported 0 per cent disabled on date of discharge, in view of occupation.
 Remarks:

Form No. 724-2½ A.G.O. March 12, 1920. *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 and cause.

WAR DEPARTMENT O. Q. M. G. Form No. 623 Approved Aug. 12, 1913 Revised May 18, 1931		APPLICATION FOR HEADSTONE (PLEASE MAKE OUT AND RETURN IN DUPLICATE)				ORIGINAL
Enlistment Dates April 1, 1917		Discharge Dates June 4, 1920				
Name MEGQUIER, Winfield S.G.		Rank Pvt	Company 94th. Aerial Squadron	U. S. Regiment, State Organization, or Vessel	Date of Death Dec. 16, 1936	
Name of Cemetery Veterans Memorial Cemetery		Located in or near City Seattle State Wash		If World War Veteran yes Division none State Wash Emblem ###		
To be shipped to Veterans Memorial Cemetery Seattle, King, Wash. (Name of consignee)		(Give R. R. station, county, and State)				
Whose post-office address is 7430-Corliss Ave. Seattle, Wash						
DO NOT WRITE HERE To A. G. O. NOV 15 1937 Ordered PROCTOR, VI. 15 DEC 1937 B/L 1753450 Shipped 2-18-38		This application is for the UNMARKED grave of a veteran. It is understood the stone will be furnished and delivered at the railroad station or steamboat landing above indicated, at Government expense, freight prepaid. I hereby agree to promptly accept the headstone at destination, remove it and properly place same at decedent's grave at my expense. NO FEE SHOULD BE PAID IN CONNECTION WITH THIS APPLICATION. Ralph A. Koch Applicant. Secty. Veterans Memorial Cemetery 7430-Corliss Ave Date Nov. 6, 1937				

R MEGQUIER WINFIELD SCOTT GARTER 1 275 700
 BERT
 Pvt 94 Aero Sq K
 427 North Ave Hillyard Wash A 2 120 906
 No 250 020 Died 12/16/36 T 487 293 F
 Born 3/31/97 R
 Enl 4/6/17 Dis 6/4/20 Cl 1 084 305
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 U. S. VETERANS BUREAU
 MAIL AND RECORDS
 FORM 1002—Rev. Sept., 1926
 INDEX CARD ... 2-12000

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Winfield S. G. Megquier

Washington Deaths and Burials, 1810-1960

Name:	Winfield S. G. Megquier
Name Note:	res 3y
Event Type:	Burial
Event Date:	18 Dec 1936
Event Place:	Washington, United States
Event Place (Original):	Washington, United States
Address:	6344 McKinnon Place
Residence Place:	Seattle, King Co., Washington
Sex:	Male
Age:	39
Marital Status:	Single
Ethnicity:	American
Race:	white
Occupation:	Electrical Engineer
Birth Date:	21 Mar 1897
Birthplace:	Brainerd, Minnesota
Death Date:	16 Dec 1936
Death Place:	Seattle, King Co., Washington
Funeral Home:	X
Cemetery:	Washelli Cemetery
Father's Name:	John B. Megquier
Father's Birthplace:	Maine
Mother's Name:	Gabriel Zenner
Mother's Birthplace:	Minnesota

<https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/sources/GS6W-MH6>

1. PLACE OF DEATH		WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT of HEALTH		Record No. 4700
County of King	DIVISION OF VITAL STATISTICS		Registered No. 4769	
City or Town of Seattle	CERTIFICATE OF DEATH			
Registration Dist. No. No.	U.S. Marine Hospital	St. St.	Ward Ward	
(If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give its NAME instead of street and number.)				
Length of residence in city or town where death occurred 3	yrs.	mos.	days.	
How long in U. S., if of foreign birth? 3	yrs.	mos.	days.	
1a. PLACE OF RESIDENCE: State Washington		County King		
City or Town Seattle		No. 6344 McKinnon Place	Street Street	
2. FULL NAME WINFIELD S. G. MEGQUIER		760		
PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS				
3. SEX male	4. Color or Race white	5. SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED or DIVORCED (write the word) single		
5a. If married, widowed, or divorced HUSBAND of (or) WIFE of				
6. DATE OF BIRTH (month, day, and year) March 21, 1897				
7. AGE	Years 39	Months 8	Days 25	If LESS than 1 day, hrs. or mins.
OCCUPATION	8. Trade, profession, or particular kind of work done as spinner, sawyer, bookkeeper, etc. Electrical Engineer			
	9. Industry or business in which work was done, as silk mill, sawmill, bank, etc.			
	10. Date deceased last worked at this occupation (month and year) 1926			
11. Total time (years) spent in this occupation 8				
12. BIRTHPLACE (city or town and State or country): Brainerd, Minnesota				
FATHER	13. NAME: John B. Megquier			
	14. BIRTHPLACE (city or town and State or country): Maine			
MOTHER	15. MAIDEN NAME: Gabriel Zenner			
	16. BIRTHPLACE (city or town and State or country): Minnesota			
17. INFORMANT (name and address): U.S. Marine Hospital				
18. BURIAL, CREMATION, OR REMOVAL: Washelli Cemetery Date Dec. 18, 1936				
19. UNDERTAKER (name and address): E. R. BUTTERWORTH & SONS 300 E. Pine St.				
20. FILED DEC 17 1936 F. M. CARROLL M.D. Registrar				
MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH				
21. DATE OF DEATH (month, day, and year) December 16 1936				
22. I HEREBY CERTIFY That I attended deceased from December 4, 1936 , to December 16, 1936				
I last saw him alive on December 16, 1936 ; death is said to have occurred on the date stated above, at 2:25 a.m.				
The principal cause of death and related causes of importance were as follows:				
Pneumonia, lobar, bilateral				
Pleurisy, purulent, right				
Pericarditis, purulent				
Other contributory causes of importance: Valvular heart disease, chronic aortic stenosis, rheumatic type				
Name of operation _____ Date of _____				
What test confirmed diagnosis? Autopsy Was there an autopsy? Yes				
23. If death was due to external causes (violence), fill in also the following:				
Accident, suicide, or homicide? _____ Date of injury 193				
Where did injury occur? _____ (Specify city or town, county and State)				
Specify whether injury occurred in industry, in home, or in public place:				
Manner of injury _____				
Nature of injury _____				
24. Was disease or injury in any way related to occupation of deceased? No				
If so, specify _____ (Signed) [Signature]				
(Address) U. S. Marine Hospital, Seattle, Wash.				

WAR VET SEEKS BACK INSURANCE

What General Sherman is reputed to have said of war is all too true, in the opinion of Winfield S. G. Megquier.

Allegations that he was on a ship which was torpedoed in mid-Atlantic and that he was thrown into the cold waters to stay for many hours; that he was hit with shrapnel and then with a bullet are made by Megquier in his suit against the government on a war risk policy.

Megquier asks \$57.50 monthly from June 4, 1920, when he was discharged, until the date of trial, with interest of 6 per cent on delayed payments. He claims the veterans' bureau has declined to recompense him. Nervousness, fainting spells, loss of memory and other afflictions have resulted from his war service, he maintains.

Winfield Scott Garth Megquier sues the federal government about his war risk insurance policy – asking for \$57.50 monthly from 4 Jun 1920 to date for the nervousness, fainting spells, loss of memory & other afflictions resulting from his war service – he was indeed on Tuscania; it is not an “allegation” – “Spokane (WA) Chronicle” Monday 24 Nov 1930 p 6

VETERAN SUCCUMBS.

SEATTLE, Dec. 17. (AP)—A requiem mass will be said tomorrow for Winfield S. G. Megquier, Gig Harbor World war veteran, who died at the Marine hospital here yesterday.

“Spokane (WA) Chronicle” Thursday 17 Dec 1936 p 18

Father:

RETIRED RAILROAD MAN IS CALLED

John Marthlow Megquier, W711 Nora, retired railroad man, died Tuesday at his home. He was born in Maine and had lived in Spokane since 1911. He had been an employee of the Great Northern railroad 17 years, until he retired four years ago.

He is survived by his widow, Gabriel, at the home; one daughter, Mrs. Viola Beard, and one son, Winfield S., both of Spokane; one sister and two grandchildren. The body is at Hennessey & Calloway's.

Obituary of father John Barthlow Megquier – “Spokane (WA) Chronicle” Wednesday 16 Aug 1933 p 6

Sibling:

County Form 368

When Ceremony is performed fill this blank and within 5 days return to COUNTY AUDITOR, SPOKANE, WASH.

PLACE OF MARRIAGE

County of Spokane

Town of _____
or _____
City of Spokane

CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE

LICENSE NO. A N^o 40935

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

GROOM		BRIDE	
Full Name	<u>Charles R. Beard</u>	Full Name	<u>Viola Megquier</u>
Residence	<u>Spokane</u>	Residence	<u>Spokane</u>
Age at last Birthday	<u>23</u> years	Age at last Birthday	<u>18</u> years
Color or Race	<u>White</u>	Color or Race	<u>White</u>
Single Widowed or Divorced	<u>Single</u>	Single Widowed or Divorced	<u>Single</u>
Number of Marriage	<u>First</u>	Number of Marriage	<u>First</u>
Birthplace	<u>Wash.</u> (State or Country)	Birthplace	<u>Spokane Wash.</u> (State or Country)
Occupation	<u>Gardner</u>	Occupation	<u>None</u>
Name of Father	<u>James F. Beard</u>	Name of Father	<u>John B. Megquier</u>
Birthplace of Father	<u>U.S.A.</u> (State or Country)	Birthplace of Father	<u>U.S.A.</u> (State or Country)
Maiden Name of Mother	<u>Bessie Mook</u>	Maiden Name of Mother	<u>J. M. Jenner</u>
Birthplace of Mother	<u>U.S.A.</u> (State or Country)	Birthplace of Mother	<u>U.S.A.</u> (State or Country)

Maiden name of Bride, if she was previously married. _____

We, the groom and bride named in this Certificate, hereby certify that the information given herein is correct, to the best of our knowledge and belief.

J. F. Beard Groom. Viola Megquier Bride.

CERTIFICATE OF PERSON PERFORMING MARRIAGE

I HEREBY CERTIFY, That J. F. BEARD and VIOLA MEGQUIER were joined in marriage by me in accordance with the laws of the State of Washington, at St. Patrick's Rectory this 23 day of June, 1928.

Signature of Witnesses to Marriage: P. R. Beard and Mrs. P. R. Beard

Signature of Person Performing the Ceremony: F. J. Krauchi, S. J.

OFFICIAL STATION: Pastor

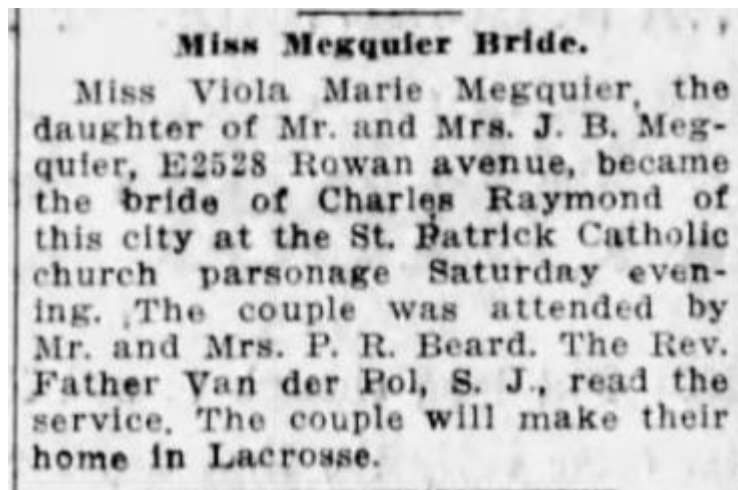
RESIDENCE: St. Patrick's Spokane

RESIDENCE Filed: ELMER H. BARTLETT

COUNTY AUDITOR (County Auditor)

JUN 30 1928

Marriage of sister Viola Megquier to Charles Raymond Beard at St. Patrick's Church, Spokane, Spokane WA on 28 Jun 1928 –



Marriage of sister Viola Marie Megquier to Charles Raymond Beard – “Spokane (WA) Chronicle”
Monday 25 Jun 1928 p 10



Name: steve horstman

Email: [horstmans\[at\]saic.com](mailto:horstmans[at]saic.com)

Comments: I recently came into possession of an old US flag; it was left behind in the garage of a home I recently purchased. It is in quite bad shape, as our memorial day is approaching I was going to fly it one time on the newly erected flag pole and then give it a proper disposal, as I unfolded it this evening I found that it had a note and newspaper clipping attached. The note reads "This flag given by Mrs. Beard of 3215 Midway Dr. (San Diego, CA) it was on the coffin of her brother killed in the first war." The clipping has a photo captioned Winfield S. G. Megquier, it tells of his survival of the sinking of Tuscania, gives a personal account of communication with parents in Hillyard, WA, and indicates his attachment to the "158th (torn out) Squadron A.E.F. i assume that the Megquier of the news clipping is the same as the W.S. Megquier on your roster from the sinking. I hope this is of interest to someone. I would like to pass along the flag, note and clipping. El Cajon, CA, USA.

May 30, 2010 05:16:22 (GMT Time)

Name: Winfield Scott Garth Megquier

Name variations:

Military:

On Tuscania: 158th Aero Squadron, then 1st Pursuit Group, Kelly Field, then 94th Aero Squadron - private

Serial number: 250,020

Entered service from: Hillyard, Spokane WA [Hillyard was annexed to the city of Spokane in 1924]

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: Winfield S.G. Megquire [sic]

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": mother Mrs. Gabriel Megquire, 427 North Ave., Hillyard WA

Returned from war on: "Mexican" Feb 1919

Sailed on return ship as: Winfield S.G. Megquier (Fold3 indexed as Winfield Sg Megquier)

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: mother Mrs. Gabrielle Megquier, 427 North Ave., Hillyard WA (pvt, 158th Aero Sq)

World War I draft registration (1917): Winfield enlisted on 1 Apr 1917 at Fort George Wright WA – 5 days before the US declared war on Germany

Veterans Administration Military Index: nickname listed as "Bert"

Enlisted: 6 Apr 1917

Discharged: 4 Jun 1920

Address: 427 North Ave., Hillyard WA

Rank/unit: private, 94th Aero Squadron

WA, WWI military record:

Winfield S.G. Megquier, serial 250020. Enlisted in Army at Fort George Wright WA on 1 Apr 1917 at age 20 years. Born Brainerd MN. In 158th Aero Squadron to 29 Apr 1919 – in 866th Aero Squadron to -- in 1st Pursuit Group, Kelly Field TX to 4 Sep 1919 – in 94th Aero Squadron to discharge. Rank: private. Overseas 24 Jan 1918 to 7 Mar 1919. Discharged 4 Jun 1920 (abolishment of regular Army reserve). 0% disabled.

Birth & death:

Born: 28 Mar 1897 Brainerd, Crow Wing MN (VAMI: 31 Mar 1897)

Died: 16 Dec 1936 Seattle, King WA

Find A Grave record: 18623392 – presence on Tuscania indicated in text & flower

Burial location: Seattle, King WA

Cemetery: Evergreen-Washelli Memorial Park

Tombstone: veteran tombstone: Washington Pvt. 94 Aero Sq.

Father: John Barthlow Megquier, 1867 ME – 15 Aug 1933 Spokane, Spokane WA. Son of John Megquier & Malisie Buck. In the 1870 census, his name is Bertellow. John's brother – Winfield Scott Megquier (1857 ME – 1924 MT) names his son Bertello, while John names his son Winfield Scott Garth Megquier. Buried in Holy Cross Cemetery, Spokane, Spokane WA.

Find A Grave: 159016796

Mother: Gabriel Mary Zenner Megquier, Mar 1874 MN – 17 Apr 1947 Seattle, King WA. Daughter of Joannis Zenner & Katherine Geissel. Buried in Calvary Cemetery, Seattle, King WA.

Find A Grave: 148052923

Parents' marriage: 16 Apr 1896 Crow Wing Co. MN (www.moms.mn.gov)

Spouse:

Spouse Find A Grave:

Marriage:

Children:

Siblings:

- Viola Marie Megquier Beard, 13 May 1911 WA – 1 Aug 1970 San Diego Co. CA. SSN 535-01-6451. Married 23 Jun 1928 in St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Spokane, Spokane WA to Charles Raymond Beard (1905-1969, F: 234204262). Buried in Greenwood Memorial Park, San Diego, San Diego CA. F: 195957778

Notes:

The brother of John Barthlow (Bertello/Bertellow) Megquier was Winfield Scott Megquier, presumably the namesake of John's son Winfield Scott Garth Megquier. In turn, Winfield Scott Megquier (1857 ME – 1924 MT, F: 42659566) named one of his sons Bertello. John's brother Winfield ("Mac") became the 1st police chief and 1st fire chief of the city of Libby, Lincoln MT.

Pre-war:

Wartime:

"Spokane (WA) Chronicle" Saturday 12 Oct 1918 p 8 – the St. Patrick's Catholic Church service flag has many stars, including one for Winfield Megquier.

Post-war:

?? "Tacoma (WA) Daily Ledger" Monday 5 Nov 1934 p 10 – On the Marigold booth committee for the bridge luncheon at the St. Patrick's Catholic Church parish hall is Mrs. W.S.G. Megquier.

Obituary:

Social Security number:

Censuses:

1900 Township 146, Beltrami MN

Bert Megquin, 34 ME, Sep 1865, parents b. ME, married 4 years, farmer (?)

Gabriel, 26 MN, Mar 1874, parents b. Germany, gave birth to 1 child, 1 is living

Winfield G., 3 MN, Mar 1897

1910 Hillard, Spokane WA – 500 Regal St.

John B. McGuire, 45 ME, in 1st marriage, married 14 years, parents b. ME, meat cutter, meat market

Gabriel M.C., 34 MN, in 1st marriage, parents b. Germany, dressmaker, own shop, gave birth to 1 child, 1 is living

Winfield G., 13 MN

1920 Kelly Field, Air Corps Base, 94th Division, Bexar Co. TX – on line 40

Winfield S.G. Megquier, 23 MN, father b. ME, mother b. MN, single, private, US Army

1930 Spokane, Spokane WA – 811 W. 3rd Ave.

John B. Megquier, 65 ME, parents b. ME, age 29 at 1st marriage [no occupation listed]

Gabriel M., 56 MN, parents b. Germany, age 22 at 1st marriage, nursing, in home
Winfield S., 33 MN, single, WWI veteran [no occupation listed]