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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.

Mewhirter, Robert York
1884 Ireland – 1973 PA



Robert Mewhirter, reported in yes-

terday's papers on board the craft, is a Pittsburgher and Miss Barbara Black, 1258 Adams street, is his nearest friend. In the first report his nearest friend and address were wrongly given.

Is Native of Ireland.

Among the many persons patiently waiting for definite information concerning the fate of those aboard the ill fated transport is Miss Black, who is engaged to Private Mewhirter. He is a member of Company F, Sixth Battalion, Twentieth Engineers.

Miss Black received a letter from her fiance about two weeks ago stating that he was making preparations to sail and that it would be the last she would hear from him for some time. Mr. Mewhirter was born in Belfast, Ireland, 31 years ago, and came to Pittsburgh 11 years ago. He was employed as a machinist and boarded at 1256 Warlo street. He enlisted here January 2 and was stationed at American University Camp, Washington, D. C. His parents, Robert and Mrs. Mary Mewhirter, live at Larne, Ireland, near the place where the Tuscania went down. He has a brother, James Mewhirter, who is employed by the British government in purchasing grain supplies for the horses.

News Record
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Sat/Sun, February 3 & 4, 1978
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Mewhirter funeral today in Avalon

Services are being held today for Robert Mewhirter, 88, former Bellevue and Avalon resident, who died at home, 118 Castle Drive, Penn Hills, Thursday, Feb. 1, 1978.

Mr. Mewhirter, a machinist, was a native of Belfast, Northern Ireland. He was a member of Clan McPherson Lodge No. 59, Zion Lodge No. 1057, IOOF, and a former member of the old Seventh United Presbyterian Church, North Side.

Mr. Mewhirter was the husband of the late Barbara Black Mewhirter. He is survived by two sons, Robert B. Mewhirter, Penn Hills, and James B. Mewhirter, O'Hara Township, and six grandchildren.

Friends were received at the Lester C. McDonald Funeral Home, 529 California Ave., Avalon, where services will be held at 2 p.m. today, Saturday. Odd Fellows service was held at 8:30 p.m. Friday. Burial will be in Union Dale Cemetery.

Find A Grave 124348830 and

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/38614772/?terms=%22robert%20mewhirter%22&match=1>

MEWHIRTER

On Thursday morning, Feb. 1, 1973, Robert, husband of the late Barbara Black Mewhirter, of 118 Castle Dr., Penn Hills (formerly of Bellevue and Avalon); father of Robert B. of Penn Hills and James B. Mewhirter of O'Hara twp.; also survived by six grandchildren. Members of Clan McPherson Lodge #59 — Zion Lodge #1057 I.O.O.F. and friends received at the **LESTER C. McDONALD FUNERAL HOME**, 529 California Ave., Avalon, where services will be held on Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Members of Zion Lodge #1057 will hold services Friday at 8:30 p. m.

"Pittsburgh (PA) Press" Friday 2 Feb 1973 p 31

MEWHIRTER ROBERT		C
Pvt 1 cl 18 Co 20 Engrs		K
231 S Starr Ave Avalon Pa		A 2 973 701
Ssn 250 825	Died	T 398 055
Born 8/24/84		R
Enl 1/3/18	Dte 6/12/19	Ct. 2 042 956
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U. S. VETERANS BUREAU MAIL AND RECORDS Form 7202—Rev. Sept., 1926		INDEX CARD 2-1950

US Veterans Administration Military Index card shows Robert enlisted 3 Jan 1918 – and 21 days later he sailed on Tuscania - <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS1Y-22J5?cc=2968245&personUrl=%2Fark%3A%2F61903%2F1%3A1%3A7BZ4-SVT2>

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Mewhirter, Robert 250,825 WHITE
 (Surname) (Christian name) (Army serial number) (Race: White or colored)

Residence: **X X Pittsburgh ALLEGHENY PENNSYLVANIA 0776**
 (Street and house number) (Town or city) (County) (State)

* Enlisted in **NA** at **Pittsburgh Pa** **Jan 3/18**

† Born in **Belfort Ireland** **33 4/12 yrs**

Organizations: **18th Co 20 Engr to May 30/19; Hoboken Casual Co. #600 to --; Disch. Unit #3 Camp Dix to Disch.**

Grades: **Pvt 1/c Apr 1/18**

Engagements: **XX**

Wounds or other injuries received in action: **None.**

‡ Served overseas: **Jan 24/18 to May 28/19**

§ Hon. disch. **June 12/19** on demobilization

Was reported **-0-** per cent disabled on date of discharge, in view of occupation.

Remarks:

Form No. 724-1 1/2, 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 service from and arrival in the United States. § Give date.

APPLICATION No. 167442 APPROVED

AUD. GEN. APR 26 1934

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Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

VETERAN'S COMPENSATION APPLICATION **167442** (1)

NUMBER

Read instructions and then type or print answers to the following questions striking out words that do not apply. Numerals in parenthesis refer to corresponding numerals in the instructions.

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA } **Robert Mewhirter**

COUNTY OF **Allegheny**

being duly sworn, deposes and says: I am the veteran named in the following descriptive information; I served in the military or naval forces of the United States from **January 3 1918** to **June 12 1919**; I claim veteran's compensation as authorized by Act No. 53, approved January 5, 1934; I was a resident of Pennsylvania at time of entry into service; I make this claim with full knowledge of the penalty for making a false statement relative to a material fact concerning this claim and the answers to the following questions and descriptive information are true:

(2) **Mewhirter Robert 250,825 White**
 (Last name) (First and middle name) (Serial number) (White or colored)

(3) Legal residence at entry into service **1256 Ward St N.E. Pgh. Allegheny Co., Pa.**
 (Street and number, City, County and State)

(4) Present residence: **706 Florence Ave. Avalon Pgh. Allegheny Co., Pa.**
 (Street and number, City, County and State)

(5) Enlisted, commissioned or inducted in RA; ANC; NA; NG; ERC; Navy; NRE; MC; ORC; Pa. Vols; US Vols: at **Pittsburgh, Pa.** on **January 3 1918**

(6) On active duty in Navy or in Reserve from to

(7) Place and date of birth **Belfast, Ireland August 24 1884**

(8) Names and addresses of dependents: Wife (full name) **Barbara Black Mewhirter**
 Minor children **Robert (10 years) James (5 years)**
 Mother (full name) **Mary York Mewhirter**
 Father **Robert Mewhirter**

(9) Service in organizations, at stations or on vessels in the order named as follows:
18 Co 20 Eng from July 3 1918 to June 12 1919
 from to
 from to

(10) Grades or ratings with dates of appointments or promotions:

(11) Engagements: None

(12) Wounds or other injuries received with dates:

(13) Served overseas from Jan 1918 to May 28 1919

(14) Honorably discharged on June 12 1919 at Camp Dix N.J.

(15) Did you ever apply for or receive a bonus or veteran's compensation from any other State? No.

(16) Did you ever refuse on conscientious, political or other grounds to perform full military duty or to render unqualified service? No.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3rd day
 of Feb. 1934

(17) Theo. R. Parker (Signature and seal of officer administering oath)
Robert McWhirter (Signature of Applicant)

CERTIFICATE OF IDENTIFICATION Feb. 3, 1934
 (Date)

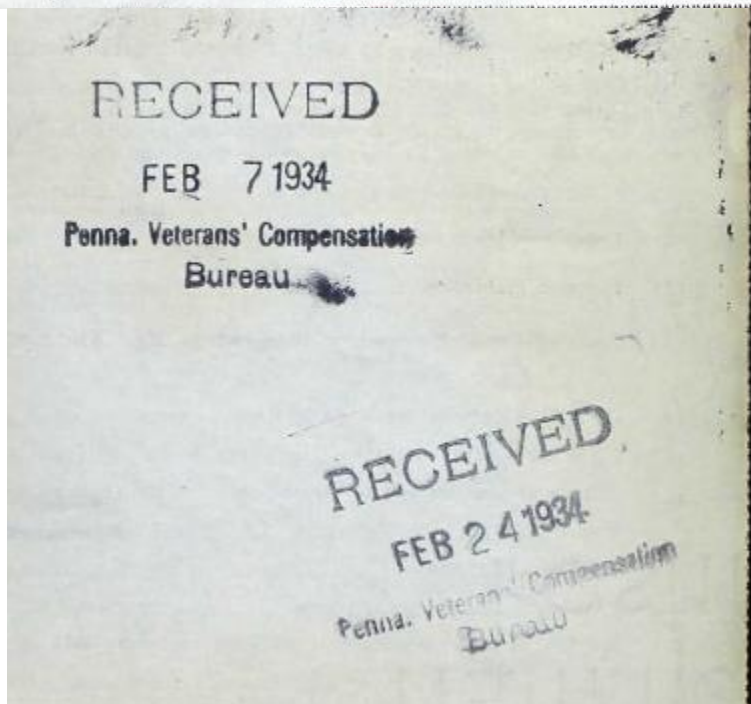
(19) I, Theo. R. Parker, do hereby certify that I am Adj. North Bros.
 (Name of person certifying) (Title of officer)
Post 116, 4th Legion; that Robert McWhirter applying for Veteran's
 and position (Name of applicant)

Compensation is known to me to be the applicant named in the application; that he is mentally competent; that the signature of the affidavit is the signature of the applicant.

Signature and impression of seal or stamp indicating office or position held: Theo. R. Parker
 (Signature of person identifying applicant)

Read instructions (19) before signing.

(1) 17 Months at \$10.00 per month; Total \$ 170.00
 (2) Computed by Jacob G. Arnold Reviewed by Charles B. Kuch
 (1) Checked and approved by [Signature]
 For The Adjutant General.



Immigration:

	Robert	Lacoste ✓✓	p	v	v	Bergman ✓	Ireland	Cushin	Ferguson C.
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Robert sails aboard "Empress of India" to Quebec City, Quebec, Canada – Sep 1906 -

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636		MANIFEST		Part of <i>Montreal</i>		Date <i>Jan 2, 1907</i>		Serial No. <i>93-20</i>	
Family name		Given name		Accompanied by					
<i>Mewhe</i>		<i>TER</i>		<i>Robert</i>					
C.I.V. No.	Place and date of issue	Section and subdivision	Quota country charged	R.F. No.					
		Act of 1924		P.V. No.					
Place of birth (town, country, etc.)	Age	Yrs.	Sex	M.	S.	Occupation	Read	Write	
<i>Dublin, Ireland</i>	<i>23</i>		<i>M</i>			<i>Machinist</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Yes</i>	
Language of exemption	Religion	Nationality	Last permanent residence (town, country, etc.)						
		<i>Irish</i>	<i>Ireland</i>						
Name and address of nearest relative or friend in country whence alien came									
<i>Saunders, Eng</i>									
Ever in U.S.	From	To	Where	Passage paid for					
<i>No</i>				<i>Self</i>					
Destination, and name and complete address of relative or friend to join there									
<i>Boston, Mass.</i>									
Money shown	Ever arrested and deported, or excluded from admission			Purpose in coming and time remaining					
<i>46.00</i>				<i>Perm.</i>					
Hand tax status	Height	Complexion	Hair	Eyes	Distinguishing marks				
	<i>5 Ft. 8 in.</i>	<i>med</i>	<i>Br</i>	<i>blue</i>					
Support and date of landing, and name of ship							Con. Im. identification card No.		
<i>Quebec Sept 28 En. Ireland</i>									
Records by	Previously examined at	Date	Previous disposition	Present disposition, P. I.	Arrived by				
<i>290</i>									

Robert crosses into St. Albans VT from Canada on 2 Jan 1907 -

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
NATURALIZATION SERVICE

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No. _____

ORIGINAL

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DECLARATION OF INTENTION

Invalid for all purposes seven years after the date hereof

State of Pennsylvania, }
Western District of Pennsylvania, } ss: In the District Court of the United States.

I, Robert Mewhister, aged 33 years,
occupation Machinist, do declare on oath that my personal
description is: Color White, complexion Fair, height 5 feet 9 inches,
weight 158 pounds, color of hair Light Brown, color of eyes Gray,
other visible distinctive marks Back on back of right hand, dimple
I was born in Ballyclare Co. Antrim Ireland in chin
on the 24th day of August, anno Domini 1884; I now reside
at 1256 Warlo Street North Side Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.
I emigrated to the United States of America from Southampton Ont. Canada
Grand Trunk and Boston and Maine Railroads
on the xxxxxx xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx day of xxxxxx; my last
foreign residence was Southampton Ont. Canada; I am not married; the name
of my wife is _____; she was born at _____
and now resides at _____
It is my bona fide intention to renounce forever all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign
prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty, and particularly to _____
GEORGE V. KING OF GREAT BRITAIN & IRELAND, of whom I am now a subject;
_____, of whom I am now a subject;
I arrived at the port of Niagra Falls, in the
State of New York, on or about the 4th day
of January, anno Domini 1907; I am not an anarchist; I am not a
polygamist nor a believer in the practice of polygamy; and it is my intention in good faith
to become a citizen of the United States of America and to permanently reside therein:
SO HELP ME GOD.

Robert Mewhister
(Original signature of declarant.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me in the office of the Clerk of said Court
at Pittsburgh, Pa., this 17th day of December
anno Domini 1917

[SEAL]

J. WOOD CLARK
Clerk of the District Court of the United States.

By [Signature], Deputy Clerk.

Declaration of intention to become a US citizen 17 Dec 1917 -

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
NATURALIZATION SERVICE

ORIGINAL

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

PETITION FOR NATURALIZATION

To the Honorable the District Court of the United States for the Western District of Pennsylvania:

The petition of **Robert Hewhite**
 First. My place of residence is **1256 Warle Street, Pittsburgh**
 Second. My occupation is **Machineist**
 Third. I was born on the **24th** day of **August** anno Domini **1884** at **Belfast Ireland**
 Fourth. I emigrated to the United States from **Montreal** on or about the **3rd** day of **January** anno Domini **1907**
 Fifth. I arrived in the United States, at the port of **Niagara Falls N.Y.** on the **4th** day of **January** anno Domini **1907**
 Sixth. I declared my intention to become a citizen of the United States in the Court of the United States at **Houston and Main Sts.** on the **7th** day of **June** anno Domini **1906** as amended by the act of **May 19 1918 Public 144** and the Act of **July 19 1919 Public 21**
 Seventh. I am **not** married. My wife's name is **_____** she was born on the **_____** day of **_____** anno Domini **1907** and now resides at **_____**
 I have **_____** children, and the name, date and place of birth, and place of residence of each of said children is as follows: **_____**
 Eighth. I am not a disbeliever in or opposed to organized government or a member of or affiliated with any organization or body of persons teaching disbelief in or opposed to organized government. I am not a polygamist nor a believer in the practice of polygamy. I am attached to the principles of the Constitution of the United States, and it is my intention to become a citizen of the United States and to renounce absolutely and forever all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty, and specially to **GEORGE V. KING OF GREAT BRITAIN & IRELAND** of whom at this time I am a subject, and it is my intention to reside permanently in the United States.
 Ninth. I am able to speak the English language.
 Tenth. I have resided continuously in the United States of America for the term of five years at least, immediately preceding the date of this petition, to wit, since the day of **4th** **January** anno Domini **1907**, and in the State of Pennsylvania, continuously next preceding the date of this petition, the day of **23rd** of **March** anno Domini **1908**, being a residence within this State of at least one year, next preceding the date of this petition.
 Eleventh. I have not heretofore made petition for citizenship to any court. (I made petition for citizenship to the **_____** Court of **_____** on the **_____** day of **_____** anno Domini **1907** and the petition was denied by the said Court for the following reasons and causes, to wit, **_____** and the cause of such denial has since been cured or removed.)
 Attached hereto and made a part of this petition are my Declaration of Intention to become a citizen of the United States and the certificate from the Department of Labor, together with affidavits and the two required witnesses thereto, required by law. Wherefore your petitioner prays that he may be admitted a citizen of the United States of America.
 Petitioner presents Honorable Discharge #250825 showing service in the U.S. Army as Pvt. 1st Cl 18 Co. 20th Reg. Given at Camp Dix N.J. Served from **Jan. 3, 1918 to June 12, 1919**
 Robert Hewhite
 (Complete and true signature of petitioner.)

AFFIDAVITS OF PETITIONER AND WITNESSES

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
Western District of Pennsylvania,

The aforesaid petitioner being duly sworn, deposes and says that he is the petitioner in the above-entitled proceedings; that he has read the foregoing petition and knows the contents thereof; that the said petition is signed with his full, true name; that the same is true of his own knowledge except as to matters therein stated to be based upon information and belief, and that as to those matters he believes it to be true.

Robert J. McIntyre
(Complete and true signature of petitioner.)

James Hunter City Fireman **Pittsburgh** Pennsylvania,
being severally, duly, and respectively sworn, deposes and says that he is a citizen of the United States of America; that he has personally known **Robert J. McIntyre** the petitioner above mentioned, to have resided in the United States continuously immediately preceding the date of filing his petition, since the **27th** day of **AUGUST**, anno Domini **1913**, and in the State in which the above-entitled petition is made continuously since the **27th** day of **AUGUST**, anno Domini **1913**; and that he has personal knowledge that said petitioner is a person of good moral character, attached to the principles of the Constitution of the United States, and that the petitioner is in every way qualified, in his opinion, to be admitted a citizen of the United States.

Witnesses further identify the petitioner to be the person named in the above mentioned discharge. James Hunter
(Signature of witness.)

Robert J. McIntyre
(Signature of witness.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me on the **27th** day of **AUGUST**, anno Domini **1913**, at **Pittsburgh**, Pennsylvania.

J. Wood Clark Clerk.
James Hunter Deputy Clerk.

Petition for naturalized based on service in the US Army 27 Aug 1919 -
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Wife:

MEWHIRTER

On Saturday afternoon, March 2, 1963, Barbara Black, beloved wife of Robert Mewhirter of 6 Burnside Ave., Bellevue; mother of Robert B. and James B. Mewhirter, both of Penn Hills Twp.; sister of Miss Jessie Black, Mrs. Margaret Evans and Mrs. Catherine Mitchell; also three grandchildren. Friends received at the **LESTER C. McDONALD FUNERAL HOME**, 529 California Ave., Avalon, where services will be held on Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Members of the Seventh U. P. Church, Ida

May Rebekah Lodge 14, Craigielea Lodge 103 D.O.S. and friends invited.

Obituary of wife Barbara Black Mewhirter – "Pittsburgh (PA) Press" Sunday 3 Mar 1963 p 47

Children:

Form V. S. No. 5-30M-5-20-21.

CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS

1. PLACE OF DEATH
County of Allegheny
Township of Wolau
or Borough of Wolau
City of Wolau (No. 231, S. Starr St., Ward) 113

Registration District No. 113
Primary Registration District No. 113

File No. 112619
Registered No. 42

2. FULL NAME Jessie Black Mewhirter

3. SEX F. 4. COLOR OR RACE W. 5. SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED OR DIVORCED Single
(Write the words)

6. DATE OF BIRTH March 24 1922
(Month) (Day) (Year)

7. AGE 8 h. 14
yrs. If LESS than 1 day how many.....hrs. or min. >

8. OCCUPATION
(a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work none
(b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employee)

9. BIRTHPLACE (State or Country) Wolau

10. NAME OF FATHER Robert Mewhirter

11. BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (State or Country) Penn.

12. MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Barbara Black

13. BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (State or Country) Pittsburgh

14. THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.
(Informant) Robert Mewhirter
(Address) 231 S. Starr, Wolau

15. Filed Dec 8 1922 H.M. Dylor
Local Registrar

16. DATE OF DEATH Dec. 6 1922
(Month) (Day) (Year)

17. I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from Nov 27 1922 to Dec 6 1922
that I last saw her alive on Dec 6 1922
and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 12 Home
The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows:
acute Nephritis
11-128
(Duration) yrs. mos. 9 ds.
Contributory (Secondary) La Gripp
(Duration) yrs. mos. 4 ds.
(Signed) E. J. Lempson M. D.
Dec 7 1922 (Address) 1260 Pennsylvania
(Address) 1260 Pennsylvania

*State the DISEASE CAUSING DEATH; or in deaths from VICIDENT CAUSES, state (1) MEANS OF INJURY; and (2) whether ACCIDENTAL, SUICIDAL, or HOMICIDAL.

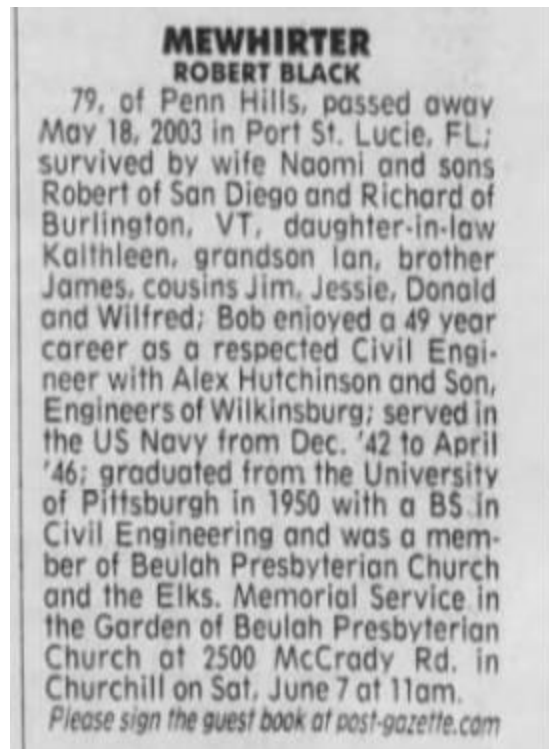
18. LENGTH OF RESIDENCE (For Hospitals, Institutions, Transients or Recent Residents).
At place of death yrs. mos. ds. In the State yrs. mos. ds.
Where was disease contracted, If not at place of death?
Former or usual residence

19. PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL Guendale DATE OF BURIAL Dec 8 1922

20. UNDERTAKER James Lempson ADDRESS Beaver

Infant daughter **Jessie Black Mewhirter** (born & died 1922) died at 8 months, 14 days old of acute nephritis, with "la gripp" [grippe] as a contributing factor, 6 Dec 1922 -

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Obituary of son Robert Black Mewhirter (1924-2003) – “Pittsburgh (PA) Post-Gazette” Sunday 1 Jun 2003 p 22

Ruth Anne Alcorn Becomes Bride Elect

The betrothal of Ruth Anne Alcorn to James B. Mewhirter has been announced by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Matthew M. Alcorn of Penn Hills.

The couple has chosen Dec. 19 as the date for their wedding.

Miss Alcorn is a senior in the School of Education at the University of Pittsburgh. The prospective bridegroom, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Y. Mewhirter of Bellevue, earned his bachelor's degree at Bethany College and his master's in education at Pitt.



DECEMBER 19 has been chosen as the date for the marriage of Ruth Anne Alcorn and James B. Mewhirter whose engagement was announced by the bride-elect's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Matthew M. Alcorn of Verona Road, Rosedale. The prospective bridegroom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Y. Mewhirter of Burnside Avenue, Bellevue.

Engagement of son James Black Mewhirter (1928-2018) to Ruth Anne Alcorn – to marry 19 Dec 1959

– Left: "Pittsburgh (PA) Press" Friday 24 Jul 1959 p 9 – Right: "Pittsburgh (PA) Post-Gazette"

Monday 27 Jul 1959 p 12

Mewhirters To Live In Penn Hills



MRS. MEWHIRTER

Mr and Mrs. James Black Mewhirter will make their home in Laketon Road after they return from a wedding trip to New York City. Both are associated with the Penn Hills School District.

The bride is the former Ruth Anne Alcorn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Matthew M. Alcorn of Verona Road, Verona.

The ceremony was performed on December 19 in St. Thomas Episcopal Church with the Reverend H. Earle Daugherty officiating. A reception followed in the church social rooms.

For her wedding, the bride chose a full length gown of imported satin and alencon lace, re-embroidered in bridal seed pearls. The princess style bouffant skirt ended in a chapel train. A half hat of alencon lace held her fingertip veil and she carried a white orchid on a white prayer book.

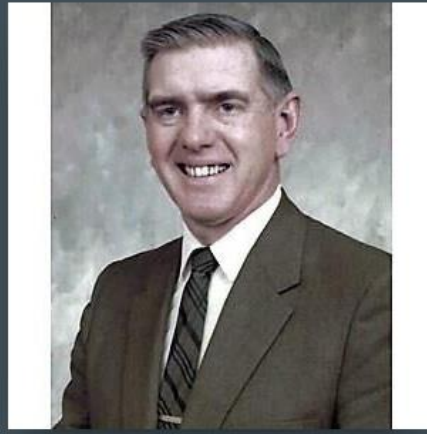
Beatrice Pressley was maid of honor. Barbara Alcorn, cousin of the bride and Marjorie Brumbaugh were bridesmaids. Carol Alcorn was her sister's junior bridesmaid.

Robert B. Mewhirter was his brother's best man. They are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Y. Mewhirter of Burnside Avenue, Bellevue. Dale S. Laughner, Stewart Mayer and John Pancella ushered.

Marriage of James Black Mewhirter to Ruth Anne Alcorn – "Pittsburgh (PA) Post-Gazette" Tuesday 5 Jan 1960 p 13

JAMES B. MEWHIRTER

1928 - 2018

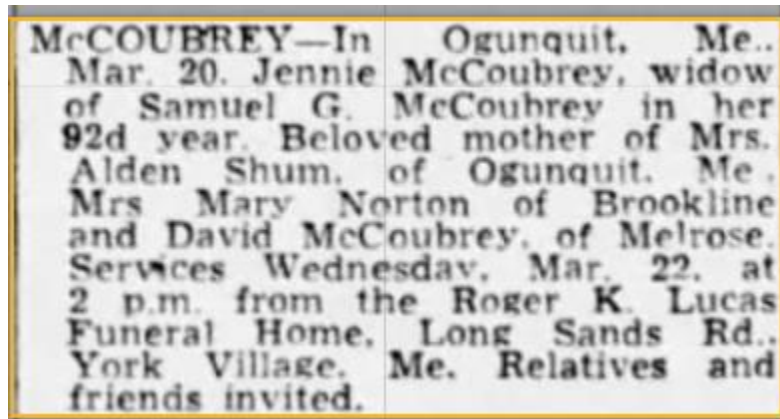


MEWHIRTER JAMES B.

Age 89, of O'Hara Twp., passed on Friday, September 7, 2018. Beloved husband of Ruth Anne Mewhirter; loving father of James D. (Jill), David M. (Belinda), Susan L. (Michael) Tag, and Douglas R. (Allyson) Mewhirter; dear grandfather of Tyler, Travis, Joshua, Cody, Rebekah, Connor, Cameron, and Owen. Preceded in death by his brother Robert Mewhirter. James worked for the Penn Hills School District for 33 years where he was the Director of Guidance, teacher, and basketball coach. A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, September 22, 2018 at 12 noon, in St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 378 Delaware Ave, Oakmont, PA 15139. Memorial contributions may be made in James's name to the Joseph A. Massaro Alzheimer's Research Fund, c/o The Pittsburgh Foundation, Five PPG Place, Suite 250, Pittsburgh, PA 15222 or at <http://pittsburghfoundation.org/Massaro> Arrangements entrusted to ENGLISH FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION SERVICES, INC., Oakmont, PA. Online condolences may be made to: englishfuneralhome.com

<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/postgazette/obituary.aspx?n=james-b-mewhirter&pid=190177597&fhid=4335>

Siblings:



Obituary of sister Jennie Mewhirter McCoubrey – “Boston (MA) Globe” Wednesday 22 Mar 1961 p

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Ballyclare, County Antrim, Ireland – <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ballyclare>

Name: Robert York Mewhirter

Name variations: Newhirter – McWhirter

Military:

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

Serial number: 250,825

Entered service from: Pittsburgh, Allegheny PA

Sailed on “Tuscania” as: Robert Mewhirter

Next-of-kin on “Tuscania”: notify friend Miss Barbara [also Barber] Black, 1258 Adams St. N., Pittsburgh PA [who became his wife]

Returned from war on: "Santa Paula" May 1919

Sailed on return ship as: Robert Mewhirter

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: friend Miss Barbara Black, 1258 Adams St., North Side, Pittsburgh PA (PFC, 18th Co., 20th Engrs, Forestry)

World War I draft registration (1917):

National Tuscania Survivors Association (1939):

World War II draft registration (1942): as Robert York Mewhirter - b. 24 Aug 1884 (seems to read 1894) Belfast, Ireland; res: 710 Florence Ave., Avalon, Allegheny PA. NOK wife Mrs. Barbara

Mewhirter, same address. Employed by Pressed Steel Car Company, McKee's Rocks, Allegheny PA. "scar above right wrist" – Height: 5'8" – weight: 150 lbs.

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlisted: 3 Jan 1918 [and he sailed on Tuscania 21 days later]

Discharged: 12 Jun 1919

Address: 231 S. Starr Ave., Avalon PA

Rank/unit: private 1st class, 18th Co., 20th Engineers

Birth & death:

Born: 24 Aug 1884 Belfast, Ireland (naturalization document indicates: Ballyclara, County Antrim, Ireland)

Died: 1 Feb 1973 Penn Hills, Allegheny PA (at home, 118 Castle Dr., Penn Hills PA)

Find A Grave record: 124348830 – presence on Tuscania indicated in text

Burial location: Pittsburgh, Allegheny PA

Cemetery: Union Dale

Tombstone: veteran

Father: Robert Mewhirter, 1841 Ireland – 4 Jun 1905 Ballyclare, County Antrim, Ireland. Son of James Mewhirter.

Find A Grave:

Mother: Mary York Mewhirter, ca. 1841 County Antrim, Ireland -

Find A Grave:

Parents' marriage: 10 Oct 1864 Carrickfergus, County Antrim, Ireland, at Joymount Presbyterian Church

Spouse: Barbara Black Mewhirter, 7 Apr 1892 Pittsburgh, Allegheny PA – 2 Mar 1963 Pittsburgh, Allegheny PA. Daughter of James Black (1858-1920) & Jesse Dewar (1864-1943). Named as his friend when she was his wartime next-of-kin. Buried in Union Dale Cemetery, Pittsburgh, Allegheny PA.

Spouse Find A Grave: 234409344

Marriage:

Children:

- Jessie Black Mewhirter, 24 Mar 1922 Avalon, Allegheny PA – 6 Dec 1922 Avalon, Allegheny PA. Daughter who died at 8 months, 14 days, of acute nephritis. Tombstone labeled "Our darling." Buried in Union Dale Cemetery, Pittsburgh, Allegheny PA. F: 234409385
- Robert Black Mewhirter, 29 Mar 1924 Bellevue, Allegheny PA – 18 May 2003 Port St. Lucie, St. Lucie Co. FL. Husband of Naomi Eleanor Gorman. Buried in Union Dale Cemetery, Pittsburgh, Allegheny PA. Tombstone inscribed: "A loving son, brother, husband and father." F: 234409302
- James Black Mewhirter, 13 Nov 1928 Avalon, Allegheny PA – 7 Sep 2018 O'Hara township, Allegheny PA. Married Ruth Anne Alcorn 19 Dec 1959 in Pittsburgh, Allegheny PA.

Siblings: Robert York was the last child in the family.

- Margaret Jane Mewhirter, 2 Sep 1867 Ballyclare, County Antrim, Ireland –

- Jenny/Jennie Mewhirter McCoubrey, 29 Jul 1869 Ballyclare, County Antrim, Ireland – 20 Mar 1961 Ogonquit, York ME. Married on 7 Dec 1892 in Joymount, Carrickfergus, Larne, Ireland to Samuel Galway McCoubrey (1870-1948). Arrived in Alburgh VT on 4 Nov 1929. In 1935 resided in Brighton, Suffolk MA & in 1940 in York, York Co. ME. Buried in First Parish Cemetery, York, York Co. ME. F; 120648174
- James Mewhirter, 6 Nov 1870 Ballyclare, County Antrim, Ireland. His wife is listed as Bessie, b. 1880.
- Agnes Mewhirter, 29 Sep 1872 Ballyclare, County Antrim, Ireland – 9 Apr 1875 Ballyclare, County Antrim, Ireland.
- Robert Mewhirter, 25 Aug 1874 Ballyclare, County Antrim, Ireland – 10 Apr 1875 Ballyclare, County Antrim, Ireland. His 1st name – Robert – is “used again” for the birth of the last child in the family, Robert York Mewhirter.
- Rose Ann Mewhirter, 11 Jun 1879 Ballyclare, County Antrim, Ireland –
- William Mewhirter, 17 Mar 1881 Ballyclare, County Antrim, Ireland – 12 Apr 1881 Ballyclare, County Antrim, Ireland.
- Martha Mewhirter, 29 Jan 1882 Ballyclare, County Antrim, Ireland –
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Notes:

His parents were allegedly residents of Larne, Ireland, at the time of the Tuscania sinking. Larne was the location where many rescued Tuscania survivors were taken by boats.

Residents of Ballyclare, County Antrim, Ireland, in the 1901 Census of Ireland, conducted 31 Mar 1901.

Pre-war:

Sailed on “Empress of Ireland” to Quebec City, Quebec, Canada, in Sep 1906. Age 22, b. Ireland, from County Antrim, heading to Ferguson, Ontario.

Arrived in the US at Niagara Falls NY on 4 Jan 1907

1916 Pittsburgh PA city directory:

Mewhirter, Robt., pipefitter, boards at 1256 Warlo

Wartime:

“Pittsburgh (PA) Press-Gazette” Saturday 9 Feb 1918 p 1 – among those from Pittsburgh on board: Pvt. Robert Mewhirter

“New York Herald” Monday 11 Feb 1918 p 7 – “Additional Survivors of Tuscania” – names released 10 Feb 1918 by the War Department include Robert McWhirter [sic] of Pittsburg PA.

Post-war:

Obituary:

"North Hills (PA) News Record" 3 Feb 1973 p 6 - funeral 3 Feb, age 88, former resident Bellevue & Avalon, machinist, b. Belfast, Northern Ireland, late wife Barbara (Black), survived by 2 sons

Social Security number: 170-03-5227

Censuses:

1920 Pittsburgh, Allegheny PA – 1256 Warlo St.

Robert McWhirter (also indexed as McWhister), 35 Ireland, single, parents b. Ireland, machinist, emigration year & citizenship status unknown, railroad, roomer with:
John & Jennie E. McMaster, their 8 children & 2 other roomers.

1930 Bellevue, Allegheny PA – 145 Meade Ave. – conducted 26 Apr 1930

Robert McWhirter, 45 Northern Ireland, parents b. Northern Ireland, age 36 at 1st marriage, pipe fitter, steel car manufacturer, WWI veteran

Barbara, 37 PA, parents b. Scotland, age 28 at 1st marriage

Robert B., 6 PA

James B., 1 year 5 months PA

1940 Avalon, Allegheny PA – 636 Florence Ave. – same place in 1935

Robert Mewhirter, 56 Eire, machinist, steel company

Barbara, 48 PA

Robert Jr., 16 PA

James, 11 PA