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Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

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

NOK = next-of-kin

TUSCANIA

Mosburg, Ralph Wesley
1891 OR – 1941 OR



Ralph Wesley Mosburg

<https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/sources/LTMF-YCM>

MOSBURG RALPH WESLEY		XC 2 963 527	
Pvt Co F 20 Engrs		K	
Walker Ore		A 2 547 810	
Ssn	250 824	Died	5/7/41
		T	565 552
Born	3/1/91	R	
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Mr. Mosburg Dies Here Wednesday

CRESWELL, May 8—(Special)
—Ralph Wesley Mosburg, 50 years
of age, resident of Veneta, died in
Eugene, Wednesday.

He was born in Creswell, March
1, 1891. He was a veteran of the
World War and was a member of
Willamette post, 293, Veterans of
Foreign Wars. Surviving him are
two uncles, Sherman Renne of
Creswell, Wyman Renne of Culp
Creek; two aunts, Mrs. Lily Renne
of Cottage Grove, Mrs. Rose Ware
of Lebanon.

The funeral service will be held
at Schwering chapel, Creswell at
2 p. m. Saturday, interment to be
in the Creswell cemetery.

Obituary of Ralph Wesley Mosburg – “Eugene (OR) Guard” Thursday 8 May 1941 p 17

STATE PRINTING DEPT.

Oregon State Board of Health
Division of Vital Statistics

Standard Certificate of Death
STATE OF OREGON

State File No. 278
Local Registrar's No. 1628

1. PLACE OF DEATH:
(a) County Lane
(b) City or town Eugene
(If outside city or town limits write RURAL)
(c) Name of hospital or institution: Eugene Hospital
(If not in hospital or institution write street number or location)
(d) Length of stay: In hospital or institution _____
In this community 6 yrs In state 50 yrs (Specify whether years, months or days)

2. USUAL RESIDENCE OF DECEASED:
(a) State Oregon (b) County Lane
(c) City or town Veneta
(If outside city or town limits write RURAL)
(d) Street No. _____
(If rural give location)
(e) If foreign born, how long in U. S. A? _____ years.

3. (a) FULL NAME Ralph Wesley Mosburg
(b) If veteran, World War (c) Social Security No. 540-18-8664
(d) Sex M (e) Color or race White (f) (a) Single, widowed, married, divorced Divorced
(g) (b) Name of husband or wife _____ (h) (c) Age of husband or wife _____
if alive _____ years
(i) Birth date of deceased March 1 1891
(Month) (Day) (Year)
(j) AGE: Years 50 Months 2 Days 6 If less than one day _____ hr. _____ min.
(k) Birthplace Creswell Oregon
(City, town, or county) (State or foreign country)
(l) Usual occupation Sawyer
(m) Industry or business In saw mill
(n) Name George Mosburg
(o) Birthplace Not Known
(City, town, or county) (State or foreign country)
(p) Maiden name Francis Renne
(q) Birthplace Ill.
(City, town, or county) (State or foreign country)
(r) Informant's own signature L W Bessie
(s) Address Dissoton Ore
(t) (a) Burial (b) Date thereof 5/10/41
(Burial, cremation, or removal) (Month) (Day) (Year)
(u) Place: burial or cremation Creswell Cemetery
(v) (a) Signature of funeral director E. A. Schuering
(b) Address Creswell Oregon.
(w) (a) 5-9-41 (b) H. Paul Anderson
(Date received local registrar) (Registrar's signature)

MEDICAL CERTIFICATION
20. Date of death: Month May day 7
year 1941 hour 80 minute 45 A.M.
21. I hereby certify that I attended the deceased from 5/2/41
1941 to 5/7, 1941; that I last saw him alive
on 5/7, 1941; and that death occurred on the date
and hour stated above.
Immediate cause of death Perforated peptic ulcer Duration 30 hr.
generalized peritonitis
Due to perforated peptic ulcer
Due to _____
Other conditions Dehydration tremors PHYSICIAN _____
(Include pregnancy within 3 months of death)
Major findings: Perforated peptic ulcer Underline the cause to which death should be charged statistically
Of operations _____
Of autopsy See above
22. If death was due to external causes, fill in the following:
(a) Accident, suicide, or homicide (specify) _____
(b) Date of occurrence _____
(c) Where did injury occur? _____
(d) Did injury occur in or about home, on farm, in industrial place, in public place? _____
While at work? _____ (Specify type of place)
(e) Means of injury _____
Signature J. A. Bradley (M. D. or other) M. D.
Address Eugene, Ore. Date signed 5/5/41

OR death record - <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/25251:61675?tid=106365323&pid=390053195640&queryId=d7e21c7ee4518f7a627d81ad45e23e75&phsrc=hFB38329&phstart=successSource>

Ralph Wesley Mosburg

Military • Oregon, World War I, County Military Service Records, 1919-1920

Name **Ralph Wesley Mosburg**
Residence Place **Creswell, Lane, Oregon**
Birth Date **1 Mar 1891**
Birthplace **Creswell, Lane, Oregon**
Military Final Rank **Private**
Military Service Branch **Army**
Father's Name **George Mosburg**
Mother's Name **Fanny Renne**
Event Type **Military Service**
Event Date **10 Dec 1917**
Event Place **Vancouver, Clark, Washington,
United States**
Event Place (Original) **Vancouver, Washington**

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Wife:

March 29-1926

RETURN OF MARRIAGE 4519

HUSBAND	WIFE
Full name <u>Ralph Wesley Mosburg</u>	Full maiden name <u>Mabel Helma Neal</u>
Residence <u>Veneta - Oregon</u>	Residence <u>Walker - Oregon</u>
Age <u>35</u> Years <u>1</u> Months <u>29</u> Days	Age <u>18</u> Years <u>1</u> Months <u>23</u> Days
Birthplace <u>Creswell - Oregon</u>	Birthplace <u>Sumner - Wash</u>
Occupation <u>Engineer</u>	Occupation <u>At Home</u>
No. of marriage <u>First</u>	No. of marriage <u>First</u>
Father's birthplace <u>Illinois</u>	Father's birthplace <u>Oregon</u>
Mother's birthplace <u>Illinois</u>	Mother's birthplace <u>Wentworth -</u>

PLACE OF MARRIAGE Lane Registered No. _____

No. Office of Health & Hygiene Street _____

Date of marriage March, 29, 1926
 Month Day Year

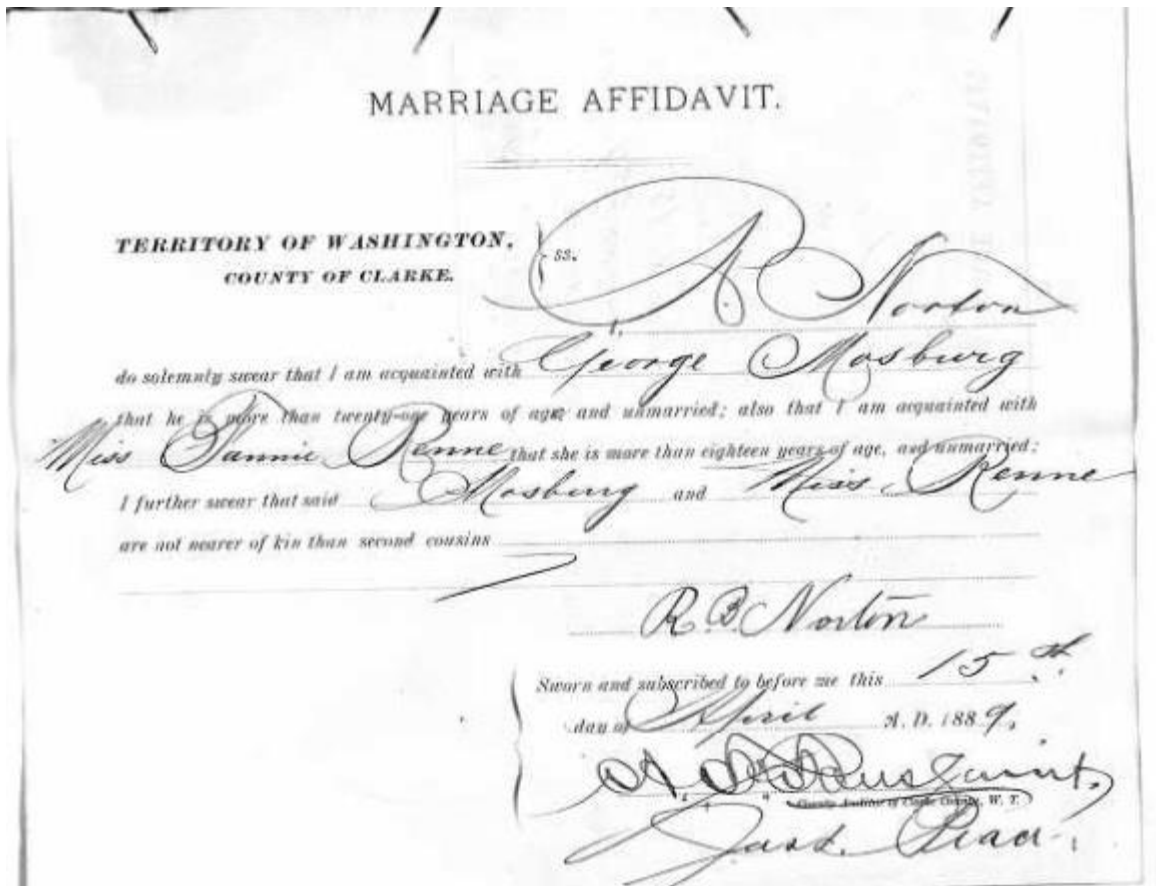
(Signed) R. B. [Signature] County Clerk.

marriage record - Ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/120471279:61677?tid=106365323&pid=390053195640&queryId=d7e21c7ee4518f7a627d81ad45e23e75&_phsrc=hFB38330&_phstart=successSource

Mother:

Francis Mosburg, daughter of Ferdinand and Rosana Renne, of Creswell, Oregon, was born in Hickory county, Mo., Oct 1, 1873. From there she moved to Illinois, thence to Oregon in 1887; and died in the Good Samaritan hospital of Portland, Oct 25, 1896. The bereaved parents have the heartfelt sympathy of their many friends.

Obituary of his mother Francis Renne Mosburg (1873-1896) – "Eugene (OR) Guard"
 Wednesday 28 Oct 1896 p 4



Marriage of parents George Mosburg & Fannie Renne on 15 Apr 1889 -

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Maternal Renne relatives:

Horace W. Renne
 Horace W. Renne, 71, of Crow Stage, died Sunday in Eugene. He was born April 7, 1868, in Grundy county, Ill., and came to Oregon with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ferdinand Renne, in 1887. He lived in Springfield and Creswell before moving to Crow Stage. He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Lester Callaway of Eugene, and Mrs. Chester Elspas of Eugene; a son Douglas Renne of Crow Stage; two brothers, Sherman and Wyman Renne, both of Creswell and four grandchildren.
 Funeral services will be held Tuesday at 2:30 p. m. from the Branstetter-Simon chapel, Rev. Herbert Higginbotham officiating. Interment will be in Laurel Hill cemetery.

Obituary of his mother's brother Horace W. Renne – "Eugene (OR) Guard" Monday 18 Sep 1939 p 3

Admitted to Probate—
 The petition of Ferdinand Renne to be named administrator in the estate of Roxana Renne, who died at Creswell on July 31, has been filed in the county court. She left no will and her property is valued at \$2000. The heirs in addition to the husband are Sherman Renne, Creswell; Horace Renne, Springfield, and Hyman Renne, Creswell, sons, and Ralph W. Mosburg and Bernice Renne, grandchildren.

Estate of maternal grandmother Roxana Mecham Renne – "Eugene (OR) Guard" Friday 31 Jul 1914 p 5

Comrade Ferdinand Renne died at the home of his son, Horras Renne, at Springfield, Ore., July 16, at the age of 80 years. He had been an outspoken Socialist for years and a faithful worker for the cause.

Maternal grandfather Ferdinand Renne died 16 Jul 1917 – "Appeal to Reason" (Girard KS) Saturday 11 Aug 1917 p 3

CORONER'S JURY EXONERATES RALPH MOSBURG

The coroner's jury at the inquest over the remains of Jerome Renne, who was accidentally shot and killed by his nephew, Ralph Mosburg, five miles west of Creswell Saturday, returned a verdict exonerating the young man. The verdict was as follows:

"We, the jury duly empanelled and sworn in to inquire into the cause of the death of Jerome C. Renne, find that he was a white male person aged 43 years and 7 months, and that he came to his death July 25, 1908, at about 10 a. m. from a gunshot wound from the hand of Ralph Mosburg, his nephew, and who supposed he was shooting at a deer.

(Signed)

"ARTHUR DEMAREST,

"WM. C. HAMILTON,

"G. H. PULLEN,

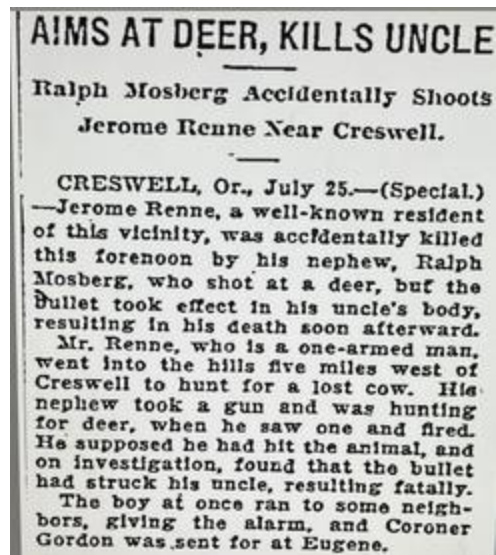
"LUCAS COWGILL,

"W. E. NAPPER."

Mosburg makes the following statement of the killing:

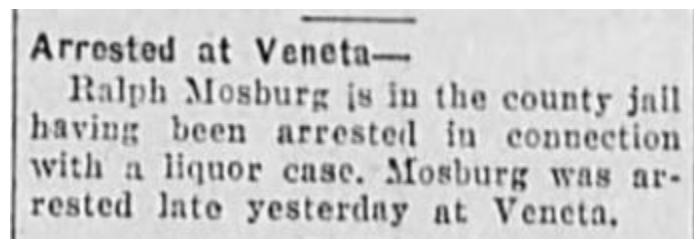
"We left home to look for an estray and took our rifles, for uncle said he had lately seen three deer in Lynx Hollow. We separated, taking either side of the canyon, and agreed to meet at a certain point. I was finally sure I saw a deer and fired, but was horrified upon approaching to find my uncle the victim."

The shooting & killing of his uncle Jerome Renne while Ralph & Jerome were deer hunting –
"Eugene (OR) Guard" Monday 27 Jul 1908 p 1

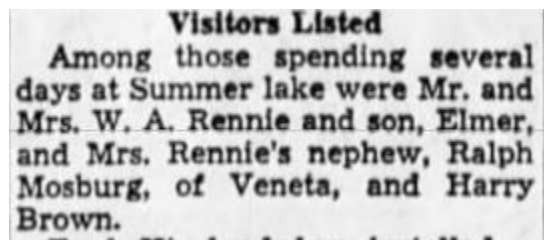


From Jerome Cortez Renne's Find A Grave 235045372 – born 1864, died 1908

Life:



"Eugene (OR) Guard" Thursday 15 Oct 1925 p 5



"Eugene (OR) Guard" Thursday 14 Oct 1937 p 9

Name: Ralph Wesley Mosburg

Name variations:

Military:

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

Serial number: 250,824

Entered service from: Springfield, Lane OR

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: Ralph W. Mosburg

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": uncle Horace Renne, Springfield OR

Returned from war on: "Matsonia" Mar 1919

Sailed on return ship as: Ralph W. Mosburg

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: uncle Horace W. Renne, Springfield OR (pvt, Camp Lewis Detachment, 160th Inf.)

World War I draft registration (1917): as Ralph Mosburg - b. 1 Mar 1891 Creswell OR; res:

Walker, Lane OR. Single. Milling (saw) – own 1/3 interest 3 ½ miles west of Walker OR.

Claimed exemption from draft: "religious and constitutional rights" – Medium height & build.

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlisted: 10 Dec 1917

Discharged: 12 Apr 1919

Address: Walker OR

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

Birth & death:

Born: 1 Mar 1891 Creswell, Lane OR

Died: 7 May 1941 Eugene, Lane OR

Find A Grave record: 97083346 – photo – presence on Tuscania indicated in text

Burial location: Creswell, Lane OR

Cemetery: Creswell Pioneer

Tombstone: veteran flat: PFC US Army WWI

Father: George Mosburg. Born in NE (according to 1900 census)

Find A Grave:

Mother: Frances (Fanny) Renne Mosburg, 1 Oct 1873 Hickory Co. MO [often found as IL] – 25 Oct 1896 Portland, Multnomah OR [Good Samaritan Hospital]. Daughter of Ferdinand Renne & Rosana Mecham.

Find A Grave:

Parents' marriage: 15 Apr 1889 Clarke Co. WA – George Mosburg & Fannie Renne

Spouse: Mabel Velma Neal Mosburg Sims, ca. 1908 Sumner WA - d. 28 Jun 1952 Morton, Lewis WA.. Daughter of Frank Calvin Neal (1883-1950, F: 53138681); her father's obituary appeared in the "Eugene (OR) Guard" of Friday 23 Jun 1950 p 13. Her mother was Lecruda Delow. When her father died in Jun 1950, Mabel's surname was Sims & she lived in Morton WA.

Spouse Find A Grave:

Marriage: 29 Mar 1926 in Lane Co. OR to Mabel Velma Neal. He was age 35 years, zero months, 29 days, b. Creswell OR, resident of Veneta OR. Mabel was age 18 years, 1 month, 23 days, a resident of Walker OR, born Sumner WA. He was an engineer, she was at home.

First marriage for both. He didn't know his father's birthplace; his mother was b. IL. Her father was born in OR; mother's unknown.

Divorced 17 Jul 1928 in Lane Co. OR. He was a resident of Lane Co. OR. The plaintiff was Ralph, who brought the case with charges of "cruel and inhuman treatment." There were no children.

Notice
On and after May 24, 1927, the undersigned will not be responsible for any debts contracted by Mrs. Ralph W. Mosburg.
RALPH W. MOSBURG.
5-24-3*

"Eugene (OR) Morning Register" Tuesday 24 May 1927 p 4

Cruelty is Charged—
On a charge of cruel and inhuman treatment, Ralph W. Mosburg has filed suit for divorce from his wife Mabel Velma Mosburg. The couple married at Eugene March 29, 1926, and have no children. Alta King is attorney for the plaintiff.

"Eugene (OR) Guard" Tuesday 22 May 1928 p 3

Five divorce decrees as follows were granted yesterday by Circuit Judge Skipworth:
D. E. Marsters from Gladys Evelyn Marsters; Fred Marshall from Nettie Marshall; Ralph W. Mosburg from Mabel Velma Mosburg; Helen C. Shipe from Alex C. Shipe; Elma Bauer from Godfrey Bauer.

"Eugene (OR) Morning Register" Wednesday 18 Jul 1928 p 10

Children:

Siblings:

Notes:

Pre-war:

Is this his father?:

Portland OR city directory 1890

George Mosburg, bartender for Mosburg's Theatre Comique, rooms at 824 – 4th

John C. Mosburg is listed as the proprietor of Mosburg's Theatre Comique

Portland OR city directory 1891

George Mosburg, bartender for J.C. Mosburg, rooms at 43 N. 2nd

1912 Eugene OR city directory

R.W. Mosburg, logger, B-K Lumber Co.

When Ralph's maternal grandfather Ferdinand Renne died 11 (?) Jul 1917 in Lane Co. OR, his heirs were listed as sons Sherman I. Renne (51, of Creswell OR) – Horace W. Renne (47? 49? Of Springfield OR) – Wyman Renne (46, of Walker OR) and grandchildren Ralph Mosburg (26, of Walker OR) & Berenice Renne (9, of Creswell OR). He left an estate worth \$471 & died intestate (without a will).

Wartime:

"Eugene (OR) Guard" Friday 8 Feb 1918 p 1 – among the Lane Co. OR men on Tuscania:
Ralph W. Mosburg, Springfield OR

Post-war:

Obituary:

"Eugene (OR) Guard" 8 May 1941 p 17 - funeral 10 May Creswell, burial Creswell OR, age 50, of Veneta OR, d. in Eugene, b. Creswell 1 Mar 1891, WWI vet, VFW, survived by 2 uncles, 2 aunts

OR death record: resident of Veneta, Lane OR. Died 7 May 1941 of perforated peptic ulcer with generalized peritonitis, also delirium tremens. Had lived 6 years in Eugene OR. Died in the Eugene Hospital. WWI veteran. SSN 540-18-8664. Born 1 Mar 1891 Creswell OR. Sawyer in saw mill. Informant: L.W. Renne, Disston OR.

Social Security number: 540-18-8664.

Censuses:

1880 Norman, Grundy IL

Franklin Renne, 40 NY, parents b. NY, carpenter

Rosana, 38 IL, father b. NY, mother b. IL, keeping house

Jerome, 16 IL

Solomon, 14 IL

Horace, 12 IL

Ellen J., 10 IL

Y. Almon, 8 IL

Fannie, 6 IL

1900 Saginaw, Lane OR

Ferdinand Renne, 63 NY, Mar 1837, parents b. NY, married 36 years, farmer
Rosana, 58 IL, Sep 1841, father b. VT, mother b. KY, gave birth to 7 children, 4 are living
Jerome B., 35 IL, Jan 1864, father b. NY, mother b. IL, farmer
Sherman J., 33 IL, Sep 1866, father b. NY, mother b. IL, farmer
Wyman A., 28 MO, Aug 1871, father b. NY, mother b. IL, farmer
& grandson Ralph Mosburg, 9 OR, Mar 1891, father b. NE, mother b. MO

1930 Veneta, Lane OR – 149 Eugene Elmira Rd.

Ralph W. Mosburg, 29 OR, single, father b. US, mother b. IL, sawyer, saw mill, WWI veteran
[head of household]