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b = born
d = died
F: = Find A Grave (www.findagrave.org)
NOK = next-of-kin

TUSCANIA

Magee, Frank Bertram
1886 WA – 1963 WA

WAS ON STEAMER TUSCANIA.

F. B. Magee.

A member of company F, Sixth battalion of the 20th engineers (forestry), F. B. Magee, W2103 Broadway, was on the Tuscania when it went down off the coast of Ireland recently, but escaped injury. He is believed to be either in France or still resting up in Ireland. Mr. Magee was formerly a bookkeeper in the city treasurer's office.

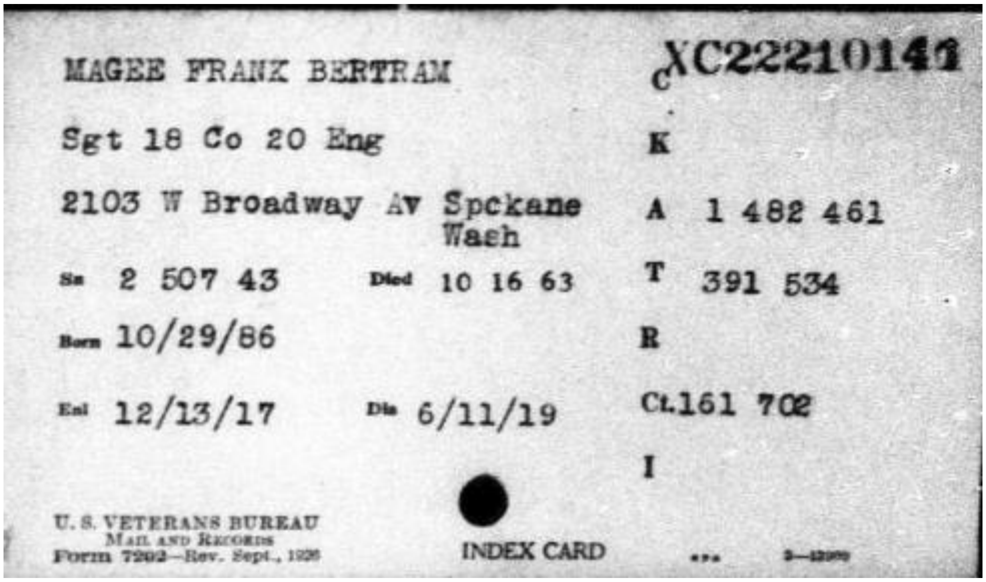
Frank Bertram Magee - “Spokane (WA) Spokesman-Review” Sunday 3 Mar 1918 p 8

Spokane Boys, Tuscania Survivors

Top row, left to right—J. M. Reed, W. R. Parks, George Upham, Steve Morin, J. B. Magee

Lower row, left to right—George Clink, Sergeant Thomas E. Lavin, Ira Smith, Thomas Touhey.

Frank Bertram Magee (identified as J.B. Magee) is in the back row, far right - "Spokane (WA) Spokesman-Review" Friday 19 Apr 1918 p 6 – https://www.newspapers.com/image/568524682/?terms=magee%20tuscania&match=1



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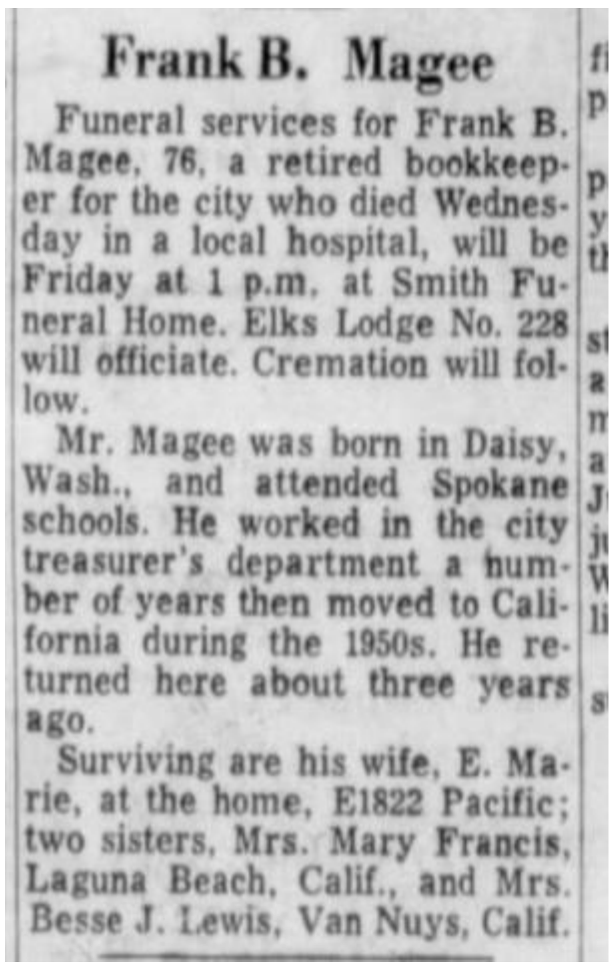

Frank B. Magee

Funeral services for Frank B. Magee, 76, a retired bookkeeper for the city who died Wednesday in a local hospital, will be Friday at 1 p.m. at Smith Funeral Home. Elks Lodge No. 228 will officiate. Cremation will follow.

Mr. Magee was born in Daisy, Wash., and attended Spokane schools. He worked in the city treasurer's department a number of years then moved to California during the 1950s. He returned here about three years ago.

Surviving are his wife, E. Marie, at the home, E1822 Pacific; two sisters, Mrs. Mary Francis, Laguna Beach, Calif., and Mrs. Besse J. Lewis, Van Nuys, Calif.

Obituary of Frank Bertram Magee – “Spokane (WA) Spokesman-Review” Thursday 17 Oct 1963 p 6

Frank (Burt(Magee

Services for Frank B. (Burt) Magee, 76, who died today in a hospital here, will be held at 1 p.m. Friday at Smith's, Elks Lodge 228 officiating. Cremation will follow.

Mr. Magee was born in Daisy, Wash., son of piioneers Sam and Etta Magee. He attended Spokane schools.

Employed in the city treasurer's office for many years, he retired just prior to World War II. He lived in California during the 1950s and returned here about three years ago.

Survivors include his wife, E. Marie, at the home, E1822 Pacific; two sisters in California, two nieces and a nephew.

Obituary of Frank Bertram Magee – "Spokane (WA) Chronicle" Wednesday 16 Oct 1963 p 5

MAGEE, Frank B. (Burt)—A resident of W1822 Pacific. Survived by his wife, E. Marie Magee, at the home; 2 sisters, Mrs. Mary Francis, Laguna Beach, Calif.; Mrs. Bessie J. Lewis, Van Nuys, Calif.; 2 nieces and 1 nephew. He was a member of Spokane Lodge No. 228, BPOE. Funeral services Fri., Oct. 18, at 1 p.m. from the SMITH FUNERAL HOME, W1124 RIVERSIDE AVE. Spokane Lodge No. 228, BPOE, officiating. Cremation will follow. Smith Funeral Home Crematorium.

Obituary of Frank Bertram Magee – "Spokane (WA) Chronicle" Thursday 17 Oct 1963 p 29

$2.19 Million Left

Ex-City Aide's Dealings in Market Build Fortune

A 76-year-old retired city bookkeeper, who bought low and sold high on the stock market through a lifetime, has left an estate appraised at $2.19 million, an inventory filed in Superior Court revealed today.

The bookkeeper was F. Bert Magee, who worked for many years in the city treasurer's office and was noted as a baseball player here in his younger days.

Magee, who died here Oct. 16, left most of the estate in trust for various heirs, with part of the income and all of the residue from the trust to go to the Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children in Spokane.

The separate-property estate includes $940,919 in stocks, $826,838 in municipal bonds, $316,086 in savings and loan association accounts and $79,984 in banks, according to papers filed by attorney R. E. Lowe of the law firm of Paine, Lowe, Coffin, Herman & O'Kelly.

Magee was a bachelor through most of his working years. He joined the city's auditor's office as a tax clerk in 1913, took a military leave of absence during World War I, and returned to work for the city in 1935.

He later moved to California, returning to Spokane with his wife three years ago. They lived at E1822 Pacific.

Not a Mason, Magee had lived for many years in the vicinity of the Shriners Hospital, Lowe said, and observed its operations.

Born at Daisy, Wash., he was the son of pioneers, Sam and Etta Magee. His father later became associated with Ideal Lumber Co. in Spokane.

During his early years in the treasurer's office, friends said, Magee became interested in a new type of adding machine which the city had purchased. He bought stock in the company which manufactured the machine and persuaded his father to buy some, too.

Stock Transferred

Lowe said the company later was acquired by International Business Machines Corp. and a stock transfer took place. When IBM's stock hit its all-time peak before the May 1962 slump, Lowe said, Magee sold his shares, realizing approximately $1 million.

Old-timers at City Hall today said that Magee had a deft hand at buying low and selling high, with as much success with penny mining stocks as with blue-chip issues.

Under terms of the will, Magee left all household articles and furnishings to his wife, E. Marie Magee.

The remainder of the estate is to go into the trust fund, to be administered by trustees appointed by the Shriners Hospital's board of governors.

Mrs. Magee will receive 15 per cent of the trust fund's income for the rest of her life. Also to receive 15 per cent each of the trust income during their lives are a nephew, Maximillian Magee Lewis of Juneau, Alaska; and two nieces, Charmain Jacquette Gross of North Hollywood, Calif., and Maridel Commagere of Laguna Beach, Calif.

The remaining 40 per cent of the trust income will be divided between six children of the nieces and nephew, the Spokane Elks Lodge Charity Fund and the hospital.

Trust fund income will be divided among the remaining heirs as each heir dies, but under the terms of the will, the income to be paid the grand-nieces and the Elks Charity Fund never shall exceed 12.5 per cent each. The Shriners Hospital will receive any excess of the income over that percentage.

Upon the death of all the heirs, the trust will be terminated and the hospital will receive the principal.

Frank Bertram Magee amasses a fortune – "Spokane (WA) Chronicle" 10 Dec 1963 p 1

DEC 20 1950

FRANK J. GLOVER
COUNTY AUDITOR

Marriage Certificate

No. 7271 B

STATE OF WASHINGTON, } ss.
COUNTY OF Spokane }

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, that the undersigned, a Justice of the Peace

by authority of a license bearing date the 7th day of Dec A. D. 1950

and issued by the County Auditor of the County of Spokane did, on the 20th day of Dec A. D. 1950, at Spokane (City or Town) in this county and state, join in

lawful wedlock Frank B Magee

of Spokane State of Washington

and E. Marie White

Spokane State of Washington

with their mutual assent, in the presence of the following witnesses:

1. Denny A. Walsh and
2. Neve L Walsh

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, witness the signatures of the parties to said ceremony, the witnesses and myself, this 20 day of Dec A. D. 1950

Groom Frank B Magee Spokane Wash (Address)

Bride E Marie White Spokane Wash- (Address)

Witness Denny A Walsh " " (Address)

Witness Neva L. Walsh " (Address)

Officiating Clergyman or Officer Gordon S Lower

MAIL THIS Certificate to FRANK J. GLOVER,

This Certificate must be filled out and filed with the County Auditor of the County wherein the license was issued, within 30 days after the ceremony. Failure to make and deliver Certificate to the County Auditor within 30 days is punishable by a fine of not less than $25.00 or more than

Marriage of Frank Bertram Magee to E. Marie White – 20 Dec 1950 Spokane, Spokane WA - https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2378/images/11055694_30a061d6-84e0-43ab-a31f-a0d1cbd04aff?treeid=77447336&personid=380022333459&hintid=&queryId=724a8f872e3f3b85e8049ab06d7d339c&usePUB=true&_phsrc=hFB29092&_phstart=successSource&usePUBJs=true&pId=1560563

In Re Estate of Magee

75 Wn.2d 826 (1969)

454 P.2d 402

In the Matter of the Estate of F. BERT MAGEE, Deceased. THE STATE OF WASHINGTON, Appellant, v. C.F. PATRICK et al., Respondents.[*]

No. 39891.

The Supreme Court of Washington, Department One.

April 24, 1969.

The Attorney General, Henry W. Wager and Timothy R. Malone, Assistants, for appellant.

Paine, Lowe, Coffin, Herman & O'Kelly, by R.E. Lowe and John R. Quinlan, for respondents.

OTT, J.[]

F. Bert Magee died testate October 16, 1963. His estate was probated in Spokane County. The inheritance tax division of the state tax commission on December 24, 1964, computed the tax to be in the sum of $318,221.89. January 12, 1965, the executors paid the tax. September 27, 1966, the tax commission notified the executors by letter that an additional inheritance tax in the sum of $52,708.17 was due. February 10, 1967, the tax commission caused to be filed in the estate proceedings its "Findings of Supervisor of Inheritance Tax Division Fixing Tax Due" alleging a balance as above indicated. March 7, 1967, the executors for the estate filed their "Objections to Inheritance Tax Findings" contending, inter alia, that "The method of computing the tax which results in a balance at issue of $52,708.17 is contrary to law." The cause was tried to the court on stipulated facts. On May 16, 1967, the court entered its findings of fact and conclusions of law. From a judgment denying the additional assessment and directing a refund of $5,916.39, the state has appealed.

The will of F. Bert Magee provided, inter alia, that certain personal effects be given to his wife, E. Marie Magee, and that "[a]ll the rest, residue and remainder of my estate I give, devise and bequeath to Trustees" to create a trust. *828 The trustees were directed to pay each year the net income of the trust as follows: 15 per cent to E. Marie Magee, a class A beneficiary under RCW 83.08.020; 75 per cent to several-named relatives, class C beneficiaries under RCW 83.08.040; and 10 per cent to two nontaxable charitable institutions. Upon termination of the trust, the remainder was directed to be paid to the Shriner's Hospital for Crippled Children in Spokane. RCW 83.16.020 provides the method by which the tax commission is governed in determining the present value of life estates and vested remainders for inheritance tax purposes. The value of Mrs. Magee's life interest in the trust was thus determined to be 3.93 per cent of the total residue; the value of the class C beneficiaries' interest to be 55.95 per cent; and the value of the remainder, left to charity, to be 40.12 per cent.

In this appeal there is no dispute over (1) the net value of the estate subject to tax, (2) the percentage of income to be paid to the class A and class C beneficiaries, or (3) the present percentage value of the life estates and vested remainder. The appeal involves only the proper method for computing the inheritance tax due in light of paragraph 6 of the will which provides:

If, by any law of the State or of the United States, any estate tax or inheritance tax becomes chargeable to any one or more of the above named distributees, or his or her legacy, then such tax shall be paid out of the residue of the estate, and not charged to the legatee.

(Italics ours.)

[1] This appeal involves a determination of whether the testator intended that the inheritance tax should be paid out of funds constituting the residue of his estate, which created the trust, or whether he intended the tax to be paid from funds constituting the remainder left to charity upon termination of the trust. When this determination is made, the question of the proper tax becomes a simple matter of computation. RCW 11.12.230 provides:

All courts and others concerned in the execution of last wills shall have due regard to the direction of the will, *829 and the true intent and meaning of the testator, in all matters brought before them.

We have said that the testator's intent, scheme or plan must be ascertained from the four corners of the will. Also, the specific provisions of the will must be construed in light of the entire document. In re Shaw's Estate, 69 Wn.2d 238, 417 P.2d 942 (1966); In re Tipp's Estate, 54 Wn.2d 585, 343 P.2d 566 (1959).

[2, 3] In his will F. Bert Magee directed that the taxable beneficiaries must receive their trust income free from tax and that the tax should be paid out of the residue of the estate. The residue of an estate is defined as that part remaining after the payment of specific legacies, taxes, debts, and costs of administration. Wachovia Bank & Trust Co. v. Grubb, 233 N.C. 22, 62 S.E.2d 719 (1950). The residue in the instant case consists of the assets used to establish the trust, the income of which was devised to named beneficiaries for life. Upon termination of the trust, the remaining corpus was devised to charity. The term "residue", as used in the will, is not limited to the remainder left to charity upon termination of the trust.

[4] This state is committed to the rule that where a will provides that a specific bequest must be tax free to the beneficiary and the tax imposed must be paid from the residue or other sources, the legacy is in fact increased by such a sum that when the tax is deducted the beneficiary will receive the amount of the specific legacy. In re Henry's Estate, 189 Wash. 510, 66 P.2d 350 (1937), and cases cited. In such case, the tax is computed on the basis of a combination of the specific legacy and an amount sufficient to pay the tax on that legacy. The necessary implication of the Henry case and the conclusion of the trial court in the instant case, is that a beneficiary bequeathed a specific percentage of an indeterminate annual income should recognize as an additional bequest only the amount of money paid as taxes that he does not bear himself. In the Henry case, the specific amount received by the beneficiaries was not affected by payment of tax from the residue. The percentage *830 legacies in the instant case, however, are directly affected by any diminution of the residue used to create the trust from which they receive their income. This analysis is predicated upon the intent of the testator as expressed by the language of the will.

[5] F. Bert Magee directed that the life income beneficiaries were to each receive a certain percentage of the yearly income from the trust. It would have been impossible for him to have predicted the exact amount each beneficiary would actually receive. Not only were there expenses and taxes to be deducted from the estate, but there could be no certainty regarding the earnings produced by the investments composing the residue of the estate, which was used to create the trust. The testator directed merely that the beneficiaries were not to pay taxes on the amount they actually received. This request did not preclude but rather required the indirect reduction of income to life beneficiaries due to payment of taxes from the fund creating the corpus of the trust.

> If taxes are paid from the residue as directed by the testator, it follows that the corpus of the trust, and correspondingly the income therefrom, will be diminished. The life beneficiaries, as recipients of a percentage of the income from the residue rather than a fixed amount, as in the Henry case, therefore bear the burden of part of the tax through reduced income. For example, because the value of the class C beneficiaries' estate is 55.95 per cent of the total residue, when the residue is reduced to pay taxes, the class C beneficiaries bear 55.95 per cent of that reduction. Applying the implication of the Henry case to the instant facts, the amount of the inheritance tax each beneficiary should have added to his legacy should reflect only the tax borne by someone else, and not an amount by which his income is reduced. Therefore, the class A and C beneficiaries, whose collective income reduction accounts for 59.88 per cent of the tax burden, should have added to their bequests only 40.12 per cent of the tax burden, which is the reduction in corpus representing the interest of the charitable remainder. *831 Pursuant to this rule, the trial court increased by $125,296.97 the legacies of the class A and C beneficiaries.
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> Appellant argues that the language of the will that taxes not be "chargeable to the legatees" requires that the life beneficiaries' interests be fixed once the total value of the estate is established and that the taxes be completely borne by the charitable remainder's interest in the trust corpus. To satisfy this requirement, the taxes must be paid from the corpus, and the amount of income lost by the life beneficiaries due to a reduced corpus must also be made up to them from the corpus. This analysis would require an invasion of the trust corpus not only to pay taxes but to pay money to life beneficiaries. The testator directed, however, that the life beneficiaries be paid only the net income from the trust, not the corpus. The testator's intent in this regard is specifically expressed in six separate instances in the will. The only payment from the corpus which the testator authorized, other than taxes and trustees' and executors' fees, was expressed in paragraph 5 of the will, where he directed the corpus to be paid to the Shriner's Hospital for Crippled Children upon termination of the trust.

Appellant further contends that the executors' calculations benefit the remainderman to the detriment of the life income beneficiaries, the natural objects of the testator's concern. The charitable remainder will be greater if it is not required to bear the entire burden of the tax, and the life income estates will be decreased due to a reduced corpus. But, in this case, the trust corpus may not be invaded to pay money to the life beneficiaries. It is obvious that the more money left in the trust, the more income the life beneficiaries will receive. Thus, even though the disputed $52,708.17, if left in the corpus, will ultimately benefit the remainder interest, it will also produce income for the life beneficiaries that they would not otherwise receive.

There is no disagreement that the value of the net taxable estate, that portion bequeathed to the class A and C beneficiaries, is $1,194,903.78. The trial court, in determining the intent of the testator and applying the rule of the *832 Henry case, to percentage bequests of income derived from the fund from which taxes are deducted, increased the life beneficiaries' bequests by $125,296.97, which was 40.12 per cent of the amount necessary to pay the taxes. The amount of the increase represented taxes paid on behalf of the life beneficiaries out of that portion of the trust corpus representing the remainder interest. This computation resulted in a total taxable estate of $1,320,200.75, on which the tax is undisputedly $312,305.50. The state's computation is based upon its theory that the entire burden of the tax should be borne by the charitable remainder interest in the corpus and that the income lost by the life beneficiaries should be restored to them from the corpus of the trust. Under appellant's theory, 100 per cent of the amount necessary to pay the tax, or $370,930.06, would be added to the net taxable estate. This computation would result in a total taxable estate of $1,565,833.06, on which the tax is undisputedly $370,930.06.

We hold that the express intention of the testator was that the tax should be paid out of the "residue of the estate", the same fund which created the trust, rather than exclusively out of the remainder left to charity upon termination of the trust. The formula urged by appellant is violative of this intention. Appellant's theory is also adverse to the holding in the Henry case, as it applies to bequests of a specific percentage of income produced by the same fund from which taxes must be paid.

Predicated upon the estate's computation, the trial court found the tax due to be in the sum of $312,305.50, which is $5,916.39 less than the tax computed and paid in 1964. In paragraph 17 of his will the testator provided that trustees' fees were to be charged one-half to the corpus of the trust and one-half to the income. This item was not included in the December 24, 1964 computation and this exclusion resulted in an overpayment in the sum of $5,916.39.

The judgment is affirmed.

FINLEY, WEAVER, and NEILL, JJ., concur.

ROSELLINI, J., concurs in the result.

NOTES

[*] Reported in 454 P.2d 402.

[] Judge Ott is serving as a judge pro tempore of the Supreme Court pursuant to Art. 4, § 2(a) (amendment 38), state constitution.

Case in the Washington (State) Supreme Court - https://law.justia.com/cases/washington/supreme-court/1969/39891-1.html

Father:

SAMUEL L. MAGEE.

Funeral services for Samuel L. Magee, 76, who died Monday at his home, 3234 East Broadway, will be held this morning at 10:30 o'clock at the B. W. Coon Chapel. Dr. Henry Kendall Booth of First Congregational Church will officiate.

He had been a resident of Long Beach for twenty-two years, coming here from Spokane, Wash., where he was for many years in the lumber business. He was a member of the Elks Lodge at Spokane.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Lorena E.; a son, F. B., and two daughters, Mrs. Mary L. Francis, of Long Beach, and Mrs. Bessie G. Lewis, Seattle, Wash., and three grandchildren.

Obituary of father Samuel Lightner Magee – "Long Beach (CA) Sun" Wednesday 11 Dec 1935 p 2

Mother:

MAGEE, Lorena E., beloved mother of Mary L. Francis, Bessie M. Lewis and Bert Magee; sister of Frank W. Miles and Mabel Nettleton, grandmother of Maridel Commagere, Charmain Gross and Max M. Lewis.

Private services Wednesday. Please omit flowers.

Forest Lawn Mortuary in charge.

Obituary of mother Lorena Miles Magee – “Los Angeles (CA) Times” Tuesday 7 Nov 1950 p 44

Siblings:

Sculptor's Wife Hears Brother Escapes Tuscania

Mrs. Alonzo Victor Lewis, wife of the Tacoma sculptor, today received a message from Washington notifying her that her brother, F. C. Magee, who enlisted at Spokane in the 20th engineers, had survived the Tuscania disaster.

Sister Bessie Juanita Magee Lewis – “Tacoma (WA) News Tribune” Thursday 14 Feb 1918 p 4

Alonzo Victor Lewis (1886-1946), Seattle,
ca. 1927

Sculptor Alonzo Victor Lewis, married to Frank's sister Bessie Magee -
https://www.historylink.org/file/20974

SPOKANE MAID WEDS AT BUTTE

Marriage of Mary Magee and Delbert Francis Occurred in Montana Town.

The wedding of Miss Mary Magee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel L. Magee, W2003 Broadway, and Delbert Francis took place Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at Butte, Mont.

The Rev. Mr. Wolfe read the ceremony at his residence. The young couple will make their home for the present in Butte, where Mr. Francis is in the real estate business. They expect to return to Spokane in the fall.

On Tuesday afternoon Mrs. Francis, nee Miss Magee, entertained her friends who had entertained for her at tea at Davenport's.

Marriage of sister Mary Magee to Delbert Montanye Francis – "Spokane (WA) Chronicle" Friday 22 May 1914 p 14

Wartime:

Two City Employes Go.

Two of the men under Commissioner Argall in the finance department enlisted yesterday. They were Thomas Lavin, a checker in the city auditor's office, and F. B. Magee, head bookkeeper in the city treasurer's office, both of whom were registered under the draft law. They joined the forestry division of the engineers for service in France.

"Spokane (WA) Spokesman-Review" Tuesday 11 Dec 1917 p 10

ANXIOUS RELATIVES VISIT THE NEWSPAPER OFFICES

To Get Details of War's Latest Tragedy —Three Long Beach Men Known to Be on Board

War's tragedy hovered over Long Beach today while relatives waited to learn whether their loved ones are numbered among the lost or saved of the troops who were aboard the United States transport Tuscania when it was sunk Tuesday by a German submarine.

One of the soldiers on the ill-fated ship was F. B. Magee, aged 32, the son of S. L. Magee, of 1718 Linden avenue. The young man was a member of the 20th Engineers Forestry division. He enlisted December 13, at Spokane, Wash., and was stationed there at Fort Wright, before being selected for overseas service.

"And he could have been an officer in the 41st division and perfectly safe," said the distressed father today. Magee declined the commission in another division because he wanted to be with friends in the service. The young man was employed in the city treasurer's office of Spokane at the time he enlisted.

Roy Shortridge, 26 years old, the son of Mrs. Mahla Shortridge, of 603 American avenue, and the nephew of M. E. Keipp, was a member of the 158th aero squadron, one of the units listed as being aboard the transport. He saw service in Company B, Seventh regiment, N.G.C., when it was at the Mexican border. He enlisted in San Francisco, was sent to San Antonio, Tex., and transferred to Garden City, N. Y.

Stanford W. Skelton age 21, the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Skelton, of the Broadway apartments, was on the Tuscania. He belonged to the sixth battalion, 20th engineers, enlisting from Geyser, Mont. He was in Long Beach a year ago.

Frank Denny, 27 years old, the brother of Police Detective E. V. Denny, enlisted in the engineering service from Wisconsin and may have been aboard the transport. His brother does not know the number of the division to which he belonged, but several Wisconsin units were aboard the Tuscania.

Mr. Denney recently received a letter in which his brother said he was about to leave for France and that no word should be expected from him for several weeks.

"Long Beach (CA) Telegram & Long Beach Daily News" Thursday 7 Feb 1918 p 5

Bert Magee, formerly bookkeeper in the city treasurer's office, enlisted in Company F, sixth battalion, 20th national engineers, September 5, 1917, in Spokane. He was stationed at the American university at Washington, D. C. His father, S. L. Magee, formerly manager of the Ideal Lumber company of Spokane, is at Longbeach Cal.

"Spokane (WA) Spokesman-Review" Friday 8 Feb 1918 p 1

Skinner and Magee on Ship.

COLVILLE, Wash., Feb. 8.—On board the Tuscania were the following Stevens county boys:

Robert L. Skinner, who owned a homestead near Threeforks. Mr. Skinner was a year ago grocery clerk in Barman's department store, and later in charge of the Draper stage line between Colville and Aladdin. The latter position he relinquished in November and December 2 at Washington, D. C., joined the 20th engineers. He was a member of company D fourth battalion. He is a cousin of John O'Neil of Threeforks.

Bert Magee, son of Samuel L. Magee, pioneer merchant of Daisy, was a member of company F, sixth battalion on board the liner.

"Spokane (WA) Spokesman-Review" Saturday 9 Feb 1918 p 2

Burt Magee, a former city hall employe, who was also a member of the Sixth battalion of the 20th engineers, is also among the list of survivors, according to information received from Washington by his sister, Mrs. D. M. Francis of the San Marco.

"Spokane (WA) Spokesman-Review" Monday 11 Feb 1918 p 2

MRS. LEWIS' BROTHER SAVED.

Word was received yesterday from Mrs. Alonzo Victor Lewis that her brother, F. C. Magee, who was a member of the 20th engineers on board the Tuscania, has been saved.

"Tacoma (WA) Daily Ledger" Friday 15 Feb 1918 p 3

"Bert Magee helped lower lifeboats for nearly two hours. I pulled seven men out of the water, one of whom afterward died. We stayed with the ship one hour and 55 minutes after she was torpedoed, but she was sinking slowly all the time.

"The Spokane men on the ship were Bert Magee, Ira Smith, Bazil Green, Fred Park, T. E. Lavin, Stephen Moris, George Upmahm and yours truly, and we were all rescued.

Letter home from Tuscania survivor George Clink – "Spokane (WA) Chronicle" Tuesday 5 Mar 1918 p 20

Magee Loses His Cigarettes.

Bert Magee, former Spokane City leaguer, who was on the ill-fated Tuscania when she was torpedoed, in a letter to Hugh Pace says that he lost 34 cartons (6800) Camel cigarettes in the disaster. He also lost his razor and other personal effects and nearly all his cash.

"I got into a blackjack game in Ireland, but after losing 10 shillings decided I had better quit before I was entirely busted," said Magee. "It felt queer to be on a ship that I knew was sinking after all the boats were gone. The English torpedo boats came along after a time, however, and took us off."

"Spokane (WA) Spokesman-Review" Wednesday 3 Apr 1918 p 14

Life:

* * *

F. B. MAGEE was this morning chosen as baseball coach of the Lewis and Clark high school, to fill the vacancy made by the resignation of Dan McCarter. He took up his new duties immediately, turning out with the squad at Natatorium park this afternoon. Magee is an old time City Leager, having played several years on the strongest teams in the city.

Repeated from the "Spokane Daily Chronicle" of 25 Apr 1913 – 60 years earlier – from the "Spokane (WA) Chronicle" Wednesday 25 Apr 1973 p 4

MAY TOPS KRAFT FORCE

REORGANIZATION OF TREASURER'S OFFICE UP TOMORROW.

Carpenters Remodel Quarters—City Purchasing Agent Under Commissioner.

An ordinance covering the reorganization of the city treasurer's office as outlined by Commissioner of Finance A. A. Kraft was prepared yesterday afternoon by the city legal department and will be submitted to the council tomorrow.

The salary of Fred May as bookkeeper and assistant treasurer is placed at $150 per month, but is not to become effective until March 15. The pay of H. F. Tabb, former treasurer, now cashier, is to be $125 per month, but this reduction from the present salary of $150 for the cashier is not to take effect until after April 1. The position of assistant bookkeeper, at $105, is created, and F. B. Magee has been assigned to this post. One employe will be dropped and while no choice has been made yesterday as to who would leave the belief was expressed that William Langbehn, the last man employed, will retire.

"Spokane (WA) Spokesman-Review" Sunday 7 Mar 1915 p 7

MAY TO RESIGN DUTY WITH CITY; OTHER CHANGES

Argall Releases Kraft Employes and Gives Jobs Back to Men Dismissed.

Commissioner of Finance Argall today announced the following important changes in the treasury, auditing and purchasing divisions of his department:

Fred May, assistant city treasurer under the regime of ex-Commissioner Kraft, will resign from the employ of the city either on February 1 or February 15. He is now a bookkeeper in the treasurer's division.

F. B. Magee, now a clerk in the treasurer's division, will be given the position made vacant by the resignation of May.

"Spokane (WA) Chronicle Tuesday 4 Jun 1916 p 1

Name: Frank Bertram Magee
Name variations: Bert / Burt
<u>Military:</u>
On Tuscania: 20th Eng. 18th/Co. F - private
Serial number: 250,743
Entered service from: Long Beach, Los Angeles CA
Sailed on "Tuscania" as: Frank Magee
Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": father Samuel Magee, [handwritten: 1718 Lindon Ave.] Long Beach CA
Returned from war on: "Santa Paula" May 1909
Sailed on return ship as: Frank B. Magee

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: mother Mrs. Lorena E. Magee, 1718 Linden Ave., Long Beach CA (sgt, 18th Co., 20th Engrs, Forestry)
World War I draft registration (1917): as Frank Bertram Magee - b. 29 Oct 1886 Daisy WA; res: 2103 W. Broadway, Spokane WA. Single. Deputy city treasurer, city of Spokane WA. Tall height, medium build.
World War II draft registration (1942): as Frank Bertram Magee - b. 29 Oct 1886 Daisy WA: res: c/o Elks Club, Spokane WA. NOK Mrs. Lorena E. Magee, 15023 Encanta Dr., Sherman Oaks CA [mother]. Not employed. Height: 5'8 ¾" – 150 lbs.

Veterans Administration Military Index:
Enlisted: 13 Dec 1917
Discharged:11 Jun 1919
Address: 2103 Broadway Ave., Spokane WA
Rank/unit: sergeant, 18th Co., 20th Engineers

<u>Birth & death:</u>
Born: 29 Oct 1886 Daisy, Stevens WA
Died: 16 Oct 1963 Spokane, Spokane WA
Find A Grave record: body was cremated
Burial location:
Cemetery:
Tombstone:

Father: Samuel Lightner Magee, 4 Feb 1859 Liberty, Mercer PA – 9 Dec 1935 Long Beach, Los Angeles CA. Son of George Washington Magee & Mary Ann Lightner. Buried in Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Glendale, Los Angeles CA.
Find A Grave: 137995759

Mother: Lorena Etta Miles Magee, 28 Apr 1866 Litchfield, Montgomery IL – 4 Nov 1950 Sherman Oaks, Los Angeles CA. Daughter of Francis Marion Miles & Mary Serene Clinton. Buried in Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Glendale, Los Angeles CA.
Find A Grave: 85457469
Parents' marriage: 15 Feb 1884 Stevens Co. WA [also found as 15 Feb 1883]

Spouse: E. Marie unmarried name? married to a White? Magee. Is she the Marie Magee, b. ca. 1895, died 3 Aug 1976 Spokane, Spokane WA?
Spouse Find A Grave:
Marriage: 20 Dec 1950 Spokane, Spokane WA. An online family tree claims E. Marie's maiden surname was White. However, in the 1950 Spokane WA city directory, Mrs. E. Marie White, department manager, The Crescent, resides at S173 Adams, Apt. 310, Spokane WA.

Children:

Siblings:

- Bessie Juanita Magee Lewis, 16 Apr 1885 Daisy, Stevens WA – 2 Nov 1973 Los Angeles Co. CA. Wife of sculptor Alonzo Victor Lewis (1886 UT – 1946 WA), son of Marion Alonzo Lewis &

Lena Caroline Phister, who is buried in Lake View Cemetery, Seattle, King WA). Bessie is buried in Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Glendale, Los Angeles CA. F: 137994750

- Mary Loraine Magee Francis, 25 Aug 1891 Daisy, Stevens WA – 9 Sep 1982 Laguna Beach, Orange CA. Wife of Delbert Montanye Francis (1894-1956) whom she married 20 May 1914 in Silver Bow Co. MT at age 22. Buried in Pacific View Memorial Park, Corona del Mar, Orange CA. F: 51003679
- ? – An Ancestry.com family tree claims there was a son named Raymond P. Magee, born ca. 1892 WA. Frank's mother says she gave birth to 4 children, with 3 now living (Bessie, Frank, Mary) but says she gave birth to 3 children, with 3 living, in the 1910 census
- ? – An online tree claims a daughter named Edna Dossie Magee. Her birthdate has been found as 15 Dec 1893 in Stevens Co. WA. But she is not listed in the 1900 or 1910 censuses with the family.

Notes:
https://www.geni.com/people/Frank-Magee/6000000076781231773

Family tree at: https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/77447336/person/380022333459/facts?_phsrc=hFB29088&_phstart=successSource

Pre-war:

Apparently played baseball pre-war. "Spokane (WA) Spokesman-Review" Sunday 3 Nov 1912 p 30 – the reserve lists of the Northwestern Leagues includes F.B. Magee playing for Vancouver, B.C., Canada.

Wartime:

"Spokane (WA) Semi-Weekly Spokesman-Review" 8 Feb 1918 p 1 - bookkeeper in city treasurer's office, enlisted 5 Sep 1917 Spokane, sent to American University in DC. His father is S.L. Magee in Long Beach, former manager of the Ideal Lumber Co. of Spokane

"Long Beach (CA) Press" Friday 8 Feb 1918 p 1 – aboard Tuscania: Frank Bert Magee, private, son of Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Magee, 1718 Linden Ave.

"Colville (WA) Examiner" 9 Feb 1918 p 6 - Bert Magee, son of Samuel L. Magee "the pioneer merchant of Daisy"

"Spokane (WA) Semi-Weekly Spokesman-Review 11 Feb 1918 p 2 - former City Hall employee, his sister is Mrs. D.M. Francis "of the San Marco" – Frank is safe

"Long Beach (CA) Press-Telegram" Wednesday 13 Feb 1918 p 2 – F.B. Magee of Long Beach CA was aboard Tuscania & is safe.

Post-war:

"Spokane (WA) Spokesman-Review" Friday 22 Apr 1932 p 17 – F.B. Magee serves on the handicap committee of the Pullman Gun Club. [Other articles mention him trapshooting.]

Obituary:

https://law.justia.com/cases/washington/supreme-court/1969/39891-1.html

Social Security number: 535-44-8382

Censuses:

1887 WA state census – Stevens Co.
S.L. Magee, 28 PA, farmer
L.E., 21 IL [female]
B.J., 2 WT [Washington Territory] [female]
F.B., 1 WT [Washington Territory] [male]

1900 Daisy, Stevens WA
Samuel Magee, 46 PA, Feb 1859, parents b. PA, married 16 years, farmer
Marena E., 34 IL, Apr 1866, father b. KY, mother b. IN, gave birth to 4 children, 3 are living
Bessie, 15 WA, Apr 1885, at school
Birt, 3 WA, Oct 1886, at school
Mary, 8 WA, Aug 1891, at school
& servant Patrick Twohy [indexed as Twahy], 46 Ireland, divorced, emigrated 1873, in US for 27 years, naturalized, day laborer

1910 Spokane, Spokane WA – Broadway
Sam'l L. Mc Gee, 51 PA, parents b. US, in 1st marriage, married 26 years, manager, lumber mill
Lorena, 44 IL, father b. KY, mother b. IN, in 1st marriage, married 27 years, gave birth to 3 children, 3 are living
Bessie, 25 WA
Frank B., 23 WA, bookkeeper, lumber company
Mary L., 18 WA
& housekeeper, private family: Dora F. Dotz, 34 IA

1920 Spokane, Spokane WA – 1308 N. Sherwood St. – conducted 3 Jan 1920
Delbert M. Francis, 26 MT, parents b. PA, proprietor, motor accessories
Mary L. Francis, 28 WA, father b. PA, mother b. IL [wife]
Maridell Francis, 2 years 10 months WA, father b. MT, mother b. WA [daughter]
Frank B. Magee, 32 WA, father b. PA, mother b. IL, bookkeeper, city treasurer [brother-in-law]

1940 Los Angeles, Los Angeles CA – Encanta (Eur Costa?) Drive – in 1935 in Long Beach CA
Lorena E. Magee, 74 IL, widow [head of household]
Mary Francis, 48 WA [daughter]
Delbert Francis, 46 MT, retired owner, apartment houses
Maridel Francis, 23 WA, private secretary, radio station
Frank B. Magee, 52 WA, single, retired, accounting [son]