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Please return to Tuscania1918.org in the future to see if a revised and
finalized version is available.

Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

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

NOK = next-of-kin

TUSCANIA

Nelson, Joseph Thompson 1892 PA – 1950 ID



Obituary of Joseph Thompson Nelson – “Spokane (WA) Spokesman-Review” Wednesday 4 Oct 1950 p 4

Born: Pa

ORIGINAL

CHECK TYPE REQUIRED (See Instructions attached)		APPLICATION FOR HEADSTONE OR MARKER (Please make out and return in duplicate)		
☐ UPRIGHT MARBLE HEADSTONE	ENLISTMENT DATE Dec 12, 1917	SERIAL No. 250 371	EMBLEM (Check one)	
☒ FLAT MARBLE MARKER	DISCHARGE DATE June 10, 1919	PENSION No. XC-1 402 898	☒ CHRISTIAN	
☐ FLAT GRANITE MARKER			☐ HEBREW	
☐ BRONZE MARKER			☐ NONE	
NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) NELSON, Joseph T.		STATE Idaho	RANK PFC	COMPANY 16th Company
		U. S. REGIMENT, STATE ORGANIZATION, AND DIVISION 20th Engineers		
DATE OF BIRTH (Month, Day, Year) February 5, 1892	DATE OF DEATH (Month, Day, Year) October 1, 1950			
NAME OF CEMETERY Forest Cemetery		LOCATION (City and State) Coeur d'Alene, Idaho		
SHIP TO (I CERTIFY THE APPLICANT FOR THIS STONE HAS MADE ARRANGEMENTS WITH ME TO TRANSPORT THE STONE FROM THE FREIGHT STATION TO THE CEMETERY) <i>James W. Nelson</i> (SIGNATURE OF CONSIGNEE)		NEAREST FREIGHT STATION (City and State) Coeur d'Alene, Idaho		
		POST OFFICE ADDRESS OF CONSIGNEE 911 "A" St. Coeur d'Alene, Idaho		
DO NOT WRITE HERE		I certify this application is submitted for a stone for the unmarked grave of a veteran. I hereby agree to assume all responsibility for the removal of the stone promptly upon arrival at destination, and properly place it at the decedent's grave at my expense.		
FOR VERIFICATION DEC 20 1950	<i>James W. Nelson</i> APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE		12/8/50 DATE OF APPLICATION	
ORDERED Columbus, Miss. 25 JAN 1951	ADDRESS (Street, City, State) 911 "A" St., Coeur d'Alene, Idaho			
B/L 6353721				
SHIPPED				

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Veterans Hospital	
Men Who Come And Go	
Admissions—Floyd L. Warner, Kellogg; Willard J. Freeman, Nampa; Clyde A. Sampson, Buhl; James T. Mitchell, Horseshoe Bend; Theodore A. Swanson, Pocatello; John R. Hayward, Idaho Falls.	
Discharges—Edgar L. Twitchell, Boise; Jeonard W. Jones, Nyssa; Willard Griffith, Calder; Joseph T. Nelson, Coeur d'Alene.	

“Idaho Daily Statesman” (Boise ID) Saturday 23 May 1931 p 5

POLICE COURT

Jess Black, 802 Broadway, was fined \$100 and sentenced to seven days in jail for drunken driving.

Fined \$15 each for being drunk were Joseph T. Nelson and A. W. Fisk, addresses not given.

Cornelius Grace, 1023 Washington street, was fined \$35 for being drunk.

"Idaho Statesman" (Boise ID) Friday 29 Sep 1950 p 7 – if this is the correct Joseph T. Nelson, he died 1 Oct 1950

NELSON JOSEPH THOMPSON		10-16-50	1 402 898
Pvt	1st 16 Co 20 Eng	K	
911 A St Coeur d'Alene Idaho		A	1 758 710
Ssn	250 371	Med 10-1-50	T 537 193
Born	2/5/92	Boise	R
Enl	12/12/17	Dte 6/10/19	Cl. 536 021
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U. S. VETERANS BUREAU
MAIL AND RECORDS
Form 7202-Rev. Sept., 1936

INDEX CARD

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Certificate of Death
DIVISION OF STATE HEALTH DEPARTMENT STATE OF IDAHO

State File No. 3202
Local Reg. No. 2292
Reg. Dist. No. 120

1. PLACE OF DEATH
a. COUNTY Kootenai
b. CITY OR TOWN Coeur d'Alene c. LENGTH OF STAY (If this place) 1 day
d. FULL NAME OF HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION 518 1st St

2. USUAL RESIDENCE (Where deceased lived. If institution: residence before admission).
a. STATE Idaho b. COUNTY Kootenai
c. CITY OR TOWN COEUR D'ALENE Upper Twin
d. STREET ADDRESS (If rural, give location) Rathdrum R.D. Lakes

3. NAME OF DECEASED
a. (First) Joseph b. (Middle) T. Nelson c. (Last) _____
4. DATE OF DEATH (Month) (Day) (Year) Oct 1 1950

5. SEX M 6. COLOR OR RACE W. 7. MARRIED, NEVER MARRIED, WIDOWED, DIVORCED (Specify) Divorced 8. DATE OF BIRTH Feb 5 1892 9. AGE (In years last birthday) 58 IF UNDER 1 YEAR: Months _____ Days _____ IF UNDER 1 WEEK: Hours _____ Minutes _____

10a. USUAL OCCUPATION (Give kind of work done during most of working life, even if retired) Lumberman 10b. KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY Woods 11. BIRTHPLACE (State or foreign country) Penn. 12. CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY? _____

13. FATHER'S NAME George Nelson BIRTHPLACE Penn 14. MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME Ann Thompson BIRTHPLACE Penn

15. WAS DECEASED EVER IN U.S. ARMED FORCES? (Yes, no, or unknown) Yes (If yes, give war or dates of service) W.W.I. 16. SOCIAL SECURITY NO. 518-05-5217 17. INFORMANT'S OWN SIGNATURE John Nelson ADDRESS _____

18. CAUSE OF DEATH
Enter only one cause per line for (a), (b), and (c)
*This does not mean the mode of dying, such as heart failure, asphyxia, etc. It means the disease, injury, or complication which caused death.

1. DISEASE OR CONDITION DIRECTLY LEADING TO DEATH* (a) Probable Coronary occlusion
2. ANTECEDENT CAUSES
If for conditions, if any, giving rise to the above cause (a) stating the underlying cause lost. DUE TO (b) _____ DUE TO (c) _____

II. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS
Conditions contributing to the death but not related to the disease or condition causing death.

19a. DATE OF OPERATION _____ 19b. MAJOR FINDINGS OF OPERATION _____ 20. AUTOPSY? YES ☐ NO ☒

21a. ACCIDENT SUICIDE HOMICIDE (Specify) _____ 21b. PLACE OF INJURY (e.g., in or about home, farm, factory, street, office bldg., etc.) _____ 21c. (CITY, TOWN, OR TOWNSHIP) (COUNTY) (STATE) _____

21d. TIME OF INJURY (Month) (Day) (Year) (Hour) (Minute) _____ 21e. INJURY OCCURRED WHILE AT WORK ☐ NOT WHILE AT WORK ☐ 21f. HOW DID INJURY OCCUR? _____

22. I hereby certify that I attended the deceased from Sept 19, 1950, to _____, 19____, that I last saw the deceased alive on _____, 19____, and that death occurred at _____ m., from the causes and on the date stated above.

23a. SIGNATURE (Degree or title) William T. Wood, M.D., Coroner. 23b. ADDRESS Coeur d'Alene, Idaho 23c. DATE SIGNED 10-3-'50

24a. BURIAL, CREMATION, REMOVAL (Specify) Burial 24b. DATE Oct 5 1950 24c. NAME OF CEMETERY OR CREMATORY Forest 24d. LOCATION (City, town, or county) (State) _____

DATE REC'D BY LOCAL REG. 10/5/50 REGISTRAR'S SIGNATURE Ann C. Harrington 25. FUNERAL DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE James G. ... ADDRESS _____

Federal Security Agency
United States Public Health Service
Form DPH-48021

ID death certificate – Joseph Thompson Nelson

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Wife:

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MARRIAGE LICENSE

STATE OF IDAHO, }
County of Kootenai. } ss. KNOW ALL MEN BY THIS CERTIFICATE

That any regularly ordained minister of the Gospel, authorized by the rites and usages of the church or denomination of Christians, Hebrews, or religious body of which he may be a member, or any Judge or Justice of the Peace or competent officer to whom this may come, he not knowing of any lawful impediment thereto, is hereby authorized and empowered to solemnize the rites of matrimony between

Joseph T. Nelson
of Coeur d'Alene of the County of Kootenai, State of Idaho
and
Ruth A. Fountain
of Coeur d'Alene of the County of Kootenai, State of Idaho
and to certify the same to said parties, or either of them, under his hand and seal, in his ministerial or official capacity, and thereupon he is required to return his certificate in form following as hereto annexed.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said County at Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, this Seventh day of July, A. D. 1924.

G. O. Sowder
County Recorder.

By Carrie Nelson
Deputy Recorder.



MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE

I, Robt. J. Hunter, Minister
residing at Coeur d'Alene in the County of Kootenai, in the State of Idaho, do
certify that, in accordance with the authority on me conferred by the above license, I did on this 7th
day of July in the year A. D. 1924, at Coeur d'Alene
in the County of Kootenai, in the State of Idaho, solemnize the rites of matrimony between
Joseph T. Nelson of Coeur d'Alene, in the County of Kootenai
of the State of Idaho, and Ruth A. Fountain
of Coeur d'Alene, in the County of Kootenai, of the State of Idaho
in the presence of Mrs. Gladys Dryden Nelson
and John Clinton Nelson.

WITNESS my hand and seal in the County aforesaid, this 7th day of July, A. D. 1924.

In the presence of

Mrs. Gladys Dryden Nelson
John Clinton Nelson

Robt. J. Hunter (SEAL)
Presbyterian Minister.
(Sign this in official Capacity)

This License and Certificate, duly executed by the minister or officer who shall have solemnized the marriage authorized, shall be returned by him to the office of the Recorder who issued the same, within thirty days from the date of solemnizing the marriage therein authorized, under penalty provided by law.

Filed for Record at the request of E. J. Hunter
on the 8 day of July 1924, at 11:15 o'clock A. M., and recorded in Book
18, of marriages on page 445.

By Carrie Nelson Deputy. C. O. Sowder
County Recorder.

Marriage record – Ruth Fountain & William Thompson Nelson -

https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/61480/images/48574_b415141-00444?treeid=&personid=&hintid=&usePUB=true&usePUBJs=true&pld=90127924

V83 303 MONTANA CERTIFICATE OF DEATH ORIGINAL FOR STATE REGISTRAR 70 4592

TYPE, OR PRINT IN PERMANENT INK SEE HANDBOOK FOR INSTRUCTIONS

DECEASED—NAME FIRST MIDDLE LAST SEX DATE OF DEATH (MONTH, DAY, YEAR)

1 WILLIAM JOHN BROPHY 2 Male 3 Sept. 17, 1970

RACE WHITE, NEGRO, AMERICAN INDIAN, ETC. (SPECIFY) 4 AGE—LAST BIRTHDAY (YEARS) 5a 5b UNDER 1 YEAR UNDER 1 DAY UNDER 1 HOUR UNDER 1 MIN. DATE OF BIRTH (MONTH, DAY, YEAR) 6 2-20-1899 COUNTY OF DEATH 7a Lewis & Clark

CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION OF DEATH 7b Helena 7c Yes 7d St. John's Hospital

STATE OF BIRTH (IF NOT IN U.S.A., NAME COUNTRY) 8 Idaho 9 USA 10 Married 11 Ruth Fountain

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER 12 516-20-3145 13a Miner 13b Mining

RESIDENCE—STATE COUNTY CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION INSIDE CITY LIMITS (SPECIFY YES OR NO) STREET AND NUMBER

14a Montana 14b Lewis & Clark 14c Marysville 14d yes 14e none

FATHER—NAME FIRST MIDDLE LAST MOTHER—MAIDEN NAME FIRST MIDDLE LAST

15 Thomas Brophy 16 Fanny Gill

INFORMANT—NAME MARRIAGE ADDRESS (STREET OR R.F.D. NO., CITY OR TOWN, STATE, ZIP)

17a Ruth Brophy 17b Marysville, Montana 59640

PART I DEATH WAS CAUSED BY: (ENTER ONLY ONE CAUSE PER LINE FOR (a), (b), AND (c)) APPROXIMATE INTERVAL BETWEEN ONSET AND DEATH

18 IMMEDIATE CAUSE (a) Brain tumor Brain tumor 1m

CONDITIONS, IF ANY, WHICH GAVE RISE TO IMMEDIATE CAUSE (b) DUE TO, OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF (c)

PART II OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS. CONDITIONS CONTRIBUTING TO DEATH BUT NOT RELATED TO CAUSE GIVEN IN PART I (c) AUTOPSY (YES OR NO) IF YES, WERE FINDINGS CONSIDERED IN DETERMINING CAUSE OF DEATH

19a Constrictive pericarditis Constrictive pericarditis 19b Yes 19c Yes

ACCIDENT, SUICIDE, HOMICIDE, OR UNDETERMINED (SPECIFY) DATE OF INJURY (MONTH, DAY, YEAR) HOUR HOW INJURY OCCURRED (ENTER NATURE OF INJURY IN PART I OR PART II, ITEM 18)

20a INJURY AT WORK 20b PLACE OF INJURY AT HOME, FARM, STREET, FACTORY, OFFICE BLDG., ETC. (SPECIFY) 20c LOCATION (STREET OR R.F.D. NO., CITY OR TOWN, STATE)

20d

CERTIFICATION—PHYSICIAN: 21a MONTH DAY YEAR TO 21b MONTH DAY YEAR 21c MONTH DAY YEAR 21d MONTH DAY YEAR 21e MONTH DAY YEAR 21f MONTH DAY YEAR

21a 8-17-70 21b 9-17-70 21c 9-17-70 21d 9-17-70 21e 9-17-70 21f 9-17-70

CERTIFICATION—CORONER: ON THE BASIS OF THE EXAMINATION OF THE BODY AND/OR THE INVESTIGATION, IN MY OPINION, DEATH OCCURRED ON THE DATE AND DUE TO THE CAUSE(S) STATED.

22a CERTIFIER—NAME (TYPE OR PRINT) 22b SIGNATURE 22c SIGNATURE 22d SIGNATURE 22e SIGNATURE 22f SIGNATURE

22a F. D. Weggelsworth, M.D. 22b 22c 22d 22e 22f

MAILING ADDRESS—CERTIFIER 23a STREET OR R.F.D. NO. 23b CITY OR TOWN 23c STATE 23d ZIP

23a 307 N. Jackson 23b Helena 23c Montana 23d 59601

BURIAL, CREMATION, REMOVAL (SPECIFY) 24a 24b CEMETERY OR CREMATORY—NAME 24c LOCATION CITY OR TOWN STATE

24a Burial 24b Resurrection Cemetery 24c Helena Montana

DATE (MONTH, DAY, YEAR) 25a 25b MORTUARY—NAME AND ADDRESS (STREET OR R.F.D. NO., CITY OR TOWN, STATE, ZIP) 25c 25d 25e

25a Sept. 19, 1970 25b Retz Funeral Home; 315 E. 6th Ave; Helena, Mont. 59601 25c 25d 25e

FUNERAL DIRECTOR OR MINISTRIAN—SIGNATURE 26a 26b LOCAL REGISTRAR—SIGNATURE 26c DATE RECEIVED BY LOCAL REGISTRAR

26a 26b 26c September 18, 1970

DECEASED 2511

PARENTS 1322

CAUSE 191X

CERTIFIER 16-17-70

BURIAL 16-17-70

Death of William John Brophy - <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/1101796:5437>

William Brophy Dies at Age 71

William John Brophy, 71 of Marysville, died this morning at St. John's Catholic Hospital.

Rosary will be recited at 7 p.m. Friday at Retz Funeral Chapel with funeral services at 9 a.m. Saturday at St. Helena Cathedral. Burial will be in Resurrection Cemetery.

Brophy was born Feb. 20, 1899 in Rathdrum, Idaho and had been a resident of Marysville since 1933 where he was employed in the mines.

Survivors include his widow, Ruth of Marysville, two daughters, Mrs. Don (Joyanne) Cowar of San Francisco, Mrs. Russell (Margaret) Prout of Helena, a step-daughter, Mrs. Jack (Mary) Gray of Kalispell, two sons, William John Jr. of Marysville, Wash, and Pat in Vietnam, four sisters, Mrs. Ernie (Kathern) Hurrell of Couer-d'Alene, Idaho, Mrs. Joe Schaller of Spokane, Mrs. Carl (Mary) Schubert of Pinehurst, Idaho, Mrs. Charlie Feely of Couer-d'Alene, and numerous grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be Matt Bieri, Clarence Beaver, Edmond Moore, Ellis Nebel, Ray Taylor and Robert E. O'Connell Sr.

Obituary of William John Brophy – "Helena (MT) Independent-Record" Thursday 17 Sep 1970 p 6

Children:

STATE OF WASHINGTON, }
County of _____ } ss. **Marriage Certificate** ⁹⁹⁸ Series A

THIS CERTIFIES, that the undersigned _____ Clergyman
by authority of a License bearing date the 14th day of January A. D. 19 47
and issued by the County Auditor of the County of King did, on the 31st day of January
A. D. 19 47, at the Manse 1627 W. 9th, Spokane
County and State aforesaid, join in Lawful Wedlock Loren G. Nietert
of the County of King and Shirley Jo Nelson
of the County of King with their mutual assent, in the presence of
Mrs. Helen Doyle and Frank L. Doyle witnesses.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, witness the signatures of the parties to said ceremony, the witnesses and myself,
this 31st day of January A. D. 19 47

Witness:	Parties:	Officiating Clergyman or Officer:
Mrs. Helen Doyle	Loren G. Nietert	Paul Calhoun
Frank L. Doyle	Shirley Jo Nelson ^{MALE}	Pastor 1st Presbyterian Church
	^{FEMALE}	Spokane
		P. O. ADDRESS _____ WASHINGTON.

Filed FEB 17 19 47
ROBT. A. WILSON, Clerk, Spokane County

STATE OF WASHINGTON, }
County of King } ss.

I, ROBT. A. WILSON
NORMAN R. RIDDELL, County Clerk of King County, and ex-officio
Clerk of the Superior Court of the State of Washington, for the County of King,
do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing copy with the original
marriage certificate of Loren G. Nietert and
Shirley Jo Nelson as the same appear on file
and of record in my office in Spokane,
~~XXXXXX~~ Spokane, Washington, and that the same is a true
and perfect transcript of said original and of the whole thereof.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed
the Seal of said Superior Court at my office at Spokane this 17th
day of February, 194 7

ROBT. A. WILSON

~~NORMAN R. RIDDELL~~ Clerk

By Edith A. Kingsland
Deputy Clerk.

Marriage of daughter Shirley Josephine Nelson to Loren G. Nietert on 31 Jan 1947 -

https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2378/images/84533018_e56c197f-580e-466b-bb68-7222f8c0eb0f?pId=867007

UTAH

Sunset woman dies after crash on I-15

By Deseret News | June 25, 2001 12:57 p.m. MDT



SHARE

OGDEN — A woman died in a crash after the car she was riding in swerved to avoid a traffic slowdown on I-15 Friday.

Killed was:

Shirley J. Nietert, 76, Sunset.

Loren Nietert, 77, was driving the couple's car southbound on the freeway when he veered into the median to avoid a sudden traffic jam, according to a Utah Highway Patrol press release.

Niertert's Cadillac then swerved back onto the freeway striking a semitrailer truck before coming to rest in the median. Shirley Nietert died at a local hospital, the release stated.

<https://www.deseret.com/2001/6/25/19593137/sunset-woman-dies-after-crash-on-i-15>

FATAL CRASH

A freeway accident in Weber County on Friday took the life of a 76-year-old Sunset woman.

Shirley J. Nietert died in the 4:25 p.m. accident on southbound Interstate 15, in which a car driven by her husband collided with a semi, a Utah Highway Patrol report said. The car, a 1976 Cadillac DeVille, approached a traffic slowdown and swerved to avoid hitting another vehicle, careening into the truck, the UHP reported. Nietert later died of internal injuries at the hospital, according to the report.

Daughter Shirley Josephine Nelson Nietert – “Salt Lake Tribune” (Salt Lake City UT) Sunday 24 Jun 2001 p 26

Jean Hollister, age 82, of Hidden Cove Court, Gainesville passed away Thursday, July 8, 2010, at her residence following an extended illness.

Mrs. Hollister was born on Aug. 19, 1927, to the late Joseph and Ruth Nelson in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Jean was of the Christian faith. Mrs. Hollister is preceded in death by her husband, Hal Hollister; and daughter, Jane Hollister.

Mrs. Hollister is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Alice and William Vermeer; daughter and son-in-law, Mary and Stephen Wareham; granddaughter, Madison Hollister-Cooke; brother, Jim Nelson; sister, Mary Gray; niece, Wanda Corke; nephews, Ross Nietert, Buzz Nietert, Scott Nelson, Matt Nelson, Tom Gray and Jim Gray; grand-dog, Lucy Wareham; and beloved cat, Cali Wareham.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Adopt-A-Platoon at www.adoptaplatoon.org.

Memorial Park Funeral Home, North-Riverside Chapel, 989 Riverside Drive, Gainesville, GA 30501 is in charge of arrangements.

Obituary of daughter Jean Nelson Hollister (1927-2010) -
<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/gainesvilletimes/name/jean-hollister-obituary?id=10218570>

Ruth Brophy

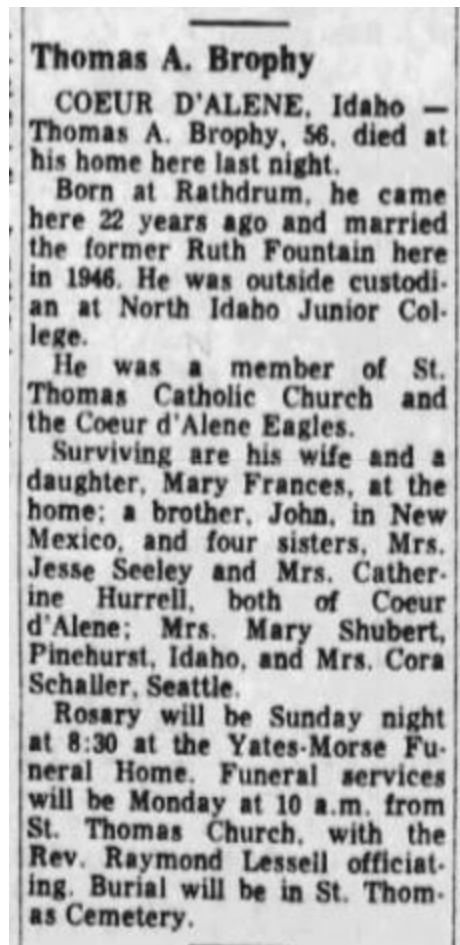
Service for Ruth Alberta Brophy will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Yates Funeral Home in Coeur d'Alene.

Mrs. Brophy, 88, died Monday. She was born in Becker, Minn., and moved with her family to Garwood, Idaho, where she attended school. She moved to Coeur d'Alene in 1921 and worked as a housekeeper and nurses' aide.

Mrs. Brophy was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary for over 60 years and a member of the Grandmother's Club.

Survivors include her son, Jim Nelson of Sun City, Calif.; three daughters, Shirley Nietert of Sunset, Utah, Jean Hollister of Bethesda, Md., and Mary Gray of Coeur d'Alene; three sisters, Lucy Beighle of Garwood, Idaho, Jessie Hill of Coeur d'Alene, and Helen Doyle of Pierre, Calif.; 10 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Obituary of wife Ruth Alberta Fountain Nelson Brophy Brophy – "Spokane (WA) Spokesman-Review" Thursday 9 Apr 1992 p 28



Obituary of Ruth Alberta Fountain's husband Thomas A. Brophy (1908-1964) "Spokane (WA) Chronicle" Friday 2 Nov 1964 p 8

Father:

FORM V. S. No. 5-25 M. 1-19.

RECEIVED
OCT 10 1923
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS

CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

STATE OF IDAHO
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS

1. PLACE OF DEATH
County of *Kootenai*
City of *Boise*
If death occurs away from usual residence, give facts called for under special information.

2. FULL NAME *George A Nelson*

3. SEX *Male*
4. COLOR OR RACE *White*
5. SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED OR DIVORCED *Married*

6. DATE OF BIRTH *March 30 1853*
(Month) (Day) (Year)

7. AGE *70* Yrs. *5* Mos. *29* ds.
IF LESS than 1 day how many hrs. or min.?

8. OCCUPATION
(a) Trade, profession or particular kind of work *Retired*
(b) General nature of industry, business or establishment in which employed (or employer)

9. BIRTHPLACE (State or Country) *Penn*

10. NAME OF Father *John Nelson*

11. BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER *Elizbeth Gruff*

12. BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (State or Country) *U.S.*

13. THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE
(Informant) *J. Nelson*
(Address) *Boise & alms Ida*

14. Filed *Oct 6* 19 *23* *Boise*
Local Registrar

15. DATE OF DEATH *Sept 29* 19 *23*
(Month) (Day) (Year)

16. I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from *Sept 24* 19 *23* to *Sept 29* 19 *23*, that I last saw him alive on *Sept 29* 19 *23*, and that death occurred on the date stated above, at *9:45* P.M.
The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows:
acute pneumonia
(Duration) *5* yrs. *5* mos. *5* ds.
Contributory (Secondary) *Myocardial degeneration*
(Duration) *8* yrs. *8* mos. *8* ds.
(Signed) *Wanda Barclay* M. D.
10-1-1923 (Address) *Boise*

17. LENGTH OF RESIDENCE (For Hospitals, Institutions, Transients or Recent Residents.)
At place of death *17* yrs. *17* mos. *17* days. State *Ida* yrs. *17* mos. *17* ds.
Where was disease contracted if not at place of death?
Former or usual residence

18. PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL *Forest Cemetery*
DATE OF BURIAL *Oct 2* 19 *23*

19. UNDERTAKER *R B Macey*
ADDRESS *Boise & alms Ida*

MARGIN RESERVED FOR BINDING
WITH UNFADING INK—THIS IS A PERMANENT RECORD
N. E.—Every item of information should be stated EXACTLY. PHYSICIANS should state CAUSE OF DEATH in plain language, so that it may be properly classified. Exact statement of OCCUPATION is very important. See instructions on back of certificate.

ID death record of father George Andrew Nelson (1853-1923) -

https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/60566/images/44066_b207066-02429_page_0001?pid=48142

PIONEER DIES AT COEUR D'ALENE

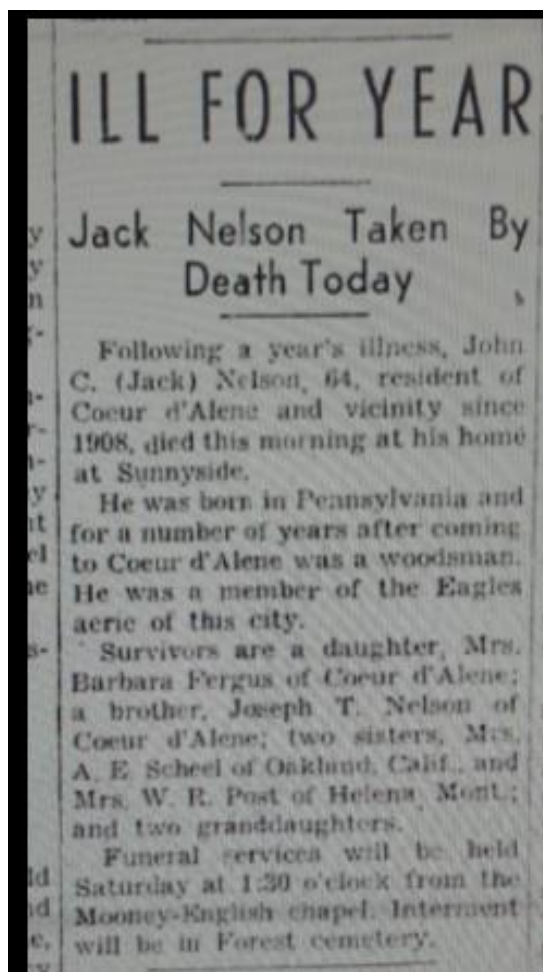
COEUR D'ALENE, Idaho, Oct. 1.—
(Special.)—George Andrew Nelson, 70 years old, died at the Coeur d'Alene hospital Saturday evening of pneumonia. He had made his home in Coeur d'Alene for 17 years. He was a member of the I. O. O. F. of Mayhaff, Pa., and had been affiliated with the order for 52 years.

He is survived by four sons, John C., Willard L., James W., and Joseph T., all of Coeur d'Alene; two daughters, Mrs. Lanthé Post of Helena, Mont., and Mrs. May E. Wells of Seattle; three brothers, E. L., of Oregon, and James and Wilbur of Elderton, Pa.

The funeral will be held from the Mooney parlors at 11 o'clock tomorrow morning and will be conducted by Rev. R. J. Hunter of the First Presbyterian church. Interment will be in the family plot in Forest cemetery by the side of his wife who was buried there in 1914. The I. O. O. F. will conduct services at the grave.

Obituary of father George Andrew Nelson – “Spokane (WA) Chronicle” Monday 1 Oct 1923 p 4

Siblings:



Obituary of brother John Clinton ("Jack") Nelson (1884-1948) – "Coeur d'Alene (ID) Press" Tuesday 24 Feb 1948, from Find A Grave 78549083

1948
State File No. 677
Local Reg. No. 26
Reg. Dist. No. 120

United States
Department of Commerce
Bureau of the Census

MAR - 8 1948
DIVISION OF VITAL STATISTICS
Certificate Of Death
STATE OF IDAHO

1. PLACE OF DEATH:
(a) County Kootenai
(b) City or town Coeur d'Alene
(c) Street Address or R.F.D. No. Rt #3
(d) Death Occured Inside? Outside? ☒ city or town
(e) Died in a Home ☒ Hospital... Institution... Other place...
(f) Name Hosp. or Inst. Stayed days
(g) Lived in this county 40 years months days
Note. For a person residing in THIS county LESS than 1 year, give FORMER residence under item 2.

2. Usual Residence of Deceased: (Always fill in these)
(a) State Idaho (b) County Kootenai
(c) City or town Coeur d'Alene
(d) Street Address or R.F.D. No. Rt #3
(e) Deceased lived Inside? Outside? ☒ city or town
(f) Citizen of what country? USA
(g) How long had deceased lived in Idaho? 48 years
(h) Former residence (city, state) Penn.

3. (a) FULL NAME NELSON, John Clinton 047D
3. (b) If veteran, name was //////// 3. (c) Social Security No.
4. Sex M 5. Color or race W 6. (a) Single, widowed, married, divorced Widowed
6. (b) Name of husband or wife 6. (c) Age of husband or wife if alive years
7. Date of Birth (Month, Day, Year) May 21, 1884
8. AGE Years Months Days If less than 1 day
63 9 3 hrs min.
9. Exact Occupation Lumbering Did this work for 25 yrs.
10. Industry or Business Lumber Date last worked 1932
Business worked 1932
11. Birthplace Clearfield Co, Penn (City or town) (State or foreign country)
12. Name George A. Nelson
13. Birthplace unknown (City or town) (State or foreign country)
14. Maiden name Anna L Thompson
15. Birthplace unknown (City or town) (State or foreign country)
16. Informant's OWN Signature Barbara Ferguson and Address Coeur d'Alene, Idaho
17. (a) Burial (b) Date thereof 2-27-48 (Burial, cremation, or removal) (Month) (Day) (Year)
(c) Place: Forest Cem. Cd'A, Idaho
18. Funeral Director's OWN Signature Don English and Address Coeur d'Alene, Idaho
19. (a) 3-5-48 (b) (Date received and filed) (Registrar's signature)

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH
20. DATE OF DEATH 2-24-48 (Month, Day, Year) 19
at 9:30 o'clock A M.
21. I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from 6-24 1947, to 2-24 1948
I last saw him alive on 12-2 1947; death is said to have occurred on the date and hour stated above.
Immediate Cause of Death: Carcinoma of lung Duration 10 mo.
Due to
Due to
Other conditions
Other conditions (Include pregnancy within 3 months of death)
Where was disease contracted?
Name of operation Date
Major finding
Finding of autopsy
22. If death was due to EXTERNAL CAUSES, also fill in the following: Accident? Suicide? Homicide?
Occurred 19 City, county, state where violence occurred
Place of Violence: Home Farm Industry
Public Place While at work?
Means of injury
23. Attendant's OWN Signature J. Barclay MD and Address C. Da (M. D. or other) Date 2-25-1948
(For additional space, use reverse side)

Medical Attendant, EACH must sign with BLACK INK in OWN handwriting. Each item should be answered as completely as possible. State answers as unknown only after a careful investigation. Use BLACK ink or BLACK record typewriter ribbon in filling out certificate. (ICA 38-206 and 215). Address correspondence to State Bureau of Vital Statistics, Boise, Idaho.

Informant, Funeral Director, Registrar and Medical Attendant, EACH must sign with BLACK INK in OWN handwriting. Each item should be answered as completely as possible. State answers as unknown only after a careful investigation. Use BLACK ink or BLACK record typewriter ribbon in filling out certificate. (ICA 38-206 and 215). Address correspondence to State Bureau of Vital Statistics, Boise, Idaho.

ID death record of brother John Clinton Nelson (1884-1948) -

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/687111:60566>

31 yrs 9 mos 25

CHECK TYPE REQUIRED
(See instructions attached)

☒ UPRIGHT MARBLE HEADSTONE *21 1952*
☐ UPRIGHT GRANITE HEADSTONE
☐ FLAT MARBLE MARKER
☐ FLAT GRANITE MARKER

APPLICATION FOR HEADSTONE OR MARKER
(PLEASE MAKE OUT AND RETURN IN DUPLICATE)

Enlistment dates *April 25 1918*
 Discharge dates *May 8 1919*
 Pension number *ASN 2293517*
 Serial number *418 7/19/83*

ORIGINAL

Name	Rank	Company	U. S. Regiment, State Organization, or Vessel	Date of Death
<i>William L. Nelson</i>	<i>Private</i>	<i>Co F.</i>	<i>316th Ammo Train 91st Div.</i>	<i>Apr 4 1947</i>

Name of Cemetery	Located in or near— City State	If World War Veteran Division State	EMBLEM Christian Hebrew None
<i>Forrest Cemetery</i>	<i>Coeur d'Alene Idaho</i>	<i>91st Idaho</i>	

To be shipped to *William L. Nelson* at *Coeur d'Alene, Idaho*
 (Name of consignee) (Give R. R., NAME OF TOWN, county, and State)

Whose post-office address is *Coeur d'Alene, Ida.*

DO NOT WRITE HERE

For verification *OCT 3 - 1952*
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Ordered *WW 6598739*

B/L

Shipped

This application is for a headstone or marker for the UNMARKED grave of a veteran. The Government STONE will be furnished and shipped freight prepaid at Government expense to you direct, where "Delivery Service" by the railroad is in effect; otherwise to the nearest railroad station or steamboat landing above indicated. I hereby agree to accept promptly the headstone or marker at destination, remove it, and properly place it at decedent's grave at my expense.

IAN THE NELSON POST
Ian the Nelson Post
 (Signature of Applicant)

Address *321 Holter St., Helena, Mont.* Date

WAR DEPARTMENT O. Q. M. G. Form No. 623 Approved Aug. 12, 1913; May 18, 1931; Feb. 15, 1937; May 1, 1939; July 1, 1940; July 1, 1942.

IMPORTANT—COMPLETE REVERSE SIDE 16-11453-1 GPO

veteran headstone for brother William L. Nelson (1887-1947) -

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/1161056:2375>

NELSON, William L.—Passed away April 4 in this city. Home at Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. He was a veteran of World war I. Father of George Andrew Nelson, Anchorage, Alaska. Brother of Mrs. William R. Post, Helena, Mont., Mrs. Eagon Scheel, Oakland, Calif., Joseph T. Nelson and John C. Nelson, both of Coeur d'Alene, Ida. Funeral arrangements will be announced later by the HAZEN & JAEGER FUNERAL HOME, N1306 Monroe st.

Obituar of brother William L. Nelson – “Spokane (WA) Spokesman-Review” Saturday 5 Apr 1947 p 12

Spokane Girl Licensed to Wed.

WALLACE, Idaho, Feb. 18.—A marriage license was issued by the county auditor today to William L. Nelson, age 26, of Coeur d'Alene, and Merle L. M. Jackson, age 16, of Spokane. The parents of the bride reside at Ena-ville, this county, and consented to the issuance of the license.

"Spokane (WA) Spokesman-Review" Wednesday 19 Feb 1913 p 11

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS

State File No. 75356-10856

CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

County of Coeur d'Alene Registration District No. 30
City of Coeur d'Alene Primary Registration District No. 1050 Local Registrar's No. 82

(No. _____)
(If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give its name instead of street and number.)

2. FULL NAME James Wilson Nelson
(a) Residence No. 1524 Front St. 1889
(Usual place of abode.)
Length of residence in city or town where death occurred 25 yrs. mos. ds. How long in U. S. if of foreign birth? yrs. mos. ds. (If nonresident give city or town and State.)

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

3. SEX Male 4. COLOR OR RACE White 5. Single, Married, Widowed, or Divorced (write the word.) Married

6a. If married, widowed, or divorced
HUSBAND of May Nelson
(or) WIFE of

9. DATE OF BIRTH (month, day and year) Aug 20 1890

7. AGE Years Months Days If LESS than 1 day.
40 9 13 hrs. or min.

8. OCCUPATION OF DECEASED
(a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work Foreman Woods
(b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer) Lumbering
(c) Name of employer Benton Lumber Co

9. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) Penn
(State or country)

10. NAME OF FATHER Geo Nelson

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

12. MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Anna Thompson

13. BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (city or town) Penn
(State or County)

14. Informant (Address) Jack Nelson
Coeur d'Alene

15. Filed 6/29 1931 H. J. Shumaker Registrar

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

16. DATE OF DEATH June 3 1931
(Month) (Day) (Year)

17. I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from _____ 19____ to _____ 19____
that I last saw him _____ alive on _____ 19____
and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at _____ m.
*State the DISEASE CAUSING DEATH, or in deaths from VIOLENT CAUSES, state (1) MEANS AND NATURE OF INJURY, and (2) whether ACCIDENTAL, SUICIDAL, or HOMICIDAL.
The CAUSE OF DEATH was as follows:
accidentally Chest & Body
Crushed by log
(Camp 14 Benton Lumber Co.)
(duration) _____ yrs. _____ mos. _____ ds.

CONTRIBUTORY (Secondary) _____
(duration) _____ yrs. _____ mos. _____ ds.

18. Where was disease contracted if not at place of death? _____
Did an operation precede death? no Date of _____
Was there an autopsy? no
What test confirmed diagnosis? _____
(Signed) Wm. P. Brown M. D.
June 4, 1931 (Address) Coeur d'Alene

19. Place of Burial, Cremation, or Removal Forest Cemetery Date of Burial June 6 1931
Address _____

20. Undertaker Mooney Mortuary Address P.O.

ID death record of brother James Wilson Nelson (1890-1931) – crushed by log at Camp 14 of --- Lumber Co. - <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/84180:60566>

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

Name <i>2,292,762</i> Nelson, James W	Rank <i>OK</i> Pvt-1st	Company <i>OK</i> Co A	U. S. Regiment, State Organization, or Vessel <i>OK</i> 316 Hqs. In mil. police	Date of Death June 3, 1931
Name of Cemetery Forest Cemetery Coeur d'Alene Idaho	Located in or near		If World War Veteran	
	City	State	Division	State Emblem
			<i>Not known</i>	<i>Idaho</i> Christian Hebrew None

To be shipped to *(Mrs)* **May Nelson** at **Coeur d'Alene, Kootenai Co Idaho**
(Name of consignee) (Give R. R. station, county, and State)

Whose post-office address is **1524 Front Ave. Coeur d'Alene Ida**

DO NOT WRITE HERE

JAMES F. MCKINLEY
Major General
The Adjutant General

Ordered **PROCTOR, VE.**

From **JAN 9 1934**

B/L **624548 2/21/34**

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.

May Nelson
1524 Front Ave. Coeur d'Alene Ida Applicant.
Address Date **Dec 1933**

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/257070:2375>

VS3 MONTANA
CLERK & RECORDER CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

334 LOCAL FILE NUMBER STATE FILE NUMBER

DECEDENT

1 DECEDENT - NAME FIRST MIDDLE LAST
IANTHE NELSON POST

2 SEX Female

3 DATE OF DEATH (Mo. Day, Yr.)
October 8, 1983

4 RACE - White, Black, American Indian, etc. (Specify)
White

5a AGE - Last Birthday (Years)
91

5b Mos. Days Hours Min.

6 DATE OF BIRTH (Mo. Day, Yr.)
June 8, 1892

7a COUNTY OF DEATH
Lewis & Clark

7b N/A

8 CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION OF DEATH
Helena

9 HOSPITAL OR OTHER INSTITUTION - Name (If not in above, give street and number)
321 Holter

10 HOSP. OR INST. Indicate DOA (OP/Extal/In/Inpatient) (Specify)
N/A

11 SURVIVING SPOUSE (If wife, give maiden name)
N/A

12 STATE OF BIRTH (If not in U.S.A. name country)
Pennsylvania

13 CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY
USA

14 MARRIED, NEVER MARRIED, WIDOWED, DIVORCED (Specify)
Widowed

15 SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER
516-36-8344

16 USUAL OCCUPATION (Give kind of work done during most of working life, even if retired)
Operator Confectionary

17 KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY
Retail Candy

18 WAS DECEDENT EVER IN U.S. ARMED FORCES (Specify Yes or No)
No

19 RESIDENCE - STATE COUNTY CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION
Montana Lewis & Clark Helena

20 INSIDE CITY LIMITS (Specify Yes or No)
Yes

21 STREET AND NUMBER
321 Holter

PARENTS

22 FATHER - NAME FIRST MIDDLE LAST
George Andrew Nelson

23 MOTHER - MAIDEN NAME FIRST MIDDLE LAST
Anna Louise Thompson

24 INFORMANT - NAME (Type or Print)
Aggie Hunter

25 MAILING ADDRESS STREET OR R.F.D. NO. CITY OR TOWN STATE ZIP
915 Hiawatha Helena, Montana 59601

26 CEMETERY OR CREMATORY - NAME LOCATION CITY OR TOWN STATE
Hillcrest Lawn Memorial Great Falls, Montana

27 BURIAL, CREMATION, REMOVAL, OTHER (Specify)
Removal-Cremation

28 MORTUARY OR OTHER - NAME AND ADDRESS
Reta Funeral Home Helena, Montana 59601

29 DATE OF DISPOSITION (Month, Day, Year)
October 10, 1983

30 PERSON IN CHARGE OF DISPOSITION
M.E. Nelson

31 SIGNATURE
M.E. Nelson

32 LICENSE NUMBER
41

DISPOSITION

33 To be Completed by CERTIFYING PHYSICIAN Only

34 To the best of my knowledge, death occurred at the time, date and place and due to the cause(s) stated:
(Signature and Title)
DATE SIGNED (Month, Day, Year)
HOUR OF DEATH

35 To be Completed by CORONER Only

36 On the basis of examination and/or investigation, in my opinion death occurred at the time, date and place and due to the cause(s) stated:
(Signature and Title)
DATE SIGNED (Month, Day, Year)
HOUR OF DEATH

37 NAME OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN IF OTHER THAN CERTIFIER (Type or Print)
M.E. "Mickey" Nelson, Coroner

38 NAME AND ADDRESS OF CERTIFIER (PHYSICIAN OR CORONER) (Type or Print)
Lewis & Clark County Courthouse, 228 Broadway, Helena, MT 59601

39 LOCAL REGISTRAR
Deputy M.E. Nelson

40 DATE RECEIVED BY LOCAL REGISTRAR (Mo. Day, Yr.)
October 10, 1983

CERTIFIER

41 IMMEDIATE CAUSE (ENTER ONLY ONE CAUSE PER LINE FOR (A), (B), AND (C))

PART I (A) Natural causes-undetermined

PART II OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS - Conditions contributing to death but not stated in Part I (A), (B), and (C)

42 ACCIDENT, SUICIDE, HOMICIDE, UNDETERMINED, OR PENDING INVESTIGATION (Specify)
No

43 DATE OF INJURY (Mo. Day, Yr.)
October 8, 1983

44 HOUR OF INJURY
12:30 A.M.

45 DESCRIBE HOW INJURY OCCURRED
No

46 INJURY AT WORK (Specify Yes or No)
No

47 PLACE OF INJURY - At home, farm, street, factory, office, building, etc. (Specify)
No

48 LOCATION STREET OR R.F.D. NO. CITY OR TOWN STATE
No

MT death record of sister Ianthel Nelson Post (1892-1963) -

https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/61255/images/47429_550795-01408?treeid=&personid=&hintid=&usePUB=true&usePUBJs=true&pid=750221220

3 ELEPHANTS & The Parrot

■ What do you get when you combine 9 tons of chocolate, 10 tons of sugar and a half ton of butter? A whole lot of Helena's finest candy from its historic store, The Parrot

By SEAN DAY

Fusion Staff Writer

Picture three elephants parading through downtown Helena. The Parrot, Helena's oldest candy store, goes through nine to 10 tons each of chocolate and sugar and 1,000 pounds of butter each year. That is the combined weight of those three elephants.

The elephant has become a very interesting part of the Parrot's history. Inside the front doors on the shelf above the soda fountain is a unique collection of elephants of all sizes. When the Post family first opened the store in 1922, Ianthe Post put an elephant on the shelf to fill the empty space. Today, nearly 80 years later, there are more than 100 elephants on the shelf.

"The trunks of all the elephants are facing towards the front door for good luck," said Dave Duensing, co-owner of the Parrot.

Next week is Valentine's Day. For this occasion, the Parrot makes heart shaped boxes filled with their candies. It is a hectic time of year, but the Duensings still manage to pull it off with out any extra help. They work longer hours to get everything right. Around Christmas, which is the store's busiest time of the year, the Parrot adds five to eight extra employees.

Each year around Valentine's Day

the Parrot goes through about a total of 2,000 pounds of chocolate, butter, and sugar.

The Parrot stocks 80 different candies that are sold daily, and up to 130 different types are sold throughout the year. The four best selling candies are Parrots (Turtles), Mint Supremes, Milk Chocolate Caramels, and Almond Butter Toffee (Almond Roca).

Another good seller at the Parrot is

their After-dinner Mints. The Parrot makes and sells one million After-dinner Mints each year. These mints are shipped to weddings, parties, and other events. Parrot candies are shipped all over the world including Japan, the Netherlands, Italy, Australia, and Sri Lanka.

The Parrot has a tradition of serving Helena with quality made candy for over 79 years. The Parrot is owned

by brothers Dave and Dusty Duensing. The Parrot was founded by Ianthe and Bill Post. At that time, the Duensing family owned the Ideal Bakery, which was located next to Bert & Ernie's. When the Posts were ready to sell the Parrot they decided to sell to the Duensing family despite other offers. The Posts even offered to help the family pay for the store if needed because they knew that the Duensing family would keep the Parrot the same.

"People keep coming back to the Parrot because of the quality and freshness of the candy," said Dave Duensing. "If the quality of the product stays the same, the Parrot will be

[story ends abruptly – many photos of high school students in costumes from various decades when the Parrot was open accompany the article]
"Helena (MT) Independent Record" Sunday 10 Feb 2002 p 21

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alking into the Parrot Confectionery is like stepping into a time machine that takes you back seven decades.

Nothing has changed at the downtown candy store that celebrates its 70th anniversary Tuesday.

It still looks the same, smells the same and tastes the same. Its owners and employees are still as accommodating and friendly as ever.

"The Parrot has never changed and its just like going home," said Agnes Hunter, who worked there 15 years from 1942 to 1957. "It looks the same as it always was. They maintained those high standards and that wonderful quality of candy that the Posts had."

Bill and Ianthe Post opened the store at 22 North Main St. in 1922 and moved it to its present location at 42 North Main in 1935.

After the Posts had owned it 35 years, Nancy and Arnold Duensing purchased it in 1957. And, for another 35 years it has been in the hands of the Duensing family. Dave Duensing and his brother, Dusty, purchased the store from their parents in 1972.

The Duensings have always kept in the tradition of the former owners.

[article continues & includes photographs]

"Helena (MT) Independent-Record" Sunday 26 Apr 1922 p 26

Tribute to a great woman

One of the most influential women in Helena died Oct. 8 and your paper hardly took note of it — no editorial, no front page coverage, not even a picture. But hundreds of people will miss her.

Ianthe Post was not influential in government, she didn't speak loudly at meetings, she never even volunteered for every committee that came along. But her influence was felt in the lives of several generations of Helenans that she served with smiles and real love for over 60 years — and somehow never got a year older in all that time. Parrot customers were her friends and her employees were her family.

When I first went to work at the Parrot, before World War II, I was a big skinny kid not long off a dust bowl farm and struggling up out of our country's real depression. How lucky I was my first real boss was Postie. Postie always had time for everybody. She talked, she complimented, she advised. She used to say "You are what you think you are, so don't ever think you're nobody — you're somebody. You can be whatever you want to be, if you want to enough to try." Her friendly advice administered with generous doses of smiles and pats on the back brought a lot of us through some tough times. Employees and customers alike loved her as a dear friend.

Main Street has another vacancy — one that will never be filled. Postie will be mourned forever by her hundreds of past employees. Several generations of Helenans will reminisce about her and her fresh mint cokes and her hot fudge sundaes. And all of us will be saying "That Postie, she was some lady."

Sylvia Casey
2415 West Shore Drive

Letter to the editor about his sister Ianthe ("Postie") Nelson Post — "Helena (MT) Independent-Record" Tuesday 25 Oct 1983 p 4

Ianthe N. Post

Ianthe N. Post, founder with her late husband William R. Post of the Parrot Confectionery, died early Saturday at home.

The daughter of George A. and Ann L. Nelson, she was born in Clearfield County, Penn. but the family moved to Coeur D'Alene, Idaho shortly after. She graduated from high school there, and married Post Dec. 18, 1917.

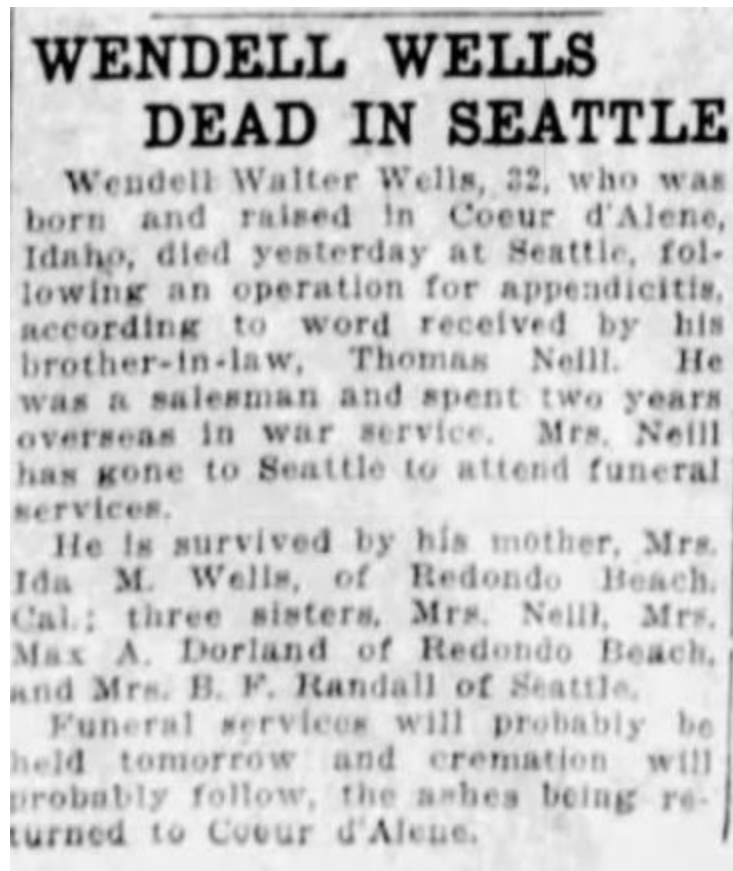
The couple opened the Parrot in 1922, and operated it until selling it to the Duensing family in January, 1957. She continued to work at the confectionery until her death.

She was preceded in death by her husband in September 1977, and by one sister and four brothers. Survivors include nieces and nephews, including Irene Lavonture of Coeur D'Alene and Madeline Phillips of Spokane.

She was a member of the First Church of Christ Scientist here and in Boston, Mass., the Metropolitan Dinner Club and the Helena Republican Women's Club.

Services have been conducted by the Retz Funeral Home.

Obituary of Ianthe Nelson Post – "Helena (MT) Independent-Record" Sunday 9 Oct 1983 p



Obituary of May E. Nelson's 1st husband, Wendell Walter Wells – she is not mentioned in his obituary – “Spokane (WA) Chronicle” Tuesday 22 Sep 1925 p 2

Name: Joseph Thompson Nelson

Name variations:

Military:

On Tuscania: 20th Eng. 16th/Co. D - private

Serial number: 250,371

Entered service from: Coeur d'Alene, Kootenai ID

Sailed on “Tuscania” as: Joseph T. Nelson

Next-of-kin on “Tuscania”: father George A. Nelson, 916 Lakeside Ave., Coeur d'Alene [sic/Coeur d'Alene] ID

Returned from war on: "Santa Paula" May 1919

Sailed on return ship as: Joseph T. Nelson

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: father George A. Nelson, 916 Lakeside Ave., Coeur d'Alene ID (PFC, 16th Co., 20th Engrs, Forestry)

World War I draft registration (1917): as Joseph Thompson Nelson - b. 7 Feb 1882 Mahaffey PA; res: Coeur d'Alene, Kootenai ID. Single. Woodsman for Phil McMauacrorie (spelling?). Tall in height, medium build.

National Tuscania Survivors Association (1939): Coeur d'Alene ID

World War II draft registration (1942): as Joseph Thompson Nelson - b. 5 Feb 1892 Mahaffey PA; res: 911 “A” St., Coeur d'Alene ID. NOK Mrs. Ruth Nelson, same address. Employed by

Donald Marebeck, Pine Creek Lumber Co., Pine Creek ID. "deep scar on left bicept [sic] scar on right shin bone" Height: 5'10" – 165 lbs.

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlisted: 12 Dec 1917

Discharged: 10 Jun 1919

Address: 911 "A" St., Coeur d'Alene ID

Rank/unit: private 1st class, 16th Co., 20th Engineers

Birth & death:

Born: 5 Feb 1892 Mahaffey, Clearfield PA (WWI draft: 7 Feb 1892)

Died: 1 Oct 1950 Coeur d'Alene, Kootenai ID

Find A Grave record: 71336847 – presence on Tuscania indicated in text & flower

Burial location: Coeur d'Alene, Kootenai ID

Cemetery: Forest

Tombstone: veteran flat: Idaho PFC 20 Engineers WWI

Father: George Andrew Nelson, 30 Mar 1853 PA – 29 Sep 1923 Coeur d'Alene, Kootenai ID.
Son of John Nelson & Elizabeth Groff (Lohr?). Buried in Forest Cemetery, Coeur d'Alene, Kootenai ID.

Find A Grave: 69112131

Mother: Anna L. Krestena Thompson Nelson, 1858 PA – 17 May 1914 Coeur d'Alene, Kootenai ID. Buried in Forest Cemetery, Coeur d'Alene, Kootenai ID.

Find A Grave: 69112159

Parents' marriage: 1884

Spouse: Ruth Alberta Fountain Nelson Brophy Brophy, 4 Sep 1903 Sherburne Co. MN – 7 Apr 1992 Coeur d'Alene, Kootenai ID. SSN 519-28-9469. Daughter of Albert E. Fountain & Alice Jennie.

Following her divorce from Joseph Nelson, she married 10 Aug 1946 in Coeur d'Alene, Kootenai ID to Thomas A. Brophy (1908-1964, F; 79757050). After his death, she married Thomas's brother, William John Brophy (1899-1970, F: 59925825). Buried in St. Thomas Cemetery, Coeur d'Alene, Kootenai ID.

Spouse Find A Grave: 85670514

Marriage: 7 Jul 1924 Coeur d'Alene, Kootenai IA

Children:

- Shirley Josephine Nelson Nietert, 1 Mar 1925 Coeur d'Alene, Kootenai ID – 22 Jun 2001 Clearfield, Davis UT. Married 31 Jan 1947 in King Co. WA to Loren G. Nietert (1923-2003, SSN 519-16-2557). Loren was driving their car when it collided with a semi-trailer & Shirley was killed.

- Jean Nelson Hollister, 19 Aug 1927 ID – 8 Jul 2010 GA. SSN 518-26-5817. Married 2 Sep 1951 in San Francisco CA to Hal L. Hollister. He predeceased her. Social Security lists her last residence in Gainesville, Hall GA.
- James (“Jim”) Nelson, ca. 1933 ID. Resident of Sun City CA in Apr 1992 & also in 1993. Might he be the James W. Nelson b. 30 Oct 1932?
- Ruth Fountain Nelson Brophy Brophy’s Apr 1992 obituary lists a daughter Mary Gray, a resident of Coeur d’Alene ID/

Siblings:

- John Clinton Nelson, 21 May 1887 (on tombstone, but 1886 on WWI & WWII draft cards) Clearfield Co. PA – 24 Feb 1948 Coeur d’Alene, Kootenai ID. Married 17 Aug 1913 in Kootenai Co. ID to Gladys Dryden (1890-1933, F: 78548826). Buried in Forest Cemetery, Coeur d’Alene, Kootenai ID. F: 78549083
- William Lohr Nelson, 19 Jul 1887 Mahaffey, Clearfield PA – 4 Apr 1947 Spokane County WA. Married 18 Feb 1913 in Shoshone Co. ID to Merle M. Jackson (1896-1963, F: 226599181). Divorced, Merle Jackson Nelson married Dr. Deshler F. Sells (1877-1973, F: 226599239) on 12 Jan 1920 in Spokane WA. On his WWII (1942) draft card, William notes Joseph T. Nelson as his next-of-kin; both reside at 911 “A” St., Coeur d’Alene ID. William is buried in Forest Cemetery, Coeur d’Alene, Kootenai ID. F: 69004883
- James Wilson Nelson, 20 Aug 1888 PA – 3 Jun 1931 ID. Husband of May C. Holshouser (1891-1982, F: 78549155). Died when his chest & body were crushed by a falling log at Camp 14 of a lumber camp. His widow May had married Matthew King in 1920 & then James Wilson on 15 Feb 1923 (in Coeur d’Alene ID). She is buried with the surname Raiche. – James is buried in Forest Cemetery, Coeur d’Alene, Kootenai ID. F: 69003266
- Ianthe Vivian (“Postie”) Nelson Post, 8 Jun 1892 [or 1893] Clearfield Co. PA – 8 Oct 1983 Helena, Lewis & Clark Co. MT. SSN 517-44-6840 She & husband William Rowland Post (1892-1977) married 18 Dec 1917. They operated the popular Parrot Confectionery in Helena MT. Her body was cremated at the Hillcrest Lawn Memorial Mausoleum (Great Falls, Cascade MT).
- May E. Nelson, May 1896 PA. She is noted as Mrs. Wells of Seattle WA in Oct 1923 when her father George died. She had married on 20 Jun 1916 in Kootenai Co. ID to Wendell Walter Wells (2 Dec 1896 ID – 21 Sep 1925 WA, F: 155204279). According to the biography on his Find A Grave record, May & Wendell divorced a short time after their marriage. – She is listed as Mrs. A.E. Scheel of Oakland CA in Feb 1948 when her brother John dies, and as Mrs. Eagon Scheel of Oakland CA in Apr 1947 when her brother William dies. Might this be Egon Andrew Scheel, b. 4 Feb 1922 NY, a resident of Oakland CA in its 1942 city directory with wife “Betty Mae” who died 2 Jun 1989?

Notes:

Family tree at: <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/68944948/person/300035591758/fac/ts>

Pre-war:

Wartime:

The Tuscania sank on Joseph's 26th birthday.

"Idaho Daily Statesman" (Boise ID) Monday 11 Feb 1918 p 1 – Joseph T. Nelson of Coeur d'Alene ID is among the Idahoans saved.

Post-war:

"Idaho Statesman" (Boise ID) Monday 16 Jun 1941 p 3 – among the arrivals in Butte MT was Mrs. Joseph T. Nelson of Coeur d'Alene, at the Owyhee.

Obituary:

Social Security number: 518-05-5217

Censuses:

1900 Coeur d'Alene, Kootenai ID

George Nelson, 46 PA, Mar 1854, parents b. PA, married 16 years, day laborer

Amy, 41 PA, Sep 1856, parents b. PA, gave birth to 6 children, 6 are living

John, 15 PA, May 1885, day laborer

William, 13 PA, Jul 1886

James, 11 PA, Aug 1888

Joseph, 9 PA, Feb 1891

Aseth, 6 PA, Jun 1893

May E., 4 PA, May 1896

1910 Coeur d'Alene, Kootenai ID – Front St.

George A. Nelson, 55 PA, parents b. PA, married 24 years, constructor [contractor?],
lumbering

Anna L., 48 PA, parents b. PA, gave birth to 6 children, 6 are living

John C., 26 PA, laborer, lumbering camp

William L., 24 PA, contractor, lumbering

James L., 22 PA, contractor, lumbering

Joseph T., 19 PA, contractor, lumbering

Ilanthe, 17 PA

Mary E., 14 PA

& brothers-in-law:

Joseph B. Nelson, 45 PA – John B., 38 PA – Jay B., 28 PA – all contractor, lumbering

& boarder John Blanchard, 28 PA, laborer, lumbering

1920 Coeur d'Alene, Kootenai ID

Roomers at the Elite Hotel:

Joseph T. Nelson, 27 PA, single, woodsman

William Nelson, 33 PA, married, logging contractor
James W., 32 PA, single, woodsman
[parents b. PA]

1930 Coeur d'Alene, Kootenai ID – 911 “A” St. – conducted 8 Apr 1930
Joseph T. Nelson, 38 PA, parents b. PA, age 32 at 1st marriage, contractor, logging, WWI
veteran
Ruth A., 26 MN, father b. IA, mother b. MN
Shirley J., 5 years 1 month ID
Jean R., 2 years 7 months ID
& brother William L. Nelson, 44 PA, divorced, parents b. PA, contractor, logging, WWI
veteran

1940 Coeur d'Alene, Kootenai ID – in 1935 in same house
Joseph T. Nelson, 48 PA, operator of wanigan (boat) – Note: a wanigan was a flat-bottomed
barge-like boat used to bring supplies to lumber camps in the woods and often served as a
cooking area
Ruth, 36 MN
Shirley, 15 ID
Jean, 12 ID
James, 7 ID
& niece Barbara Nelson, 17 ID