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This document lacks 1950 census data.
Please return to Tuscania1918.org in the future to see if a revised and
finalized version is available.

Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

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

NOK = next-of-kin

The logo for Tuscania, featuring the word "TUSCANIA" in a stylized, black, serif font with decorative flourishes, set against a solid red rectangular background.

Outcault, Richard Felton, Jr.
1892 NY – 1976 CA



Richard Felton Outcault, Jr. – left: “Brooklyn Daily Eagle” 10 Feb 1918 p 5 – right: “Chicago Tribune” 8 Feb 1918 p 3



Richard F. Outcault II
Courtesy of Peter Outcault

Richard Felton Outcault, Jr. – courtesy of Steven Schwartz of Renton WA



Richard Felton Outcault & wife Marjorie Filer – Find A Grave 228218416

Excerpt below from Marilyn C. Gahm, *“The Sinking of the Tuscania”* – pages 379 & 380:



Richard F. Outcault II
Courtesy of Peter Outcault

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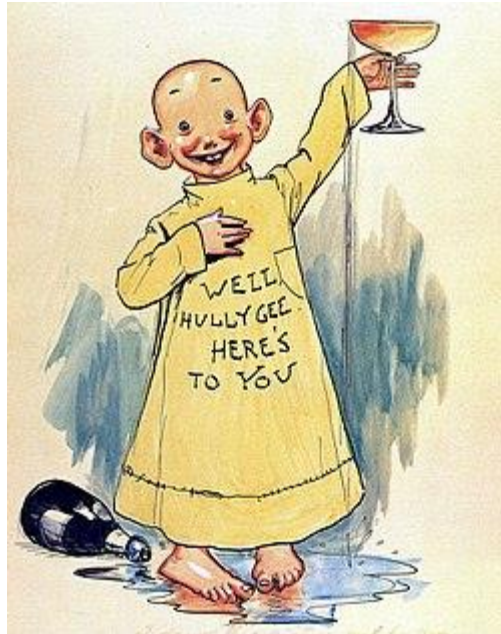
Richard Felton Outcault, Jr., was the son of a famous cartoonist. His father Richard F. Outcault, Sr. created “The Yellow Kid” and “Buster Brown” and is considered the inventor of the modern comic strip, including the Sunday-newspaper colored “funnies.” Richard Jr. was not the inspiration for Buster, but he could not escape a headline like “Buster Brown Boy Hero on Sinking Ship,” printed by the *Los Angeles Herald* on February 7, 1918. Buster Brown suits were popular boys’ attire. Buster Brown shoes and socks continue to be very popular. Those strapped shoes women still wear – the “Mary Jane” style – are named for Buster Brown’s sweetheart (also Richard Jr.’s sister and mother). Richard Jr.’s sister Mary Jane married General John Pershing’s nephew, Frank Pershing, in 1921. The *Tuscania* survivor’s father introduced the talking animal to comic strips (the animal not everyone else can hear) with Buster’s pit bull terrier, “Tige.” (*Calvin & Hobbes* are presumably grateful.) Richard Sr. also introduced the “word balloon” instead of a caption, sequential panels in comics and a continuing cast of characters. The “Yellow Kid” comic strip was likely the source of the term “yellow

journalism” for sensationalized news. Richard Outcault Jr. was a corporal in the 213th Aero Squadron aboard *Tuscania*.

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Buster Brown and Tige



The Yellow Kid



Far Left - Richard F. Outcault
3rd from the left - Joseph W. Crawford
213th Aero Squadron - 1918

Courtesy of Peter Outcault
The Boys from Flushing, New York

VisualLightBox.com

From Gahm, page 67:

As Richard Outcault, Jr., the son of a famous and successful cartoonist, boarded, a member of the British crew approached him, possibly because Outcault was wearing a custom-tailored uniform, not the regular issue, thereby indicating he was well-off. The crewman said he believed the ship would be torpedoed during the crossing, and asked if he and Outcault could come to an agreement that the crewman would do everything to help him if that occurred. The crew member showed Outcault the location of his crew cabin, and assured him if anything happened, the crew member would be waiting in his cabin. No mention of a monetary reward for any service was included in this story.

From page 175:

Richard Outcault, Jr., finding his assigned lifeboat destroyed by an explosion, decided to make good on the promise of the British crewman on the *Tuscania* who had promised to assist him. Along the passageway that ran the entire length of the ship went Outcault in total darkness. Upon Outcault's opening the door to the man's cabin, there the crewman sat, waiting for him. Assured that "we have plenty of time," the two sat for a bit, the crewman assuring him that he would just have to jump off onto the deck of another ship. As the two came on deck, a ship was coming alongside, but with the rough seas, the ships were banging together and bobbing up and down, reported Outcault's son Peter Outcault. Outcault was ordered, "Don't jump until I tell you to and try

to land exactly where I tell you to land.” Upon the command “jump now,” Outcault landed on the deck of the other ship (not identified).

Outcault

Services were held Wednesday for Richard F. Outcault, 84, of Huntington Beach, who died July 9 in Huntington Beach.

A native of New York City, Outcault moved to Palm Springs in 1936, where he lived for over 30 years.

He was a member of the first city planning commission here in 1938, and of the first master plan committee in 1939.

A veteran of World War I, he was also a 32nd degree Mason in Chicago, and a member of the First Church of Christ Scientist in Palm Springs.

Outcault is survived by his widow, Marjorie Outcault; three sons, Richard Outcault Jr. of Laguna Beach, John Outcault of Palm Desert, and Peter Outcault of Huntington Beach, and a sister, Mrs. Frank Pershing, of Westlake.

Obituary of Richard Felton Outcault – “Desert Sun” (Palm Springs CA) Friday 16 Jul 1976 p 2

Wife:

OUTCAULT—FILER.

Flushing, Feb. 19.—Richard F. Outcault, jr., was married February 11, to Miss Marjorie Filer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George L. Filer, of Washington Boulevard, Oak Park, Chicago, Ill. The ceremony was performed at the home of the bride. "Young Dick," as he is more familiarly known among his friends in Flushing, served during the war with the 213th Aero Squadron and was one of the twelve Flushing men who were saved when the transport *Tuscania* was torpedoed and sunk by a German submarine off the Irish coast. Mr. Outcault and his bride are spending their honeymoon at the Plaza Hotel, Manhattan, and will return in a few days to Chicago where "Dick" is engaged in business.

"Brooklyn (NY) Times Union" Thursday 19 Feb 1920 p 9

Buster Brown and His Bride

Cartoonist's Son, Original of the Famous Boy Hero of the "Funnies," and Oak Park Girl Who Becomes His "Mary Jane" for Life by Marriage.



(TRIBUNE Photo.)

MR. AND MRS. R. F. OUTCAULT JR.

Miss Marjorie Elizabeth Filer and Richard Felton Outcault Jr. were married yesterday afternoon in the home of the bride's parents at 328 Washington boulevard, Oak Park. The bridegroom is the son of the cartoonist who

created Buster Brown, Mary Jane, and Tige. Outcault Jr. is the original of Buster and his sister Mary Jane is the prototype of Buster's cartoon companion. Mary Jane is now playing in "Lightnin'" in New York.

R. F. Outcault, Jr., Here With Bride

Original of Buster Brown Arrives From Chicago Where Wedding Took Place.

Mr. Richard F. Outcault, Jr., the inspiration of the Sunday "comics" of Buster Brown and Tige, which his father, Mr. Richard F. Outcault, drew more than a decade ago for the New York Herald, is at the Plaza Hotel with his bride. They arrived yesterday from Chicago, Ill., where the family of each lives.

The wedding took place in Chicago on Wednesday of last week. The bride was Miss Marjorie Filer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Filer, of Washington Boulevard, Oak Park. The ceremony was performed there.

Young Mr. Outcault, who at one time lived in Flushing, L. I., was a member of the 213th Aero Squadron and was one of twelve young men from that place who survived when the Tuscania was sunk by a submarine off the Irish coast.

"New York Herald" Thursday 19 Feb 1920 p 9

Children:

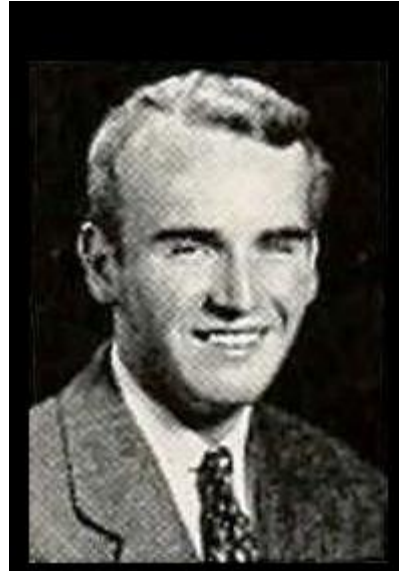
OUTCAULT, Richard F., Jr., 73, passed away January 4, 1998 at Laguna Beach, California. Beloved husband of Rula; loving father to Richard Outcault IV of South Hamilton, Massachusetts, Susan Potts of Richmond, Virginia; grandfather to Sarah Outcault, Priscilla Outcault, Jessica Potts and Robin Potts; and grandson, of R.F. Outcault, originator of the 'Buster Brown' cartoon.

Richard graduated from Stanford Law School in 1951. Richard was as Associate and then Partner with Arter, Hadden, Lawler, Felix & Hall for 41 years.

Richard served as President of the Los Angeles Town Hall; was active with the Australian-American Chamber of Commerce; and was a long-time member of the California Club and University Club of Los Angeles, Ca.

Private memorial services have been held.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Stanford Law School, Stanford, California 94305.



obituary of son Richard Felton Outcault III (1924-1998), published in the "Los Angeles Times" Sunday 25 Jan 1998 p 99 – it & photo from Find A Grave 228172164

John Filer Outcalt, 71

John Filer Outcalt, 71, of Palm Desert died Nov. 27, 1998, after being struck by a vehicle.



He was born July 17, 1927, to Richard and Marge Filer Outcalt in Chicago.

He was married to Francis Force.

Mr. Outcalt was a self-employed architect, and designed many commercial buildings and residential homes, including the original Palm Desert Library, several buildings at The Living Desert Reserve, and the Riverside County Sheriff's Department's Palm Desert station.

He was on the board of trustees at College of the Desert, and the advisory board for The Living Desert.

Survivors include a daughter, Mary Jane of Palm Springs; a son, Bryan of Oceanside; one grandchild; and a brother, Peter of Huntington Beach.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Francis, in 1989.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at The Living Desert Reserve in Palm Desert.

Other information in the record of Peter Martin Ourcault

from Illinois, Cook County, Birth Certificates, 1871-1949

Name:	Peter Martin Ourcault
Event Type:	Birth
Event Date:	20 Sep 1934
Event Place:	Chicago, Cook, Illinois, United States
Event Place (Original):	Chicago, Cook, Illinois
Registration Date:	27 Sep 1934
Registration Place:	Illinois
Sex:	Male
Race:	White
Father's Name:	Richard Ourcault
Father's Birthplace:	New York New York
Father's Age:	42
Father's Birth Year (Estimated):	1892
Mother's Name:	Marjorie Filer Or Liler
Mother's Birthplace:	Dallas Texas
Mother's Age:	34
Mother's Birth Year (Estimated):	1900
Certificate Number:	33575

IL birth record of son Peter Martin Outcalt (1934-) -
<https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/sources/963K-D86>



Back To School Go The Holiday Players Of La Clase

Back to work goes the gay band of moppets above who are students of La Clase School. The picture shows them just after the triumphant presentation of Christmas play directed by Helen Thomas and Holly Lash Visel. They are, left to right, Jimmy Hicks, Peter Outcault, Suzanne Gardiner, Gail Hicks, Freddie Clemens, David Kellogg, John Sanborn, Susan Chapman, Earl Guild and Jerry Crocker. Sitting Chubby Malouf, Deedee Todd, Shelby Gray and Michael Isenagle.

Son Peter Martin Outcault is standing in the back row, 2nd from left – “Palm Springs (CA) Limelight-News” Saturday 13 Jan 1940 p 11



Son Peter Martin Outcalt - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/24085854/person/13948002788/media/0045c3b3-3b6a-4e44-af54-b90b247bf523>

Father:



Richard Felton Outcalt, Sr. – Left: Find A Grave 10336 – right:
<https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/24085854/person/1470541437/media/7e6188f6-a90b-4d30-959d-7ba80e06904d>

FATHER OF COMIC SUPPLEMENT DIES

Richard F. Outcault, Creator of Buster Brown, Yellow Kid And Other Famous Strips, Passes Away At Age of 65 Years In New York

NEW YORK, SEPT. 26.—Richard F. Outcault, comic artist, creator of the Yellow Kid and Buster Brown, and often called the father of the modern comic newspaper supplement, died last night at his home in the Gibson Apartments, Flushing, Queens, after a ten weeks' illness of a complication of ailments. His age was sixty-five.

He is survived by a widow, formerly Miss Mary Jane Martin of Lancaster, Ohio, a son, Richard F. Outcault, Jr., of Chicago, and a daughter, Mrs. Frank E. Pershing, of Flushing, wife of a nephew of General Pershing. The funeral services will be held privately.

The artist was born in Lancaster, the son of J. P. and Catherine Davis Outcault. He received his art education at McMicken University, Cincinnati. Soon after his graduation, he married and came to this city. For several years he worked as a free lance artist here, providing illustrations for the Electrical World and submitting funny pictures with jokes attached, to Life and Judge.

Mr. Outcault found that his work proved more successful when it was salted with humor, and in 1895 he decided to limit himself almost entirely to comic productions. In that year he launched in The Sunday World the first full-page colored "comic" or cartoon ever published. It was called "Hogan's Alley." It proved the forerunner of dozens of colored full-page "comics" that are followed eagerly every Sunday throughout the United States. Its success was far surpassed, however, by Mr. Outcault's second creation, the Yellow Kid, which he drew for The New York Journal in 1896 and 1897.

Then came, in 1901, "Pore Lil' Mose," and in 1902 "Buster Brown," both done for The New York Herald. In Buster Brown the artist achieved his greatest triumph. During the adventures of Buster Brown there was scarcely a child, or, indeed, scarcely a grown-up, who was not familiar with the chubby little boy and his faithful dog Tige.

For a time Buster Brown was a powerful influence on fashions in clothes for boys. The original of Buster Brown was Mr. Outcault's son, Richard F. Jr., and the original of Mary Jane, another of his characters, was his daughter, the present Mrs. Pershing.

After he left the Herald, Mr. Outcault was for several years on the staff of The New York Journal. He gave up professional drawing about ten years ago, and since then had only used his talent for his own enjoyment in painting.

Obituary of father Richard Felton Outcault Sr. — "Hanover (PA) Evening Sun" Wednesday 26 Sep 1928 p 4

FATHER OF THE "FUNNIES"

Thousands of persons count the comic drawings of Richard F. Outcault among the cherished memories of their childhood without realizing that he was the father of the modern comic strip and "funny paper." His death raised in the minds of many vivid visions of hilarious childhood hours.

Outcault was the creator of "Buster Brown," "The Yellow Kid" and "Hogan's Alley," which back in 1893 began to creep into the Sunday newspaper supplements, adding gaudiness and gaiety to these journals. He abandoned professional drawing a decade ago, but his comic creations are still remembered.

The influence of Outcault's comic drawings was felt in fashions in clothes for small boys, on the stage and in the mercantile world where his characters and their names became nationally known trademarks. And the modern newspaper shows the effects of that influence, in the form of whole sections of comics on Sunday and pages of comic strips on the other six days of the week.

There will be wide difference of opinion as to the worth of Mr. Outcault's contribution to journalism and civilization, but none will deny that his contribution to human happiness was large. Beyond the power of statistician and adding machine to calculate is the total of happy hours furnished by the funny paper and comic strip.

CREATOR OF 'BUSTER BROWN' DIES AT HOME

Flushing, N. Y., Sept. 26—(AP)—Richard F. Outcault, cartoonist and creator of "The Yellow Kid," "Buster Brown" and other newspaper comics, died at his home here Tuesday. He was 65 years old.

He was born in Lancaster, Ohio, and often was called the father of the modern newspaper comic supplement. In 1895 he launched "Hogan's Alley," the first full-page colored comic ever published. He retired 10 years ago.

Surviving are his widow, a son, Richard F. Outcault, jr., of Chicago, and a daughter.

Ironwood Daily Globe
Michigan

Sept. 26, 1928 - Page 10

Pioneer Cartoonist. Many consider him the father of the modern comic strip. He created the first star character of the genre, "The Yellow Kid", and the popular "Buster Brown". In the late 1890s Outcault's cartoons were innovative in their use of sequential narrative, panel divisions, and speech balloons. He did not invent these devices, but was probably the most influential in establishing them as basic elements of the comic strip format. Richard Felton Outcault was born in Lancaster, Ohio, and studied at McMicken University's School of Design in Cincinnati from 1878 to 1881. His scientific drawings for the Ohio Valley Centennial Exposition (1888) brought him to the attention of Thomas Edison, who hired him as the official artist for his traveling exhibit of electric light displays. In this capacity he represented Edison in Paris at the 1889 World's Fair. Settling in New York City in 1890, Outcault worked as an illustrator for "Electrical World" magazine while also contributing to humor journals such as "Judge" and "Truth". For the latter he created a series of single-panel cartoons called "Down in Hogan's Alley" (1894) to spoof current events, set in a squalid city slum and peopled with assorted ragamuffins. Outcault brought this property with him when he joined the staff of Joseph Pulitzer's New York World later that year. Most historians agree that the debut of "Hogan's Alley" in The World's Sunday supplement on May 5, 1895 marked the first appearance of a regular newspaper comic strip, as well as the first to be printed in full color. One character from its ragged cast caught the popular imagination - a bald, jug-eared little boy with a buck-toothed grin, whose cocky comments appeared on his yellow nightshirt as if on a placard. The Yellow Kid, as he came to be known, proved that comics could sell papers and spawned a cottage industry of Kid-related merchandise in the northeastern United States. Further notoriety came in the form of a bitter circulation war between The World and William Randolph Hearst's New York Journal. Hearst lured Outcault to his paper with an enormous salary offer; Pulitzer retaliated by hiring another artist to draw "Hogan's Alley" for The World. Outcault renamed his strip "McFadden's Row of Flats" but The Kid remained its star attraction. With the character appearing in two rival papers it became a symbol of sensationalism and unscrupulous practices in the news business. Critics began referring to this as "Yellow Kid Journalism", subsequently shortened to "yellow journalism". For all the commotion, The Kid's currency was brief and by 1898 he had disappeared from both papers, with Outcault taking the position of comics

editor for The Journal. In 1900 he left Hearst for the New York Herald and pioneered again with "Pore Lil Mose" (1900 to 1902), the first regular strip to star an African-American character. It was not very popular and he then decided to create a more conventional series to make money: "Buster Brown", which debuted in The Herald in May 1902. Gone was the low-life grunginess of Outcault's earlier work. Buster, a mischievous but good-natured boy in an outlandish Fauntleroy outfit, was a child of affluence and the settings were plush, the humor more genteel. His bulldog Tige - believed to be the first talking pet in American comics - was there to provide wry and often disapproving commentary. Unlike The Yellow Kid, Buster was always punished for his misdeeds and each story ended with a "Resolved" panel in which he swore he had learned a lesson. Those who felt newspaper cartoons were somehow immoral found this edifying, even though it was obvious that Buster would never keep his promises to behave. "Buster Brown" was an immediate hit in New York and became a national sensation thanks to Outcault's shrewd marketing skills. He set up a booth at the 1904 St. Louis Exposition to sell merchandising rights for the strip, and before long images of Buster and Tige were appearing on everything from toys to whiskey. (A line of Buster Brown children's footwear is still sold today). It also spawned a brief spin-off strip, "Buddy Tucker" (1905). In a replay of the "Yellow Kid" episode, Outcault again defected to Hearst in 1906 and The Herald commissioned a competing version of "Buster Brown" for its pages. Outcault retired a wealthy man in 1921 and devoted his last years to painting. His widow kept his ashes until her death in Los Angeles in 1945, after which they were interred together at Forest Lawn in Glendale.

Bio by: [Bobb Edwards](#)

From Find A Grave 10336 for R.F. Outcault

Mother:

Mother of Local Man Dies at Her Los Angeles Home

Mrs. M. J. Outcalt, mother of Richard F. Outcalt of the Town House, passed away at her home in Los Angeles Thursday, and last rites will be said tomorrow at 2 p.m. at Forest Lawn.

She was the widow of R. F. Outcalt, creator of the famous Buster Brown comic strips, one of the original comics.

She is survived by Richard F. Outcalt, II, of the Town House, and by three grandchildren here, Peter, John, who is in the U. S. Navy, and Richard F. Outcalt, III, now a senior at Stanford university.

Obituary of mother Mary Jane ("Mamie") Martin Outcalt, published in the "Desert Sun" (Palm Springs CA) 21 Dec 1945 p 6, also found on Find A Grave 85482362

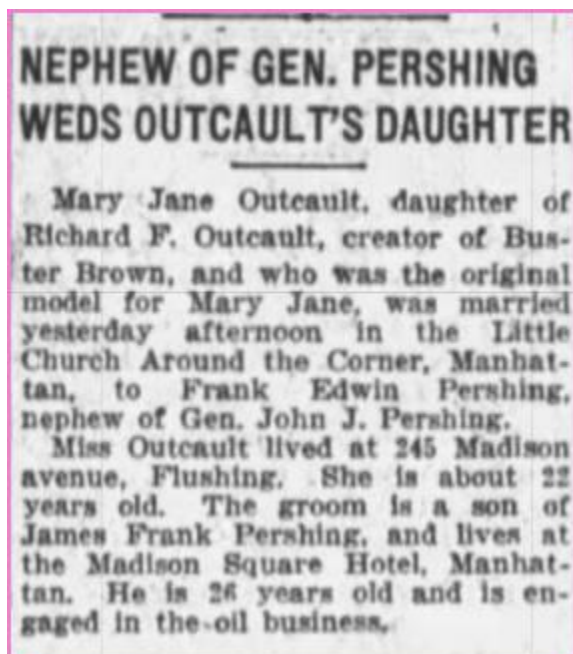
OUTCAULT, Mary Jane, widow of the late R. F. Outcalt, originator of comic supplement "Buster Brown," mother of Mary Jane Pershing & Richard F. Outcalt, sister of Marguerite Van de Voort & H. Starling Martin of Columbus, O., & Florence N. Ignacio of Phoenix, Ariz. Services Sat. at 3 p.m. in the Church of the Recessional, Forest Lawn. Reed Bros., Tapley & Geiger, directors.

"Los Angeles Times" Friday 21 Dec 1945 p 22

Sister:



Mary Jane Outcault Pershing, the namesake of "Mary Jane" shoes, and husband Frank Edwin Pershing, the nephew of General John Joseph ("Black Jack") Pershing – Find A Grave 85486934



"Brooklyn (NY) Standard Union" Sunday 20 Mar 1921 p 1

The marriage of Miss Mary Jane Outcault of Flushing, L. I. to Capt. Frank Edwin Pershing, a nephew of General Pershing took place in New York Saturday afternoon. The bride is the original "Mary Jane" of the Buster Brown cartoons drawn by her father Richard Outcault. Captain Pershing served overseas in the ordnance department. He had charge of the ammunition depots at the front during the Chateau Thierri, St. Mihiel and Argonne drives. Later he became a member of the personal staff of his uncle, General Pershing. He was decorated with the Croix de Guerre by Marshal Petain and the Belgian order of the Crown by King Albert. He was captain of the University of Chicago football team in 1917 and is now in the oil business in New York where they will reside.

"Lincoln (NE) Journal Star" Thursday 24 Mar 1921 p 12

PERSHING'S NEPHEW A BRIDEGROOM.

Frank Edwin Pershing and his bride, who was Mary Jane Outcault, daughter of Richard Outcault, the world famous artist, photographed as they were leaving the church in which they were wedded to go on their honeymoon. The bridegroom is the nephew of General Pershing.

Richard Outcault Jr.'s Sister
Nevada State Journal
April 2, 1921 Page 8

Wartime:

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Outcault, Richard F Jr		250,106	White	1½
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Residence: 245 Madison Ave		Flushing LI	NEW YORK	
(Street and house number)		(Town or city)	(County)	(State)
* Enlisted in	RA Mineola NY Dec 12/17			
† Born in	New York NY 25 yrs			
Organizations:	213 Aer Sq to June 27/18; 1107 Aer Sq to Nov 25/18; 326 Aer Sq to disch			
Grades:	Corp Jan 5/18			
Engagements:				
Wounds or other injuries received in action: None.				
‡ Served overseas:	Jan 24/18 to Dec 11/18			
§ Hon. disch.	Dec 21/18 on demobilization			
Was reported	0 per cent disabled on date of discharge, in view of occupation.			
Remarks:				

Form No. 724-1½, A. G. O. March 12, 1920. 3-7688

* Insert "R. A.", "N. G.", "E. R. C.", "N. A.", as case may be, followed by place and date of enlistment. † Give place of birth and date of birth, or age at enlistment. ‡ Give dates of departure from and arrival in the United States. § Give date.

NY, WWI Army Card -

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New York Times

Feb. 9, 1918

Richard F. Outcault, Jr., a son of the cartoonist, had not been heard from last night. "I am expecting hourly to hear from Dick," said Mrs. Outcault, "and I expect to get news soon. He is a level-headed boy, and I am sure he knew how to take care of himself in the emergency."

Richard F. Outcault, jr., of Madison avenue, Flushing, son of the well-known artist and originator of Buster Brown, who is in France with the 213th Aero Squadron, was injured in an airplane accident, according to reports received here yesterday. According to news that has come to his family, young Outcault was flying when two other machines crashed into his and he was thrown to the ground. Outcault was not badly hurt, it is believed, as he is said to be recovering in a hospital. Outcault was one of the twelve Flushing boys who were saved from the Tuscania when that vessel was sunk by a German submarine.

"Brooklyn Times Union" Saturday 10 Aug 1918 p 3

OUTCAULT INJURED IN AIR ACCIDENT

Flushing Aviator Survived Torpedoing of Tuscania.

Richard F. Outcault Jr., the original "Buster Brown," a son of the cartoonist, was injured in an airplane accident in France a few weeks ago, according to letters received by friends of the family here today.

Young Outcault is a member of the 213th Aero Squadron. It is said his machine collided with two other



"Brooklyn Daily Eagle" Sunday 11 Aug 1918 p 43



The Town House & Bungalows, Palm Springs CA, 1936 – built & operated by Richard Felton Outcault Jr. & his brother-in-law, Frank Pershing –
<https://calisphere.org/item/ark:/21198/zz002d53t5/>



Town House, Palm Springs CA, 1936 -
<https://dl.library.ucla.edu/islandora/object/edu.ucla.library.specialCollections.bartlett:2499>

Name: Richard Felton Outcault, Jr.

Name variations: nickname: Dick

Military:On Tuscania: 213th Aero Squadron to 27 Jun 1918, then 1107th Aero Squadron to 25 Nov 1918, then 326th Aero Squadron – corporal

Serial number: 250,106

Entered service from: New York NY

Sailed on “Tuscania” as: Richard F. Outcault, Jr.

Next-of-kin on “Tuscania”: father Richard F. Outcault, 245 Madison Ave., NY, NY

Returned from war on: “Ascanius” Dec 1918

Sailed on return ship as: Richard F. Outcault, Jr.

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: father Richard F. Outcault, 245 Madison Ave., Flushing NY (cpl, 326th Aero Sq)

World War I draft registration (1917): as Richard Felton Outcault Jr. – b. 2 Dec 1892 NY, NY; res: 245 Madison Ave., Flushing, NY. Single. Foreman, A. J. Nash, Redding CT. Medium height & build.

National Tuscania Survivors Association (1939): Flossmoor IL

World War II draft registration (1942): as Richard Felton Outcault – b. 2 Dec 1892 NY, NY; res: 544 Arenas Rd., Palm Springs, Riverside CA. NOK wife Mrs. Marjorie E. Outcault, same address. Self-employed, Town House, Palm Springs, Riverside CA. “birthmark on left arm. Scar on right hip.” – Height” 5’10 ½” – 190 lbs.

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlisted: 12 Dec 1917

Discharged: 21 Dec 1918

Address: 6839 Crandon Ave., Chicago IL

Rank/unit: corporal, 326th Aero Squadron**Birth & death:**

Born: 2 Dec 1892 Queens NY (or Manhattan, NY, NY)

Died: 9 Jul 1976 Huntington Beach, Orange CA

Find A Grave record:

Burial location:

Cemetery:

Tombstone:

Father: Richard Felton (“Dick”) Outcault, Sr., 14 Jan 1863 Lancaster, Fairfield OH – 25 Sep 1928 Flushing, Queens NY. Known as R.F. Outcault. Son of Jesse Pugh Outcault & Catherine Ann Davis. Considered by many to be the father of the modern comic strip. He created “The Yellow Kid” and “Buster Brown.” Thomas Edison hired him as the official artist for his traveling exhibit of electric light displays, representing Edison in 1889 at the World’s Fair in Paris, France. He joined the staff of Joseph Pulitzer’s “New York World” in 1894. His Hogan’s Alley comic strip in the “World”’s Sunday supplement of 5 May 1895 was the 1st appearance of a regular newspaper comic strip. William Randolph Hearst lured Outcault to his “New York Journal.” With two “Yellow Kid” characters appearing in two rival newspapers, critics began calling this “Yellow Kid journalism” – leading to the phrase “yellow journalism” when “Kid” was dropped from the phrase. In 1900, R.F. left Hearst for the “New York Herald” where he introduced “Pore Lil Mose,” the 1st comic strip to feature a Black character. “Buster Brown” debuted in the “New York Herald” in May 1902, with Buster dressed in

his Little Lord Fauntleroy outfit. Buster's companion "Tige" was the 1st talking animal in a comic strip.

Buried in Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Glendale, Los Angeles CA.

Find A Grave: 10336

Mother: Mary Jane ("Mamie") Martin Outcault, 25 Aug 1870 Lancaster, Fairfield OH – 20 Dec 1945 Los Angeles, Los Angeles CA. Daughter of William Latta Martin & Mary Ellen (Eleanor) Rising. Buried in Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Glendale, Los Angeles CA.

Find A Grave: 85482361

Parents' marriage: 1890

Spouse: Margaret Elizabeth ("Marjorie") Filer Outcault, 19 Feb 1900 Dallas Co. TX – 4 Nov 1989 Orange, Los Angeles CA. Daughter of George L. Filer & Anne Lee ---. Burial details unknown.

Spouse Find A Grave: 228218846

Marriage: 10 Feb 1920 Oak Park, Cook IL

Children:

- Richard Felton Outcault III, 24 Apr 1924 Cook Co. IL – 4 Jan 1998 Laguna Beach, Orange CA. Birth listed as 25 Apr 1924 in Cook Co. IL records. Married in 1948 to Rula Merle Jones (1923-2006, F: 228241114), the daughter of Ralph Harding Jones & Emma Merle Thomas. Burial details unknown. F: 228172164
- John Filer Outcault, 17 Jul 1927 Chicago, Cook IL – 27 Nov 1998 CA (after struck by a vehicle). His wife Francis Force Outcault died in 1989.
- Peter Outcault, 20 Sep 1934 Chicago, Cook IL - . – Married 17 Apr 1960 in Clark Co. NV to Sandra Jane Hughes; divorced Mar 1967 in Los Angeles, Los Angeles CA. – Married 3 Jan 1969 in Carson City NV to Helen E. Smith. – Resident of Huntington Beach CA, owner of Fast Draw Art Studio.

Siblings:

- Mary Jane Outcault Pershing, 19 Aug 1896 NY – 5 Mar 1996 Los Angeles, Los Angeles CA. Namesake of "Mary Jane" shoes. She married in Manhattan NY on 19 Mar 1921 to Frank Edwin Pershing (1895-1980, F: 85486933), son of James Fletcher Pershing, the younger brother of WWI General Joseph Joseph ("Black Jack") Pershing, commander of the American Expeditionary Forces. Mary Jane & Frank had a daughter, Mary Jane Pershing (1923-2004) who married Bernard George Coghlan (1918-1964). Mary Jane (Outcault) & Frank are buried in Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Glendale, Los Angeles CA. F: 85486934

Notes:

Pre-war:

Wartime:

"Chicago Tribune" 8 Feb 1918 p 3 – photo

"Brooklyn Daily Eagle" 10 Feb 1918 p 5 – photo

“Pittsburgh Post-Gazette” 11 Aug 1918 p 12 – the original “Buster Brown” was injured a few weeks ago when his plane collided with 2 others several hundred feet above ground – same story with photo “Brooklyn Daily Eagle” 11 Aug 1918 p 43

Post-war:

in 1955, newspaper notes he is owner of Town House Hotel, Palm Springs CA & has been Palm Springs resident 18 yrs

Obituary:

“Desert Sun” 16 Jul 1976 obituary does not mention burial site, only memorial service

Social Security number: 549-46-4046

Censuses:

1900 Manhattan, NY, NY – 453 St. Nicholas

Richard F. Outcalt, 38 OH, Jan 1862, father b. OH, mother b. NY, married 10 years, artist

Mary J., 29 OH, Aug 1870, parents b. OH, gave birth to 2 children, 2 are living

Richard F., 7 NY, Dec 1892, at school

Mary J., 3 NY, Aug 1896

1910 Queens, NY – 245 --- [probably Madison Ave.]

R.F. Outcalt [indexed as P.F. Ourcalt], 47 OH, father b. OH, mother b. NJ, in 1st marriage, married 19 years, artist, comic drawings

Mary, 34 NY, parents b. OH, in 1st marriage, gave birth to 2 children, 2 are living

Richard F., 17 NY

Mary Jane, 13 NY

& servant Annie Brennan, 31 Ireland, emigrated 1885, in employ of private family

1920 Queens NY – 245 Madison Ave. – conducted 13 Jan 1920

Richard F. Outcalt, 57 OH, father b. OH, mother b. NJ, general, advertising

Mary Jane, 49 OH, parents b. OH

Richard F., 27 NY, single, general, advertising

Mary Jane, 23 NY, actress, stage

1930 Flossmoor, Cook IL – conducted 10 Apr 1930

Ric F. Outcalt [indexed as Ontcalt], 37 NY, parents b. OH, age 28 at 1st marriage, advertising, own firm, WWI veteran

Marjorie, 30 TX, father b. ME, mother b. TX

Rich F., 5 IL

John F., 2 years 8 months IL

& mother-in-law Ann Filer, 52 TX, widow, parents b. TX, age 19 at 1st marriage

1940 Palm Springs, Riverside CA – 544 Arenas – all residents of Chicago, Cook IL in 1935

Richard F. Outcalt, 47 NY, manager, hotel

Marjorie, 40 TX

Richard F. Jr., 15 IL

John F., 12 IL

Peter M., 5 IL

& mother-in-law Ann L. Filer, 62 TX, widow