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Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

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

NOK = next-of-kin

TUSCANIA***One of the Spooner WI boys*****Pinney, George Edgar****1898 WI – 1948 MI**



George Edgar Pinney – “Spooner (WI) Advocate” 15 Feb 1918

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Laagman Funeral Chapel. Interment
in Oakhill Cemetery. Mr. Lotterman
reposes at the chapel.

PINNEY—George E. Pinney, aged 50,
of 1617 Ninth St., Muskegon, passed
away Thursday. Surviving are the
widow, Ruth; one daughter, Mrs.
Verna Vincent of Buchanan; three
sisters, Mrs. Leona Correll of Drum-
mond, Wis.; Mrs. Mae Lester of
Springbrook, Wis., and Mrs. Pearl
McCann of North Branch, Minn.; two
half-brothers, Glen and William Pin-
ney of Muskegon Heights. Mr. Pinney
reposes at the Lyzen-Blanchard Fu-
neral Home, where services will be
held Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

STEEBY—William E. Steeby, formerly
of Middleville, passed away suddenly

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Obituary of George Edgar Pinney graciously supplied by the Grand Rapids Public Library, from the
"Grand Rapids (MI) Herald" 25 Sep 1948

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PINNEY GEORGE EDGAR

Wag 107 Engrs Tn Co E K

2635 Hanson St Rockford Ill A 2 452 413

No 2 516 78 Died 9-23-48 T 148 500

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U. S. VETERANS BUREAU
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APPLICATION FOR HEADSTONE OR MARKER
(Please make out and return in duplicate)

CHECK TYPE REQUIRED
(See Instructions attached)

☐ UPRIGHT MARBLE HEADSTONE
☒ **FLAT MARBLE MARKER**
☐ FLAT GRANITE MARKER
☐ BRONZE MARKER (NOTE RESTRICTIONS)

ENLISTMENT DATE
July 19, 1917

DISCHARGE DATE
May 27, 1919

SERIAL No.
251 678

PENSION No.
C-1 811 146

EMBLEM (Check one)
☐ CHRISTIAN
☐ HEBREW
☒ **NONE**

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)
Pinney, George E.

STATE
Wisconsin

RANK
Wagoner

COMPANY
Train Co.

U. S. REGIMENT, STATE ORGANIZATION, AND DIVISION
107 Eng., 32nd. Div.

DATE OF BIRTH (Month, Day, Year)
May 21, 1898

DATE OF DEATH (Month, Day, Year)
Sept. 22, 1948

NAME OF CEMETERY
Wyoming Township Cemetery

LOCATION (City and State)
Grandville, Michigan

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)
☒ **Carl De Puit, Sexton**
 (SIGNATURE OF CONSIGNEE)

NEAREST FREIGHT STATION (City and State)
Grandville, Michigan

POST OFFICE ADDRESS OF CONSIGNEE
**Wyoming Township Cemetery
Grandville, Michigan**

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SHIPPED

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.

Ruth Imogene Pinney
 APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE

June 22, 1949
 DATE OF APPLICATION

ADDRESS (Street, City, State)
1617 9th. St., Muskegon Heights, Michigan

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IMPORTANT—Complete Reverse Side

16-11453-6 GPO

The application for George's veteran headstone, in which his birthdate of 1898 is crossed off and 1895 penciled in, signed by his wife Ruth Imogene (Bixby) Pinney -
<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/631451:2375>

George E Pinney

in the Michigan, U.S., Death Records, 1867-1952

Name:	George E Pinney
Gender:	Male
Race:	White
Marital status:	Married
Death Age:	50
Birth Date:	21 May 1898
Birth Place:	South Wayne, Wisconsin
Death Date:	22 Sep 1948
Death Place:	Grand Rapids, Kent, Michigan, USA
Father:	William Pinney
Mother:	Nellie Hughes
File Number:	001618

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Wife Goldie Marie Andrews Pinney Newsom

Pinney-Andrews.

George E. Pinney and Miss Goldie Marie Andrews were quietly married at the Methodist parsonage Wednesday of this week. They were attended by Mervin Andrews, brother of the bride and Mildred Newsom of Argyle. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Andrews of the town of Wiota. The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. William Pinney. Their many friends wish these worthy young people heartiest congratulations and best wishes on their life voyage together.

Marriage of George Edgar Pinney & Goldie Marie Andrews 12 Sep 1923 – “Darlington (WI) Democrat” Thursday 13 Sep 1923 p 1

Mr. and Mrs. George Pinney, of Rockford, Ill., are here on a visit at the home of Mrs. Pinney's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Andrews.

“Darlington (WI) Republican-Journal” Thursday 1 Jan 1925 p 12

Mr. and Mrs. George Pinney and daughter, Verna are visiting Mr. and Mrs. William Andrews, near Gratiot.

Darlington WI news: “Madison (WI) Capital Times” Wednesday 14 Jul 1926 p 17

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE.
[Cause No. 55799]
STATE OF INDIANA, County of St. Joseph, SS.
In the St. Joseph Circuit Court September term, 1938.
Goldie M. Pinney vs. George E. Pinney.
BE IT KNOWN, that the above named Plaintiff has filed in the office of the Clerk of said Court her complaint against said Defendant in the above cause together with a proper affidavit that said Defendant, George E. Pinney, is a non-resident of the State of Indiana.
Said defendant is hereby notified that said cause will stand for trial on the 24th day of November, 1938, at the City of South Bend on which day said defendant is required to appear to said action.
KARL W. DUBAIL, Clerk.
By Edna Snyder, Deputy.
Rollo E. BonDurant,
Attorney for Plaintiff. 31—28-5-12.

“South Bend (IN) Tribune” Wednesday 28 Sep 1938 p 22

Divorces Granted.
PINNEY—Goldie M. Pinney from George E. Pinney; cruelty; plaintiff awarded custody of child and ordered not to marry for two years; circuit court.

“South Bend (IN) Tribune” Saturday 3 Dec 1938 p 10



Goldie Andrews Pinney Newsom's tombstone – Find A Grave 129527277

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The penalty for neglect to make return to the Clerk of District Court, within 15 days by the person solemnizing marriage is \$10
Code, Section 1146

IOWA STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Return of Marriage to Clerk of District Court

COUNTY OF DUBUQUE

1. Full name of GROOM *William Arthur Newson*
 2. Place of Residence *South Bend Ind. Route #4.*
 3. Occupation *Farmer*
 4. Age next birthday *36* years. Color *White* Nationality *Irish*
 5. Place of birth *Buchanan Mich.*
 6. Father's name *Arthur James Newson*
 7. Mother's maiden name *Sarah Rebecca Hughes*
 8. Number of GROOM'S marriage *First*
 9. Physician signing Groom's certificate *Dr. J. C. Strayer*
 Address *Buchanan, Mich.*
 10. Full name of BRIDE *Solida Marie Pinney*
 Maiden name if a widow
 11. Place of residence *Darlington Wis.*
 12. Age next birthday *39* years. Color *White* Nationality *German*
 13. Place of birth *Wisc.*
 14. Father's name *William Andrews*
 15. Mother's maiden name *Hattie Statser*
 16. Number of Bride's marriage *Second*
 17. Physician signing Bride's certificate *Dr. N. McGreane,*
 Address *Darlington, Wisc.*
 18. Witnesses to marriage *Mrs. Helen Andrews, James Chester Fyeonow*

N. B.—At Nos. 8 and 16 state whether 1st, 2d, 3d, etc., marriage of each. At 18 give names of subscribing witnesses to the marriage certificate. If no subscribing witnesses, give names of two persons who witnessed the ceremony.

July 2, A. D. 1943

WE HEREBY CERTIFY, That the information above given is correct, to the best of our knowledge and belief.

William Arthur Newson, Groom
Solida Marie Pinney, Bride

(Name of Bride Before this Marriage)

I hereby certify that the above is a correct return of a marriage solemnized by me.

At *Dubuque Ia.*

this *2* day of *July* 194*3*

Charles Samuel
 (Person Officiating)
 (Office)

Area Traffic Smashups Claim Three



NILES WOMAN DIES: Rural Niles woman, Mrs. William Newsom, 68, West Bertrand road, was fatally injured in this car-truck crash in Bertrand township, southwest of Niles, yesterday afternoon. Sgt. Charles Tiefenbach, Berrien sheriff's Galien substation commander, inspects wreckage of victim's car, hit broadside by truck at left. Passenger in car, Gary Sheets, Niles, was seriously injured. (Staff photo)

Two Niles area residents and a Chicago woman died in separate traffic accidents in Berrien and Cass counties yesterday.

The victims were Mrs. William (Goldie Marie) Newsom, 68, of 3975 West Bertrand road, Niles; Joseph G. Hajdu, 55, of 413 Cedar street, Niles; and Mrs. James (Corryne) Mister, 27, Chicago.

Seriously injured in the accident which claimed the life of

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**Auto Deaths
in Berrien
County in
1973**

Mrs. Newsom was Gary Sheets, 19, of 3975 West Bertrand road, Niles. He was listed in fair condition this morning in the intensive care unit at Pawating hospital, Niles.

Mrs. Newsom and Mrs. Mister were killed in accidents in Berrien county. Hajdu died in a Cass county mishap.

State police at Niles said Mrs. Newsom was fatally injured when the car she was driving

was struck broadside by a panel truck on West Bertrand road, Bertrand township, about 3:50 p.m. Police said the accident occurred about a mile from her home. Sheets was a passenger in the Newsom auto.

Mrs. Mister died about one hour after the car she was driving skidded out of control on the Penn Central overpass on I-94 near New Buffalo, crashed through the guard rail and plunged to the tracks below, according to state police at New Buffalo.

Cass sheriff's deputies said Hajdu died at 8:25 a.m. following a two-car crash at the intersection of Yankee street and Dailey road near Edwardsburg in Jefferson township.

Driver of the second car, David L. Collins, 25, route 2, Cassopolis, was treated at Lee Memorial hospital, Dowagiac, and released.

The deaths raise the traffic toll in Berrien county to 53 this year, compared to 62 on this date last year.

Cass county traffic count now stands at 19 for this year, compared to 38 deaths on this date a year ago.

Skids on Road

NILES — Mrs. Goldie Marie Newsom, 68, of 3875 W. Bertrand Rd., died in Pawating Hospital shortly after her auto was struck broadside by another car on Bertrand, about a quarter mile west of Orange Rd. in Bertrand Twp., at 3:15 p.m.

A passenger in the Newsom Auto, Gary Wayne Sheets, 19, also of 3875 W. Bertrand, is listed in fairly good condition today in the intensive care unit of the hospital.

State troopers from the Niles post said the Newsome car was eastbound on Bertrand when Mrs. Newsome lost control of it on the slippery road surface and it slid broadside into the path of an auto driven by Raymond Everett Cain, 44, of Rt. 1, U.S. 12, Galien.

Cain is listed in good condition today in Pawating Hospital. Officers said he suffered a leg injury.

Police reported Mrs. Newsome died about 35 minutes after the accident. She was

pronounced dead by Dr. Walter Daily.

She was born June 24, 1905, in Darlington, Wis. On July 2, 1943, in Dubuque, Iowa, she was married to William Newsome. He survives with a son, Robert, of Niles; a daughter, Mrs. Beverly (Verna) Sheets, of Galien; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Andrews, of Darlington; three brothers, Mervin Andrews of Monroe, Wis., and Harry and Willard, both of Darlington; a sister, Mrs. Eva Barge, of Gratiot, Wis.; six grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday in the Swem Chapel of

the Swem-Smith Funeral Home. Rev. Robert Wellfare, pastor of the Portage Prairie United Methodist Church, will preside. Burial will be in Oak Ridge Cemetery.

Friends may call after 7 p.m. today in the Swem Chapel in Buchanan.

Obituary of Goldie Marie Andrews Pinney Newsom – "South Bend (IN) Tribune" Thursday 27 Dec 1983 p 2

Wife Ruth Imogene Bixby



Find A Grave 45655623

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

THIS CERTIFIES, that the undersigned Justice of Peace
by authority of a License bearing date the 2nd day of Dec A. D. 1938
and issued by the County Auditor of the County of King, did on the 2nd day of Dec
A. D. 1938, at the Courthouse
County and State aforesaid, join in LAWFUL WEDLOCK George E. Pinney
of the County of Seattle and Ruth I. Bibby
of the County of Seattle with their mutual assent, in the presence of
Glen O. Hale and Edna May Hale witnesses.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, witness the signatures of the parties to said ceremony, the witnesses and myself, this
2nd day of Dec, A. D. 1938.

WITNESS:	PARTIES:	OFFICIATING CLERGYMAN OR OFFICER:
<u>Glen O. Hale</u>	<u>George E. Pinney</u> MALE	<u>Justice of Peace</u>
<u>Edna May Hale</u>	<u>Ruth I. Bibby</u> FEMALE	<u>Justice of Peace</u>

Filed 1 1 1 1938

P. O. ADDRESS Seattle WASHINGTON.

IN COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON
DEC 6 1938
CARROLL CARTER
CLERK
By ARTHUR STEWART
DEPUTY

This Certificate must be filled out and filed with the County Clerk of the County where the ceremony is performed, within 30 days after the ceremony.—See Chapter 172, Laws of Washington of 1927.

The County Clerk's Fee for recording this Certificate is One Dollar, to be paid by the party applying for the license at the time each license is issued.—Pierce's Code, Sec. 3713.

Failure to make and deliver Certificate to the County Clerk within 30 days is punishable by a fine of not less than \$25.00 or more than \$300.00.—See Pierce's Code, Sec. 3714.

NOTE—THIS CERTIFICATE MUST BE FILED WITH COUNTY CLERK

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Daughter:

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. George Pinney on Tuesday, Dec. 30, 1924, a daughter.

Birth of Verna Georgia Pinney 30 Dec 1924 – "Darlington (WI) Republican-Journal" Thursday 8 Jan 1925 p 5

Siblings:



Sister Leona Bertha Pinney at right & her daughter Betty Nell Clemons at left -
<https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/75222029/person/48454806156/media/82474eda-3b9d-4345-adce-b59aca3009fd>



Leona's 1st husband Leonard Rex Clemons, who according to family changes his name to Joseph J. Powell between 1921 & 1927 to evade Leona & his daughter Betty Clemons – photo at

<https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/75222029/person/310043810088/media/9b47aef9-ee2f-4929-96c0-18fc9d3424b3>

and name change at: <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/75222029/person/310043810088/facts>

Name: George Edgar Pinney

Name variations:

Military:

On Tuscania: 107th Eng. - private

Serial number: 251,678

Entered service from: Spooner, Washburn WI

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: George E. Pinney

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": father William Pinney, Spooner WI

Returned from war on: "Haverford" May 1919

Sailed on return ship as: George E. Pinney

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: father William E. Pinney, Spooner WI

World War I draft registration (1917):

National Tuscania Survivors Association (1939): Gratiot WI (1939 NTSA & 1955 WI Survivors)

World War II draft registration (1942): as George Edgar Pinney - b. 21 May 1898 South Wayne WI; res: Spirit Lake ID. NOK wife Ruth Pinney. Employee Idaho State Liquor Board. Height: 5'9" – 150 lbs. "Right leg off above knee." – registered 16 Feb 1942

Veterans Administration Military Index: as George Edgar Pinney

Enlisted: 19 Jul 1917

Discharged: 27 May 1919

Address: 2635 Hanson St., Rockford IL

Rank/unit: wagoner, 107th Engineers Train, Co. 3

Birth & death:

Born: 21 May 1898 South Wayne, Lafayette WI

Died: 22 Sep 1948 Grand Rapids, Kent MI

Find A Grave record: 158671056 – presence on Tuscania indicated in flower

Burial location: Grandville, Kent MI

Cemetery: Grandville

Tombstone: veteran flat: Wisconsin Wagoner 107 Engrs 32 Div WWI

Father: William Edward Pinney, 18 Oct 1871 South Wayne, Juneau WI – 5 Mar 1930 Trego, Washburn WI. Son of John Hurlburt (Hurlbert/Hulbut) Pinney (1839 WI – 1928 WA, F: 59738496), a Civil War veteran who fought for the Union in the 31st WI Infantry, Co. B, and Margaret Jane ("Jenny") Tree (1943 PA – 1890 NE, F: 32755844).

In 1912, following the death of George's mother Eliza in 1911, William married Vera Idel/Idela Hedleson.

In 1929, William Pinney is a mail carrier on the route to/from Spooner, Washburn WI and Ferron Park, in Burnett Co. WI. Died of cancer at his home north of Spooner. When he died, besides his sons William & George at home in Spooner with his widow Vera, he was survived by the four children of his first marriage: son George E. Pinney & daughter Pearl (Mrs. Robert) McCann, both residing in South Bend IN & daughter Leona (Mrs. Sherman) Correll & Mae (Mrs. David) Lester, both residing in Drummond WI.

Buried in Spooner Cemetery, Spooner, Washburn WI.

Find A Grave: 143618617

Mother: Eliza Ellen (Nellie) Hughes Pinney, 31 Oct 1877 Mineral Point, Iowa Co. WI – 8 Oct 1911 Wagner, Charles Mix Co. SD. Daughter of William Harrison Hughes (1850 Wales - 1938) & Electa Ann Powers (1857 WI-1925). In the 1880 census, her family lives in Mifflin, Iowa Co. WI where her father William is a miner. According to her obituary (on her Find A Grave record), she drank carbolic acid thinking it was a toothache remedy. Drinking carbolic acid was a common form of suicide at the time. She was survived by her husband & 4 children. Buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Shullsburg, Lafayette WI (the same cemetery as her parents).

Find A Grave: 167517724

Parents' marriage: 24 Mar 1897 in Shullsburg, Lafayette WI

Stepmother: Vera Idel/Idela Hedleson Pinney, 13 Mar 1887 Sioux City, Woodbury IA – 29 Jul 1936 Red Wing, Goodhue MN. Daughter of William Hedelson/Hedleson. Following her husband William's death in 1930, Vera moved from Mackey Valley, Washburn WI to live with her sister Mrs. Leo Morkin in Red Wing MN in Jul 1935.

Buried in Spooner Cemetery, Spooner, Washburn WI.

Stepmother's Find A Grave: 143618575

Stepmother's marriage: 12 Aug 1912 Yankton SD

Spouse: Goldie Marie Andrews Pinney Newsom, 24 Jun 1905 Wiotla, Lafayette WI – 26 Dec 1973 Niles, Berrien MI. Daughter of William B. Andrews & Hattie Maria Statser.

The *La Crosse (WI) Tribune* of 23 Jul 1985 reports that Goldie's parents will observe their 80th wedding anniversary that Thursday, having been married 24 Jul 1895. Her mother Hattie is age 98 & her father William is age 103. According to William Andrews's Find A Grave record, he died June 28, 1895, which would seem to be an error, and "July 28" was meant instead. If 28 Jul 1985 is correct, he died four days after the milestone anniversary.

Goldie died when the car she was driving skidded on an icy road in Niles MI. She either then broadsided another car or was broadsided by a truck; newspaper accounts differ. She died 35 to 60 minutes after the accident.

Married William Arthur Newsom (1907-1987, F: 175719400) on 2 Jul 1943 in Dubuque, Dubuque IA. He was the son of Arthur James Newsom & Sarah Rebecca Hughes.

Buried in Oak Ridge Cemetery, Buchanan, Berrien MI.

Spouse Find A Grave: 129527277

Marriage: 12 Sep 1923 Lafayette Co. WI. Divorced Dec 1938 in South Bend, St. Joseph IN; she was the plaintiff, charging cruelty. Goldie was awarded custody of their daughter & was ordered not to remarry for 2 years. Meanwhile, George was marrying Ruth Imogene Bixby on 2 Dec 1938 in WA state.

Spouse: Ruth Imogene Bixby Pinney, 11 Mar 1909 Trego, Washburn WI – 28 Mar 1995 Shell Lake, Washburn WI. Daughter of John H. Bixby (1852-1920) & Estella Jeanette Lackey (1873-1934). John & Estella were married Thanksgiving Day, 29 Nov 1896, at the home of William Bixby in Superior Junction (now Trego), Washburn WI. John & Estella moved to Trego soon after their marriage, as Estella's 1934 obituary indicated she had lived in Trego for 37 years. John Bixby was an early Superior Junction/Mills/Trego [the town had multiple names during its history] grocery storekeeper & proprietor of the dance hall above the store. The Lackey family had settled Spring Valley early, along what is now County Highway E in Casey township, Washburn WI.

After George died in 1948, Ruth moved back to Trego, Washburn WI in 1965 & then into Spooner, Washburn WI in 1976. She died at the Terraceview Living Center in Shell Lake WI.

Buried (as are her parents & most of her siblings) in Earl Cemetery, Earl, Washburn WI.

Spouse Find A Grave: 45655623

Marriage: 2 Dec 1938 by a justice of the peace at the King Co. WA Courthouse. The *Washburn County Leader* (Shell Lake WI) of 23 Nov 1938 reported that Ruth Bixby & George Pinney had left 22 Nov 1938 for Seattle WA where they planned to marry. [George was still legally married.] The 22 Dec 1938 *Leader* announced that the marriage had taken place & that the "young couple" would be making their present home in Washington State. George was 40 years old & Ruth age 29. The 3 Dec 1938 newspaper in South Bend IN announces that a divorce was finalized between George & Goldie Pinney.

Child: by his 1st wife Goldie Andrews

- Verna Georgia Pinney Schwartz Vincent Sheets, 30 Dec 1924 Darlington, Lafayette WI – 20 Feb 1982 Berrien Co. MI. - Married in 1942 to George Henry Schwartz (1921-1993). – When her father George died in Sep 1948, his obituary lists her as Mrs. Verna Vincent of Buchanan MI. Verna had married Ray Vincent; the couple had at least 2 children, according to her daughter Linda Vincent Kinne's obituary in the "Galien (MI) Herald-Palladium of 22 Mar 2010; their son was also named Raymond Vincent (in 2010 in South Bend IN). Linda (1949 WI – 2010 MI) had married Earl Kinney. - Married 19 Dec 1950 to Beverly Ray Sheets (1918-1987), son of Clyde E. Sheets & Bertha A. McComb. Both were residents of South Bend IN. On her marriage license application, Verna said she had been married once before. Linda Vincent Kinne's obituary lists surviving half-brothers Gary & Terry Sheets. Buried in Galien Township Cemetery, Galien, Berrien MI. F: 136388465

Siblings: George was the oldest of 4 children born to William & his 1st wife Eliza & their only son.

- Leona Bertha Pinney Clemons Correll, 18 May 1900 WI – 21 Aug 1961 Ashland Co. WI. Leona was not married when she served as her sister Pearl's bridesmaid in Jan 1918. She was a resident of Evergreen township, Washburn Co. WI when she married Rex L. Clemons of Springbrook, Washburn WI at the Methodist parsonage in Spooner, Washburn WI on 21 May 1919. Rex had recently returned from France where he spent about 2 years in Battery F, Field Artillery. Their daughter Betty Nell Clemons was born 27 Mar 1920 WI & died on 13 Jan 2001 OK; she married Leslie Earl Ferguson (1926-2015) on 20 Sep 1947 in Hennepin Co. MN. Rex's birthname was Leonard Rex Clemons. Rex L./Leonard Rex Clemons according to family genealogies online changed to name to "Joseph J. Powell" in 1921-1927 to evade Leona & their daughter Betty. He was born 26 Aug 1898 in Alton, Waseca MN, son of Henry Mortimer Clemons (F: 44811003) & Harriet Rosetta ("Etta") Madison (F: 67848969) & died as Joseph J. Powell on 27 Apr 1956 in Milwaukee Co. WI. Joseph married Dora Auguste Marie Ramthun & had 6 children. He is buried in Pinelawn Memorial Park, Milwaukee, Milwaukee WI, F: 202336853. - The 1920 census, conducted 2 June 1920, shows the couple – but no child – as residents of Springbrook, Washburn WI. The couple presumably divorced, as Leona married Sherman Leroy Correll in the early 1920s. Sherman was born 11 Feb 1889 in Silver Lake township, Kosciusko Co. IN, the son of James E. Correll (F: 46866074) & Jane E. Correll (F: 46866166). Both James and Jane are buried in Earl Cemetery, Earl, Washburn WI. Sherman Correll Sr. (F: 17048726) died 2 Nov 1972 in Hayward, Sawyer WI. Sherman & Leona are living in Drummond, Wisconsin, by 1926. In the 1930 census, Sherman & Leona lived in Drummond, Bayfield WI where Sherman was a logger, with their children Betty & Sherman L., Jr. Betty was 10 years older than her brother. In 1940, the family was still living in Drummond WI, where Sherman was a lumber sawmill operator. When he registered for the World War II draft in 1942, his occupation was "self-employed;" his residence was in Earl, Washburn WI. Sherman Sr., Leona & Sherman Jr. (1930-1964, F: 17048260) are buried in Drummond Cemetery, Drummond, Bayfield WI. Leona: 17048731. (Bayfield County), Wisconsin. Leona's Find A Grave F: 17048731
- Pearl Irene Pinney McCann, 24 Jun 1902 WI – 4 Oct 1964 Minneapolis, Hennepin MN. In Jan 1918, Pearl withdrew from the Spooner, Washburn WI school, stating she would be resuming her studies in Sioux City IA, but instead she marries Robert Marion McCann (F: 11192813) on 27 Jan 1918 at the home of her parents. Robert indicated he was married on

his World War I draft registration card. Robert was born 23 Jul 1899 in Bloomer, Chippewa WI, the son of A.J. McCann & Maude B. English. He died 18 Sep 1973 in Minneapolis, Hennepin MN., In 1900, Robert lived in Spooner with his parents, where his father "Jerd A McCann" is a saloonkeeper. In 1920, Robert & Pearl McCann reside in Evergreen Township, Washburn WI, next to her father William Pinney & the rest of her family. Their son Lawrence C. McCann is not yet 1 year old. Robert is a "farm laborer working out." The birth of a daughter on 24 Dec 1922 is noted in the Spooner (WI) "Advocate" of 5 Jan 1923. In 1940, the couple resides at 1529 College Street, South Bend, St. Joseph IN, where Robert is a foreman at a plow manufacturing company & she is a machine operator at a brake company. Son Lawrence is now 10, and they have a daughter Jean I., age 7. By 1940, they are living in Ward 12 of Chicago, Cook IL, where Robert is a solderer. Son Larry is 20 and Genevieve (the name used instead of Jean) is 17. In 1948, the McCanns lived in North Branch MN. Pearl is buried with Robert in Earl Cemetery, Earl, Washburn WI. F: 11192814

- May Claire Pinney Lester, 27 Feb 1904 NE– 18 Dec 1985 Muskegon, Muskegon MI. Wife of David Laverne Lester (1899-1974, F: 11192816) of Springbrook, Washburn WI, whom she married 13 Jul 1927 in Washburn Co. WI. In 1948, when her brother George died, she was living in Springbrook, Washburn WI. David was the son of Herbert Marion Lester (1872-1952) & Pauline Margaret Frazer Lester (1881-1952). May & David are buried in Earl Cemetery, Earl, Washburn WI. F: 11192815

Half-siblings: by his father William's 2nd marriage, to Vera Hedleson

- William Earl ("Bill") Pinney, 25 Apr 1914 Charles Mix Co. SD – 8 Jan 1999 Muskegon, Muskegon MI. In 1930, he was living in Trego, Washburn WI with his mother Vera, his brother Glen & Vera's mother, Belle I. Hedelson, then 70 years old. In 1938 William married Savannah Belle Baker (1921-1980, F: 156165301). - William married Velma Helen Christensen Hawkins (whose first husband was Allen Hawkins). Velma was born 31 May 1921 & died 23 Aug 2011 in Muskegon MI. At the time of his death, William had lived in Muskegon MI for the past 50 years. William was a military veteran. In 1980, he retired from Teledyne Continental Motors, where he was employed for 25 years. He was preceded in death by his 2 sons, William Edgar & Glenn & a stepdaughter Pearl Hawkins, and was survived by 7 stepchildren: Don, Charles, Tom, Alan and Mary Lou Hawkins, Jeanne Williams & Helen Richards. Buried in Sunrise Memorial Gardens, Muskegon, Muskegon MI. F: 184751439.
- Glen Donald Pinney, 17 Dec 1915 WI – 4 Sep 1994 San Diego Co. CA. In 1948 he was living in Muskegon Heights MI. His tombstone reads "CWO1, USN" so he was a US Navy veteran. His wife Sylvia is buried with him. Sylvia Elnore Dimatteo (16 Aug 1917 MN – 8 Apr 1995 CA) Pinney (August 16, 1917-April 8, 1915) was the daughter of Berardino ("Ben") DiMatteo & Wilhelmina Myrtle Poppe. Glen & Sylvia married in 1943 in KY. A child – Glenda Jean Pinney – was born to Glen & Sylvia on 7 Oct 1944 in Itasca Co. MN. Buried in Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery, San Diego, San Diego CA. F: 1082265.

Notes:

Pre-war:

The family moved from WI to NE & then to SD.

In 1915, the Pinney family moved to Spooner, Washburn WI, living first in the Mackey Valley area and then in Spooner itself.

Wartime:

“La Crosse (WI) Tribune” Tuesday 12 Feb 1918 p 4 – “Badger Survivors of the Tuscania” includes G.E. Pinney of Spooner WI.

Post-war:

The Red Arrow Club, composed of members of the 32nd Division, included George E. Pinney in 1921.

1924 Rockford IL city directory:

Pinney, George E. (Goldie M.), works Haddorff, resident of 2624 Kinsey

At the time of his stepmother Vera’s death in August 1936, George is residing in Hines City, Illinois.

In Mar 1937, George’s visits to the Spooner, Washburn WI area are recorded in the “Gull Lake” correspondent columns in the Spooner (WI) *Advocate* issues of 11 Mar 1937 & 18 Mar 1937. George, residing in South Bend IN, visits his sisters Leona Pinney Correll & Mae Pinney Lester & half-brother William Pinney & their families. The 15 Jul 1937 Spooner (WI) *Advocate* reported that George was a patient at the veterans’ hospital in Minneapolis MN & took the opportunity to visit his sister Mae Pinney Lester at Gull Lake. The 5 Aug 1937 “Advocate” noted that after visiting Mae, George drove to Drummond WI to visit his sister Leona and then went to Milwaukee WI. The 24 Mar 1938 “Advocate” of 24 Mar 1938 records a visit by George to his sister, Mae Pinney Lester, at Gull Lake, while he was on his way to South Bend IN. George visits Mae again in Jun 1938 & is in Trego, Washburn WI in Aug 1938 & Oct 1938; he was then living in Drummond WI.

George was likely a Trego visitor because he was likely courting Ruth Imogene Bixby – although legally married.

By the 1940 census, the Pinney family has scattered into three different locations – and states.

Verna Georgia Pinney (George & Goldie’s daughter) is living with her grandparents, William (age 68) and Hattie (age 63) Andrews, in Wiota Town, Lafayette WI. Verna is 15 years old in 1940. The census indicates she was living in this same house in 1935.

Goldie M. Pinney lists her status as “divorced” in the 1940 census. She is listed as age 34, born 1906 in WI. Replying to a question asked in the 1940 census, she replied that on 1 Apr 1935, five years earlier, she had been living in Walkerton, St. Joseph IN.

In the 1940 census, George & wife Ruth Imogene (Bixby) Pinney resided in Lakewood WA. The *Spooner Advocate* of 10 Apr 1947 reported that George & Ruth Pinney “of Idaho” were visiting relatives in the Trego, Washburn WI area. According to Ruth’s obituary [*Spooner Advocate*, 6 Apr 1995], the couple lived for many years in Spirit Lake ID & then moved to Muskegon Heights MI. George’s obituary indicates they were living in Muskegon MI at the time of his death in 1948. At

some point before his registration for the World War II draft in 1942, his right leg is amputated above the knee.

Obituary:

The "Michigan Death Certificates, 1921-1952" file at www.familysearch.org lists George E. Pinney, born 21 May 1898 at South Wayne WI, son of William Pinney & Nellie Hughes, as dying in Grand Rapids, Kent MI on 22 Sep 1948 at age 50, as does his Findagrave.com record. The Social Security Death Index gives a date of 23 Sep 1948, as does his obituary in the *Grand Rapids (MI) Herald*, which reported he died Thursday, which would be 23 Sep 1948

According to George's obituary in the *Grand Rapids (MI) Herald*, 25 Sep 1948, George Pinney, age 50, had been residing at 1617 Ninth Street in Muskegon MI. He was survived by his widow Ruth & one daughter, Mrs. Verna Vincent of Buchanan, Michigan. Three sisters survive him: Mrs. Leona Correll of Drummond WI; Mrs. Mae Lester of Springbrook WI; and Mrs. Pearl McCann of North Branch MN. George is also survived by his 2 half-brothers, Glen & William Pinney, of Muskegon Heights MI. The funeral was handled by the Lyzen-Blanchard Funeral Home, with services held "Monday."

Social Security number: xxx-xx-2502

Censuses:

1900 Armenia township, Juneau WI

William Pinney, 28 WI, Oct 1871, parents b. WI, married 3 years, farmer

Nellie, 23 WI, Oct 1877, parents b. WI, gave birth to 2 children, 2 are living

George, 2 WI, May 1898

Leon (Jean) B., zero WI, May 1900 [daughter]

1910 Wagner, Ward 1, Charles Mix Co. SD

W.H. PENNY, 38 WI, in 1st marriage, married 13 years, laborer, farm

Nellie, 33 WI, in 1st marriage, , housewifegave birth to 4 children, 4 are living

George, 12 WI

Leona, 10 WI

Pearl, 8 WI

May, 6 NE

Price, 26 WI, divorced, laborer, farm [brother]

1920 Evergreen township, Washburn WI – conducted Jan 17-19, 1920

William E. Pinney, 48 WI, parents b. WI, farmer, general farm [also indexed as PENNEY]

Vera, 32 IA, father b. OH, mother b. IL

William, 5 SD, father b. WI, mother b. IA

Glen, 4 WI, father b. WI, mother b. IA

George, 21 WI, parents b. WI, laborer, pulp factory

Mae, 15 WI, parents b. WI

[The next census entry is for George's married sister Pearl]

Robert McCann, 20 WI, parents b. WI, farm laborer, working out

Pearl, 18 WI, parents b. WI

Lawrence, 1 month WI

1930 South Bend, Saint Joseph IN – 1603 N. College St.

George E. Pinney, 31 WI, parents b. WI, age 24 at 1st marriage, mechanic - auto, garage, WWI veteran

Goldie M., 24 WI, parents b. WI, age 18 at 1st marriage, machine operator, brake factory

Verna G., 5 WI

& maid Huldah Z. Pletcher, 72 OH, widow

1930 Trego, Washburn WI – stepmother & half-brothers

Vera I. Pinney, 43 IA, widow, father b. OH, mother b. IL, age 19 at 1st marriage, farmer, farm

William E., 15 SD, father b. WI, mother b. IA, laborer, farm

Glen D., 14 WI, father b. WI, mother b. IA

& her mother Belle I. Hedelson, 70 IL, father b. OH, mother b. IL, age 19 at 1st marriage

1940 Lakewood, King WA

George E. Pinney, 41 WI, no occupation listed, in 1935 resided in Chicago, Cook IL

Ruth, 31 WI, no occupation listed, in 1935 resided in Trego, Washburn WI