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finalized version is available.

Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

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

NOK = next-of-kin

TUSCANIA

Piot, Lawrence William (Sr.)
1898 Belgium – 1997 MI



Lester William Piot – “Pittsburgh Post-Gazette” 11 Feb 1918 p 5

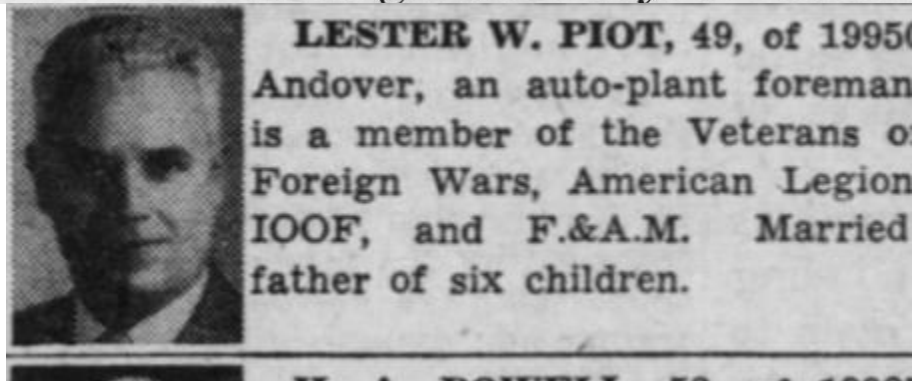


Lester William Piot - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/4616373/person/6037796147/media/70e9a1ae-58ee-485c-adcb-ff206c664efd>



Election campaign 1947 for Detroit MI city council – “Detroit Tribune” Saturday 4 Oct 1947
p 12

Candidate List Is Longest in City Council History



“Detroit Free Press” Sunday 5 Oct 1947 p 15

PIOT

LESTER W. October 7, 1997. Age 99. Beloved husband of the late Helen. Loving father of Betty Tifft, Lillian Ellison, Joann Watson, Lester Jr., Glenn and the late Ruth Papke. Also survived by 24 grandchildren, 41 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren. Refired from Chrysler Corp. 1962. Served in the Army in World War I, member of the Royal Oak VFW Post #1669 and Masonic Lodge #551. Visitation Thursday 6-9 p.m., Friday 3-8 p.m. Funeral Sat. 10:30 a.m. at the **Hopcroft Funeral Home**, 31145 John R., Madison Hts. Interment White Chapel Cemetery, Troy

Obituary of Lester William Piot Sr. – "Detroit Free Press" Thursday 9 Oct 1997 p 19

APPLICATION No. 32512 APPROVED

Piot Lester W 250,241 * White * Colored. 1

(Surname) (Christian name) (Army serial number)

Residence: 3 St California WASHINGTON PENNSYLVANIA
(Street and house number) (Town or city) (County) (State)

* Enlisted R. A. * N. G. * E. R. C. * Inducted at Washington, D C on Jan 2, 1918
Place of birth: Belgium Age or date of birth: 20 7/12 yrs

Organizations served in, with dates of assignments and transfers: 11
Co F 20 Engrs to disch.

Grades, with date of appointment: Pvt

Engagements: none

Wounds or other injuries received in action: None.

Served overseas from † Jan 24/18 to † May 28/19, from † to †

Honorably discharged on demobilization June 1/19, 19

In view of occupation he was, on date of discharge, reported 0 per cent disabled.

Remarks:

Form No. 724-1, A. G. O. * Strike out words not applicable. † Dates of departure from and arrival in the U. S.

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https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/60884/images/41744_1521003238_1059-03688?pld=1875177

PIOT LESTER WILLIAM C

Corp Hq Co 20 Engrs K

400 McKean Ave Donora Pa A 3 438 986

Sa 250 241 Died T 248 416

Born 5/10/97 R

Enl 1/2/18 Dts 6/11/19 Cl 2 268 405

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U. S. VETERANS BUREAU
MAIL AND RECORDS
Form 7292-Rev. Sept., 1926

INDEX CARD

274 2-12907

<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:WS3N-PJN2>

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
VETERAN'S COMPENSATION APPLICATION

395
132512

NUMBER _____ (1)

Read instructions and then type or print answers to the following questions striking out words that do not apply. Numerals in parenthesis refer to corresponding numerals in the instructions.

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA }
COUNTY OF _____ }

being duly sworn, deposes and says: I am the veteran named in the following descriptive information; I served in the military or naval forces of the United States from _____ to _____; I claim veteran's compensation as authorized by Act No. 53, approved January 5, 1934; I was a resident of Pennsylvania at time of entry into service; I make this claim with full knowledge of the penalty for making a false statement relative to a material fact concerning this claim and the answers to the following questions and descriptive information are true:

(2) PIOT (Last name) Lester William (First and middle name) 250241 (Serial number) White (White or colored)

(3) Legal residence at entry into service 3rd ST CALIFORNIA, WASHINGTON PENNA (Street and number, City, County and State)

(4) Present residence: 17514 MARX AVE DETROIT WAYNE CO MICHIGAN (Street and number, City, County and State)

(5) Enlisted, commissioned or inducted in RA; ANG; NA; NG; ERC; Navy; NRF; MC; ORC; Pa. Vols; US Vols: at Pitts Burgh PENNA on JANUARY 2nd 1918

(6) On active duty in Navy or in Reserve from _____ to _____

(7) Place and date of birth CHARLEROI BELGIUM MAY 10th, 1898

(8) Names and addresses of dependents: Wife (full name) HELEN KATHRYN PIOT (Arter)
Minor children Betty, Lester, William, Glenn, Ruth, Joan
Mother (full name) Mathilde PIOT
Mother (full name) Mathilde PIOT
Father William PIOT (Vandenynde)

(9) Service in organizations, at stations or on vessels in the order named as follows:
6th BN 20th Engn Hqdn from JAN 2nd 1918 to JUNE 11th, 1919
from _____ to _____
from _____ to _____

(10) Grades or ratings with dates of appointments or promotions: CORPORAL AUG 12th, 1918 to DISCHARGE

(11) Engagements: None

(12) Wounds or other injuries received with dates: None

(13) Served overseas from JAN 29th 1918 to MAY 25th 1919

(14) Honorably discharged on JUNE 11th, 1919 at CAMP DIX N.J.

(15) Did you ever apply for or receive a bonus or veteran's compensation from any other State? No

(16) Did you ever refuse on conscientious, political or other grounds to perform full military duty or to render unqualified service? No

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8 day
of FEB 1934.
(17) Grant. Moore (Signature and seal of officer administering oath)
(18) Lester W. PIOT (Signature of Applicant)

CERTIFICATE OF IDENTIFICATION

(19) I, Grant. Moore, do hereby certify that I am a Notary Public (Name of person certifying to) Lester W. PIOT (Name of applicant) applying for Veteran's compensation; that _____ (Name of applicant)
and position _____ (Title of officer)
and position _____ (Title of officer)

Compensation is known to me to be the applicant named in the application; that he is mentally competent; that the signature of the affidavit is the signature of the applicant.

Signature and impression of seal or stamp indicating office or position held.

Read instructions (19) before signing.

(1) 17 Months at \$10.00 per month; Total \$ 170 -

(1) Computed by Ph. E. Willis Reviewed by Ed. Fowler

(1) Checked and approved by _____ For The Adjutant General.

my Com. exp. 10/27/37

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS
HARRISBURG, PA.

DEFERRED
JUL 20 1919

I apply for Pennsylvania World War Service Medal based on the following information and inclose sixty cents to cover cost.

Piot LESTER W. 250241
(Surname) (Christian name in full) (Serial Number)
Residence at time of entry into service CALIFORNIA PA
Entered service PITTSBURGH JAN 2nd 1918
(Place) (Date)
Rank Corp Organization 6th Bn Hyatts 20th Engrs
Honorable discharge CAMP DIX N.J. JUNE 19th 1919
(Place) (Date)

Remittance Received: PMO

For the Adjutant General

By: BAI

Lester W. Piot

Signature (Use ink)

IMPORTANT: Complete other side

LESTER W. Piot

(Name of person to whom medal is to be mailed)

19950 ANDOVER AVE

(Number and Street or Rural Route)

DETROIT

(City, Town or Post Office)

MICH U. S. A.

(State or Country)

INSTRUCTIONS

1. This application must be accompanied by sixty cents to cover cost of the medal. If currency is sent, it is at sender's risk. Do not send stamps.
2. Use the envelope furnished with this form.
3. The address shown above must be typed or printed.

Courtesy of Steven Schwartz of Renton WA

FIVE WEST PENNA. BOYS ON TUSCANIA REPORTED AMONG THE SURVIVORS

Conflicting Reports About Scottsdale Boy, Still Officially Unaccounted For; No Word About Ball.

Of the several young men from this immediate section of the state, who were on board the Tuscania when that vessel was sunk by a German U-boat off the coast of Ireland, definite word has been received that five are among the survivors.

Gomer E. Greenwood of Waltersburg, Lester W. Plot of California and Thomas B. Young of Freeport, members of Company D, 20th Engineers, Frank E. Graft of Alverton and Edwin H. Fries of Windber, members of an aero squadron, have been reported by the War Department as among those rescued from the torpedoed ship.

The name of William Lewis Ball of Connellsville, has not been reported in any list issued by the War Department, either of the passengers or the survivors of the Tuscania.

The name of Thomas A. Lewellyn of Scottsdale, a member of Company D, 20th Engineers, has been reported among those not yet accounted for, although word was received in Scottsdale Saturday night that he was among those who had reached land in safety. Still another report stated that he had been lost when the steamer went down.

"Connellsville (PA) Daily Courier" Monday 11 Feb 1918 p 1

BANDITS TAKE \$680.00 FROM MOTORIST NEAR ELDORA

**WOMAN IS AIDE IN
BOLD MIDNIGHT HOLDUP
ON LONELY PARK ROAD**

* Two bandits, with a woman accomplice, held up and robbed L. W. Piot automobile dealer of Donora, last night shortly before 12 o'clock, of \$680 at a lonely spot along the Eldora-Donora pike near Eldora. Police are confronted with solving one of the most mysterious acts of banditry in many months, and freely admit there are circumstances connected with the holdup which they do not fully understand.

A call was received at the Monongahela station shortly after midnight from Donora, notifying police to be on the lookout for a Studebaker touring car in which the two men and a woman had escaped after the holdup.

Police covered every road entering the city and hundreds of cars were stopped. No arrests were made.

Piot, according to the story told the police had gone to Charleroi to secure \$680 from a relative. He was returning by way of Eldora to Donora, when the holdup occurred. Proceeding along the improved Eldora road rather slowly Piot saw a woman step from a car standing across the road, just ahead of him, and start back toward him as he approached. The woman came alongside his car and motioned for him to stop. When he complied she stepped up to his car and asked the direction to Charleroi. He was about to tell her when the two desperadoes stepped from the car ahead and approached with pointed revolvers.

Piot was commanded to step to the ground. While the men stood with guns leveled at his head the woman searched him. The money, which he was carrying in a wallet, was taken together with some jewelry.

Immediately the bandits ordered Piot to drive on. They followed him to the Black Diamond-Eldora road and here swung off the main road and headed for Monongahela. Piot went on to Donora and called Monongahela police.

There were no new developments in the holdup today. State and county police are working on the case.

Crash On Craven's Hill

Information charging reckless driving will be filed before Justice of the Peace Harry W. Scott, of Lock Four against Joseph Malee, of 905 McKean avenue, Donora, as the result of an automobile accident Saturday night at 8:15 o'clock on Craven's Hill, Route 88, Corporal H. D. Albert of the New Eagle sub-station of the State Highway Patrol announced today.

A new Essex sedan, owned by the Sharpnack Motor company, of McKean avenue, Charleroi, and driven by L. W. Plot, 708 Washington avenue, Charleroi, was damaged to the extent of about \$500 and Malee's Ford roadster suffered damage amounting to approximately \$100 in the crash, according to the patrol.

Malee is alleged to have been proceeding up the hill in the middle of the road at a fast rate of speed and to have collided with the Essex which was enroute toward Charleroi. The Essex was overturned and the Ford careened to the left side of the road and crashed into a culvert, losing a left front wheel.

There were two passengers in the Essex and three in the Ford but none was injured. The cars were towed to garages.

Tuscania Survivors Will Hold a Reunion

Commemorating the twenty-third anniversary of the sinking of the troopship Tuscania, off the coast of Scotland, Feb. 5, 1918, the National Tuscania Survivors Association will hold its annual reunion in Detroit, Feb. 7-9, at the Tuller Hotel. The highlight will be a banquet on Feb. 8.

L. W. Piot, of 19950 Andover, chairman of the organization, recalled Saturday that 200 of the 2,100 men aboard the craft were lost.

Other officers of the association are Thomas P. Boland, secretary, and Hugh L. Joseph, treasurer.

"Detroit Free Press" Sunday 2 Feb 1941 p 3

Round-Up: Candidates In Race For Detroit Common Council

LESTER W. PIOT

Common Council Candidate Lester W. Piot promises if he is elected to the Council to work for harmony, maintain and enforce the laws and regulations of Detroit. He states he has no political alliances and is not obligated to any group and "I have no political promises to make."

A veteran of World War I, he served his country as vice chairman of Selective Service Board No. 4 from Oct., 1940, to Feb., 1946, and as chairman until the end of the selective service law in March 1947. He too is a

family man with six children.

"Detroit Tribune" Saturday 4 Oct 1947 p 9

Final Tabulations

Unofficial returns for all 1,211 precincts in the city are presented herewith.

The official vote canvass, to start Thursday, is expected to be completed next Tuesday.

The returns:

134—Wallace L. Fleming	2,647
135—Edward C. Gibbons	2,630
136—Lester W. Piot	2,596
137—Edward Carney	2,589
138—Joseph I. Myers	2,577
139—C. Upton Shreve	2,563

And the winner in the Detroit City Council race in 136 – Lester William Piot – “Detroit Free Press”
Thursday 9 Oct 1947 p 30

Department of Commerce and Labor
Immigration Service
Form 550

SALOON, CABIN, AND STEERAGE ALIENS MUST BE COMPLETELY MANIFESTED.
THIS SHEET IS FOR STEERAGE PASSENGERS.

12 *gm* LIST OR MANIFEST OF ALIEN PASSENGERS FOR THE U. S. IMMIGRATION OFFICER

Required by the regulations of the Secretary of Commerce and Labor of the United States, under Act of Congress approved March 3, 1903, to be delivered to the
Officer of any vessel having such passengers on board upon arrival at a port in the United States.

S. S. *Kroonland* sailing from *Antwerp* *Oct 28th*, 1905 Arriving at Port of *NY*

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
NAME IN FULL	Age	Sex	Married	Calling	Able to—	Nationality	Place or People	Last Residence	Final Destination	Whether	By whom	Whether in	Whether ever before in the United	Whether going to join	
	Yrs. Mos.	Sex.	or Single.	or Occupation.	Read. Write.	(Country of which citizen or subject.)		(Last permanent residence, Country and City or Town.)	(State, City, or Town.)	having a ticket to such final destination.	was passage paid?	possession of \$50, and if less, how much?	States (and if so, when and where?)	what relative or friend, if any?	
<i>Guillaume Piot</i>	<i>38</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>Married</i>	<i>shoemaker</i>		<i>Belg.</i>	<i>Antwerp</i>	<i>Belgium</i>	<i>NY</i>	<i>✓</i>	<i>yes</i>				
<i>Hathilde</i>	<i>36</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>Married</i>	<i>wife</i>		<i>Belg.</i>	<i>Antwerp</i>	<i>Belgium</i>	<i>NY</i>	<i>✓</i>	<i>yes</i>				
<i>Helene</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>Single</i>	<i>spec child</i>		<i>Belg.</i>	<i>Antwerp</i>	<i>Belgium</i>	<i>NY</i>	<i>✓</i>	<i>yes</i>				
<i>Aime</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>Single</i>			<i>Belg.</i>	<i>Antwerp</i>	<i>Belgium</i>	<i>NY</i>	<i>✓</i>	<i>yes</i>				
<i>Nestor</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>Single</i>			<i>Belg.</i>	<i>Antwerp</i>	<i>Belgium</i>	<i>NY</i>	<i>✓</i>	<i>yes</i>				

Arrival on SS “Kroonland” which left Antwerp, Belgium, on 28 Oct 1905 & arrived in New York City
on 8 Nov 1905 of parents, siblings Helena & Aime & Lester as “Nestor” -
https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/7488/images/NYT715_639-0477?pid=4034774019

Wife:

PIOT
HELEN September 26. Beloved wife of Lester W.; dear mother of Betty Tifft, Lester Jr., Lillian Ellison, Glenn, and Joann Watson. Also survived by 25 grandchildren and 27 great grandchildren. Member and past worthy matron, Order of Eastern Star, Birmingham, Mi. and member VFW Ladies Auxilliary No. 567. Funeral Saturday 11:30 a.m. at **Hopcroft-Swanson Funeral Home** 31145 John R. (1 blk. N. of 13 Mi.). Interment White Chapel Cemetery. Eastern Star service Friday 7 p.m. Memorials to Helen Piot Memorial Fund — Highland Park First United Methodist Church. Visitation Friday 2-9 p.m.

Obituary of wife Helen Piot, d. 26 Sep 1990 – “Detroit Free Press” Friday 28 Sep 1990 p 2

Children:

FORSYTH COUNTY

Bobble “Barbara” Johns, 65, of Cumming died Monday. Funeral, 3 p.m. today, Ingram Funeral Home.

Lester William Piot Jr., 91, of Cumming died Monday. Memorial service, 10 a.m. Friday, Byars Funeral Home.

Robert A. Smith Jr., 62, of Cumming died Sunday. Funeral, 1 p.m. today, Ingram Funeral Home.

Obituary of son **Lester William Piot Jr. (1922-2013)** – “Atlanta (GA) Constitution”
 Wednesday 6 Nov 2013 p B7



CHRYSLER GROUP MEETS HERE—More than 110 Chrysler Motor parts representatives from Kansas, Iowa, Missouri, Oklahoma and Nebraska met Tuesday for a "Know Your Products" conference. A demonstration on reconditioning used cars was conducted at the Evans Motor company machine shop, 151 North Waco. Examining display panels, left to right, are R. G. Arndt, Detroit; G. E. Rice, Detroit; L. W. Piot, sales staffer of the Chrysler corporation parts division, and B. B. Griffith, regional parts manager, Kansas City, Kan. Other meetings were scheduled Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday.—(Eagle Staff Photo.)

Lester William Piot Jr., 2nd from left - "Wichita (KS) Beacon" Tuesday 23 Aug 1949 p 6

Automotive parts wholesalers of the Chrysler Motor Corp. from the Pittsburgh area were told of the company's advertising and merchandising plans at a meeting in Hotel Webster Hall Thursday night. L. W. Piot, sales promotion manager, was the speaker.

Lester William Piot Jr. frequently mentioned on Newspapers.com doing presentations for Chrysler around the country, such as this one from "Pittsburgh (PA) Press" Sunday 11 May 1952 p 35 – and in other executive positions



Michigan Masonic Group To Present Degree

An unusual event in local Masonic circles will occur Saturday evening at 7:30 o'clock at the Zanesville Municipal auditorium when all Master Masons of southeastern Ohio are invited to see a presentation of the Michigan ritualistic work in the Master Mason degree. Admission will be by members 1954 dues card.

Several bus loads of members of the Ancient Craft lodge of Masons No. 567 with Lester W. Piot, Jr. as master will leave Detroit, Mich. at 9 a.m., stopping at Upper Sandusky for a lunch to be served by the members of the Order Eastern Star there. The group is due to arrive in Zanesville at 4:30 p.m. to be guests of the Lodge of Amity No. 5 and LaFayette Lodge No. 79 of Zanesville.

The committee in charge of the visitation will be headed by William T. Robenalt, worshipful master of the Lodge of Amity No. 5, and Edward L. Merry, worshipful master of LaFayette Lodge.

[article continues]

Lester William Piot Jr. - "Zanesville (OH) Times Recorder" Wednesday 28 Apr 1954 p 7

Jack W. Minor, director of advertising and merchandising for Dodge Division, Chrysler Corp., announces the appointment of L. W. Piot as retail merchandising manager. Piot joined Chrysler in 1941 and after service in the Army rejoined the Mopar Division as district manager. He was promoted to the executive sales staff of the corporation last year.

"Detroit Free Press" Sunday 30 Jan 1955 p 63

PIOT
GLENN M. Age 69. May 21. Beloved husband of Dorothy. Dear father of Glenn (Judith), Nancy (Richard) Lanzon, Lester (Edith), Todd (Donna). Grandfather of Jessica, Emma and Adam. Son of Lester. Brother of Lester Jr., Betty, Tiff, Lillian Ellison and Joanne Coleman. Visitation Monday 6-9 pm. and Tuesday 12-9 p.m. Rosary Tuesday 7:30 p.m. Funeral Wednesday 10 a.m. from **John N. Santeu & Son Funeral Home**, 1139 Inkster Rd. (bet. Ford Rd-Cherry Hill), to St. Dunstan Catholic Church. Memorials suggested to Angela Hospice

Obituary of son **Glenn M. Piot (1925-1995)** – “Detroit Free Press” Tuesday 23 May 1995 p 14

ELLISON
LILLIAN V. Age 80, died May 2, 2006. Beloved wife of the late John (1990). Dear mother of Sharon (Jeff) Tong, David (Tanya), Larry (Diane) Ellison, and Dawna Tiffin. She is also survived by nine grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, sister Joanne Coleman, and brother Lester Piot, Jr. She retired in 1991 from Rite Industrial Models in Berkley. Visitation Sunday 3-9 p.m. with the funeral Monday at 10:30 a.m. at **Hopcroft Funeral Home**, 31145 John R., Madison Heights. Family suggests donations to Alzheimer's Association. Burial at White Chapel Cemetery, Troy.

Obituary of daughter **Lillian Virginia Piot Ellison (1926-2006)** – “Detroit Free Press” Thursday 4 May 2006 p 22



Daughter Joan Piot (1933-2015) – Pershing HS 1950 yearbook, Detroit MI – in Radio Guild - https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/1265/images/sid_7960_1950_1_0042?pld=426684658

IN MEMORY OF
**JOANN
L.
COLEMAN**

Obituary for Joann L. Coleman

A memorial service for Joann Coleman, 81, of Cookeville will be held Saturday, November 1 at 11 am at Trinity Assembly in Algood with Pastor Mike Campbell officiating. Mrs. Coleman passed away Saturday, October 18, 2014 at Bethesda Health Care Center. She was born March 29, 1933 in Detroit, Michigan to the late Lester William and Helen Arder Piot. Mrs. Coleman is survived by two children, Mark Larson and Catherine Smith both of Cookeville. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Trinity Assembly.

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Presley Funeral Home

<https://memorials.presleyfuneralhome.com/joann-coleman/4366163/obit.php?&printable=true>

**Obituary**PRINT 

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Location

Trinity Assembly

Address205 W. Wall St.
Cookeville 38506

[Father:](#)

10341

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
NATURALIZATION SERVICE

ORIGINAL

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

PETITION FOR NATURALIZATION

Honorable the District Court of the United States for the Western District of Pennsylvania:

The petition of **William Piot**, hereby filed, respectfully sheweth:

First. My place of residence is **Second St., California**, Pennsylvania.

Second. My occupation is **miner**.

Third. I was born on the **18** day of **March**, anno Domini **1866**, at **Erps-Querbs Belgium**.

Fourth. I emigrated to the United States from **Antwerp Belgium**, on or about the **29** day of **October**.

Fifth. I arrived in the United States, at the port of **New York**, on the **8** day of **November**.

Sixth. I arrived in the United States, at the port of **Kronland**, on the vessel **905**, on the vessel **905**, (If the alien arrived otherwise than by vessel, the character of conveyance or mode of transportation company should be given.) anno Domini **1911**.

Seventh. I declared my intention to become a citizen of the United States on the **5** day of **October**, in the **Circuit** Court of **the United States**, at **Pittsburgh Pa.** She was born **Marie Piot**, **Belgium**, **California**, **Mont-sur-Marchienne**, and now resides at **California**.

Eighth. I am married. My wife's name is **Marie Piot**, **Belgium**, **California**, **Mont-sur-Marchienne**, and now resides at **California**.

Ninth. The names, dates and places of birth, and place of residence of each of said children is as follows:

Children	Name	Date and place of birth	Place of residence
1	Helene	October 11, 1892	Belgium
2	Amy	April 29, 1894	Belgium
3	Nestor	May 10, 1897	Mount Pleasant Pa.
4	Bena	November 24, 1907	Mount Pleasant Pa.

Tenth. I am not a disbeliever in or opposed to organized government or a member of or affiliated with any organization or body of persons teaching disbelief in or opposed to organized government. I am not a polygamist nor a believer in the practice of polygamy. I am attached to the principles of the Constitution of the United States, and it is my intention to become a citizen of the United States and to renounce absolutely and forever all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty, and particularly to **Albert 1st, King of the Belgians**, of whom at this time I am a subject, and it is my intention to reside permanently in the United States.

Witness my hand and seal of office, this **10th** day of **October**, 1911.

reside permanently in the United States.

Eighth. I am able to speak the English language.

Ninth. I have resided continuously in the United States of America for the term of five years at least, immediately preceding the date of this petition, to wit, since the day of 8 November anno Domini 1905, and in the State of Pennsylvania, continuously next preceding the date of this petition, to wit, since the day of 10 November anno Domini 1905 being a residence within this State of at least one year next preceding the date of this petition.

Tenth. I have not heretofore made petition for citizenship to any court. (I made petition for citizenship to the _____ anno Domini 1 _____ and the said petition was denied by the said Court for the following reasons and causes, to wit, _____ and the cause of such denial has since been cured or removed.)

Attached hereto and made a part of this petition are my declaration of intention to become a citizen of the United States and the certificate from the Department of Labor, together with my affidavit and the affidavits of the two verifying witnesses thereto, required by law. Wherefore your petitioner prays that he may be admitted a citizen of the United States of America.

William Piot
(Complete and true signature of petitioner.)

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
from Department of Labor filed this 16 day of October 1913
from Department of Labor.

Declaration of Intention and Certificate of Arrival No. _____
Xerox to Class or Order.—If petitioner arrived in the United States on or across June 29, 1905, strike out the words reading "and Certificate of Arrival No. _____"

AFFIDAVITS OF PETITIONER AND WITNESSES.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
Western District of Pennsylvania,) ss:
The aforesaid petitioner being duly sworn, deposes and says that he is the petitioner in the above-entitled proceedings; that he has read the foregoing petition and knows the contents thereof; that the said petition is signed with his full, true name; that the same is true of his own knowledge except as to matters therein stated to be alleged upon information and belief, and as to those matters he believes it to be true.

William Piot
(Complete and true signature of petitioner.)

Information and belief, one _____

ALBERT HARRISON occupation miner residing at Coal Center _____ Pennsylvania,
and L. L. Bane occupation clerk residing at _____ Pennsylvania,
each being severally, duly and respectively sworn, deposes and says that he is a citizen of the United States of America; that he has personally known the petitioner above mentioned, to have resided in the United States continuously immediately preceding the date of filing his petition, since the 1 day of April anno Domini 1905 and in the State in which the above-entitled petition is made continuously since the 1 day of April anno Domini 1905 and that he has personal knowledge that the said petitioner is a person of good moral character, attached to the principles of the Constitution of the United States, and that the petitioner is in every way qualified, in his opinion, to be admitted a citizen of the United States.

Albert Harrison
(Signature of witness.)
L. L. Bane
(Signature of witness.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me by the above-named petitioner and witnesses this 16 day of October anno Domini 1913

WILLIAM T. LINDSEY Clerk.

[OVER]

Naturalization application on 1 Apr 1908 of father William Piot, miner -
https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2717/images/31311_134280-00637?pId=281383

Name William Piot
Gender Male
Age 56
Birth Date 1867
Marriage Date 27 Jan 1923
Marriage Place California, Washington, Washington,
USA
Father Pierre P. Piot
Mother Isabelle Vanewenhourzen
Spouse Zoe Ferdinand Honore Quenne
Film Number 001852740

Application for Marriage License

No. 33175

STATEMENT OF MALE

Is there any relationship by blood or marriage now existing between applicants No

Full name and surname WILLIAM PIOT Color White

Occupation a mine foreman Birthplace Branhand, Belgium

Residence California, Pennsylvania Age 56 years. Previous marriage or marriages once before Date of death of ~~former~~ former wife ~~or wife~~ Aug. 10th, 1921

Is applicant afflicted with any transmissible disease No Name and surname of Father Pierre P. Piot

of Mother Isabelle Piot Maiden name of Mother Isabelle Vanewenhourzen

Residence of Father Dead of Mother Dead

Color of Father White of Mother White

Occupation of Father Dead of Mother Dead

Birthplace of Father Belgium of Mother Belgium

Is applicant an imbecile, epileptic, of unsound mind or under guardianship as a person of unsound mind, or under the influence of any intoxicating liquor or narcotic drug No Has applicant, within five years been an inmate of any county asylum or home for indigent persons No Is applicant physically able to support a family Yes.

STATEMENT OF FEMALE

Full name and surname Zoe Ferdinand Honore Guenne Color White

Occupation a house-keeper Birthplace Belgium

Residence California, Pa. Age 54 years. Previous marriage or marriages once before Date of death of ~~former~~ former husband ~~or husband~~ Apr. 25, 1916

Is applicant afflicted with any transmissible disease No Name and surname of Father Sylvain, Joseph Wauthier

of Mother Marie Therese Wauthier Maiden name of Mother Marie Therese Franc

Residence of Father Dead of Mother Dead

Color of Father White of Mother White

Occupation of Father Dead of Mother Dead

Birthplace of Father Belgium of Mother Belgium

Is applicant an imbecile, epileptic, of unsound mind or under guardianship as a person of unsound mind, or under the influence of any intoxicating liquor or narcotic drug No

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, } ss:
COUNTY OF WASHINGTON,

We, the undersigned, in accordance with the statements hereinafter contained, the facts sets forth wherein we and each of us do solemnly swear are true and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief, do hereby make applications to the Clerk of Orphans' Court of Washington County, Pennsylvania, for a license to marry.

Signature of Applicant (Male) *✓ William Rob.*

Signature of Applicant (Female) *✓ Zae Ferdinand Honore Quenne*

Sworn and subscribed before me this *24th* day of *January* A. D. 192*3*.

Joseph D. Hornbake

Official title *Justice of the Peace.*

My commission expires *1st Monday in January A. D. 1928.*

(Official Seal)

1. Each party to the contract must be sworn to the facts in his or her case.
2. In case of minors be sure to have two adult witnesses to signatures of parents' consent. Magistrates cannot act as witnesses.
3. Consent of mother to be taken only when the father is dead or has deserted his family and has failed to support or provide for them.
4. If marriage is dissolved by divorce, a certified copy of the decree of divorce must be produced and mailed with application to Clerk of Courts.
5. The Clerk's fees are as follows, which please enclose: When both are of age, \$1.00. For each minor, 50 cents additional, making \$1.50 or \$2.00 as the case may be.

Marriage of father William on 27 Jan 1923 in California, Washington Co. PA to Zae
Ferdinand Honore Quenne - [https://www.ancestry.com/family-](https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/4616373/person/6037795728/facts)
[tree/person/tree/4616373/person/6037795728/facts](https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/4616373/person/6037795728/facts)

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 COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
 BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS
 300 File No. 6509
 Registered No. 16

Primary Dist. No. 63-06-01

CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

1. PLACE OF DEATH:
 (a) County Washington
 (b) City or borough or township Charleroi
 (c) Name of hospital or institution:
 (If not in hospital or institution write street number or location)
 (d) Length of stay: In hospital or institution _____ (Specify whether)
 In this community 16 yrs years, months or days

2. USUAL RESIDENCE OF DECEASED:
 (a) State Penna. (b) County Washington
 (c) City or town Charleroi
 (If outside city or town limits, write RURAL).
 (d) Street No. 702 First St. (If rural give location)
 (e) If foreign born, how long in U. S. A.? 37 years.

3. (a) FULL NAME Mr. William Piot
 3. (b) If U. S. Veteran, complete reverse side of certificate 3. (c) Social Security No. 162-14-0553
 5. Color or W 6. (a) Single, widowed, married, divorced Married
 4. Sex M race W
 6. (b) Name of husband or wife Zoe Piot 6. (c) Age of husband or wife if alive 73 years
 7. Birth date of deceased March 18, 1866 (Month) (Day) (Year)
 8. AGE: Years 75 Months 10 Days 7 If less than one day hr. min.

MEDICAL CERTIFICATION
 20. Date of death: Month January day 25 year 1942 hour 4 minute 55 A. M.
 21. I hereby certify that I attended the deceased from October 25, 1941, to January 24, 1942, that I last saw him alive on January 24, 1942, and that death occurred on the date and hour stated above.
 Immediate cause of death Lung Cancer DURATION 3 months
 Due to 16 R
 Due to 44
 Other conditions (Include pregnancy within 3 months of death)
 Major findings:
 Of operations
 Of autopsy
 PHYSICIAN Underline the cause to which death should be charged statistically.

MOTHER FATHER
 9. Birthplace Belgium (City, town, or county) (State or foreign country)
 10. Usual occupation Retired Box Tender
 11. Industry or business
 12. Name Unknown
 13. Birthplace .. (City, town, or county) (State or foreign country)
 14. Maiden name Unknown
 15. Birthplace .. (City, town, or county) (State or foreign country)
 16. (a) Informant's own signature Edwin Melenyzer
 (b) Address 702 First st. Charleroi
 17. (a) Burial (b) Date thereof Jan. 28, 1942 (Burial, cremation, or removal) (Month) (Day) (Year)
 (c) Place: burial or cremation Highland Cem. California
 18. (a) Signature of funeral director Edwin Melenyzer
 (b) Address 700 Broad Ave. Belle Vernon
 19. (a) Jan. 27, 1942 (b) Louise L. Buttons (Date received local registrar) (Registrar's signature)
 22. If death was due to external causes, fill in the following:
 (a) (Probably) Accident, suicide, or homicide (specify)
 (b) Date of occurrence
 (c) Where did injury occur? (City or town) (County) (State)
 (d) Did injury occur in or about home, on farm, in industrial place, in public place? (Specify type of place)
 While at work? Means of injury
 Signature Edwin Melenyzer (M. D. or other)
 Address Charleroi Pa Date signed 1/24/42

MARGIN
 WRITE PLAINLY WITH INK—THIS IS A PERMANENT RECORD
 ADING INK—THIS IS A PERMANENT RECORD
 N. B.—Every item of information should be carefully supplied. AGE should be stated EXACTLY. PHYSICIANS should state CAUSE OF DEATH in plain terms, so that it may be properly classified. Exact Statement of OCCUPATION is very important. See Instructions on back of certificate.

PA death record of father William Piot

PIOT—William Piot, aged 75 years, died at his late home in 702 First Street, Charleroi, at 4:55 a. m. on Sunday, January 25, 1942. Friends are being received at the late home where funeral services will be held Wednesday afternoon, January 28, at 2 p. m., followed by interment in Highland cemetery, California. Chas L. and Edwin Melenyzer are funeral directors in charge.

"Charleroi (PA) Mail" 27 Jan 1942 p 8 -

https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/7503/images/NEWS-PA-CH_MA.1942_01_27_0008?pld=493939720

Mother:

Form V. S. No. 5-50M-10-21-20.

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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS

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1. PLACE OF DEATH
County of Allegheny
Township of _____
or
Borough of _____
or
City of Pittsburgh (No. Mercy Hospital St. 1st Ward)

2. FULL NAME Mrs Matilda Piot

3. SEX F
4. COLOR OR RACE white
5. SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED OR DIVORCED married
(If write the word.)

6. DATE OF BIRTH Feb 16 - 1869
(Month) (Day) (Year)

7. AGE 52 yrs. 5 mos. 25 ds. If LESS than 1 day how many hrs. or min.?

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

9. BIRTHPLACE (State or Country) Belgium

10. NAME OF FATHER Louis Vandeneide

11. BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (State or Country) Belgium

12. MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Virginia Steenhodt

13. BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (State or Country) Belgium

14. THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.
(Informant) William Piot
(Address) California, Pa.

15. J. O. Bradford
Filed AUG 12 1921 Local Registrar

16. DATE OF DEATH August 10 1921
(Month) (Day) (Year)

17. I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from August 8 1921, to August 10 1921, that I last saw him or alive on August 10 1921, and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 9:40 P.M.
The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows:
Acute Gangrenous Appendicitis
Periappendicular Abscess
Acute Peritonitis appendectomy done
Chronic Myocarditis
(Duration) _____ yrs. _____ mos. _____ ds.
(Signed) H. A. Lawrence Jr. M. D.
Aug. 10 1921 (Address) Mercy Hospital
(Signed) H. A. Lawrence Jr. M. D.
Aug. 10 1921 (Address) Mercy Hospital

*State the DISEASE CAUSING DEATH; or in deaths from VIOLENT CAUSES, state (1) MEANS OF INJURY; and (2) whether ACCIDENTAL, SUICIDAL, or HOMICIDAL.

18. LENGTH OF RESIDENCE (For Hospitals, Institutions, Transients or Recent Residents).
At place of death _____ yrs. _____ mos. 3 ds. In the State _____ yrs. _____ mos. _____ ds.
Where was disease contracted, If not at place of death?
Former or usual residence California, Pa.

19. PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL California Pa DATE OF BURIAL Aug 13 1921

20. UNDERTAKER H. Sanson, -433-6th Ave
Pgh. Pa.

PA death record of mother Matilda Vandeneide Piot -

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Stepmother:

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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS

File No. 100853

Primary Dist. No. 12-06-43

Registered No. 242

CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

1. PLACE OF DEATH:

(a) County Washington

(b) Township (Lock Four) N. Charleroi

(c) Borough Charleroi-Wonessan East

(d) City Charleroi

(e) Name of hospital or institution (If not in hospital or inst. write street number or location)

(f) Length of stay: 30 days

(g) In this community

2. USUAL RESIDENCE OF DECEASED:

(a) State Penna.

(b) County Washington

(c) City or town Charleroi

(d) Street No. 728 Lookout Ave.

(e) If citizen of foreign country, name country

3. (a) FULL NAME Mrs. Zoe Piot

3. (b) If U. S. Veteran, complete reverse side of certificate

3. (c) Social Security No. none

5. Color or race W

6. (a) Single, widowed, married, divorced, Widowed

6. (b) Name of husband or wife William Piot

6. (c) Age of husband or wife if alive, died years

7. Birth date of deceased March 15 1868

8. AGE: Years Months Days If less than one day

9. Birthplace Belgium

10. Usual occupation housewife

11. Industry or business

12. Name Silvina Wautier

13. Birthplace Belgium

14. Maiden name Unknown

15. Birthplace Belgium

16. (a) Informant's own signature Eliza Thery

(b) Address 728 Lookout Ave. Charleroi, Pa.

17. (a) Burial (b) Date thereof 11-8-44

(c) Place Highland County Pa.

18. (a) Signature of funeral director Wm. L. McHugher

(b) Address Belle Vernon, Pa.

19. (a) Nov 8 1944 (b) Laura L. Buttolph

(Date received local registrar) (Registrar's signature)

MEDICAL CERTIFICATION

20. Date of death: Month Nov day 5 year 1944 hour 4 minute 12 PM

21. I hereby certify that I attended the deceased from 12-1-44 to Nov 8, 1944, that I last saw him alive on Nov 8, 1944, and that death occurred on the date and hour stated above.

Immediate cause of death: Acute Suffering

Due to: Suffering

Due to: Suffering

Other conditions: Suffering

Major findings: Suffering

Of operations: Suffering

Of autopsy: Suffering

22. If death was due to external causes, fill in the following:

(a) (Probably) Accident, suicide, or homicide (specify)

(b) Date of occurrence 11-8-44

(c) Where did injury occur? Suffering

(d) Did injury occur in or about home, on farm, in industrial place, in public place? Suffering

(e) Means of injury Suffering

23. Signature: Suffering Date signed 11-7-44

PHYSICIAN

Underlines the cause to which death should be charged statistically.

PA death record of stepmother Zoe -

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Name:	Zoe Quenne
Gender:	Female
Ethnicity/ Nationality:	French
Marital status:	Single
Age:	54
Birth Date:	abt 1868
Birth Place:	Belgium
Other Birth Place:	Tout Marchieme
Last Known Residence:	Charleroi, Belgium
Departure Port:	Antwerp, Belgium
Arrival Date:	31 Dec 1922
Arrival Port:	New York, New York, USA
Final Destination:	Washington Co., Pennsylvania
Years in US:	Permanently
Citizenship Intention:	Yes
Height:	5 Feet, 6 Inches
Hair Color:	Brown
Eye Color:	Brown
Complexion:	Fair
Person in Old Country:	Maria Wauthier
Person in Old Country Residence:	Charleroi
Person in US:	Mr W Piot
Ship Name:	Finland

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Siblings:

Marriage License Docket

No. 19854

And now Nov. 25, 1910, came Giuseppe Barli
 and applied for a license for the marriage of
 of E. Pike Run Tp County of Wash. and
 State of Pa. aged 25 years;
 to Helen Piot of California
 County of Wash. and State of Pa.
 aged 18 years.

Whereupon, inquiry having been made of the said applicant upon oath or affirmation, before
 Joseph W. Hornbake relative to the legality of said contemplated marriage, and no legal impediment thereto appearing, a license in due form of law, authorizing said marriage, was issued agreeably to the provisions of the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided.

The said Helen Piot being minor the consent of
 William Piot the father of said minor
 to said contemplated marriage was first personally given before
 acknowledged and filed by certificate duly signed, attested and

And now Dec. 6, 1910, duplicate certificate in form following, to-wit: "I, Joe D. Hornbake, hereby
 certify that on the 3rd day of Dec. one thousand nine hundred and ten, at California
 Giuseppe Barli and Helen Piot
 were by me united in marriage in accordance with license issued by the Clerk of the Orphans' Court of Washington County, Pennsylvania,
 numbered 19854," returned and filed.

(Signed) Joe D. Hornbake
 Minister of the Gospel or J. P.

Attest: David R. Williams Clerk, O. C.

Marriage license on 6 Dec 1910 of sister Helen Piot & Guiseppe Barli – Washington Co. PA -
<https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/61381/images/TH-1-159316-187270-47?pld=1352850155>

Mrs. Helen Barli

Mrs. Helen Barli, 79, of 522 Fifth St., California, died Monday at 10:30 p.m. in her home.

Born Oct. 10, 1892, in Charleroi, Belgium, she was a daughter of the late William Piot.

Mrs. Barli was preceded in death by her husband, John in 1953; a son, Rene in 1963.

Surviving are six sons, Nester of Coal Center, Roy of Charleroi, John of Miami, Fla., Richard of North Miami Beach, Fla., Aime and Lawrence of Detroit, Mich.; a daughter, Mrs. Bertha Pichard of California; three brothers Aime of California, Lester of Detroit, Mich., Rene of Santa Paula, Calif.; 16 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren.

Friends are being received at the Caleffie & Greenleaf Funeral Home, California.

Obituary of sister Helen Piot Barli – “Monessen (PA) Valley Independent” Wednesday 4 Oct 1972 p 14 - https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/8328/images/NEWS-PA-VA_IN.1972_10_04_0014?ssrc=&backlabel=Return&pid=509939726



Brother Aime Piot (1894-1982) - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/4616373/person/6037796144/media/74133556-24f1-4b9e-9777-afcb6c6a1cea>

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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS

Primary Dist. No. 65-10-41 File No. 184659

CERTIFICATE OF BIRTH

1. PLACE OF BIRTH
County Westmoreland
Township Mt. Pleasant
Borough Mt. Pleasant
City _____

2. FULL NAME OF CHILD (type or print) Rene Piot

3. Sex Male *If plural births* 4. Twin, triplet, or other _____ 5. Number, in order of birth 948 6. Premature Yes 7. Legitimate Yes 8. Date of birth Nov. 24th, 1907

9. Full name William Piot FATHER 18. Full maiden name Marie Matilda Vandeneynnden MOTHER

10. Residence (usual place of abode) 702 1st St Charleroi, Pa. (If nonresident, give place, County and State) 19. Residence (usual place of abode) Dead (If nonresident, give place, County and State) (P. O. Address) at birth of child

11. Color or race W 12. Age at last birthday 42 (years) 20. Color or race W 21. Age at last birthday 37 (years)

13. Birthplace (city or place) Belgium (State or Country) 22. Birthplace (city or place) Belgium (State or Country)

14. Trade, profession, or particular kind of work done, as spinner, sawyer, bookkeeper, etc. Coal Miner 23. Trade, profession, or particular kind of work done, as housekeeper, typist, nurse, clerk, etc. House-keeper

15. Industry or business in which work was done, as silk mill, sawmill, bank, etc. Coal Miner 24. Industry or business in which work was done, as own home, lawyer's office, silk mill, etc. House-keeper

16. Date (month and year) last engaged in this work Mar. 1938 17. Total time (years) spent in this work Retired now 25. Date (month and year) last engaged in this work Dead 1921 26. Total time (years) spent in this work 36

27. Number of children of this mother (At time of this birth and including this child) 5 (a) Born alive and now living 4 (b) Born alive but now dead 1 (c) Stillborn _____

28. If stillborn, period of gestation _____ months or weeks 29. Cause of Stillbirth _____ Before labor _____ During labor _____

CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MIDWIFE

I hereby certify that I attended the birth of this child, who was Born Alive at 2 A. m., on the date above stated (Born alive or stillborn)

(When there was no attending physician or midwife, then the father, householder, etc., should make this return.)

(Signed) William Piot Father xxxx D. O. _____ Midwife _____

Given name added from a supplemental report _____ (Date of) _____

Address 702 1st St Charleroi, Pa. Filed in State Office 4-17-42

THIS CERTIFICATE MUST BE FILED WITH THE LOCAL REGISTRAR WITHIN TEN (10) DAYS AFTER BIRTH

PA birth record of brother Rene Piot (1907-1990) -

https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/60484/images/42411_644066_0785-01329?pld=101393

Edith Piot, 93

POWAY — Edith Lue Piot, 93, died Tuesday, Oct. 17, 2000, at Palomar Medical Center.

Born Oct. 10, 1907, in Urbana, Mo., she lived in Poway for 24 years. She was a bookkeeper for Clymore Motors for 20 years and a member of Grace Community Church in Poway for 24 years.

Mrs. Piot was preceded in death by her first husband, Willis Hooper, in 1949; and her second husband, Rene Piot, in 1990. She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, James and Joan Hooper of Poway; stepsons and daughters-in-law Lawrence and Mary Piot of Panorama City and Ronald Piot of Las Vegas; stepdaughters and sons-in-law Lorraine and Herb Henry of Las Vegas and Carolyn and Bob Barsumian of Rathdrum, Idaho; grandchildren Jennifer and Erich Fries and James Jr. and Bree Hooper, all of San

Diego, Julie and Todd Medin of Vancouver, Wash., and Jonathon Hooper of Poway; and five great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 19, at Poway-Bernardo Mortuary. A funeral service will follow at 11 a.m. at the mortuary, with the Rev. Andy McAdams and Ed Turley officiating. A graveside committal service is scheduled for 2:30 p.m. following the funeral service at Glenhaven Memorial Park in Sylmar, with the Rev. Richard Rabehl officiating.

The family suggests memorial donations to Grace Community Church General Fund, 13617 Midland Road, Poway, CA 92064.

Poway-Bernardo Mortuary is handling arrangements.

Obituary of Rene Piot's wife Edith Lue Clymore Hooper Piot – "North County Times"
(Oceanside CA) Thursday 19 Oct 2000 p 25



19950 Andover St., Detroit MI (May 2019) -

<https://www.google.com/maps/place/19950+Andover+St,+Highland+Park,+MI+48203/@42.4404735,-83.0993802,3a,75y,91.4h,90t/data=!3m6!1e1!3m4!1sCd56Zebz2UTxlqx5Fe4VJA!2e0!7i16384!8i8192!4m5!3m4!1s0x8824ce156958979d:0xce07c35ef571a5fa!8m2!3d42.440466!4d-83.0989309>

Mont-sur-Marchienne

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Mont-sur-Marchienne (Walloon: *Mont-dzeu-Mârciene*) is a town of [Wallonia](#) and a district of the municipality of Charleroi, located in the [province of Hainaut](#), [Belgium](#).

It was a municipality of its own before the merger of the municipalities in 1977.



Mont-sur-Marcienne, Belgium - <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mont-sur-Marchienne>

On 27 May 1995, Dolly Ferres of the Madison Heights MI Historical Commission interviewed 97-year-old Lester William Piot at his home in Madison Heights MI with his son Lester William Piot Jr. present. The taped interview was transcribed by John W. Weigel on 6 Feb 2000. It was furnished by Steven Schwartz of Renton WA. On some points, Lester was
extremely clear, on others a little vague.

A synopsis follows:

The interview was conducted on Beaupre St. in Madison Heights MI. Lester said he had lived there 13 or 14 years. He was born in Charleroi, Belgium in 1898. He came to the US at age 7, approximately 1905. The family went to Grandville, which was outside Charleroi PA.

He joined the US Army on Jan 1, 2 or 3, 1918 [Army records indicate it was 2 Jan 1918] because there was a need for 3 additional men and he was a “fill-in.” He did not receive any basic training but sailed from New York after a week or two there [but also said he got on the ship on Jan 3 or 4, 1918 – the Tuscania sailed 24 Jan 1918]. He was age 21; his parents had not allowed him to enter the Army until 21. His son supplied the information his father was in the 20th Engineers, 6th Headquarters.

Lester said “nothing happened for the fourteen, fifteen first days, and on this one day, which was the day before we expected to land, was a beautiful day on the ocean. ... Quiet as could be. ... And we had all kind of sports on that day, right up on top of the ship, and races, and whatever, and boxing, and ... and then at supper time we all went back to our cabins of course, and I was ... my group, which was the headquarters department ... that’s what I was in ... We went for the first setting of the meal.

“That was exactly five o’clock their time. And we had our meal, and all ... we all got up, and we all started to go upstairs. I was already in our pleasure room, like a parlor, whatever you want to call it ... And we played cards up there, and I was sitting at my chair, and I was dealing the [inaudible].

“While I was still waiting by myself for my partners to come up, the whole thing exploded ... down in the dining room where we had just left, and the second shift for dinner, they were all in water up to their waist ... had already fallen down over the tables and chairs trying to get out. And then it started to filling up. And then I started to walkl around the ship. I ... I didn’t get excited at all.

“I started to walk different places on the ship, second, third, fourth deck above me, and it was all dark. The lights had all been turned off or burned out, or whatever it was. And I went by three of my buddies, who were standing still right in one place.”

Lester confirmed to the interviewer that this occurred on 5 February 1918.

“Anyway, these three boys that I passed, everything was dark. They were standing ... two of them were standing up, the other one was lying down on the floor, completely naked. ... Taking all his clothes off. And then one of them was reading his Bible. And the other one was just swinging his arms in the dark. And not moving. They just stood right there and I kept on walking. Walked around to where the barber shop was, and their lights were still on. And nothing was in there, nobody was in there. Then I went up to the next deck and there weren’t anybody around up there ...

“I went clear up to the top of the ship, and all of our officers and other men, either in the Army or American ... had something to do with the Army but they weren’t in the Army, they were all up on top of the deck, up on top of the ship. Quite a few of them. [Fact-check: there were 2 civilians from Detroit MI on board, Edward T. Fitzgerald & Abner Larned]. ... “Then I went back down and I just kept walking around. I was all by myself, just looking at everything, unafraid of anything. ... I finally went outside again, onto the board, sidewalk on the ship. ... I was walking around there, and it was an English ship [three destroyers – *Grasshopper*, *Mosquito*, *Pigeon* – came to take US soldiers off the *Tuscania*], about 150 to a hundred feet away from me. And one of them called over to me and he said, ‘Better get a hold of that ropes’ ... ‘sailor’ or ‘soldier’ – ‘we’re going to ... we’re going to cut it loose. ... And I’m ... got the ... the rope. It was right up above me. So I jumped up, got ... got hold of that rope and they pulled me over there. And then from there they took me to Buncrana.”

Lester explains the town was on the coast of Ireland and a shipping yard. He then explains to the interviewer that the ship was torpedoed. His son Lester Jr. explains: “There were three torpedoes that were fired at them, and two of them struck between two smokestacks, and she – the boat – listed almost immediately. [Fact-check: only 1 torpedo hit *Tuscania*]. Lester Sr. said the boat “went over” quickly but did not sink fast. His son explains “But it listed.”

Lester Sr. recalled that some of the boys “just jumped over.” His son then says they landed at “Marn” (i.e. Larn). “And they stayed at a place called the King’s Arms there when they went to give them some beds and to ... a place to rest, and sleep until they could move them out of there, and according to, I think, Dad, you were there about five days. Then they took you by train to Dublin, and then from there they went to Winchester, England. ... They lost everything they had ... on board, including uniforms and their shoes and everything.” The men were furnished with new English uniforms, which Lester Jr. said made them look “a sad sight.” Then the men were shipped to France.

Lester recalled that in France, his outfit “went clear away from anywhere near the front” since “All day we were lumber men” in the southern part of France, where there were acres of pine trees. “They were there chopping down the pine trees to make ties and blocks, and whatever was needed at the front. ... We were at least two hundred miles away from the fighting. ... The only fighting was among ourselves.”

Lester explained “I happened to be in Headquarters Department because I spoke French. ... And I had the best of everything, ... And I was with the commander all the time. ... And I drove his car.”

Lester was in France about a year & then returned home to California PA. He married a year after coming home. Then he lived around California PA & Charleroi PA for the next 10 to 12 years, and then moved to Detroit MI, during the Depression. He was told it was no use going to Detroit since there were no jobs there, but he was employed the first day he arrived. “It wasn’t a good job, but it was a job in a shop ... in a store downtown ... where they sold all taken-over stock from bankruptcies.” Lester also worked in a restaurant for a week. After 3 months, he brought his family to Detroit & rented a home. It took about a year to get established but then finally got one good job.

He tells the interviewer he had 6 children, 4 girls & 2 boys. One of his children had died the previous week. [Son Glenn McKinley Piot had died 21 May 1995.] When asked how many grandchildren he had, Lester Sr. & Jr. together compute the number as 28 (Betty had 5 children, Lillian had 4, Glenn had 4, Ruth had 4, Lester Jr. had 6). They figure there are at least 15 great-grandchildren. The family rarely gets together, as they are spread out from California to Wheeling to Birmingham AL.

Lester Jr. asks his father to talk about the Tuscania survivors group, which has a reunion “every so often.” Lester Sr. recalls that the first reunion was in Chicago IL, with a little over 100 in attendance. Two years later, he promoted one in Detroit. Lester Jr. supplied the information that this occurred 8 Feb 1941 at the Hotel Teller in Detroit MI, with 23 survivors. About 4 years ago, there were “only ten left.” They are unsure if anyone is left besides Lester Sr. Lester Jr. said “the last one gets a bottle of champagne. If he’s the last one, they don’t know who’s going to present it to him.”

Lester Sr. now recalls Abner Larned [a Detroit businessman, whose name was supplied later in the interview by Lester Jr.]— a “government man” — “and it turned out that about fifteen years after I was in Detroit, he was the man in charge, in Detroit here, of all of the government work that they were promoting for the unemployed” during the Depression. [Larned was a businessman — Fitzgerald had been the secretary of the mayor of Detroit.] “And when I had my reunion, for the ... Tuscania members, he took the chair to operate it, and he paid all the expenses” and furnished a female group of singers who had entertained at the White House the previous week. “That relation that I got with him was by being on the Tuscania. He was on the Tuscania for the government, some kind of work in the government. He wasn’t, he wasn’t a soldier.”

Name: Lester William Piot

Name variations:

Military:

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

Serial number: 250,241

Entered service from: California, Washington Co. PA

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: Lester W. Piot

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": father William Piot, 3rd St., California PA

Returned from war on: "Santa Paula" May 1919

Sailed on return ship as: Lester W. Piot

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: father William Piot, 3rd St., California PA (cpl, HQ Det., 6th Bn, 20th Engrs, Forestry)

World War I draft registration (1917):

National Tuscania Survivors Association (1939): 19950 Andover, Detroit MI

World War II draft registration (1942): as Lester William Piot – b. 10 May 1898 Belgium; res: 19950 Andover, Detroit, Wayne MI. NOK Mrs. Hellen [sic] Piot, same address. Employed at Plymouth Motor Co., Mt. Elliot, Detroit MI. Height: 5'8 ½" – 188 lbs.

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlisted: 2 Jan 1918 [this is 22 days before Tuscania sails]

Discharged: 11 Jun 1919

Address: 400 McKean Ave., Donora PA

Rank/unit: corporal, HQ Co., 20th Engineers

Birth & death:

Born: 10 May 1898 Charleroi, Hainaut, Belgium

Died: 7 Oct 1997 Madison Heights, Oakland MI

Find A Grave record: 241183479 – created from burial information in "Detroit Free Press" 9 Oct 1997 p. 19

Burial location: Troy, Oakland MI

Cemetery: White Chapel Memorial Park

Tombstone:

Father: Guillaume Nestor ("William") Piot, 18 Mar 1866 Bord Erps, Quertz, Belgium [1908 naturalization application] or Mont-sur-Marchienne, Charleroi, Hainaut, Belgium – 25 Jan 1942 Charleroi, Washington Co. PA. Son of Perre Henri Ade Piot & Isabella Van Viewenhuyse.

Widowed, he married Zoe Ferdinand Honore Wauthier Quenne (1868-1944) in California, Washington Co. PA on 27 Jan 1923.

Died of gastric carcinoma.

Buried in Highland Cemetery, California, Washington Co. PA.

Find A Grave: 126269795

Mother: Marie Mathilde ("Matilda") Vanden Eyden Piot, 16 Feb 1869 Mont Sur-Marchienne, Charleroi, Belgium – 10 Aug 1921 Pittsburgh, Allegheny PA (Mercy Hospital). Daughter of

Louis Vanden Eyden & Virginia Steenhod. Buried in Highland Cemetery, California, Washington Co. PA.

Find A Grave: 126269770

Parents' marriage: 1893 (likely in Belgium)

Stepmother: Zoe Ferdinand Honore Wauthier Quenne Piot, 13 Mar 1868 Charleroi, Hainault, Belgium – 5 Nov 1944 North Charleroi, Washington Co. PA. SSN 162-14-0552. She comes to the US aboard "Finland" which left Antwerp, Belgium, on 19 Dec 1922 & arrived in NYC on 31 Dec 1922. She said she was single, age 54, occupation: "wife" – heading to her fiancé W. Piot in California, Washington Co. PA & planning to live in the US permanently. She was a Belgian citizen of French nationality & last resided in Charleroi, Belgium. She had been born in Tout Marchieme (Marchienne?).

Her son Nestor Ferdinand Joseph Quenne (listed as Nestor Piot) lives with William & Zoe Piot in the 1930 census in Charleroi, Washington Co. PA. He was born 22 Aug 1893 (naturalization papers) or 22 Aug 1895 (PA death certificate) in Mont-sur-Marchienne, Belgium. His PA death record does not list his father's name. He committed suicide with a "self inflicted cut on throat" – resulting in hemorrhage on 16 Jun 1943 in North Charleroi, Washington Co. PA. He was 4'10" & 115 pounds at the time of his death.

Stepmother's Find A Grave: buried in Highland Cemetery, California, Washington Co. PA but not on Find A Grave as of 2 Jul 2022.

Stepmother's marriage – 27 Jan 1923 California, Washington Co. PA. Daughter of Sylvain/Sylvin Wauthier & Marie Therese Franc. Her first husband was a Quenne; according to Ancestry.com family trees, he died 1916 (presumably in Belgium).

Spouse: Helen Kathryn Arter, 7 Feb 1899 Jeanette, Westmoreland PA – 26 Sep 1990 Sterling Heights, Macomb MI. Daughter of James E. Arter (F: 174494781) & Hannah Rupert (F: 31115254). Buried in White Chapel Memorial Park Cemetery, Troy, Oakland MI.

Spouse Find A Grave: 241183658 – created based on information in her obituary & that of Lester's

Marriage: 16 Jun 1920 Charleroi, Washington Co. PA

Children:

- Helen Elizabeth ("Betty") Piot Tifft, 20 May 1921 California, Washington Co. PA – 14 Nov 1998 Redwood City, San Mateo CA. SSN 383-12-5369. Married in Henry Co. OH on 25 Oct 1941 to Murray Tyler Tifft (1921-1984, F: 151273892) by Methodist minister John B. Tyler of Napoleon OH. She was a secretary, he was a "flyer." Buried in Skylawn Memorial Park, San Mateo, San Mateo CA. F: 151273891
- Lester William Piot Jr., 19 Aug 1922 North Charleroi, Washington Co. PA – 4 Nov 2013 Cumming, Forsyth GA. Served in the US Army in WWII. Married 27 May 1944 in Detroit, Wayne MI to Frances Eva ("Goldie") Halian (1918-2021). Married 25 Feb 1971 in Las Vegas, Clark NV to Joan Rust in a religious ceremony. Buried in Georgia National Cemetery, Canton, Cherokee GA. F: 120197348
- Glenn McKinley Piot, 31 Dec 1925 Charleroi, Washington Co. PA – 21 May 1995 Dearborn Heights, Wayne MI. Married Dorothy Marie Wolan (1927-1995, F: 218745386). Buried in Saint Hedwig Cemetery, Dearborn Heights, Wayne MI. F: 218745167

- Lillian Virginia Piot Ellison, 26 Apr 1926 Sharon, Mercer PA – 2 May 2006 Warren, Macomb MI. Married 15 Mar 1947 in Detroit, Wayne MI to John Robert Ellison (1916-1990). Buried in White Chapel Memorial Park Cemetery, Troy, Oakland MI. F: 160675341
- Ruth Hazel Piot Papke, 28 Nov 1927 Charleroi, Washington Co. PA – 3 Feb 1988 Royal Oak, Oakland MI. SSN 371-22-9230. Wife of William Robert Papke (1925-1981) whom she married 25 Nov 1950 in Highland Park, Wayne MI.
- Joann (Joan) L. Piot Coleman Watson, 29 Mar 1933 Detroit, Wayne MI – 18 Oct 2014 Cookeville, Putnam TN. Was Joan Coleman in May 1995 & Joan Watson in Oct 1997. Listed as Joann L. Coleman in her funeral home notice. Was survived by son Mark Larson & daughter Catherine Smith. Ancestry.com family trees erroneously list death year as 2015.

Siblings:

- Helen Elizabeth (“Betty”) Piot Barli, 10 [obituary] or 11 [father’s naturalization application] Oct 1892 Mont Sur-Marchinne, Charleroi, Belgium – 20 Oct 1972 California, Washington Co. PA. SSN 169-50-8688. Married 6 Dec 1910 in California, Washington Co. PA to Guiseppe Barli. He was age 25, a resident of East Pike Run township, Washington Co. PA. Her father had to give his consent as she was age 18. Guiseppe is buried as John J. Barli (1885 Italy -1953, F: 125899651). They are buried in Highland Cemetery, California, Washington Co. PA. F: 125899595
- Aime Piot, 29 Apr 1894 Charleroi, Hainaut, Belgium – Apr 1982 California, Washington Co. PA. SSN 191-07-4100. Married in 1916 in Washington Co. PA to Theresa Donkers (1895-1994, F: 126270063). Buried in Highland Cemetery, California, Washington Co. PA. F: 126269857
- --- Piot, computed as born after 1900 (in Belgium? US?) but died before the 1910 census & did not emigrate in 1905
- --- Piot, computed as born ca. 1902 in Belgium but not listed on ship when family emigrated in 1904 & not listed in the 1910 census BUT see Rene’s entry that he was the 5th child born.
- Rene Piot, 24 Nov 1907 Mount Pleasant, Washington Co. PA – 14 Sep 1990 San Diego, San Diego CA. SSN 375-05-1464. His PA birth record says he is his mother’s 5th child, but with his birth, there are now 4 living children. Married 7 Feb 1931 in Charleroi, Washington Co. PA to Sarah Johns (1904-1939). Married 22 Jun 1940 in Lansing, Ingham MI to Gwendolyn R. Pearl (1907-1960). Married 14 Apr 1962 in Los Angeles Co. CA to Edith Lue Clymore Hooper-Piot (1907-2000), daughter of William Arthur Clymore & Ella Frances Fowler. Edith is buried in Glen Haven Memorial Park, Sylmar, Los Angeles CA (F: 153231583) as is her 1st husband, Willis Hooper (1904-1949, F: 150701338).

Notes:

Lester was recorded with the first name of Nestor on the “Kroonland” passenger roster in 1905, in his father’s naturalization application of 1 Apr 1908 & in the 1910 census.

The Piot family emigrated from Charleroi, Belgium, which lies 40 miles south of Brussels. It is in the Walloon (French) part of Belgium. Readers of a Dutch daily newspaper once voted it as “the ugliest city in Europe.” It has dreary housing, defunct industries, high unemployment and crime.

The family – consisting of Guillaume (38), Mathilde (36) & children Helena (11), Aime (10) & Nestor (7) – all born in Belgium, emigrated aboard the “Kroonland” which left Antwerp, Belgium on 28 Oct 1905 & landed in NYC on 8 Nov 1905. They were Belgian citizens. They came from “Mont” & were heading to Mount Pleasant PA, to friend Joseph Donkers. Guillaume had \$50.

They came to California, Washington Co. PA and lived in Charleroi, Washington Co. PA in 1930.

Pre-war:

Wartime:

“Harrisburg (PA) Evening News” Friday 8 Feb 1918 p 12 – on board Tuscania: Lester W. Piot, father William Piot, California PA

“Pittsburgh (PA) Post-Gazette” Sunday 10 Feb 1918 p 1 – among the men on the 1st names of survivors received: from western PA – Lester W. Piot, California PA

"Pittsburgh (PA) Post-Gazette" 11 Feb 1918 p 5 - photo - age 21, son of Mr. & Mrs. William Piot of California PA, enlisted Dec 1917 aviation corps, on 2 Jan 1918 assigned to American University, Washington DC

Post-war:

“Detroit Free Press” Friday 27 Sep 1940 p 10 – Draft Board #4 member: Lester W. Piot, mechanic.

"Detroit Free Press" 2 Feb 1941 p 3 - Piot chairman of NTSA, annual reunion at Tuller Hotel, Detroit, Feb 7-9 with banquet 8 Feb

“Detroit Free Press” Sunday 7 Sep 1947 p 11 – a candidate in the 7 Oct 1947 municipal primary for Common Council is Lester W. Piot, Plymouth foreman, 19950 Andover.

Obituary:

Lester had 6 children (1 dead), 24 grandchildren, 41 great-grandchildren, 4 great-great-grandchildren at time of death

"Detroit Free Press" 9 Oct 1997 p 19 - age 99, late wife Helen, survived by 5 children, daughter predeceased him, retired from Chrysler Corp. 1962, WWI Army vet, VFW, funeral 11 Oct, burial White Chapel (Troy MI)

Social Security number: 376-10-1287

Censuses:

1900 not yet in the US – arrived 1905

1910 California, Washington Co. PA – 2nd St.

William Piot, 44 Belgium (French), parents b. Belgium (French), in 1st marriage, married 17 years, emigrated 1904, alien, miner, coal

Maud, 41 Belgium (French), parents b. Belgium (French), in 1st marriage, emigrated 1904, gave birth to 6 children, 4 are living

Helen, 18 Belgium, servant, private family

Amie, 16 Belgium, miner, coal [misread & misindexed as Annie]

Nester, 14 Belgium

Rene, 2 PA

1920 California, Washington Co. PA – conducted 19 Jan 1920 [Lester marries 16 Jun 1920]

William Piot, 53 Belgium, parents b. Belgium, emigrated 1905, naturalized 1912, miner, coal mine

Matilda, 51 Belgium, parents b. Belgium, emigrated 1905, naturalized 1912

Lester W., 23 Belgium, single, draftsman, steel mill, emigrated 1905, naturalized 1918

Rene, 12 PA

1930 Charleroi, Washington Co. PA – conducted 14 Apr 1930

Lester W. Piot, 31 Belgium, parents b. Belgium, age 22 at 1st marriage, salesman, automobile, WWI veteran

Helen, 31 PA, age 22 at 1st marriage

Helen E., 8 years 5 months PA

Lester W. Jr., 7 years 1 month PA

Lillian, 5 years, month illegible [she was born in April] PA

Glenn, 4 years 1 month PA

Ruth, 2 years 3 months PA

& father-in-law James E. Arter, 64 OH, widow, age 25 at 1st marriage, watchman, glass house

1930 Charleroi, Washington Co. PA – father, stepmother, brother, stepbrother

William Piot, 64 Belgium, parents b. Belgium, at 57 at 1st marriage [i.e., this marriage], foreman, coal mine

Zoe, 62 Belgium, parents b. Belgium, age 55 at 1st marriage, emigrated 1923, papers filed [wife]

Renee, 21 PA, DAUGHTER, parents b. Belgium, mechanic, garage [presumably son Rene]

Nestor, 36 Belgium, parents b. Belgium, emigrated 1924, papers filed, laborer, steel mill [i.e. Nestor Quenne, William's stepson, but listed as Piot, son]

1940 Detroit, Wayne MI – 19950 Andover Ave. – same place in 1935

Lester W. Piot, 41 Belgium, naturalized, machinist, auto factory

Helen, 41 PA

Betty, 18 PA

Lester, 17 PA

Lillian, 15 PA

Glenn, 14 PA

Ruth, 12 PA

Joan, 7 MI

1940 Charleroi, Washington Co. PA – same place in 1935 – father, stepmother, stepbrother

William Piot, 74 Belgium

Zoe, 72 Belgium [wife]

Nestor Quenne, 47 Belgium, laborer, steel works [stepson] [mistakenly indexed as JERENNE]

1950 Detroit, Wayne MI – 19950 Andover

Lester W. Piot, 51 Belgium, no occupation listed

Helen K., 50 PA, office work, automobile manufacturing

Glenn M., 25 PA, stenographer, insurance

Ruth H., 23 PA

Joan L., 17 MI

& father-in-law James E. Arter, 83 OH, widower