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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

Piper, Howard John
1889 NE – 1954 MT

Howard J. Piper

LEWISTOWN — Howard John Piper, 64, American Legion employe since 1947 and a resident here since 1935, died in a local hospital after a long illness. Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Creel's chapel with Rev. C. W. Orner, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, officiating. A military graveside service will be conducted at Lewistown City Cemetery. Piper, the son of John and Josie Piper, was born April 5, 1889, in Palisades, Neb. He was married to Emma Walter Dec. 26, 1914, in Kingfisher, Okla. They had lived in Lewistown since 1935. He came to Montana in 1915 and was employed by the Mountain States Telephone Co. until 1928. He farmed for seven years after that. A World War I veteran, Piper was wounded July 18, 1918, and after spending time in several French hospitals he was returned to the United States and discharged at Fort Lewis, Wash., in May, 1919. He was attached to the Second Division, Ninth Infantry, while in France. He was a member of the Legion and the Eagles lodge here. He is survived by the widow and a sister, Dora Gibson, Douglas, Okla.

"Great Falls (MT) Tribune" Tuesday 2 Mar 1954 p 4



On mother Josephine V. Wollam Piper's Find A Grave 12109290 – from left: Dora Mae Piper (Gibson), father John Frederick Piper, on his lap: Howard John Piper, mother Josephine Wollam Piper, on her lap Earl Frederick Piper, Mary L. Piper (Wigdon)

V. S. 3-9-52-10M
FEDERAL SECURITY AGENCY
PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

ORIGINAL FOR STATE REGISTRAR
CERTIFICATE OF DEATH
STATE OF MONTANA

STATE BOARD OF HEALTH
Bureau of Vital Statistics
STATE FILE NO. **54 142291**

BIRTH NO. **25**

1. PLACE OF DEATH
a. County **Fergus**

2. USUAL RESIDENCE (Where deceased lived. If institution residence before admission)
a. STATE **Montana** b. COUNTY **Fergus**

b. CITY (If outside corporate limits write OR TOWN **Lewistown**) c. LENGTH OF STAY (In hospital) **3 days**

d. FULL NAME OF (If not in hospital or institution, give street address or location) **St. Joseph's Hospital**

3. NAME OF DECEASED (Type or Print) a. (First) **HOWARD** b. (Middle) **JOHN** c. (Last) **PIPER**

4. DATE OF DEATH (Month) (Day) (Year) **Feb. 28, 1954**

5. SEX **Male** 6. COLOR OR RACE **White** 7. MARRIED, NEVER MARRIED, WIDOWED, DIVORCED (Specify) **Married**

8. DATE OF BIRTH **4/5/1889** 9. AGE (In yrs. If Under 1 Yr. If under 24 hrs last birthday) **64** 10. Months **10** 11. Days **23** 12. Hours **26** 13. Minutes **23**

10a. USUAL OCCUPATION (Give kind of work done during most of working life, even if retired) **District Manager**

10b. KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY **Telephone Co.**

11. BIRTHPLACE (State or foreign country) **Palisade, Nebraska** 12. Citizen of What Country **USA**

13a. FATHER'S NAME **John Piper** 13b. MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME **Josie Wollom** 14. HUSBAND OR WIFE'S NAME **Emma Piper**

15. WAS DECEASED EVER IN U.S. ARMED FORCES? (Yes, No, or Unknown) **Yes** (If yes, give war or dates of service) **W.W. I** 16. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER **517-30-9217** 17. INFORMANT **Mrs. Emma Piper**

18. Cause of Death
Enter only 1 cause per line for (a), (b) and (c)
*This does not mean the mode of dying, such as heart failure, asthma, etc. It means the disease, injury or complication which caused death.

I. DISEASE OR CONDITION DIRECTLY LEADING TO DEATH*
(a) **Cornary Thrombosis**
ANTECEDENT CAUSES
Morbidity conditions, if any, giving rise to the above cause (a) stating the underlying cause last. DUE TO (b) **arteriosclerosis**
DUE TO (c) **arteriosclerosis**

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

19a. DATE OF OPERATION **3/3/54** 19b. MAJOR FINDINGS OF OPERATION **arteriosclerosis** 20. AUTOPSY? YES ☐ NO ☒

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

21d. TIME (Month) (Day) (Year) (Hour) **2-28-54, 1954, 10:00 AM** 21e. INJURY OCCURRED While At ☐ Not While ☐ At Work ☐ 21f. HOW DID INJURY OCCUR? **Arteriosclerosis**

22. I hereby certify that I attended the deceased from **2-28-54** 1954, to **2-28-54** 1954, that I last saw the deceased alive on **2-28-54**, 1954, and that death occurred at **10:00 AM**, from the causes and on the date stated above.

23a. SIGNATURE **Dr. H. A. Dean** (Degree or Title) **M.D.** 23b. ADDRESS **Lewistown, Montana** 23c. Date Signed **3/1/54**

24a. BURIAL, CREMATION REMOVAL (Specify) **Burial** 24b. DATE **3/3/54** 24c. Name of Cemetery or Crematory **Lewistown City Cemetery** 24d. Location (City, town or county) (State) **Lewistown, Montana**

DATE REC'D BY LOCAL REG. **3/2/54** REGISTRAR'S SIGNATURE **Schubert** 25. FUNERAL DIRECTOR **Creel Funeral Home, Lewistown, Mont.** ADDRESS **Creel Funeral Home, Lewistown, Mont.**

SILVER STATE POST

Resident of Lewistown since year 1935

MT death record -

https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/5437/images/47791_1220706333_04_19-00295?pld=866577

Bn Neb. age at dnd: 28-6 (over) ORIGINAL *RM*

CHECK TYPE REQUIRED (See Instructions attached)		APPLICATION FOR HEADSTONE OR MARKER (Please make out and return in duplicate)	
☐ UPRIGHT MARBLE HEADSTONE	ENLISTMENT DATE	SERIAL No.	EMBLEM (Check one) ☒ CHRISTIAN ☐ HEBREW ☐ NONE
☐ FLAT MARBLE MARKER	October 4, 1917	251566	
☒ FLAT GRANITE MARKER	DISCHARGE DATE	PENSION No.	COMPANY
☐ BRONZE MARKER	May 2, 1919 <i>Hon</i>	XC-211-771	
NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)		STATE	RANK
<i>PIPER, Howard</i>		Oklahoma	<i>Pvt.</i>
DATE OF BIRTH (Month, Day, Year)		U. S. REGIMENT, STATE ORGANIZATION, AND DIVISION	
April 5, 1889	DATE OF DEATH (Month, Day, Year)	<i>Infantry, unassigned</i>	
NAME OF CEMETERY	February 28, 1954	<i>2nd Div. 1st Bn. 9th Inf.</i>	
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)		LOCATION (City and State)	
<i>CP Howler S/O</i>		Lewistown, Montana	
(SIGNATURE OF CONSIGNEE)		NEAREST FREIGHT STATION (City and State)	
		Lewistown, Montana	
DO NOT WRITE HERE		I certify this application is submitted for a stone for the unmarked grave of a veteran.	
FOR VERIFICATION		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.	
ORDERED <i>MAR 25 1954</i>		<i>CP Howler S/O</i>	
B/L <i>WY 2450088 MAY 3 1954</i>		APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE	
SHIPPED		DATE OF APPLICATION	
		March 22, 1954	
		ADDRESS (Street, City, State)	
		Lewistown, Montana	

QOMG FORM 623
REV 8 FEB 49

IMPORTANT—Complete Reverse Side

16-11453-8 GPO

"Purple Heart" authorized.

APR 12 1954

To Process Canc

To Order

APR 13 1954

To Resol

APR 15 1954

To Transp

(Signature of superintendent, sexton, or caretaker)

APR 30 1954

To F & C File

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the type headstone or marker requested by the applicant will be permitted at the grave.

(Be sure you have noted what type is indicated by applicant on form)

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MAR 25 1954
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M & B

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MEMORIAL DIVISION,
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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PIPER HOWARD JOHN		Xc	3-11-54 211771
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Fort Benton Mont		A	1 507 160
Su	2 515 66	Died	T 532 982
Born	4/5/89	2-28-54	R 27 946
Enl	10/9/17	Dts 5/2/19	Cl 294 239
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U. S. VETERANS BUREAU
MAIL AND RECORDS
Form 7292-Rev. Sept., 1926

INDEX CARD

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Two of the men—Clyde E. Smith of 917 East Broadway and James R. Nichols of Waukomis—went along as alternates, in the places of John Earl Ishmen of 215 South Grand and Howard J. Piper of Great Falls, Montana, who for reasons of being unable to reach here in time were unable to answer roll call.

"Enid (OK) Daily Eagle" Thursday 4 Oct 1917 p 1

Thirty-Five Oklahomans' Names Are Still Among Missing With List of Survivors Incomplete

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—Names of 106 Oklahoma men who were aboard the submarined Tuscania appear in a list of the names of 1,741 survivors cabled from "An Irish Port" to the war department today. This leaves thirty-five Oklahoma men known to have been aboard the boat unaccounted for. The names of three Oklahomans not included in the first lists of those reported on board showed up today in the list of survivors. They are Arthur G. Berry of Orlando, Howard J. Piper of Enid and Edward J. McMann of Prague. That makes a total of 141 Oklahomans known to have been aboard the vessel when she was torpedoed.

Washington Bureau
of The Oklahoman

"Daily Oklahoman" (Oklahoma City OK) Monday 11 Feb 1918 p 1

ALL BOYS FROM THIS SECTION WERE SAVED

All Enid will be pleased that Ferdie Denner has been saved on the Tuscania, and every person in northern Oklahoma will rejoice that the other boys from this section have survived the great tragedy. Howard J. Piper whose parents live near Douglas was also a passenger on the Tuscania, and we are glad to report that he is safe. The name of another Garfield county boy that was mentioned by other papers of the local press does not seem to have been among the list. Henry Forshee who was mentioned was not on this ship; he was taken off at Halifax with a number of others on account of having the mumps. His parents have had word from him since he was placed in the hospital at Halifax.

"Enid (OK) Daily Morning News" Tuesday 12 Feb 1918 p 4

Husband of Enid Woman Survivor of the Tuscania

Monday Mrs. Howard J. Piper, who lives with her sister, Mrs. Moran of 910 W. Pine, received a cablegram from her husband, who is a survivor of the ill-fated Tuscania.

All that could be deciphered, after it had passed through the hands of the censor, was the word, "Well," with his name signed to it, "Howard J. Piper." That it had come across the Atlantic was easily discerned, but nothing further than that.

Prior to this Mrs. Piper received a cablegram from Washington, signed by Adjutant General McCain which contained the following statement: "Officially reported, Howard J. Piper was saved from Tuscania."

Mr. and Mrs. Howard J. Piper lived at Great Falls Montana, when Mr. Piper was called to service. The young man left for Camp Travis Oct. 10th and three months later he left for France, sailing on the Tuscania.

"Enid (OK) Daily Eagle" Friday 1 Mar 1918 p 1

HOWARD J. PIPER WAS WOUNDED IN ACTION JULY 18

A telegram was received Sunday from Adjutant General McKane which reads: "Deeply regret to inform you that Howard J. Piper was wounded in action, degree undetermined, on July 18. The War Department has no further information. Adjutant General McKane."

Mrs. Piper is a sister of Mrs. Walter Moran who resides at 910 W. Pine. Mr. Piper's father is telephone manager at Douglas, Okla.

"Enid (OK) Daily News" Tuesday 20 Aug 1918 p 4

Howard Piper Listed Today In Casualties

Howard J. Piper of Douglas, whose name appears on the casualty list this afternoon, was wounded in action on the western front July 18th. The seriousness of the wound has not been determined as yet. Mr. Piper's sister-in-law, Mrs. Walter Moran of 910 W. Pine, has not received any later message as to his condition.

A week late with the news? – "Enid (OK) Daily Eagle" Monday 26 Aug 1918 p 1

Mr. and Mrs. Howard J. Piper, of Great Falls, Montana, are visiting in the city with Mrs. Piper's sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Moran, of 910 West Pine. Mr. Piper has just recently returned from overseas where he was	with the famous Second Division. Mr. Piper had a thrilling escape from death when the ship on which he sailed across was torpedoed and served in the front line forty-seven days before he was wounded and sent to the rear.
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"Enid (OK) Daily Eagle" Sunday 6 Jul 1919 p 3

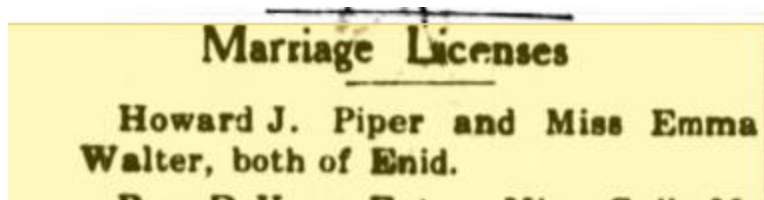
Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Piper spent several days in Great Falls last week and are expecting to start on their southern trip this week if the roads open up in shape for travel. They expect to visit with relatives at Douglas, Okla., but will also visit various points in Texas during their stay.

"Conrad (MT) Independent-Observer" Thursday 24 Nov 1927 p 5

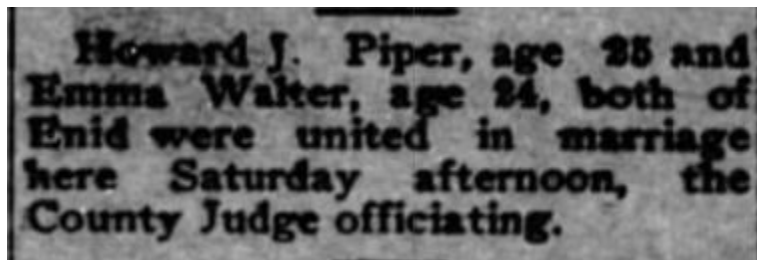
Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Piper were in Conrad last week for a few days visit with friends. Mr. and Mrs. Piper have been spending the winter with relatives in Oklahoma and this spring purchased a stock farm east of Lewistown and in the future their address will be Piper, Montana.

"Conrad (MT) Independent-Observer" Thursday 17 May 1928 p 5

Wife:



"Kingfisher (OK) Times" Thursday 31 Dec 1914 p 4



"Kingfisher (OK) Daily Free Press" Monday 28 Dec 1914 p 3

APPLICATION FOR MARRIAGE LICENSE

State of Oklahoma ss. Kingfisher County

I, Howard J. Piper of Garfield County, State of Oklahoma, age 25 years, and legally competent to make and take an oath, do solemnly swear that I am acquainted with Miss Emma Walter who are parties for the marriage of whom a **LICENSE** is hereby applied for. The said parties, and each of them, are of sound contracting mind and unincumbered and not disqualified or incapable under the law of entering into the marriage relation. That said parties are not of the relationship prohibited by law and may lawfully contract and be joined in marriage. I furthermore do solemnly swear that the following certificate, containing the names of the above said parties, their age, color, place of birth and residence is correct in every particular, to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, to-wit:

NAMES OF PARTIES	AGE	COLOR	PLACE OF BIRTH	RESIDENCE
<u>Howard J. Piper</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>Nebraska</u>	<u>Enid</u> <u>Oklahoma</u>
<u>Emma Walter</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>Kansas</u>	<u>Enid</u> <u>Oklahoma</u>

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME Dec 26th 1914 Howard J. Piper Applicant.
Maudie Smith County Judge

I, the undersigned, of _____ named in the above application, as under marriage-able age, do hereby give my consent to marriage to _____, this _____ day of _____ A.D. 19____.

Parent or Guardian.

State of Oklahoma ss. _____ County

BEFORE ME _____ day of _____ A.D. 19____ personally appeared _____ to me known to be the identical person who executed the within and foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that _____ executed the same as free and voluntary act and deed for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and official seal the day and year last above written.

My Commission expires _____

MARRIAGE LICENSE

State of Oklahoma ss. _____ County

In the County Court

To Any Person Authorized to Perform the Marriage Ceremony—GREETING:

You are hereby authorized to join in marriage Mr. Howard J. Piper of Garfield County, State of Oklahoma, and Mrs. Emma Walter of Enid County, State of Oklahoma, whose ages, residence, etc., are as follows:

NAMES OF PARTIES	AGE	COLOR	PLACE OF BIRTH	RESIDENCE
<u>Howard J. Piper</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>Nebraska</u>	<u>Enid</u> <u>Oklahoma</u>
<u>Emma Walter</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>Kansas</u>	<u>Enid</u> <u>Oklahoma</u>

And of this **LICENSE** you will make due return to my office within thirty days from this date.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at my office in Kingfisher in said County, this 26th day of December A.D. 1914.

Seal

Maudie Smith County Judge
Clerk of the County Court.

CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE

State of Oklahoma ss. Kingfisher County

I, R. F. Shetter County Judge of Kingfisher County, Oklahoma, do hereby certify that I joined in marriage the persons named in and authorized by this Court to be married, on the 26th day of December A.D. 1914, at Kingfisher in Kingfisher County, Oklahoma, in the presence of S. Hardy of Kingfisher, Okla. and Mildred A. Fagan of Enid, Oklahoma.

Mildred A. Fagan S. Hardy Witnesses. R. F. Shetter County Judge

Filed for Record the 26th day of Dec A.D. 1914 at 3 o'clock P. M.
 By _____ Deputy. Maudie Smith Clerk

<https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/61379/images/TH-1-159394-113468-32?pId=964022740>

LEWISTOWN — PIPER, Emma W., 95, of Lewistown, died Tuesday in the Central Montana Nursing home after a long illness. Service 2 p.m. Friday, Cloyd Chapel, with burial in Montana City Cemetery. She was born Feb. 16, 1890, in Home City, Kan. She was educated in Kansas and spent her early life there. She married Howard Piper in Oklahoma. He died several years ago. After her husband's death, Mrs. Piper moved to Montana. She spent her summers working for the Hamilton Stores in Yellowstone National Park until her retirement in 1976. Since that time, she had been active in the senior citizens lunch program in Lewistown until ill health forced her to retire. Survived by nieces and nephews in Oklahoma.

Obituary of wife Emma Walter Piper – “Great Falls (MT) Tribune” Thursday 14 Nov 1985 p 10

STATE COPY **MONTANA**

CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

LOCAL FILE NUMBER **119** STATE FILE NUMBER **85 5600**

1 DECEDENT - NAME FIRST MIDDLE LAST Emma W. PIPER		SEX Female		DATE OF DEATH (Mo., Day, Yr.) November 12, 1985	
2 RACE - White, Black, American Indian, etc. (Specify) White		AGE - Last Birthday (Years) 95		DATE OF BIRTH (Mo., Day, Yr.) February 16, 1890	
3 CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION OF DEATH Lewistown		HOSPITAL OR OTHER INSTITUTION - Name (If not in either, give street and number) Central Montana Nursing Home		COUNTY OF DEATH Fergus	
4 STATE OF BIRTH (If not in U.S., name country) Kansas		CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY U.S.A.		SURVIVING SPOUSE (If wife, give maiden name) N/A	
5 SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER 516-44-9783		USUAL OCCUPATION (Give kind of work done during most of working life, even if retired) Clerk		KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY Retail	
6 RESIDENCE - STATE Montana		CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION Fergus		STREET AND NUMBER 408 Wendell Ave.	
7 FATHER - NAME FIRST MIDDLE LAST John Walter		MOTHER - MAIDEN NAME FIRST MIDDLE LAST Barbara			
8 INFORMANT - NAME (Type or Print) Francis J. Lienes		MAILING ADDRESS Route 3 Box 3175		CITY OR TOWN Lewistown	
9 CEMETERY OR CREMATORY - NAME Lewistown City Cemetery		LOCATION Lewistown		STATE Montana	
10 BURIAL, CREMATION, REMOVAL, OTHER (Specify) Burial		20 CLOYD FUNERAL HOME, INC. Box 595 Lewistown, MT 59457			
21 DATE OF DISPOSITION (Month, Day, Year) November 15, 1985		PERSON IN CHARGE OF DISPOSITION Richard J. Brown		License Number 396	
23a. To the best of my knowledge, death occurred at the time, date and place and due to the cause(s) stated. Richard N. Taylor M.D.			23b. DATE SIGNED (Month, Day, Year) 11-15-85		
23c. NAME OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN IF OTHER THAN CERTIFIER (Type or Print) Richard N. Taylor, M.D. Montana Building Lewistown, MT 59457			23d. NAME AND ADDRESS OF CERTIFIER (PHYSICIAN OR CORONER) (Type or Print)		
24a. On the basis of examination and/or investigation, in my opinion death occurred at the time, date and place and due to the cause(s) stated.			24b. DATE SIGNED (Month, Day, Year)		
24c. PRONOUNCED DEAD (Mo., Day, Yr.)			24d. ON		
24e. AT			24f. M		
25. LOCAL REGISTRAR Carrie S. Craig			DATE RECEIVED BY LOCAL REGISTRAR (Mo., Day, Yr.) November 19, 1985		
27. IMMEDIATE CAUSE (ENTER ONLY ONE CAUSE PER LINE FOR (a), (b), AND (c))					
PART I (a) Cardio Pulmonary Arrest Interval between onset & death 3 min.					
DUE TO, OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF:					
(b) Congestive Heart Failure Interval between onset & death 2 weeks					
DUE TO, OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF:					
(c) Aortic Stenosis Interval between onset & death years					
PART II OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS - Conditions contributing to death but not related to cause given in Part I (a)					
? Cancer Pancreas - 2 years					
28. AUTOPSY (Specify Yes or No) No		29. WAS CASE REFERRED TO CORONER? (Specify Yes or No) No			
30a. ACCIDENT, SUICIDE, HOMICIDE, UNDET. OR PENDING INVESTIGATION (Specify)		DATE OF INJURY (Mo., Day, Yr.)		HOUR OF INJURY	
30b. INJURY AT WORK (Specify Yes or No)		PLACE OF INJURY - At home, farm, street, factory, office building, etc. (Specify)		DESCRIBE HOW INJURY OCCURRED	
30c. M		30d. LOCATION: STREET OR R.F.D. NO.		CITY OR TOWN STATE	

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Father:

John Piper (Direct Ancestor), son of Charles Frederick Piper was born 24 Mar 1861 near Cantril, Van Buren, IA. He married Josephine "Josie" Wollam 24 Sep 1884 in Kesauqua, Van Buren, IA. She was born 9 Aug 1865 and was from Mt. Sterling, Van Buren, the daughter of Josiah and Maria (Clifford) Wollam. Shortly after they were married they moved to Palisades, Hitchcock County, NE, where their six children were born. In April, 1893, Josie died giving birth to twin sons. One of the twins, Josiah Beitel Piper, died in July of the same year. Josie's parents, Josiah & Maria Wollam, traveled to Palisades and brought the children back to Iowa to care for until John could move back there. In 1894 John married Alice Roberts from the Mt. Sterling area. In the 1900 federal census they, and the five children, were living near Keosauqua. John sold out (sale bill dated 1902) and moved his family east of Douglas, Garfield County in Indian Territory (Oklahoma). John was also a cobbler and kept his family's shoes in good repair as well as the shoes of his Oklahoma grandchildren. He did some farming and also operated a grocery store in Covington, OK with his son-in-law ,Joe Gibson. He moved into a newly built house in Douglas, about 1904 and became the manager of the first Telephone Exchange in Douglas. History books say his wife and daughter, Dora, were the first telephone operators in town. There are photos of John and Alice sitting at the switchboard in their home and the calendar on the wall gives the date as 1912. John & Alice were active in the Douglas Christian Union Church. Alice died in 1932 and John died in 1941. They are both buried in the Douglas Union Cemetery.

Excerpt from "The Piper Family" found at

<http://bjsbytes.com/piper.htm>

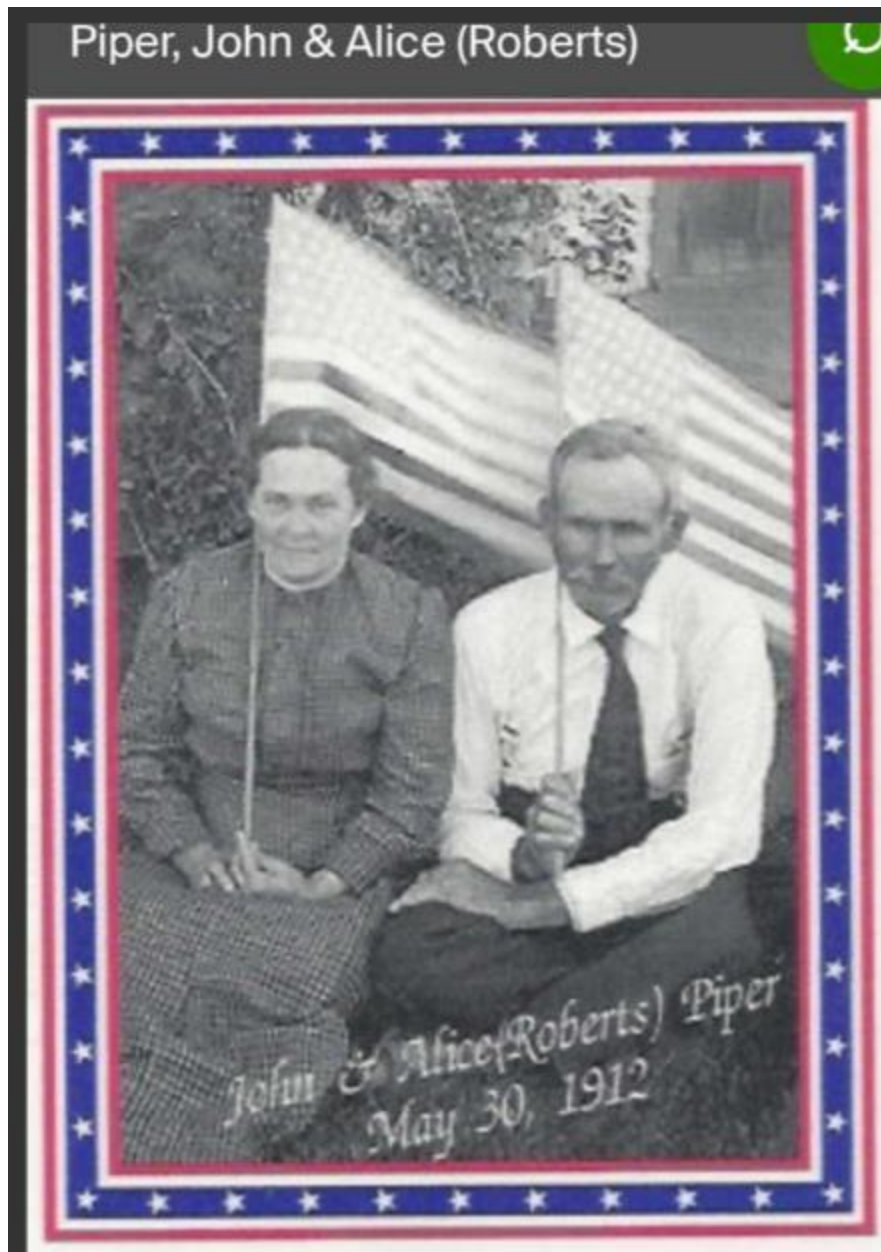
By Steven Schwartz of Renton WA

Mother: Josephine V. Wollam



John Piper & 1st wife, Josephine V. Wollam - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/41597405/person/132306991578/media/4955f8f2-9ef0-415d-9114-19c14eec17c5>

Stepmother Alice Robert Piper



John Piper & 2nd wife, Alice Robert/Roberts - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/41597405/person/132306991171/media/06963ea4-d0f9-4107-8833-5668b45db14e>

Siblings:



Wedding of **sister Dora Mae Piper (1885-1970)** to Joseph Philander Gibson -
<https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/41597405/person/132306991174/media/651f1cf4-8115-4bd2-8839-b920f8a9b752>

MARRIAGE RECORD

5826

Application for Marriage License

STATE OF OKLAHOMA,
GARFIELD COUNTY }

I, William Rigdon of Garfield County, State of Oklahoma, aged 60 years, and legally competent to make and take an oath, do solemnly swear that I am acquainted with Mr. William Rigdon and Mrs. Mary Piper who are parties for the marriage of whom a LICENSE is hereby applied for. The said parties, age each, of them are of sound contracting mind and unmarried and not disqualified or incapable under the law of entering into the marriage relation. That said parties are not of the relationship prohibited by law and may lawfully contract and be joined in marriage.

I further do solemnly swear that the following schedule, containing the names of the aforesaid parties, their age, their color, place of birth and residence is correct in every particular, to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, to-wit:

NAMES OF PARTIES	AGE	COLOR	PLACE OF BIRTH	RESIDENCE
<u>William Rigdon</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>Indiana</u>	<u>Douglas, Okla.</u>
<u>Mary Piper</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>Nebraska</u>	<u>Douglas, Okla.</u>

Subscribed and sworn to before me May 28 1913 Wm. Rigdon Applicant
Wm. Scott County Judge

Certificate of Marriage

STATE OF OKLAHOMA,
GARFIELD COUNTY }

I, Wm. Scott County Judge, County Court, of Enid in Garfield County, State of Oklahoma, do hereby certify that I joined in marriage the persons named in and authorized by this License to be married, on the 28th day of May A. D. 1913, at Enid in Garfield County, Oklahoma, in the presence of R. B. McInnis of Enid, Okla. and Rena Stuebke of Enid, Okla.
R. B. McInnis
Rena Stuebke } Witnesses
Wm. Scott
County Judge

marriage of Mary Piper (age 26) to William Rigdon (age 60) -

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/964516004:61379>**Name: Howard Jay Piper – Howard John Piper**

Name variations: Howard Jay: WWI draft – Howard John, WWII draft, Find A Grave, Veterans Administration Military Index)

Military:

On Tuscania: Camp Travis Det. 2, Casuals - private

Serial number: 251,566

Entered service from: Enid, Garfield OK

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: Howard J. Piper

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": wife Mrs. Emma Piper, 910 W. Pine St., Enid OK

Returned from war on: "Leviathan" Mar/Apr 1919, "walking cases requiring dressing"

Sailed on return ship as: Howard Piper

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: wife Mrs. E. Piper, 711 - 5th Ave. S.O. [sic], Great Falls MT (pvt, Co. L, 9th Inf.)

World War I draft registration (1917): as Howard Jay Piper - b. 5 Apr 1889 Palisade NE; res: Douglas, Garfield OK. Married. Farming for self at Douglas OK. Card signed Howard J. Piper. Medium height & build.

World War II draft registration (1942): as Howard John Piper - b. 5 Apr 1889 Palisade NE; res: Box 405, Lewiston, Fergus MT. NOK Mrs. Howard J. Piper, same address. Self-employed at same address. Card signed Howard J. Piper. "scar on left wrist" – Height: 5'10" – 175 lbs.

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlisted: 9 Oct 1917

Discharged: 2 May 1919

Address: Fort Benton MT

Rank/unit: private, Co. A, 9th Infantry

Birth & death:

Born: 5 Apr 1889 Palisade, Hitchcock NE

Died: 28 Feb 1954 Lewistown, Fergus Co. MT

Find A Grave record: 77293875 – presence on Tuscania indicated in text

Burial location: Lewistown, Fergus MT

Cemetery: Lewistown City

Tombstone:

Father: John Frederick Piper, 24 Mar 1861 Cantril, Van Buren IA – 3 Sep 1941 Douglas, Garfield OK. Son of Frederick Charles Piper & Mary A. Gardner.

Following the death of his 1st wife Josephine Wollam Piper, in 1893, John married Alice Robert.

Buried in Douglas Union Cemetery, Douglas, Garfield OK.

Find A Grave: 12240516

Mother: Josephine V. ("Josie") Wollam Piper, 9 Aug 1865 Van Buren Co. IA – 14 Apr 1893 Palisade, Hitchcock NE. Died after giving birth to twin sons, Since her son Josiah was born & died in 1893 (date not located), her death may be linked to childbirth. Buried in Palisade Cemetery, Palisade, Hitchcock NE.

Find A Grave: 12109290

Parents' marriage: 24 Sep 1881 Keosauqua, Van Buren IA

Stepmother: Alice Roberts Piper, 23 Oct 1865 IA – 25 Dec 1932 Douglas, Garfield OK.

Daughter of Oscar Roberts (F: 108450827) & Mary Anne Dille (F: 108450442). Buried in Douglas Union Cemetery, Douglas, Garfield OK.

Stepmother Find A Grave: 12240492

Stepmother's marriage: 19 May 1894 Marion Street United Methodist Church, Boone, Boone Co. IA

Spouse: Emma Walter Piper, 16 Feb 1890 Home City, Marshall KS – 12 Nov 1985 Lewistown, Fergus MT (in Central MT Nursing Home). Daughter of Ferdinand John Walter (1849 Switzerland – 1903 CO, F; 6609496) & Barbara Detwiler (1850 Switzerland – 1932 OK, F: 6609510), both buried in Enid Cemetery, Enid, Garfield OK. In the 1900 census for Lincoln, Garfield OK, Emma E. Walter (10 KS, Feb 1890) lives with her parents Ferdian Walter (50 Switzerland, farmer, emigrated 1872) & Barbary Walter (50 Switzerland, emigrated 1873) & her 3 older siblings, Emma is buried in Lewistown City Cemetery, Lewistown, Fergus MT.

Spouse Find A Grave: 77293872

Marriage: 26 Dec 1914 Kingfisher, Kingfisher OK

Children:

Siblings:

- Dora Mae Piper Gibson, 16 Jul 1885 IA – 4 Oct 1970 Garfield Co. OK. Wife of Joseph Philander Gibson (1862-1947, F: 12240476). Buried in Douglas Union Cemetery, Douglas, Garfield OK. F: 12240466
- Mary L. Piper Rigdon, 23 May 1887 NE – 1918. Mary Piper, age 26, married on 28 May 1913 in Garfield Co. OK to William Rigdon, age 60. He was living in Douglas, Garfield OK in 1910, age 56, b. IN, with wife Mary J. Rigdon, age 46 & 2 McNaught stepchildren. He was the postmaster. Rigdon had been appointed postmaster 16 May 1908; he was replaced by Claud Keltner on 27 Jan 1915. He had married Mrs. Mary J. McNaught on 17 Jul 1906 when he was age 50. The death year of 1918 for Mary was found on Ancestry.com family trees & has not been confirmed in other sources. She shares a tombstone with her parents. They have month/day/year dates for birth & death, but her part of the tombstone simply reads "Mary Piper" (not Rigdon). In Douglas Union Cemetery, Douglas, Garfield OK. F: 12240531
- Earl Frederick Piper, 15 May 1891 Palisade, Hitchcock NE – 12 Jul 1947 Manistee, Manistee MI. Married 23 Aug 1913 in Grand Rapids, Kent MI to Maud Akins (1894-127, FP: 72265159). Buried in East Hesperia Cemetery, Hesperia, Newaygo MI. FL 12348596
- Joseph Lantz Piper, 12 Apr 1893 Palisade, Hitchcock NE – May 1969 Keokuk, Lee IA. SSN 491-10-5177. Twin brother of Josiah Beitel Piper. Their mother died as a result of their birth. Married 27 Feb 1913 in Van Buren Co. IA to Bessie M. Davis (1891-1953, F: 197320172). Married 15 Oct 1935 in Troy, Doniphan KS to Ruth R. White (1950-1939). Buried in Keokuk National Cemetery, Keokuk, Lee IA. F; 164142771
- Josiah Beitel Piper, 12 Apr 1893 Palisade, Hitchcock NE – 27 Jul 1893 Palisade, Hitchcock. Twin of Joseph Lantz Piper. Their mother died as a result of their birth. Buried in Palisade Cemetery, Palisade, Hitchcock NE. F; 12231302

Notes:

Pre-war:

Wartime:

"Enid (OK) Morning News" Friday 22 Jun 1917 p 6 – Howard J. Piper among the names of draft registration cards in Precinct 1

"Enid (OK) Daily Eagle" Friday 20 Jul 1917 p 1 – "Garfield County Registrants Drawn in War Lottery Today" - #868 Howard J. Piper

Post-war:

Obituary:

"Great Falls [MT] Tribune" 2 Mar 1954 p 4 - age 64, American Legion employee since 1947, also a member. Funeral 3 Mar 1954, military rites at graveside Lewistown City Cemetery. Born 5 Apr 1889 Palisades NE, son of John & Josie Piper. Married Emma Walter 26 Dec 1914 Kingfisher Co. OK. Came to MT 1915. Employed at Mountain States Telephone Co. until 1928, then farmed 7 years, then moved to Lewistown 1935 where he has lived ever since. In WWI – served in 2nd Div., 9th Inf. in France. Wounded 18 Jul 1918, spent time in several French hospitals. Upon return to the US was discharged May 1919 Ft. Lewis WA. Survived by wife & sister.

Social Security number: 517-30-9217

Censuses:

1895 IA state census – Van Buren Co. IA

John Piper, 33 IA, farmer

Alice, 29 IA, keeping house

Dora M., 9 NE

Mary L., 7 NE

Howard, 5 NE

Earl F., 3 NE

Joseph L., 1 NE

Religion: Congregationalist

1900 Van Buren, Van Buren IA

John Piper, 39 IA, Mar 1861, parents b. Germany, married 15 years [not to his 2nd wife Alice], farmer

Alice, 34 IA, Aug 1865, father b. OH, mother b. IN, gave birth to zero children

Dora M., 14 NE, Jul 1885, at school

Mary L., 13 NE, Mar 1887, at school

Howard J., 16 NE, Apr 1889, at school

Earl F., 9 NE, May 1891, at school

Joseph L., 7 NE, Apr 1893,, at school

[for the children, both parents b. IA]

1910 Otter, Garfield OK – father, stepmother, sister

John Piper, 49 IA, parents b. Germany, in 2nd marriage, married 14 years, farmer

Alice, 45 IA, parents b. OH, in 1st marriage, gave birth to zero children [wife]

Mary, 21 NE, parents b. IA [daughter]

1910 Covington, Garfield OK – is this him? Some data incorrect

Howard Piper, 24 IA, parents b. IA, single, painter, house & barn

Lodger with John G. & Laura A. Kring, their son & daughter & 2 other lodgers

1920 Sun River, Cascade MT

Howard J. PIKER, 30 NE, parents b. US, laborer, general farm [the print is faint and it could also be read as PIPER]

Emma, 29 KS, parents b. Switzerland (Germany)

1930 School District 46, Fergus Co. MT

Howard J. Piper, 41 NE, parents b. IA, age 26 at 1st marriage, farmer, general farm, WWI veteran

Emma, 40 KS, parents b. Switzerland, age at 1st marriage not recorded

1940 Lewistown, Fergus MT – in rural Fergus Co. MT in 1935

Howard J. Piper, 50 IA, farmer, farm

Emma, 50 KS

1950 Lewistown, Fergus MT

Howard J. Piper, 60 NE

Emma, 60 KS

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