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Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

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

NOK = next-of-kin

TUSCANIA

Ryan, Stephen William
1896 CA – 1942 CA



Stephen William Ryan – Left: “San Francisco Examiner” 8 Feb 1918 p 2 – Right: “San Francisco Chronicle” 9 Feb 1918 p 2



Stephen William Ryan – “Oakland Tribune” 14 Mar 1918 p 18

Tuscania Heroes Now Pray For Chance to Avenge Comrades



[in this photo, Stephen William Ryan is 2nd from left in the back row]

When the full story of the Tuscania disaster off the Irish coast is finally written it will be a lyric of stirring Americanism, the courage, unselfish sacrifice and optimism of whose motif, raises it to the standard of heroic measure. The barest selvedge appears in the letters of the survivors—American youths all—written to their parents in various parts of the United States. Many of these letters have come to Alameda County, bringing tales of hardship endured with a smile, of death escaped with a laugh, and of personal escapes that seem little short of miraculous.

In addition to several of these letters, The TRIBUNE is printing today the first picture ever shown here of survivors of the Tuscania. The photograph was taken on the Irish coast, a few hours after the landing from rafts, wreckage and the patrol boats that went to the assistance of the Americans. The boys are shown dressed in British army clothes and whatever else could be found in that bleak portion of the country. But they are wearing "the smile that won't come off," even for a Hun and a Hun's torpedo.

The main picture is of the survivors as they grouped after the landing. Stephen W. Ryan, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Ryan, 322 Glendale avenue, this city, is shown second from the left in the back row.



island, and we are bringing them in all the time. I could tell you a good deal more, but this is the first letter I have written and I hardly know how to say it. There were sights I will never, never forget. About forty of the boys out of our squadron are gone. If it had not been for the quick work of the British destroyers we would have lost a good many more.

"Well, I have got something to fight for now. Believe me, I am longing for my chance to get at them and I am going to get them or else they will get me. I will write again as soon as I get up to the Y. M. C. A. The height of my ambition now is to get an airplane and bomb Berlin."

The inserts are (left), Corporal Donald Henderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Henderson of Alameda, and (right), a close-up of young Ryan. There are others in the party who may be identified from Alameda County when relatives see the picture in print.

some dead and some drowning. Well, I slid down the rope that I put there and tried to jump into the boat which was fifteen or twenty feet from me. Just then a destroyer came in and the boat was brought in and I jumped. I fell about fifteen feet into the boat and pulled out of the water a boy whom I afterwards learned was in my squadron. We pulled in four other boys and then pulled away from the sinking ship.

"We got about 200 feet away and one of the lifeboats was going down. The wind and tide was with us and we got away from the sinking ship. We were in the open sea and about midnight saw what we thought was land. We pulled for it and drew near to find out it was rocks. Our boat was going down and we had to get somewhere or be lost. We pulled on and hit a rock and a big wave jammed us against another rock, and there we stayed.

"The waves were high and we were sick and cold. We watched our chance and jumped. I struck a rock and stayed there a minute, then made my way ashore. Out of the twenty-four boys in our boat three were lost. I was so weak I could hardly stand up. Three of us started out to find some place to stay so the wind would not freeze us. It was so dark we could hardly see to walk. In the darkness I fell off a cliff and dropped thirty or forty feet. I wasn't hurt and the boys helped me up and there I lay all in and soaking wet on the rocks. We lay close together and did our best to keep warm, but we were far

'Every Man Has Sworn Vengeance,' Writes Stephen Ryan

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from warm.

"In the morning we tried to start a fire, but our matches were wet, so we were out of luck. Some of the boys started over the hill and found a farmhouse. We got the sick ones over and did what we could for them. There were eighty-one boys altogether got to the farmhouse. I got my clothes dried a little and then went out to look for the sick and the dead. We got thirty-five dead and three almost dead. Two of the three died later, but the third boy will pull through. We left him (censored).

NINETY DEAD.

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"Oakland (CA) Tribune" Thursday 14 Mar 1918 p 18

WAR DEPARTMENT
Q. M. C. Form No. 14
Revised Oct. 6, 1928

Enlisted Nov. 24, 1917

DOUBLE INSCRIPTION

Interment in the Golden Gate National Cemetery
To The Quartermaster General, Washington, D. C.

2 # 250,071

ORIGINAL

NAME			RANK	COMPANY	REGIMENT OR VESSEL			DIVISION, IF WORLD WAR SOLDIER
Number	State	Arm						
<i>✓</i>	<i>✓</i>	<i>✓</i>	<i>✓</i>					
Ryan, Stephen W.	(White)	Pvt.			375th	Aero Sqdn.,		<i>None</i>

DATE OF DEATH			DATE OF INTERMENT			GRAVE MARK		REMARKS
Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year	Section	Grave No.	Date of discharge and number of Pension Certificate, Disinterments, etc.
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GREEN MOUNTAIN MARBLE CO
WEST RUTLAND, VT.

Shipping point for headstones San Bruno, Calif.,

15 DEC 1966

(Name of state on headstone) California

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J. A. Ulio, General
Adjudicator
Supervisor

WARREN L. PIERSON,
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Oakland and other East Bay cities awaited anxiously today the completion of the work of sending from England the names of the survivors of the Tuscania disaster. So far several Alameda county boys have been mentioned, but the names are coming in a mixed-up manner and do not conform to the alphabetical order.

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Stephen W. Ryan's mother, Mrs. W. H. Ryan, 5517 Lawton avenue, did not have to wait for the publication of the list, as she received a cablegram from him this forenoon saying "All safe and well."

"Oakland (CA) Tribune" Saturday 9 Feb 1918 p 1

TUSCANIA SURVIVORS.

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—[Oakland Tribune.

"Los Angeles (CA) Times" Sunday 24 Mar 1918 p 51

Lee Brown New Vets' Commander

Lee Brown was installed commander of Oakland chapter, No. 7, Disabled American Veterans of the World War, recently.

Other officers include: William Smith, senior vice commander; Fred Bates, junior vice commander; George Katzenberg (re-elected), adjutant; Stephen W. Ryan, treasurer; Paul Reeves, sergeant-at-arms; George A. Chappell, state executive committeeman.

"Oakland (CA) Tribune" Saturday 21 Jan 1928 p 7

The Disabled American Veterans of the World war, through the president of Eastbay chapter, No. 19, Earl E. Brown, has disavowed any indorsement of candidates in the present political campaign. According to Brown, the organization does not enter into politics as a unit.

"However, it is possible that a of disabled veterans, has been formed," Brown admitted.

An organization known as the Alameda County War Veterans association has been formed, with Stephen W. Ryan as president. This organization has indorsed Supervisor John, F. Mullins for re-election.

"Oakland (CA) Tribune" Saturday 25 Aug 1928 p 2

Wife:

1142	Ryan	Stephen W.	H. N. Loane	Oak	21	113	285
MARRIED BY	F. J. Van Horn	Min.	WHERE MARRIED	Oak	23	113	285

Married 23 Apr 1921 Alameda Co. CA -

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County of Alameda, } This license authorizes, within the County of Alameda, State of California, the marriage
State of California }

of Stephen W. Ryan, color or race
Caucasian, a native of California, aged 27 years, a resident of Oakland
County of Alameda, State of California and
Hazel W. Soane, color or race
Caucasian, a native of California, aged 25 years, a resident of Oakland
County of Alameda, State of California

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of the Superior Court of the State of California,
in and for the County of Alameda, this 23rd day of April, 1921.

(SEAL) Rev. E. Cross
COUNTY CLERK OF THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA AND EX-OFFICIO CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA.
By S. F. Hermmell Deputy

State of California, } ss.
County of Alameda }

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I am Pastor, First Congregational Church, Oakland and that
Stephen W. Ryan and Hazel W. Soane
were joined in marriage by me on the 23d day of April, 1921, at Oakland
County of Alameda, State of California, and that Marjorie Rowlands, a resident of
Oakland, County of Alameda, State of California, and
Lia Bressler Joy, a resident of Oakland,
County of Alameda, State of California, were present as witnesses of said ceremony.

Filed for Record at request of
F. J. Van Horn
this 25 day of Apr, A. D. 1921.
at 24 min. past 3 o'clock P. M.
E. J. Bacon County Recorder.
By 17472 Deputy Recorder.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this
23d day of April, 1921.
Francis J. Van Horn
SIGNATURE OF PARTY PERFORMING CEREMONY.
TITLE OF PARTY PERFORMING CEREMONY.

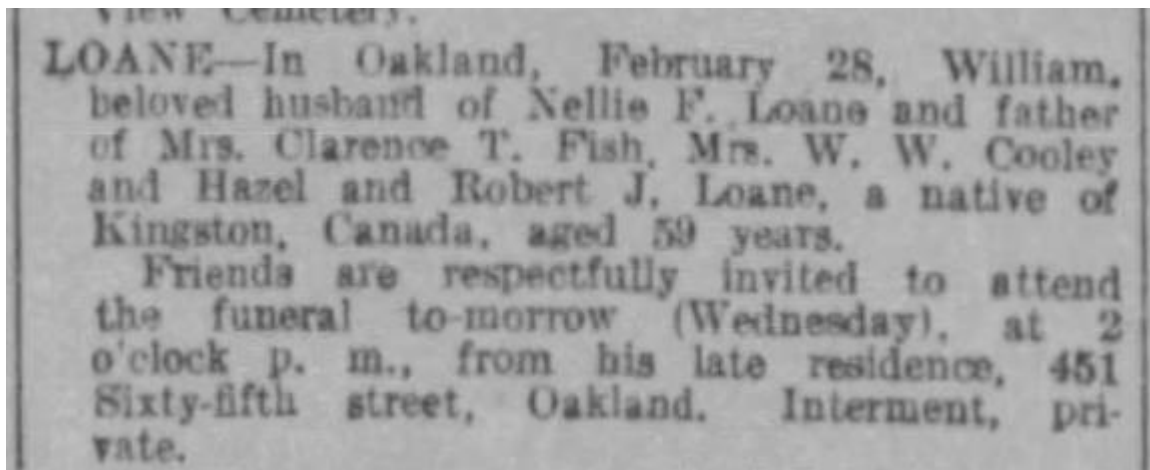
PLACE OF MARRIAGE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA.		California State Board of Health BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS		STATE INDEX NO. _____
				LOCAL REGISTERED NO. <u>1142</u>
GROOM		BRIDE		
FULL NAME	<u>Stephen W. Ryan</u>	FULL NAME	<u>Hazel W. Boane</u>	
RESIDENCE	<u>Oakland</u>	RESIDENCE	<u>Oakland</u>	
COLOR OR RACE	<u>White</u>	COLOR OR RACE	<u>White</u>	
AGE AT LAST BIRTHDAY	<u>27</u> Years	AGE AT LAST BIRTHDAY	<u>25</u> Years	
SINGLE WIDOWED OR DIVORCED	<u>Single</u>	SINGLE WIDOWED OR DIVORCED	<u>Single</u>	
NUMBER OF MARRIAGE	<u>First</u>	NUMBER OF MARRIAGE	<u>First</u>	
BIRTHPLACE	<u>California</u> (State or Country)	BIRTHPLACE	<u>California</u> (State or Country)	
OCCUPATION (a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work. (b) General nature of industry, business or establishment in which employed (or employer)	<u>Mechanic</u>	OCCUPATION (a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work. (b) General nature of industry, business or establishment in which employed (or employer)	<u>Clerk</u> <u>Office</u>	
NAME OF FATHER	<u>W. H. Ryan</u>	NAME OF FATHER	<u>W. Boane</u>	
BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER	<u>California</u> (State or Country)	BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER	<u>Canada</u> (State or Country)	
MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER	<u>Say Doyle</u>	MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER	<u>Frances Crowdrick</u>	
BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER	<u>California</u> (State or Country)	BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER	<u>California</u> (State or Country)	
Maiden Name of the Bride, if She Was Previously Married _____				
WE, the groom and bride named in this certificate, hereby certify that the information given therein is correct, to the best of our knowledge and belief. <u>Stephen W. Ryan</u> Groom. <u>Hazel W. Boane</u> Bride.				
CERTIFICATE OF PERSON PERFORMING CEREMONY				
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CERTIFICATE OF PERSON PERFORMING CEREMONY				
I HEREBY CERTIFY that <u>Stephen W. Ryan</u>				
and <u>Hazel W. Boane</u> were joined in marriage by me				
in accordance with the laws of the State of California, at <u>Oakland</u>				
this <u>23rd</u> day of <u>April</u> , 192 <u>1</u>				
Signature of Witness to the Marriage		Signature of Person performing the Ceremony		
<u>Marjorie Howlands</u>		<u>F. J. Van Horn</u>		
Residence <u>Oakland</u>		Official Position <u>Minister</u>		
Filed <u>Apr 25 1921</u>		Residence <u>Oakland</u>		
Registrar (County Recorder)				

Marriage 23 Apr 1921 in First Congregational Church, Oakland, Alameda CA -
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RYAN, Hazel L., of Oakland, October 20, 1966, wife of the late Stephen W. Ryan; beloved mother of Mrs. Muriel G. Cuthbert of Oakland, and Mrs. Dorothy J. Halbach of Pacifica; loving sister of Mrs. Walter Colley of Seattle, Washington, and Mrs. Calvin Fish, of Beverly Hills; grandmother of Stephen H. Cuthbert, Joan Brooke, Jean Halbach, and Donna Halbach; great grandmother of Donald Brooke. A native of Oakland; aged 78 years.

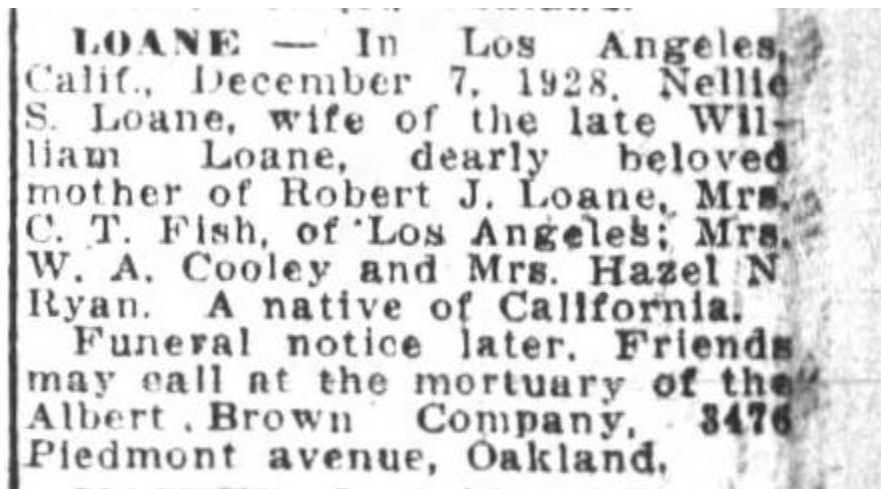
Friends are invited to attend services Saturday, October 22 at 2:30 p.m. at TRUMAN'S CHAPEL, Telegraph Avenue at 30th Street, Oakland, Rev. Gwilym P. Jones officiating.

Obituary of Hazel Loane Ryan – “Oakland (CA) Tribune” Friday 21 Oct 1966 p 55



Obituary of Hazel Loane's father William Loane – “San Francisco Examiner” Tuesday 2 Mar 1915 p

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Obituary of Hazel Loane Ryan's mother Nellie Loane – “Oakland (CA) Tribune” Sunday 9 Dec 1928 p

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Children:



MURIEL GAYLENE RYAN — First-Year Privileged Student, Senior Chorus, G. A. A., Crew, Dancing, Tennis, Ice Skating Club, Spanish Club, Special Art Club.

Daughter Muriel Gaylene Ryan – Oakland Technical High School 1939 yearbook - <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/341279469:1265>

Dorothy Halbach, Mother, Teacher, Discovered Dead

Dorothy Halbach, 49, a resident of Sunshine Drive for 16 years, was found dead last Tuesday night in the basement garage of her home.

Police said a relative found her and a pet dog dead and an automobile engine running nearby. No notes were found, police and the coroner's office said.

Mrs. Halbach was a native of Oakland and had a career of 12 years of teaching for the South San Francisco unified school district.

She is survived by husband Herbert Halbach and daughters Jeanie and Donna in Pacifica. A sister, Muriel Cuthbert, is a resident of Oakland.

The mourning has been private and the family has arranged for Mrs. Halbach's ashes to be scattered at sea by the Neptune Society.

Obituary of daughter Dorothy Jean Ryan Halbach – “Pacifica (CA) Tribune” Wednesday 8 Aug 1979 p 6

Parents:

June 13th—William Henry Ryan, a resident of Livermore, aged 25 years, and Mary Gay Moyle, a resident of Livermore, aged 18 years; by Rev. Patrick Power.

Marriage license – “Oakland (CA) Tribune” Saturday 16 Jun 1894 p 5

Father:

Town Trustee W. H. Ryan will leave in a day or two for a couple of months jaunt in Amador county.

Livermore CA news – “Oakland (CA) Tribune” Monday 17 Jul 1899 p 3

PERSONAL MENTION.
W. H. Ryan met with a painful accident at Sunol Tuesday, when in falling he attempted to grasp a pruning hook and cut a gash across his hand.

“Oakland Tribune” Monday 30 Jan 1905 p 14

Mother:

RYAN—In Oakland, June 30, 1940, Mary Gay, dearly beloved wife of the late William H. Ryan, loving mother of Stephen Ryan and Mrs. Marjorie Mehan, of Oakland; grandmother of Muriel and Dorothy Jean Ryan and Betty Mehan; a native of Sutter Creek, aged 64 years. Funeral services will be held today, Tuesday, July 2, 1940, at 2 p. m. from J. C. Reimer's Mortuary, Livermore, California.

Obituary of mother Mary Gay Moyle Ryan – “San Francisco Examiner” Tuesday 2 Jul 1940 p

Mrs. W. H. Ryan is visiting her father, Stephen Moyle, near Valley Springs, Calaveras county.

News of Livermore CA - His mother visits his maternal grandfather – “Oakland Tribune”
Mon 10 Jul 1899 p 3

Mrs. W. H. Ryan left today to visit her former home at Sutter Creek.

Livermore CA news – “Oakland Tribune” Friday, 14 Jul 1899 p 3

Mrs. R. C. Watkins of Sutter Creek is visiting Mrs. W. H. Ryan.

Livermore CA news – “Oakland Tribune” Wednesday 22 Aug 1900 p 5

Mrs. W. H. Ryan and children of Oakland are up from that city on a short visit.

Livermore CA news – “Oakland Tribune” Monday 19 Nov 1906 p 4

Mary G. and W. H. Ryan (husband) to Alice J. Wallmann, S Thirty-first, 331.8 W Grove, W 33.4 by S 140, portion lot 12, block 2034, Rowland tract, Oakland; \$10.

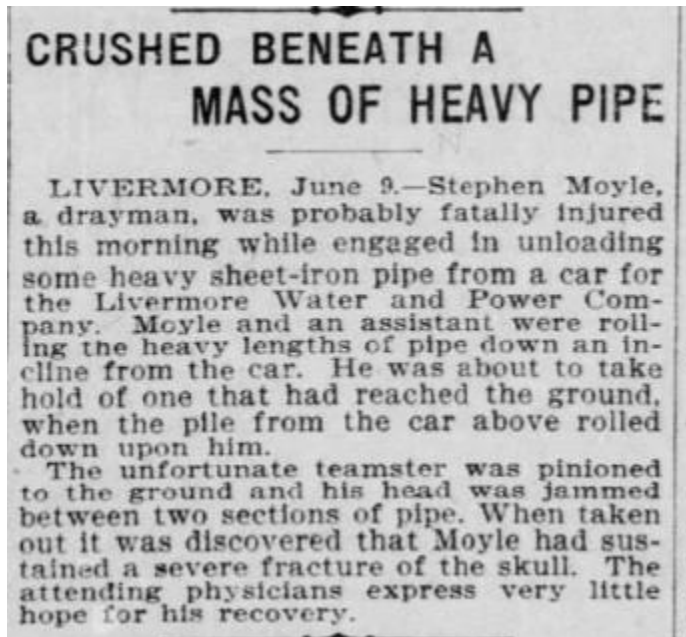
“Oakland Tribune” Wednesday 24 Nov 1907 p 18

W. H. Ryan, the well-known local stockman and butcher, was stricken with a sudden attack of illness Thursday afternoon as a result of which he now lies at the Alameda Sanitarium in a precarious condition but with a fighting chance for life.

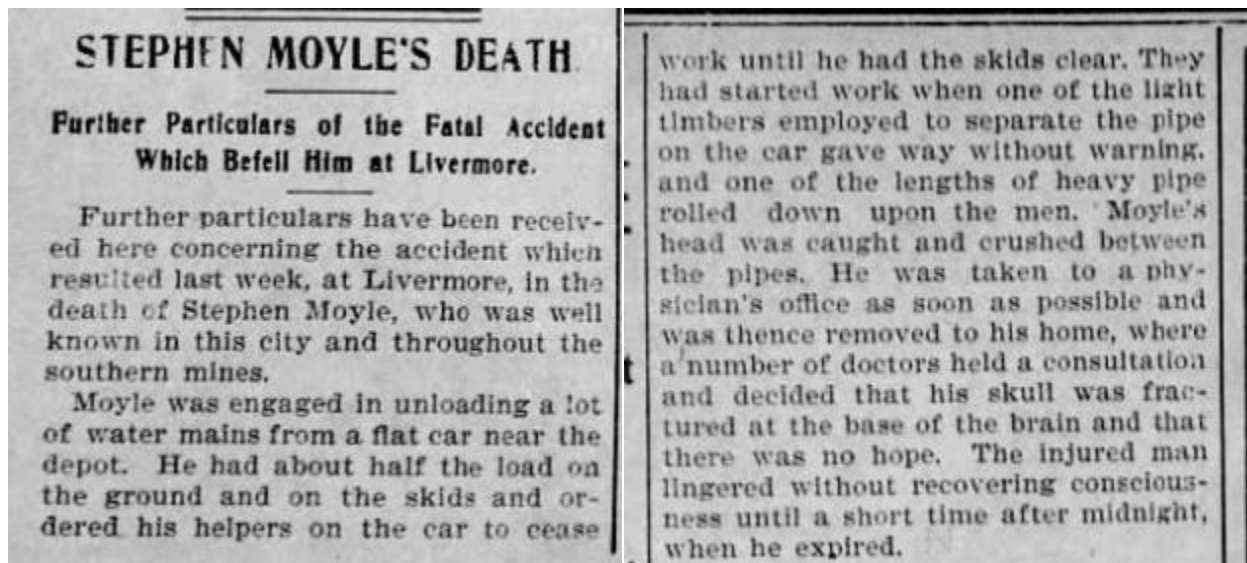
“Oakland Tribune” Sunday 9 May 1915 p 59

“We have just exchanged some Oakland property for a splendid home in Livermore to W. H. Ryan, a prominent stock buyer in that city.

"Oakland Tribune" Sunday 25 Jul 1915 p 20



Death of maternal grandfather – and presumably his namesake – Stephen Moyle – "San Francisco Call" Sunday 10 Jun 1900 p 25



"Stockton (CA) Evening Mail" Monday 18 Jun 1900 p 2

Sibling:

Walter Doolan Jr. and Miss Marjorie Ryan were wedded at the Catholic church in Oakland. The groom is in the employe of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company in Oakland. The bride is a daughter of W. H. Ryan of this place. They will make their home in Oakland.

Marriage of sister Marjorie Ryan to Walter Doolan Jr. – Livermore CA news – “Stockton (CA) Evening & Sunday Record” Saturday 27 May 1916 p 8

County of Alameda, }
State of California } This license authorizes, within the County of Alameda, State of California, the marriage

of Harry H. Roebber color or race _____
a native of California, aged 27 years, a resident of Oakland
County of Alameda, State of California, and
and Margaret E. Ryan color or race _____
a native of California, aged 25 years, a resident of Oakland
County of Alameda, State of California.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of the Superior Court of the State of California,
in and for the County of Alameda, this 27th day of November, 1920.
(Seal) _____
CLERK OF THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA AND EX OFFICIO CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA.
By J. F. Lemmell Deputy

State of California, }
County of Alameda }
I HEREBY CERTIFY that I am Assistant Pastor First Congregational Church and that
Harry H. Roebber and Margaret E. Ryan
were joined in marriage by me on the 27th day of November, 1920, at Oakland
County of Alameda, State of California, and that Mrs. Edna Roebber, a resident of
Oakland, County of Alameda, State of California, and
a resident of _____
County of _____, State of California, were present as witnesses of said ceremony.

Filed for Record at request of P. H. Morrison
this 1 day of Dec., A. D. 1920
at 10 min. past 1 o'clock P. M.
County Recorder.
By 15874 Deputy Recorder.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this
27th day of November, 1920.
P. H. Morrison
SIGNATURE OF CLERK PERFORMING DUTY.
TITLE OF CLERK PERFORMING DUTY.

PLACE OF MARRIAGE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA		California State Board of Health BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS		STATE INDEX NO. 3889 LOCAL REGISTERED NO.	
GROOM			BRIDE		
FULL NAME <i>Harry H. Roeber</i>			FULL NAME <i>Marjorie S. Ryan</i>		
RESIDENCE <i>7624 Belvidere St. Oakland</i>			RESIDENCE <i>5629 Grand View Drive Oakland</i>		
COLOR OR RACE <i>White</i>			COLOR OR RACE <i>White</i>		
AGE AT LAST BIRTHDAY <i>27</i> Years			AGE AT LAST BIRTHDAY <i>25</i> Years		
CIVIL STATUS OR PREVIOUS MARRIAGE <i>x</i>			CIVIL STATUS OR PREVIOUS MARRIAGE <i>x</i>		
NUMBER OF PREVIOUS MARRIAGES <i>1st</i>			NUMBER OF PREVIOUS MARRIAGES <i>2nd</i>		
BIRTHPLACE <i>Oakland Calif. (State or County)</i>			BIRTHPLACE <i>San Francisco Calif. (State or County)</i>		
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BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER <i>France</i> (State or Country)			BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER <i>Calif. (State or County)</i>		
NAME OF MOTHER <i>Anna Pilsner</i>			NAME OF MOTHER <i>May Mayle</i>		
BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER <i>Germany</i> (State or Country)			BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER <i>Calif. (State or County)</i>		
Maiden Name of the Bride, if She Was Previously Married					
WE, the groom and bride named in this certificate, hereby certify that the information given therein is correct, to the best of our knowledge and belief. <i>Harry H. Roeber</i> Groom. <i>Marjorie S. Ryan</i> Bride.					
CERTIFICATE OF PERSON PERFORMING CEREMONY					
I HEREBY CERTIFY that <i>Harry H. Roeber</i> and <i>Marjorie S. Ryan</i> were joined in marriage by me					
in accordance with the laws of the State of California, at this <i>27th</i> day of <i>November</i> 1920					
Signature of Witness to the Marriage <i>Edna Bartley</i>			Signature of Person performing the Ceremony <i>Fred H. Morrison</i>		
Residence <i>Oakland</i>			Official Position <i>Postmaster at Large, Cal.</i>		
Filed <i>Dec 1</i> 1920 <i>Alv. Bacon</i> Registrar (County Recorder)			Residence <i>5560 Broadway</i>		

Marjorie Ryan Doolan's marriage to Harry Herman Roeber 27 Nov 1920-

https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/2092961:8797?tid=&pid=&queryId=1c6474d11093d3b9a49a905a9a888dfa&_phsrc=hFB52294&_phstart=successSource

Name: Stephen William Ryan

Name variations:

Military:

On Tuscania: 158th Aero Squadron - private

Serial number: 250,071

Entered service from: Oakland, Alameda CA

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: Stephen W. Ryan

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": mother Mrs. Gabriel Ryan, 931 Market St., Oakland CA

Returned from war on: "Leviathan" Jun 1919

Sailed on return ship as: Stephen W. Ryan

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: mother Mrs. Gabriel [sic] Ryan, 931 Market St., Oakland CA (pvt, 375th Aero Sq)

World War I draft registration (1917):

World War II draft registration (1942): as Stephen William Ryan - b. 20 Dec 1896 Livermore CA; res: 737 Broadway, Oakland, Alameda CA. NOK Hazel Ryan, 5621 Oceanview Dr., Oakland CA. Own restaurant, 737 Broadway, Oakland, Alameda CA. "tatoo – right arm" Height: 5'10" – 165 lbs.

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlisted: 24 Nov 1917

Discharged: 28 Jun 1919

Address: 5621 Ocean View Dr., Oakland CA

Rank/unit: private, 375th Aero Squadron

Birth & death:

Born: 20 Dec 1896 Livermore, Alameda CA

Died: 23 Nov 1942 Alameda Co. CA (F text: 25 Nov, tombstone: 23 Nov)

Find A Grave record: 3629082 – presence on Tuscania indicated in flower

Burial location: San Bruno, San Mateo CA

Cemetery: Golden Gate National

Tombstone: veteran tombstone: California Pvt 375 Aero Sq WWI

Father: William Henry Ryan, Sep 1868 CA (1900 census) - . He was alive in the 1930 census but his wife was a widow in the 1940 census. Appears to be the man who died in Alameda Co. CA at age 65 on 23 Nov 1933. A William H. Ryan, birth unknown, died 1933, is buried in St. Michael's Cemetery, Livermore, Alameda CA.

Find A Grave: 141494909

Mother: Mary Gay (Gabrial) Moyle Ryan, 25 Aug 1875 Sutter Creek, Amador CA – 30 Jun 1940 Alameda Co. CA. CA Death Index reports father's surname as Moyle & mother's as Watkins. An 1899 newspaper account lists her father as Stephen Moyle, residing near Valley Springs, Calaveras Co. CA. On 1 Dec 1873 in Sutter Co. CA, Stephen Moyle had married Lucilla Watkins. Her name is also found spelled Lucella, Louella & Luela. In the 1870 census of Township 4, Amador Co. CA, 1 of the children of G.W. Watkin & Eliza "Watkin" was 14-year-old Louella, b. CA, in 1900 in Oakland, Alameda CA, Stephen Moyle (Mar 1850 England) lived with wife Leulia (41 CA). Stephen was a mining engineer. Stephen Moyle died in Jun 1900 when he was crushed by a load of pipe that fell off a railroad flatcar. Find A Grave:

Parents' marriage: 12 Jun 1894 Alameda Co. CA

Spouse: Hazel N. Loan (Loane/Lean) Ryan, 30 Aug 1891 CA – 20 Oct 1966 Napa Co. CA. Daughter of William Loane (1855-1915, F: 180752823) & Nellie Frances Crondrick (1863-1928, F: 180752838). Her mother is listed as Frances Crondrick on Hazel's marriage record but as Nellie F. Loane in the census. On her brother Robert Loane's CA death record (F: 129462128), his mother's maiden surname is spelled Conrick. Buried in Golden Gate National Cemetery, San Bruno, San Mateo CA.

Spouse Find A Grave: 3629028

Marriage: 23 Apr 1921 Alameda Co. CA – in the First Congregational Church

Children:

- Muriel Gaylene Ryan Cuthbert, 10 Jan 1922 CA – 9 Apr 1981 Alameda Co. CA. SSN 548-18-4571. Divorced Howard C. Cuthbert in Mar 1966 in Alameda, Alameda CA.
- Dorothy Jean Ryan Halbach, 25 Sep 1929 Oakland, Alameda CA – Jul 1979 CA Pacifica, San Mateo CA). SSN 558-32-6911. Divorced husband Herbert P. Halbach in Nov 1966 in San Mateo Co. CA. Discovered dead along with her pet dog in her basement garage, with an automobile engine running nearby.

Siblings:

- Marjorie G. Ryan Doolan Roeber Mehan, 31 Mar 1895 (Jun 1894 in 1900 census) Livermore, Alameda CA – 20 Aug 1973 Alameda Co. CA. SSN 546-52-6136. Married 20 May 1916 in Alameda Co. CA to Walter L. Doolan Jr. - Married 27 Nov 1920 in Alameda Co. CA to Harry Herman Roeber (1893-1972). Her marriage record lists her as the daughter of W.H. Ryan & Gay Moyle, b. Livermore CA, age 25, her 2nd marriage. Harry, age 27, b Oakland CA, was the son of Fred Charles Roeber & Anna Pilster. Harry was born 10 Feb 1893 Oakland, Alameda CA & died 17 Oct 1972 Alameda, Alameda CA, SSN 567-30-9111, buried in Downiesville, Sierra CA, F: 196276638. – Married Edwin Paul Mehan (b. 14 Jul 1896 CA, d. 1967, buried in St. Michael's Cemetery, Livermore, Alameda CA. F: 141495333). Edwin was the son of Patric E. & Della F. Maher. – Their daughter Betty Jane Mehan (later Johnson) was born 6 Nov 1923 in San Francisco CA & died 17 Feb 1994 Contra Costa CA. Betty's CA Death Index reports her father's surname as Mehan & her mother's as Ryan. – In the 1940 census, Edwin Mehan (misread as Willison!), age 44 CA, & wife Marjorie (45 CA) lived with daughter Betty (16 CA) at 5840 Ayola in Oakland, Alameda CA. Edwin was an automobile inspector in an automobile factory. – Marjorie is buried in St. Michael's Cemetery, Livermore, Alameda CA. F: 141495399

Notes:

Pre-war:

1894 CA voter registration – Murray township, Alameda Co. CA

Voter 20479 – William H. Ryan, age 24, b. CA, liveryman, height: 5'11", resident of Livermore CA.

1906 CA voter registration

Ryan, William Henry, liverman, Tesla [street], age 37

Wartime:

"Oakland (CA) Tribune" 8 Feb 1918 p 2 - age 21, lived with mother Mrs. May Ryan, 931 Market St., Oakland, mechanic, enlisted 22 Nov 1917

"San Francisco Examiner" 8 Feb 1918 p 2 - photos (individual & group)

"Oakland (CA) Tribune" 14 Mar 1918 p 18 - photo - "Every man has sworn vengeance" - called life raft "our private launch" - "had a lot of fun" on the raft, in letter to parents Mr. & Mrs. W.H. Ryan, 322 Glendale Ave., picked up by patrol boat

Post-war:

Obituary:

Social Security number: 547-24-3076

Censuses:

1900 Oakland, Alameda CA

Wm. H. RYANS, 31 CA, Sep 1868, parents b. Ireland, married 6 years, miller

Gay, 23 CA, Aug 1876, father b. England, mother b. CA, gave birth to 2 children, 2 are living

Margery, 5 CA, Jun 1894

Stephen, 3 CA, Dec 1896

& boarder Edward Brooks, 17 CA, Jan 1882, father b. MN, mother b. OH, deliveryman

1900 Oakland, Alameda CA – 111 – 5th St. – his future wife Hazel Loane – indexed as Leane

William Loane, 44 Canada, Sep 1855, parents b. Ireland, married 19 years, emigrated

1875, in US 25 years, naturalized, plumber

Annie, 16 CA, Mar 1884, at school

Robert, 14 CA, Mar 1886, at school

Myrtle, 10 CA, Jan 1890, at school

Hazel, 7 CA, Aug 1892, at school

1910 Oakland, Alameda CA – 416 Rose St.

Mary G. Ryan, 32 CA, widow, father b. England, mother b. CA, gave birth to 2 children, 2 are living, own income [in 1920 her status is married]

Marjorie, 14 CA, parents b. CA

Steven, 13 CA, parents b. CA

Lorenz Dolan, 19 CA, parents b. CA, switch boardman, telephone office [step-brother]

1910 Oakland, Alameda CA – 423 – 65th St. – his future wife Hazel Loane

William Loane, 53 Canada, father b. unknown, mother b. Canada, in 1st marriage, married 27 years, painter, house

Nellie F., 46 CA, father b. Canada, mother b. MA, gave birth to 5 children, 3 are living

Robert J., 23 CA, plumber, house

Myrtle N., 19 CA, accountant, railroad office

Hazel N., 17 CA, wrapper, confectionery

Anna E. Fish, 26 CA, married 8 years, gave birth to zero children [daughter]

Clarence T. Fish, 31 CA, father b. Canada, mother b. CA, cashier, bank [son-in-law]

1920 Oakland, Alameda CA – 5621 Ocean View Dr.

William Ryan, 51 CA, father b. MA, mother b. Ireland, buyer, cattle

Mary G., 43 CA, father b. England, mother b. CA

Marjorie, 24 CA

Stephen W., 23 CA, cable splicer, telephone company

1930 Oakland, Alameda CA – conducted 15 Apr 1930

Stephen W. Ryan, 33 CA, parents b. CA, age 24 at 1st marriage, hoseman, fire department, WWI veteran

Hazel, 33 CA, parents b. CA, age 23 at 1st marriage

Muriel G., 8 CA

Dorothy J., 6 months CA

1930 Murray, Alameda CA – Tesla Rd. – parents

William H. Ryan, 61 CA, father b. MA, mother b. Irish Free State, stockman, retired

Mary G., 51 CA, father b. England, mother b. CA, housewife

& 4 lodgers (3 of whom are cowboys & 1 is a shepherd)

1940 Oakland, Alameda CA – Broadway – line 80

Stephen W. Ryan, 44 CA, divorced, waiter at café, in 1935 a resident of Oakland CA

1940 Oakland, Alameda CA – 5621 Ocean View Dr. - wife & children – same house in 1935

Hazel Ryan, 44 CA, saleslady, war veterans thrift shop

Muriel, 18 CA, new worker

Dorothy J., 10 CA

1940 Oakland, Alameda CA – 4203 Shafter Ave. - line 15 – conducted 5/6 Apr 1940 - his widowed mother

Mary G. Ryan, 63 CA, widow, same house in 1935

1950 deceased

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