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Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

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

NOK = next-of-kin

TUSCANIA

Radcliffe, Leland Stanford
1897 IL – 1969 CA

SURVIVOR TELLS OF TUSCANIA SINKING



Leland R. Radcliffe, formerly of Des Moines, and one of the rescued in the Tuscania disaster, tells of the sinking of the boat in a post card message received by Mr. and Mrs. John Ericson, 1507 East Walnut street.

Radcliffe, who is 19 years old, was employed by the Campbell Baking company in this city. He enlisted and was assigned to an aero squadron.

"I am more than glad to let you know, I am still alive after the escape from the Tuscania, which was sunk," he writes. "Was below deck and very close to where the torpedo struck—a terrible noise and darkness, a scramble for life—never again. We landed after being picked up by rescue ships nearby."

STATE OF ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH		DELAYED RECORD OF BIRTH		ORIGINAL COPY County File No. _____ State File No. 203899	
1. PLACE OF BIRTH: Dwight		Livingston		COUNTY, ILLINOIS	
2. FULL NAME AT BIRTH: Leland Stanford Radcliffe		3. DATE OF BIRTH: February 17 1897		Month Day Year	
4. COLOR OR RACE: White		5. SEX: Male		If your name has been changed (except by marriage) enter the name you are now known by in this space.	
6. FATHER'S FULL NAME: Emlyn Alonzo Radcliffe		7. FATHER'S BIRTHPLACE: Ottawa Illinois		City or County State or Country	
8. MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME: Idella Edna Brown		9. MOTHER'S BIRTHPLACE: Kendall Co. Illinois		City or County State or Country	
AFFIDAVIT: I hereby declare upon oath that the above statements are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.					
Signed: Leland Stanford Radcliffe Address: 132 North Brighton Burbank, California (SEAL) Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20 day of May 19 56 at Peoria, Illinois (Place) (Signature) County Clerk					
APPLICANT! DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE					

KIND OF DOCUMENT AND DATE MADE		INFORMATION GIVEN IN DOCUMENT AS TO BIRTH DATE, BIRTHPLACE, AND PARENTS	
ABSTRACT OF SUPPORTING EVIDENCE	DOCUMENT No. 1 Affidavit of Mona Radcliffe Carpenter, Sister, Dwight, Illinois Made: August 30, 1955	Age or birth date: February 17, 1897	Birthplace: 220 W. S. St., Dwight, Livingston County, Illinois
	DOCUMENT No. 2 Application for U. S. Social Security, Account No. 563-10-1601 Dated Dec. 2, 1936	Age or birth date: February 17, 1897	Birthplace: Dwight, Illinois
	DOCUMENT No. 3	Father: Emlyn Alonzo Radcliffe	Mother: Idella Edna Brown
	DOCUMENT No. 4	Father: Emlyn Alonzo Radcliffe	Mother: Idella Edna Radcliffe
I certify that a diligent search of the official birth records was made and that no prior certificate was found for this registrant.		Signed: Leo A. Ozier Title: County Clerk Date: May 20, 1955 FOR THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH Accepted and filed at Springfield by Leo A. Ozier Deputy State Registrar on September 7 1956	
BUREAU OF STATISTICS — ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH			

Delayed IA certificate of Leland's birth, 20 May 1955, affidavit of sister Mona Radcliffe Carpenter - <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:H9GL-SQZM>

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Xc21-381-899

RADCLIFFE LELAND STANFORD
Chauf 100 Aero Sqdn AS K
426 Pioneer Drive Glendale A 2 788 072
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WW I		WW II		KOREA		ORIGINAL	
1. NAME OF DECEASED - LAST - FIRST - MIDDLE (Print or Type)				14. NAME AND LOCATION OF CEMETERY (City and State)			
Radcliffe, Leland S.				Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Glendale			
2. SERVICE NUMBER		3. PENSION OR VA CLAIM NUMBER		IMPORTANT - Item 18 on reverse side must be completed. See attached instructions and complete and submit both copies.			
249903				15. This application is submitted for a stone or marker for the unmarked grave of a deceased member or former member of the Armed Forces of the U. S., soldier of the Union or Confederate Armies of the Civil War or for an unmarked memorial plot for a non-recoverable deceased member. I hereby agree to accept responsibility for proper placement at the grave or memorial plot at no expense to the Government.			
4. ENLISTMENT DATE (Month, day, year)		5. DISCHARGE DATE (Month, day, year)		NAME OF APPLICANT (Print or Type)		RELATIONSHIP	
8/10/17		6/14/19		Miss Elizabeth Radcliff		Niece	
6. STATE		7. DECORATIONS		ADDRESS OF APPLICANT (Street address, City and State)			
Illinois		None		7530 Langmuir Court Dublin, California 94566			
8. GRADE OR RANK		9. BRANCH OF SERVICE, COMPANY, REGIMENT, DIVISION		SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT		DATE	
Chauffeur		U.S. Army- 100th. Aero Squadron		Elizabeth Radcliff		1/20/69	
10. DATE OF BIRTH (Month, day, year)		11. DATE OF DEATH (Month, day, year)		16. FREIGHT STATION			
2/17/97		1/18/69		Glendale, California			
12. RELIGIOUS EMBLEM (Check one)		13. CHECK TYPE REQUIRED		17. NAME OF CONSIGNEE WHO WILL TRANSPORT STONE OR MARKER			
☒ LATIN CROSS (Christian)		☐ UPRIGHT MARBLE HEADSTONE		Forest Lawn Memorial Park Association			
☐ STAR OF DAVID (Hebrew)		☐ FLAT MARBLE MARKER		ADDRESS OF CONSIGNEE (Street address, City and State)			
☐ NO EMBLEM		☒ FLAT BRONZE MARKER		1713 S. GLENDALE AVE #4209 91205 Glendale, California			
FOR VERIFICATION		ORDERED		I HAVE AGREED TO TAKE THE STONE OR MARKER TO THE CEMETERY.			
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Radcliff A LeRoy building contractor h 209 E Doran
Radcliff Dola Bel r 426 Pioneer dr
Radcliff Emlyn A (Idella) carpenter h 426 Pioneer dr
Radcliff Leland S employee Independent Lumber Co r 426 Pioneer dr

1923 Glendale CA city directory - https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/226082350:2469?tid=31850818&pid=18135623150&queryId=9dc7198f8d95e7821ec ea4be85688173&_phsrc=hFB46536&_phstart=successSource

**ILLINOISANS ON BOARD
TRANSPORT TUSCANIA**

Among the troops aboard the Tuscania when it was torpedoed were the following Illinois men: Otto Bethard, Beardstown; William P. Jordan, Pana; Leland S. Radcliffe, Dwight; Harry Carpenter, Potomac; Maurice E. Peck, Rockford; Kendall H. Peck, Monticello; James J. Norris, Odin; J. A. Booth, Springfield; Fred O. Barger, Decatur; Guy W. Burnett, Eldorado; Elmer Jones, Nebo; Morton McKendrick, Marion; Mo Sapp, Hillsboro; Joe H. Rice, Downer's Grove; Stanley E. Hull, Rockford; Alva Bowman, Carmi.

"Mattoon (IL) Journal Gazette" Friday 8 Feb 1918 p 6

ANOTHER ONE ENLISTED HERE

I. S. Radcliffe, Former Salesman, Believed to Have Been Aboard.

Des Moines, Ia., Feb. 7.—Special: Leland S. Radcliffe, formerly of Des Moines and Sioux City, may have been on the Tuscania. He joined the aviation service and was assigned to the One Hundredth aero squadron. That squadron was aboard the ship.

Radcliffe stated in a letter to friends recently he would sail for France in January.

While in Des Moines he was a salesman for the Campbell Bread company. He removed to Sioux City, where he enlisted several months ago.

"Sioux City (IA) Journal" Friday 8 Feb 1918 p 10

Leland Radcliffe Aboard

DeKalb friends of Leland Radcliffe of Dwight, Ill., noticed his name in the list of the 100 Aero Squadron of the ill-fated Tuscania. Radcliffe is the nephew of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Radcliffe now of Oak Park and formerly of this city. He is the brother of Mrs. Mona Carpenter, of Dwight, former book keeper at Anderson Brothers. DeKalb folk will remember him through her visits here to his relatives.

"DeKalb (IL) Daily Chronicle" Friday 8 Feb 1918 p 1

Sixteen Illinois Men Aboard.

There are known to have been at least sixteen Illinois men aboard the Tuscania whose homes were outside of Chicago. Four are members of the One Hundred aero squadron—Otto E. Bethard, Beardstown; Leland S. Radcliffe, Dwight; William P. Jordan, Pana, and Harry Carpenter, Potomac.

"Chicago Tribune" Sunday 10 Feb 1918 p 2

SAMMY WRITES OF SHIP WRECK

**LELAND RADCLIFF TELLS IN
CENSORED LETTER OF
HIS TRIP OVER.**

ON BOARD TUSCANIA

**Young Man Whose Home Is in
Dwight, Ill., Sends News of
Voyage to France
Recently.**

In a letter to his mother, Leland S. Radcliff, of the 100th Aero squadron, tells of the sinking of the liner Tuscania, by a German U-boat. Mr. Radcliff is a brother of Mrs. Mona Carpenter, formerly of Anderson Brothers. He visited here often with his sister. The letter was written on Tuscania notepaper immediately after the young soldier had been landed in England by the boat which rescued him. It follows:

Dearest Mother:

I am once again on land and am feeling fine. You can see by the picture where I have been. Was on the Tuscania and about 15 feet above where the torpedo struck. I lost all my clothes and personal property. I happened to have this piece of paper in my pocket. We were — miles from land on a very rough sea. I could tell you many terrible stories, but the boys all behaved fine and were not very excited. We lost many men of our company and some of my very best friends were lost. I was on the boat 40 minutes before I was rescued. She sank in just three hours. A torpedo is worse than an air raid and no doubt will have a chance to witness both. I lost the leggins Mona sent, but saved my watch, pictures and leather hand book. I will not put down where we were as that may be censored. Do not worry about me as I am just fine. We are not settled yet and have

been chasing around to different camps trying to get located as we were all scattered and landed in different parts of the country. I surely have seen enough water to last me the rest of my life. I will write more later on as there is not much news to give just now.

It is very damp and rainy here all the time, but not cold. We are in barracks, and it is nice and warm. Get enough to eat but food is scarce here. Wilbur Clark, the boy that went to church with me was drowned on the rocks. Of this I am sure, as some of our boys buried him. I cannot write much so hope you get to read all about it in the papers.

With best wishes and love,
LELAND S. RADCLIFF.

"De Kalb (IL) Daily Chronicle" Tuesday 19 Mar 1918 p 6

NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE
UNDER EXECUTION
MARSHAL'S SALE

No. 222044.

Los Angeles Surety Co., Inc., a corp.,
Plaintiff

vs.

Leland Stanford Radcliff, Defendant

By virtue of an execution issued out of the Municipal Court, City of Los Angeles, County of Los Angeles, State of California wherein Los Angeles Surety Co., Inc., Corp., Plaintiff, and Leland Stanford Radcliff, Defendant, upon a judgement rendered the 15th day of October, A. D. 1937 for the sum of Five Hundred Fifteen and no/100 (\$515.00) Dollars lawful money of the United States, besides costs and interests, I have levied upon all the right title, claim and interest of said defendant Leland Stanford Radcliff of, in and to the following described real estate, situated in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, and bounded and described as follows:

Lot 22, Block A of the Sub of Block 71 Burbank, as per map recorded in Book 34, Page 83 of Miscellaneous Records, in the office of the County Recorder of the

LEGAL ADVERTISING

County of Los Angeles, State of California.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN.
That I will, on Monday the twenty-first day of December, A. D. 1931, at 11 o'clock A. M. of that day, in front of the Court House door of the County of Los Angeles, Broadway entrance, sell at public auction, for cash lawful money of the United States all the right, title, claim and interest of said defendant Leland Stanford Radcliff of, in and to the above described property, or so much thereof as may be necessary to raise sufficient to satisfy said Judgement, with interest and costs, etc., to the highest and best bidder.

Dated this 23rd, day of November 1931.
CHAS. R. THOMAS.
Marshal of the Municipal Court,
City of Los Angeles, County of
Los Angeles, State of California.
By **F. H. BRAKESUHLER,**
ASST. MARSHAL.
THOMAS W. COCHRAN,
Plaintiffs Attorney.
126-Tues. 41.

"Burbank (CA) Daily Evening Review" Tuesday 24 Nov 1931 p 6

Leland Radcliffe of Burbank, Calif., spent a couple of days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Hoberg. Mr. Radcliffe is a former local resident.

"Streator (IL) Times" Saturday 13 May 1950 p 6

DWIGHT

Leland Radcliff of Burbank, Calif., a former Dwight resident, arrived in Dwight Monday to spend an indefinite vacation as a guest of friends. The Radcliff family resided east of here on a farm for many years.

"Bloomington (IL) Pantagraph" Thursday 15 May 1952 p 17

Father:

E. A. Radcliff Dies. Word has been received in Dwight from San Diego, Calif., of the death of Emlyn Alonzo Radcliff, a former local resident, which occurred Monday, April 10. Burial will be made in Forest Lawn cemetery at Glendale, Calif.

He is survived by his wife and five children: Arthur Leroy of Glendale, Calif.; Mona R. Carpenter of Chicago; Dola R. Radcliff and Myrtle R. Knight of Los Angeles, Calif., and Leland of Burbank, Calif. He was preceded in death by two sons.

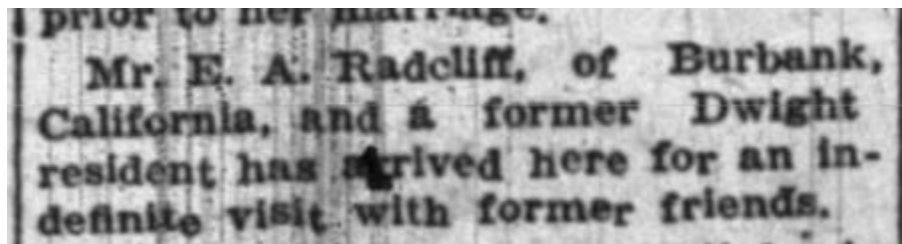
Mr. Radcliff resided for many years two miles east of Dwight on a farm.

Obituary of father Emlyn Alonzo Radcliffe – "Streator (IL) Times" Friday 14 Apr 1939 p 6 - <https://www.newspapers.com/image/543580999/?terms=%22mona%20carpenter%22&match=1>

Livingston County, Illinois, Farmers Directory, 1917

Detail	Source
Given Name:	E. A.
Surname:	Radcliffe
Spouse:	Idilla Brown
Children:	Roy, Mona, Myrtle, Dola, Leland
Post Office:	Dwight
Section:	1
Twp Name:	Dwight
Twp #:	12
Owner/Tenant:	tenant
Acreage:	80
Year Farmer Became Resident of Livingston County:	1870
Owner of Farm (If Tenant):	J. R. Radcliffe Estate

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“Streator (IL) Times” Monday 15 Jul 1929 p 5

were served.
 E. A. Radcliffe of Burbank, California who has spent several months in Dwight looking after his farm interests east of Dwight has departed for Chicago where he will spend the remainder of the winter as a guest of his daughter, Mrs. Mona Carpenter.

"Streator (IL) Times" Thursday 9 Jan 1930 p 6

Mrs. Mona Carpenter, of Chicago, and father, Mr. Lawn Radcliffe, of California, spent the week-end here as guests of former friends.

"Streator (IL) Times" Monday 24 Mar 1930 p 6

E. A. Radcliffe has returned to his home east of Dwight, after spending the winter in Chicago as a guest of his daughter, Mrs. Mona Carpenter.

"Streator (IL) Times" Tuesday 12 Apr 1932 p 6

Mother:

LOCAL WOMEN TO GET INHERITANCE

Mrs. Idela E. Radcliff and her daughter Dola B. Radcliff, of 1042 North Verdugo avenue, this city, have been apprised of the fact that they are beneficiaries to the extent of \$1000 each in a will left by their uncle, the late Alfred F. Martin, who died two weeks ago at Kankakee, Illinois. Among the other beneficiaries were Mrs. Radcliff's sister Emma L. Rankin, of Hollywood, and her brother-in-law, Charles Britch, also of Hollywood.

"Burbank (CA) Daily Evening Review" Wednesday 16 Sep 1931 p 8

Siblings:

IOWA STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH—DIVISION OF VITALS **0121996**
BIRTH CERTIFICATE

(Explanation)
 In past years many birth records were not filed at the time of birth as provided by statute, due to the neglect of those charged with the duty of filing said record. This affidavit is provided to take care of such cases and may be executed by the attending physician, midwife, parent, nearest relative or other person having full knowledge of the facts of this birth. NOT ACCEPTABLE IF SIGNED BY THE PARTY FOR WHOM IT IS MADE.

AFFIDAVIT

I, Mabel Tracy, being duly sworn, depose and say that I am 67 years of age; that I have known the person named herein for 56 years; that I reside at 7162 Hawthorne in the COUNTY OF Los Angeles, STATE OF California; that the answers given to the following questions are true and correct as I verily believe.

FULL NAME OF CHILD Arthur Leroy Radcliffe
 PLACE OF BIRTH: COUNTY OF Ida CITY OF Ida Grove
 TOWNSHIP OF unknown STREET Taylor

Sex of Child <u>Male</u>	Twin, triplet, or other (To be answered only in event of plural births)	Number in order of birth	Legitimate <u>yes</u>	Date of birth Month <u>January</u> Day <u>29</u> Year <u>1884</u>
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Name of physician, midwife, or other person attending at this birth unknown

FATHER		MOTHER	
Full Name <u>Emlyn Alonzo Radcliff</u>	Full Maiden Name <u>Idella Edna Brown</u>	Birthplace <u>Grand Ridge, Ill.</u>	Birthplace <u>Aurora, Ill.</u>
Color <u>white</u>	Age at time of this birth <u>23</u> Years	Color <u>white</u>	Age at time of this birth <u>22</u> Years
Occupation at time of this birth <u>Carpenter</u>		Occupation at time of this birth <u>Housewife</u>	

That the basis of my knowledge for answers given above is as follows:
that I was present at the day of his birth at Ida Grove Ida Co Iowa, and I am a sister of said applicants Mabel Tracy
 (Sign Here) Mabel Tracy Aunt

STATE OF California Los Angeles COUNTY, SS.
 On this 17 day of September, 1940, before me comes Mabel Tracy and makes oath that the information given in this instrument subscribed by him is true and correct as he verily believes.

My commission expires Nov. 19, 1942 Do not write below these lines
 Notary Public in and for Los Angeles County, State of California

SEP 18 1940
 Filed SEP 18 1940, 1940
Malcolm Dinning (State Registrar)
John Coleman (Director Division of Vital Statistics)

N. B. Any person making a false affidavit will be prosecuted.

IA birth record of brother **Arthur Leroy Radcliffe (1884-1961)**, as sworn to on 17 Sep 1940 by his maternal aunt Mabel Tracy, who was present at his birth - <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/150023074:61441?tid=31850818&pid=18135623150&queryId=9dc7198f8d95e7821ecea4be85688173&phsrc=hFB46537&phstart=successSource>

LEAVES DEKALB TO MAKE HER HOME IN DWIGHT, ILL.

**Mrs. Mona Carpenter Gives Up Her
Position in DeKalb.**

* Mrs. Mona Carpenter, has resigned her position at Anderson Brothers as cashier and bookkeeper, and will leave on Friday for her home in Dwight, Ill., Mrs. Carpenter will spend the summer months at her home and in New York. Miss Helen Stevens will take the position made vacant by Mrs. Carpenter's resignation.

Sister Mona Radcliffe Carpenter – “De Kalb (IL) Daily Chronicle” Monday 13 May 1912 p 4

AT THE RADCLIFFE HOME.

Mrs. F. S. Ellers and children, Margaret and Charles, and Thomas Liggett of Oak Park are visiting at the A. L. Radcliffe home on North street. Miss Gertrude Gardner of Marseilles, Ill., who has been visiting there returned home on Saturday. Mrs. Mona Carpenter of Dwight, Ill., is at the Radcliffe home to spend a week. Mrs. Carpenter was formerly at Anderson Brothers store here and has many friends in DeKalb.

“De Kalb (IL) Daily Chronicle” Monday 13 May 1912 p 4

Leslie E.K. Radcliff

in the Illinois, U.S., Deaths and Stillbirths Index, 1916-1947

Detail Source

Name:	Leslie E.K. Radcliff
Birth Date:	5 Apr 1892
Birth Place:	IL
Death Date:	19 Sep 1916
Death Place:	Peoria, Peoria, Illinois
Burial Place:	Dwight, IL
Death Age:	24
Occupation:	Waiter
Race:	White
Marital Status:	S
Gender:	Male
Residence:	Dwight, IL
Father Name:	E.A. Radcliff
Father Birth Place:	IL
Mother Name:	Idella E. Brown
Mother Birth Place:	Mich.
FHL Film Number:	1530826

IL death record of brother [Leslie E.K. Radcliffe \(1891/1892 – 1916\)](https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/885267:2542) -
<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/885267:2542>

DWIGHT YOUTHS FACE HEARINGS

**GANG ARRESTED FOR HAL-
LOWEEN VANDALISM TO BE
TRIED NEXT SATURDAY.**

Twenty-two Dwight high school boys who were lodged in the Livingston county jail at Pontiac for vandalism in the vicinity of Dwight Wednesday have been released from jail to return for a hearing to be held in Pontiac next Saturday.

The boys in their raid traveled 74 miles, according to the speedometer of one of the cars used on the trip, which brought them as far as the Hume school south of Morris where some damage was done.

At the home of Mrs. Mona R. Carpenter, east of Dwight, which she occupies during the spring and summer spending the rest of the time in Chicago, the gang broke into the home and practically demolished it and its furnishings, it was reported. Considerable damage was also done to other property in the neighborhood, including the Sharp school west of Dwight.

DIVORCE SUITS FILED
 BOOTHE. Ruby L. against Delbert W.
 BRIGGS. Walter R. against Florence M.
 EVANS. James L. against Maria M.
 GREGORY. Nellie against Clifford.
 GUTHRIE. Edna against Edward.
 HARE. Reginald R. against Gladys.
 JONES. Harold W. against Blanche A.
 KELLOGG. Harriet M. against Charles J.
 KOEHLER. Ada B. against Henry J.
 KNIGHT. Myrtle R. against Otto E.
 KRIEGER. John E. against Beatrice.

Divorce of Myrtle Radcliffe Knight & Otto Ernest Knight – “Los Angeles Times” Wednesday 4 Apr 1928 p 24

Announcement is made of the marriage of Miss Dola Radcliffe of Dwight, Ill., to Mr. Donald Bertholf of Kansas City. Dr. Harry H. Rogers, pastor of the Linwood Presbyterian Church, performed the ceremony at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward H. Smith, 2923 Forest Avenue, Saturday, July 15. Mr. and Mrs. Bertholf will be at home after August 1 at 2931 Forest Avenue.

Marriage of **sister Dola Radcliffe (1894-1956)** to Donald Bertholf on 15 Jul 1916 in MO – “Kansas City (MO) Star” Wednesday 19 Jul 1916 p 2

Address 2931 Foyard
 Application 70678 for License to Marry.

(AFFIDAVIT OF MALE)

STATE OF MISSOURI, } ss Donald Bertholf County of Jackson
 of Jackson and State of Missouri
 desiring to procure a license to marry Debra B. Radcliff
 of Jackson County of Jackson
 and State of Missouri do hereby solemnly swear that I am the age of 24
 years, and that the said Debra B. Radcliff is of
 the age of 24 years, and that we are both single and unmarried and not first cousins, and may
 lawfully contract and be joined in MARRIAGE Donald Bertholf

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15 day of July 1916
 By Harry G. Hall Recorder,
Harry G. Hall Deputy.

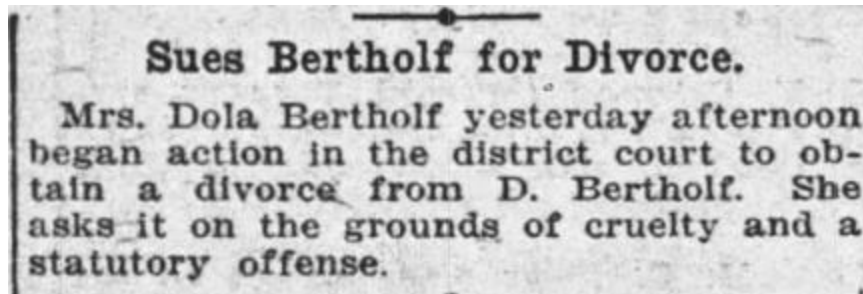
(AFFIDAVIT OF FEMALE)

STATE OF MISSOURI, } ss Debra B. Radcliff County of Jackson
 do hereby solemnly swear that I am the person named in the above application for a marriage license, and that I am the
 age of 24 years, and that I am single and unmarried, and may lawfully contract and be joined in
 MARRIAGE Debra B. Radcliff

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15 day of July 1916
 By Harry G. Hall Recorder,
Harry G. Hall Deputy.

STATE OF MISSOURI, } ss I, _____ County of Jackson.
 do hereby solemnly swear that _____ and that she is the age of _____
 named in the foregoing application for marriage license, is personally known to _____
 eighteen years and may legally contract said marriage.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____ 1916
 Recorder,
 Deputy.



"Sioux City (IA) Journal" Thursday 8 Feb 1917 p 5

Name: Leland Stanford Radcliffe

Name variations: Radcliff

Military:

On Tuscania: 100th Aero Squadron, 3rd Squad - private

Serial number: 249,903

Entered service from: Dwight, Livingston IL

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: Leland S. Radcliffe

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": father Alonzo Radcliffe, Dwight IL

Returned from war on: "Louisville" May 1919

Sailed on return ship as: Leland S. Radcliffe

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: father Emelyn E. Radcliffe, 426 Pioneer Dr., Glendale CA (chauffeur, 100th Aero Sq)

World War I draft registration (1917):

World War II draft registration (1942): as Leland Stanford Radcliffe - b. 17 Feb 1897 Dwight IL; res: 132 N. Brighton, Burbank, Los Angeles CA. NOK D.B. Radcliffe, same address [sister Dola]. Employed at Pacific Electric Railway, 6th & Main St., Los Angeles, Los Angeles CA. Card signed L.S. Radcliffe. Height: 5'9 ½" – 230 lbs.

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlisted: 16 Aug 1917

Discharged: 14 Jun 1919

Address: 426 Pioneer Dr., Glendale CA

Rank/unit: chauffeur, 100th Aero Squadron

Birth & death:

Born: 17 Feb 1897 Dwight, Livingston IL

Died: 18 Jan 1969 Los Angeles Co. CA

Find A Grave record: 64109664 – presence on Tuscania indicated in flower

Burial location: Glendale, Los Angeles CA

Cemetery: Forest Lawn Memorial Park (Glendale)

Tombstone: veteran flat: Illinois CFR 100 Aero Sq WWI

Father: Emlyn Alonzo Radcliffe, Aug 1861 Dwight, Livingston IL – 10 Apr 1939 Glendale, Los Angeles CA. First name also found as Emelyn. Surname also found as Radcliff. Son of John R. Radcliff & Mary I. Carr. Buried in Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Glendale, Los Angeles CA. Find A Grave: has 2 records which need a merger. One lists him as Alonzo RADCLIFF, 1861-1939, F: 105269684 & the other as Emlyn Alonzo RADCLIFF, unknown birth – 10 Apr 1939, F: 138006789

Mother: Idella Edna Brown Radcliffe, 12 Jul 1862 IL – 6 Apr 1940 Glendale, Los Angeles CA. Daughter of Dennis Brown & Mary Elizabeth Martin. Buried in Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Glendale, Los Angeles CA.

Find A Grave: 85492840

Parents' marriage: 21 Feb 1882 Grundy Co. IL

Spouse: according to 1950 census, never married

Spouse Find A Grave:

Marriage:

Children:

Siblings: an additional boy had died prior to the 1900 census, in which his mother says she has given birth to 7 children, 6 of whom are living. His father's 1939 obituary says he was preceded in death by two sons (Leslie and apparently this boy).

- Arthur Leroy (Roy) Radcliffe, 29 Jan 1884 Ida Grove, Ida IA – 24 Jun 1961 Eugene, Lane OR. On his WWII draft card, living in Glendale CA with NOK Elizabeth. – Married to Mabelle Inez Stickney.
- Mona Radcliffe Carpenter, Sep 1886 IA (1900 census) – 1960. Alternated her time between Chicago IL & Dwight IL. Buried in Oak Lawn Cemetery, Dwight, Livingston IL. F: 15783942
- Myrtle Radcliffe Knight, Aug 1888 IL – "Mertle" Radcliff married 6 Oct 1917 in Hennepin Co. MN to Otto Knight. In the 1920 census for Los Angeles township, Los Angeles Co. CA (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:33SQ-GR69-DK9?i=10&cc=1488411&personUrl=%2Fark%3A%2F61903%2F1%3A1%3AMH74-7JX>) . Otto Ernest Knight (2 May 1885 Norfolk NE – 10 Aug 1964 Los Angeles Co. CA), son of Byron W. Knight & Margaret Daniel, had married Gertrude Alice Briggs on 10 Nov 1908 & divorced her on 14 Sep 1917. Otto & Myrtle married the next month. He was an embalmer in the undertaking business on his WWI draft card (12 Sep 1918) in Minneapolis, Hennepin MN living with wife Myrtle R. Knight at 1005 – 6th Ave. S. He was also listed as an embalmer in the 1920 Los Angeles, Los Angeles CA census – Otto E. Knight, 34 NE, father b. IL, mother b. MO & wife Myrtle R. Knight, 31 IL, father b. IL, mother b. MI, stenographer, chemical supplies, were boarders. In the 1930 census Myrtle Knight resides in the Gates Hotel in Los Angeles, Los Angeles CA; she is divorced. Found at: <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:XCVG-8WCIn> 1940 she lives in Los Angeles, Los Angeles CA; divorced. – Myrtle filed for divorce against Otto in Apr 1928 in Los Angeles Co. CA.
- Leslie Elzard K. Radcliffe, Apr 1891 (1900 census) or 1891 (tombstone) or 5 Apr 1892 (IL death record) IL – 15 Sep 1916 Peoria, Peoria IL. IL death record: single, waiter. Buried in Oak Lawn Cemetery, Dwight, Livingston IL. F: 15783929

- Dola Belle Radcliffe Bartholf, reverted to Radcliffe, Aug 1894 Dwight, Livingston IL – 26 Apr 1956 Glendale, Los Angeles CA. Tombstone inscribed “beloved sister.” Although she claims to have never married (in the 1950 census), she married Donald Bertholf on 15 Jul 1916 in Kansas City, Jackson MO. Less than 6 months later, she sued for divorce (in Feb 1917) claiming cruelty and a “statutory offense.” All her other records are found with the surname Radcliff/Radcliffe. Buried in Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Glendale, Los Angeles CA. F: 64109672

Notes:

Pre-war:

Wartime:

"Sioux City (IA) Journal" 8 Feb 1918 p 10 - formerly of Des Moines & Sioux City, salesman in Des Moines for Campbell Bread Co., moved to Sioux City where he enlisted several months ago.

"De Kalb (IL) Daily Chronicle" 8 Feb 1918 p 1 - of Dwight IL, nephew of Mr. & Mrs. A.J. Radcliffe (Oak Park IL, formerly DeKalb), brother of Mrs. Mona Carpenter (Dwight), known because of visits to DeKalb relatives.

"Des Moines (IA) Tribune" 22 Mar 1918 p 4 – photo - his postcard to Mr. & Mrs. John Ericson, 1507 E. Walnut St., Des Moines discusses sinking, age 19, employee of Campbell Baking Co. in Des Moines, "Was below deck and very close to where the torpedo struck - a terrible noise and darkness, a scramble for life - never again." Left on rescue ship nearby (likely destroyer).

Post-war:

1953 Burbank CA city directory

Radcliffe,

Dola B., resident of 132 N. Brighton

Leland S., driver, Transit Lines, resident of 132 N. Brighton

Obituary:

Social Security number: 563-10-1601

Censuses:

1900 Dwight, Livingston IL – conducted 11 Jun 1900

Emlyn A. Radcliffe, 38 IL, Aug 1861, parents b. PA, married 17 years, carpenter

Idella, 37 IL, Jul 1862, father b. MI, mother b. NY, gave birth to 7 children, 6 are living
 Roy, 16 IA, Jan 1884, carpenter
 Mona, 13 IA, Sep 1866, at school
 Myrtle, 11 IL, Aug 1888, at school
 Leslie E., 9 IL, Apr 1891, at school
 Dola, 5 IL, Aug 1894
 Leland S., 3 IL, Feb 1897

1910 Dwight, Livingston IL
 Emline Radcliffe, 48 IL, parents b. PA, married 28 years, farmer, general farm
 Idella E. (indexed as B.), 47 IL, father b. MI, mother b. NY, gave birth to 7 children, 6 are living
 Dola B., 15 IL
 Leland S., 13 IL

1910 Ida Grove, Ida Co. IA – his 3 other siblings
 Charles A. Britch, 49 PA, parents b. Germany, in 1st marriage, married 26 years, proprietor, bakery
 Etta M. Britch, 45 IL, father b. MI, mother b. NY, gave birth to zero children, in 1st marriage
 Mabel R. Rankin, 39 IL, father b. MI, mother b. NY, widow, teacher, private school, gave birth to 1 child, none are living [sister-in-law]
 Linc D. Rankin, 20 IA, father b. PA, mother b. IA, ice man [nephew]
 Roy A. Radcliffe, 26 IA, parents b. IL, carpenter, house [nephew]
 Leslie E.K. Radcliffe, 19 IL, parents b. IL, clerk, restaurant [nephew]
 Mona R. Carpenter, 23 IA, parents b. IA, in 1st marriage, gave birth to zero children [niece]

1920 Chicago, Cook IL – Franklin Blvd. – his 2 sisters
 Mona Carpenter, 33 IA, widow, father b. IL, mother b. MI, secretary, building contractor
 Dola RADCLIFF, 24 IL, father b. IL, mother b. MI, bookkeeper, mercantile

1930 Glendale, Los Angeles CA – parents
 Evelyn A. RADCLIFF, 58 IL, parents b. PA, farmer for self
 Idella E., 57 IL, father b. MI, mother b. NY

1930 Burbank, Los Angeles CA – 1042 N. Verdugo Ave.
 Emlyn A. Radcliffe, 68 IL, parents b. PA, married 20 years [no occupation]
 Idella E., 67 IL, father b. MI, mother b. IL
 Dola B., 35 IL, single, clerk, dry goods
 Leland S., 33 IL, single, driver, lumber

1940 Glendale, Los Angeles CA – 132 N. Brighton St. – same house in 1935
 Leland Radcliffe [misread as L Elzard], 43 IL, single, bus driver, motor transportation coach
 Idella, 77 IL, widow [mother]
 Dola, 45 IL, divorced [sister]

1950 Burbank, Los Angeles CA – 133 N. Brighton

In front of address:

Leland S. RADCLIFF, 53 IL, never married, bus driver, transportation [head of household]

In rear of address:

Dola B. RADCLIFF, 55 IL, never married [sister is crossed off – “head of household” added]