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Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

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

NOK = next-of-kin

TUSCANIA

Robertson, Oswald Sam
1893 WA – 1947 WA

Oswald Robertson, World War I Vet, Dies

Veteran of World War I and a member of the William Matthews post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Oswaldt Sam Robertson, 53, of 2306 Henry street, passed away Thursday in a Seattle hospital. He had been a life long resident of Bellingham.

He is survived by his wife, Marie; one daughter, Mrs. Betty Jane Raftery, of Bellingham; two sons, Harold Jack, of Ketchikan, Alaska, and Jimmy Lane, in the U. S. navy; four grandchildren, one sister, Mrs. Minnie Brown, and one brother, Dare Robertson, both of Bellingham.

Rev. Ivan B. Bell will conduct the funeral service Saturday at 3 p. m. in the Harlow-Hollingsworth funeral home, interment following in the Woodlawn cemetery.

Obituary of Oswald Sam Robertson – "Bellingham (WA) Herald" Friday 5 Sep 1947 p 8

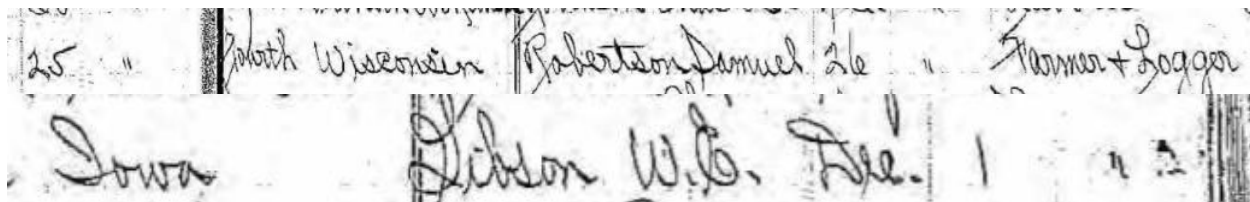
Robertson		Oswald S	250,450	White	1½
(Surname)		(Christian name)	(Army serial number)	(Race: White or colored)	
Residence: 2106 Broadway St		Bellingham	WASHINGTON		
(Street and house number)		(Town or city)	(County)	(State)	
* Enlisted in	NA at Ft Lawton Wash on Nov 2/17				
† Born in	King Co Wash 23 11/12 yrs				
Organizations:	20 Engrs 16 Co to disch				
Grades:	Pvt 1 cl---;				
Engagements:					
Wounds or other injuries received in action: None.					
‡ Served overseas:	Jan 23/18 to Mch 24/19				
§ Hon. disch.	Mch 29/19 on demobilization				
Was reported	0	per cent disabled on date of discharge, in view of occupation.			
Remarks:					

WA, WWI service record – courtesy of Steven Schwartz of Renton WA

FEDERAL SECURITY AGENCY U. S. P. H. S. National Office of Vital Statistics		Washington State Department of Health PUBLIC HEALTH STATISTICS SECTION CERTIFICATE OF DEATH		State File No. <u>3725</u> Registrar's No. <u>3679</u>	
1. PLACE OF DEATH:			2. USUAL RESIDENCE OF DECEASED:		
(a) County <u>King</u>			(a) State <u>Washington</u> (b) County <u>Whatcom</u>		
(b) City or town <u>Seattle</u>			(c) City or town <u>Bellingham</u>		
(c) Name of hospital or institution <u>U.S. Marine Hospital, Seattle, Washington</u>			(d) Street No. <u>2306- Harry Street</u>		
(d) Length of stay: In hospital <u>12 days</u>			(e) If foreign born, how long in U. S. A. ? _____ years		
In this community (Years, months or days) <u>12 days</u>					
3. (a) FULL NAME <u>Oswald Sam Robertson</u>			3. (c) Social Security Number _____		
3. (b) Was decedent ever a member of the Army, Navy or Marine Corps of the United States? <u>Yes</u>			MEDICAL CERTIFICATION		
Name of organization in which such service was rendered: <u>57th Cas. Co.</u>			20. Date of death: Month <u>September</u> day <u>4</u>		
Rank <u>Pvt.</u> Period of service <u>11-2-17/5-29-19</u>			year <u>1947</u> hour <u>5:30</u> minute <u>A.M.</u>		
4. Sex <u>male</u>	5. Color or race <u>white</u>	6(a) Single, widowed, married, divorced <u>married</u>	21. I hereby certify that I attended the deceased from <u>August 23</u> , 19 <u>47</u> , to <u>September 4</u> , 19 <u>47</u> , that I last saw him alive on <u>September 4</u> , 19 <u>47</u> , and that death occurred on the date and hour stated above.		
6. (b) Name of husband or wife <u>Marie Zwackel</u>	6(c) Age of husband or wife if alive _____ years		Immediate cause of death <u>Myocardial infarction</u>		
7. Birth date of deceased <u>November 12 1893</u>	(Month) (Day) (Year)		Due to <u>Coronary arteriosclerosis</u>		
8. AGE: Years <u>53</u> Months <u>9</u> Days <u>12</u>	If less than one day hr. _____ min. _____		Due to _____		
9. Birthplace <u>King Co. Washington</u>	(City, town or county) (State or foreign country)		Other conditions _____		
10. Usual occupation <u>unemployed</u>			Major findings: Of operations <u>no operations</u>		
11. Industry or business _____			Of autopsy <u>no autopsy</u>		
12. Name <u>Sam Robertson</u>	13. Birthplace <u>Wisconsin</u>		22. If death was due to external causes, fill in the following:		
14. Maiden name <u>Mary Day</u>	15. Birthplace <u>Wisconsin</u>		(a) Accident, suicide, or homicide (specify) _____		
16. (a) Informant's own signature <u>Hospital Records</u>			(b) Date of occurrence _____		
17. (a) Address <u>U.S. Marine Hospital, Seattle, Wash.</u>			(c) Where did injury occur? _____		
(b) Date thereof <u>9 4 1947</u>			(d) Did injury occur in or about home, on farm, in industrial place, in public place? _____		
(c) Place: burial or cremation <u>Bellingham</u>			While at work? _____ (e) Means of injury _____		
18. (a) Signature of funeral director <u>Bill Jones</u>			23. Signature <u>M. J. Morgan</u> (M. D. or other)		
(b) Address <u>Bellevue, Bellingham, Wash.</u>			Address <u>U.S. Marine Hosp.</u> Date signed <u>9-4-47</u>		
19. (a) <u>SEP 4 1947</u>	(b) <u>Emil E. Palmquist</u>				
(Date received local registrar)	(Registrar's signature)				

WA death record - <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:S3HY-67YK-6D?i=2059>

Nov. 12 " Lake Sammamish " " " " Mary Day



WA birth record 12 Nov 1893 – the first set of ditto marks indicate male, race: white - 1st column (Christian name) left blank - born 12 Nov 1893, at Lake Samamish, male, white, mother: May Day, age 25, her 4th child, she b. WI - father: Samuel Robertson, age 26, farmer & logger, b. IA – birth recorded on 1 Dec 1893 by W.E. Gibson -
<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/1902944:1209>

ROBERTSON OSWALD SAM		HOSP 2837621	
Pvt Spec Bordeaux Gas Co 57 K		C	
1841 Iron St Bellingham Wash A		3 188 258	
Sr	250 400	Died	T 461275
Born	11/12/92		
Enl	11/2/17	Dte	3/29/19
		Cl	2 000 551
U.S. VETERANS BUREAU MAIL AND RECORDS Form 7292-Rev. Sept., 1925		INDEX CARD	

<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:W7T3-R73Z>

Life:

The following men have enlisted at the local army recruiting station and have left for headquarters: Edgar H. Johnson, aviation corps; Lue A. Slevi and Clarence L. Hoyt, quartermaster's corps; Oswald S. Robertson and Harold Shirk, Twentieth engineers.

"Bellingham (WA) Herald" Tuesday 20 Oct 1917 p 3

Mrs. Mae Erickson and Mrs. Oswald Robertson have returned from Seattle, where they have been visiting with Mr. Robertson, who left Saturday with the Twentieth engineers for Washington, D. C.

Visited by his wife & mother Mae Erickson at camp – “Bellingham (WA) Herald” Monday 19 Nov 1917 p 6

Mrs. M. Erickson, 2100 Broadway, has received word that her son, Oswald Robertson, has reached France. He left Washington, D. C., with the Twentieth engineers.

Instead of reaching France, Oswald had been on the Tuscania for 5 days when this was published – “Bellingham (WA) Herald” Tuesday 29 Jan 1918 p 6

WASHINGTON AND IDAHO MEN SAVED

brother, E424 Indiana avenue, Spokane.
 George F. Rauh; Mrs. P. J. Rauh, mother, 3116 North Seventeenth, Tacoma.
 Laurence N. Riley; Mrs. Jennie E. Riley, mother, 3403 West Sixty-second street, Seattle.
 Russell R. Rock; R. A. Rock, father, Couger.
 Oswald S. Robertson; Marie Robertson, wife, 2106 Broadway, Bellingham.
 James B. Robison; Elizabeth Bullock, sister, Ilwaco.

Excerpt from “saved” list of Tuscania – “Spokane (WA) Spokesman-Review” Monday 11 Feb 1918 p 2

LOCAL MAN SMOKES AS WATER RUSHES INTO TUSCANIA

Oswald S. Robertson, of this city, who was a member of the Twentieth engineers and who was on the troop ship Tuscania when it was torpedoed and sunk off the coast of Ireland recently, has written a letter to his wife describing his experiences. One of the features of his letter is the simple statement that after the ship was struck he got his life belt and his overcoat and then had a "good smoke." His letter in part follows:

"I will try to give you a few details of the Tuscania. We were just going to supper, at about 5:45 o'clock, when we were struck. It was pretty dark. I was sitting on a bench waiting for the supper call. The lights went out suddenly and the bunch shoved me past my life belt, upstairs and out on deck. I went to my boat, which went to the bad, so I got a life belt and a big overcoat, came back and lit a cigarette and had a good smoke. The boys in my bunk were pretty steady. Only one lost his head and jumped into a boat that was nearly to the water. His head is hurt but I don't know whether he was hurt then or later, but he is in the hospital now.

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Taken Off By Destroyer.

"Some of the boats drifted about for two or four hours until they were picked up by the destroyers or small boats. Then a destroyer came up on our port side and took off a large number of men. One of our officers came back and got some men, but before we got back the destroyer was gone. Then we tried to get a life boat off for our bunch, but they hung on and we had to leave it. Another destroyer came up soon afterward on the other side and took off the rest of us.

"That is about all. I was taken off at about 8 o'clock. There is lots I won't say anything about because it would take a week to write it all. Just when we were hit the lights went out and that caused a little excitement, but the lights soon came on again. The ship was not wholly sunk until about 10 o'clock the next day.

"Some of the boys are sure in a bad way but taking it all in all, we were pretty lucky."

"Bellingham (WA) Herald" 18 Mar 1918 p 8

**Bellingham Stamp club will meet
Tuesday at 8 p. m. at the home of
Oswald Robertson, 2306 Henry
street.**

"Bellingham (WA) Herald" Monday 16 Feb 1942 p 10

Past Officers Honored by V. F. W.

Twelve of the seventeen living past commanders of William Matthews post No. 1585, Veterans of Foreign Wars, were present for the special program given in their honor by the auxiliary at the meeting Thursday night.

Those present were James N. Johnston, who served in 1932-33, William I. Carter, Erwin H. Sly, Clifford Carr, William J. Brown, William I. Stone, Walter H. Fay, Dr. Warren S. Moore, Philip Rogers, Dave Paradis, George Hipkoe and Orland Ivarson who completed his term last April. Boone Hardin, present commander, was also honored.

Songs dedicated to each past commander, interspersed with acts, made up the program under the direction of Mrs. Florence Paulson, president of the auxiliary, whose members and their children took part.

TO HOLD PARTY

The annual Christmas party of post and auxiliary will be held at the Eagles hall on Sunday evening, December 22, it was announced by Chairman H. A. Paulson. There will be a program with Santa Claus and a Christmas tree with gifts. He urged all members to bring their children.

The post is nearing its goal of 1,000 members by the end of the year, reported Lauren Mehl, chairman. He reported 984 to date, leaving only sixteen to go. Twenty-four new members joined Thursday night. They were:

Elmer A. Solvang, Clifford W. Farquharson, William L. Brown, Walter E. Shephard, Harold L. Woolf, Felix Sisk, Ervin E. Dyrland, John T. McCartin, Ralph R. Kuhns, Gerald B. Autry, Roy W. Carlson, Lyle E. Kuhns, Thorne G. Hubbell, Oswald S. Robertson, Harold G. Pederson, Robert C. Lee, Jack M. Bauman, Jack H. Hardin, Allen F. Knight Jr., Raymond R. Halladay, Arthur W. Pattison, Romain F. Adams, Robert D. Stone and David G. De Neul.

"Bellingham (WA) Herald" Friday 6 Dec 1946 p 10

Wife:

PLACE OF MARRIAGE		WASHINGTON STATE BOARD OF HEALTH BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS	
County of _____		CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE	
Town of _____		License No. <u>3331</u>	
or _____			
City of _____			
GROOM		BRIDE	
Full Name <u>Oswald Robertson</u>	Full Name <u>Marie Gwieckl</u>	Residence <u>Bellingham</u>	Residence <u>Bellingham</u>
Age at last Birthday <u>23</u> years	Age at last Birthday <u>20</u> years	Color or Race <u>White</u>	Color or Race <u>White</u>
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>Nash</u> (State or Country)	Birthplace <u>Mich</u> (State or Country)	Occupation <u>O.R.F. Co</u>	Occupation <u>—</u>
Name of Father <u>S. J. Robertson</u>	Name of Father <u>Jos Gwieckl</u>	Birthplace of Father <u>Canada</u> (State or Country)	Birthplace of Father <u>Germany</u> (State or Country)
Maiden Name of Mother <u>May Day</u>	Maiden Name of Mother <u>Emma Pettinger</u>	Birthplace of Mother <u>Ita</u> (State or Country)	Birthplace of Mother <u>Canada</u> (State or Country)

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.

Oswald Robertson Groom Marie Gwieckl Bride

CERTIFICATE OF PERSON PERFORMING CEREMONY

I HEREBY CERTIFY, That Oswald Robertson and Marie Gwieckl were joined in Marriage by me in accordance with the laws of the State of Washington, at 2106 - Broadway - Bellingham this 13 day of January, 1917.

Signature of Witnesses to the Marriage: Mrs. J. H. Lindsay Edgar Hillman

Signature of person performing the ceremony: M. H. Reager

Residence FILED 1917 Official Station Christian Mission County Auditor. Residence 2001 - G.

WA marriage record – 13 Jan 1917 <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/1982755:2378?tid=&pid=&queryId=7c0a3686a6b54be144e948d9c4d6fd5d&phsrc=hFB50139&phstart=successSource>

Oswald Robertson, 23, and Marie Gwieckl, 20, both of Bellingham, secured a marriage license this morning.

“Bellingham (WA) Herald” Thursday 14 Jun 1917 p 3

Custody of three children and reasonable alimony is asked by Marie Robertson in a suit for divorce from Oswald S. Robertson, filed in superior court Saturday. The complaint charges cruelty and asserts that the couple married here June 13, 1917.

Divorce filed by Marie Zweckl Robertson on 7 Apr 1928 – “Bellingham (WA) Herald” Monday 9 Apr 1928 p 8

Children:

Cleo Nadine Cole

7/31/1925 - 10/27/2013

Cleo Nadine (Robertson) Cole was born July 31, 1925 in Fergus Falls, Minnesota to parents James and Verdetta Slettete. She peacefully passed on October 27, 2013 at her home in Everett, Washington.

Cleo attended and graduated from Broadway High School in Seattle, Washington. She later married Harold "Bob" Robertson, their marriage provided for 5 children which Cleo stayed home to raise. Later met and married Fred Cole, they were happily married until Fred's passing. Cleo enjoyed making quilts with her family and friends. She was skilled in Norwegian Hardanger, and enjoyed the Wednesday Group at Normana Hall. Cleo is survived by her five children, David (Camille) Robertson of Custer, Kari (Ed) Richardson of Rainier, Jani Adderley of Bellingham, Cathie (Jerry) Erickson of Everett, and Mary Jorgensen (address unknown); she is also survived by 13 grandchildren and 20 great grandchildren; and her friends Angie Gomez and Shirley Tucker. At Cleo's request, no services will be held. The family asks for you to make a donation to Providence Hospice of Snohomish County, 2371

Wetmore, Everett, WA 98201, or the Assistance League of Everett, 5107 Evergreen Way, Everett, WA 98203. Cleo will be laid to rest at Greenacres Memorial Park and Funeral Home in Ferndale, Washington.

Obituary of Cleo Nadine Slettete Robertson Cole, wife of son Harold Jack Robertson –
 "Bellingham (WA) Herald" Sunday 3 Nov 2013 p A11

NO. _____
This number should correspond with the number of the Marriage License and the Marriage Certificate.

MARRIAGE LICENSE DOCKET

Product of Ketchikan Div. No. 100
In the Matter of the Application for a Marriage License
by
Harold Jack Robertson
and
Elsa Nadine Heltede

19 44

FILINGS

July 28	Application of Male Applicant	☒
	Application of Female Applicant	☒
	Statement	☒
	Consent	☒
	License issued	☒
	Marriage Certificate recorded	☒

APPLICATIONS

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Territory of Alaska,

Harold J. Robertson, being first duly sworn, on oath depose and say: I am the MALE applicant for the issuance of a Marriage License to myself.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 28th day of July, 19 44

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Territory of Alaska,

Elsa N. Heltede, being first duly sworn, on oath depose and say: I am the FEMALE applicant for the issuance of a Marriage License to myself.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 28th day of July, 19 44

STATEMENT

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Territory of Alaska,

Harold J. Robertson and Elsa N. Heltede, being first duly sworn, each for himself and himself, and not one for the other, on oath depose and say:

MALE APPLICANT

Full Name? Harold Jack Robertson
Relationship to Female Applicant, if any? None

Nationality? American

Color? White

Residence? Ketchikan

Occupation? Coast Guard

Are you a Minor? (Under the age of 21 years) No

If you are a Minor, give the names and residence of your parents or guardian.

How many times have you been married? no

How were your prior marriage or marriages dissolved?

Do you know of any legal reason why this marriage should not be solemnized? none

FEMALE APPLICANT

Full Name? Elsa Nadine Heltede
Relationship to Male Applicant, if any? None

Nationality? American

Color? White

Residence? Ketchikan

Occupation? Clerk

Are you a Minor? (Under the age of 16 years) 19

If you are a Minor, give the names and residence of your parents or guardian.

How many times have you been married? no

How were your prior marriage or marriages dissolved?

Do you know of any legal reason why this marriage should not be solemnized? none

Harold Jack Robertson Male Applicant
Elsa Nadine Heltede Female Applicant

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 28th day of July, 19 44

AFFIDAVIT OF CONSENT TO THE MARRIAGE OF A MINOR

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Territory of Alaska,

being first duly sworn, on oath depose and say: I am the Parent, or Guardian, having the actual care, custody and control of _____ whose age is _____ and I hereby give my full consent to _____ marriage with _____ and request the United States Commissioner at _____ to issue the proper Marriage License.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this _____ day of _____, 19 _____

United States Commissioner.

WHITE PLAINLY WITH UNFADING INK. THIS IS A PERMANENT RECORD.

Alaska marriage record - <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/13750:61458>

BETTY JANE ROBERTSON — Girl Reserves, Stamp Club, Secretary; What-A-Sho.



Daughter Betty Jane Robertson - https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/367327849:1265?tid=87610045&pid=112105730690&queryId=0d3203a0a5d813676f656aff666548a7&_phsrc=hFB50145&_phstart=successSource



Oswald's 3 children all served in the military in WWII – "Bellingham (WA) Herald" Sunday 10 Sep 1944 p 7

Betty Jane Robertson, seaman 2/c of the WAVES, who is stationed at the hydrographic office of the U. S. navy in Washington, D. C., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Robertson, 2306 Henry street. She is to leave Saturday to report back to her station.

"Bellingham (WA) Herald" Thursday 12 Apr 1945 p 10

Betty Jane Tollefsen, seaman first class in the WAVES, who was on duty at the bureau of navy personnel in Washington, D. C., was discharged at the naval separation center in the national capital December 11. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Robertson, 2306 Henry street.

"Bellingham (WA) Herald" Tuesday 18 Dec 1945 p 5

No. 19841

STATE OF WASHINGTON,
County of Skagit } ss. **MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE**

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, that the undersigned, a Justice of the Peace
by authority of a License bearing date the 28th day of February A. D. 1950
and issued by the County Auditor of the County of Skagit did, on the 1st day of
March A. D. 1950, at the hour of 11²⁰ a. m. in the County and State aforesaid, join IN LAWFUL WEDLOCK
Leonard J. Russell of Seattle State of Wash.
Place of birth Ferndale, Washington Age last birthday 25
and Betty Jane Balam of Seattle State of Wash.
Place of birth Bellingham, Washington Age last birthday 25
with their mutual assent, in the presence of Donald W. Hagar
and Phillis P. Hagar Witnesses.
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, Witness the signatures of the parties to said ceremony, the witnesses and myself, this 1st
day of March A. D. 1950

WITNESS	PARTIES	OFFICIATING CLERGYMAN OR OFFICER
<u>Donald W. Hagar</u>	<u>Leonard J. Russell</u> MALE	<u>Frank E. Hunt,</u>
<u>Phillis P. Hagar</u>	<u>Betty Jane Balam</u> FEMALE	P. O. ADDRESS <u>Mount Vernon,</u> WASHINGTON

Filed EDW. DANIELSON, 1950 County Auditor
MAR 1 1 20 PM '50 By _____ Deputy

This Certificate must be filled out and filed with the County Auditor of SKAGIT COUNTY, MOUNT VERNON, WASHINGTON, within 30 days after the ceremony—(See Chapter 59, Section 2387, Laws of 1947.)
Failure to make and deliver Certificate to the County Auditor within 30 days is punishable by a fine of not less than \$25.00 or more than \$300—(Chap. 59—Sec. 2387—Laws of 1947.)

THOMAS & MURRAY, SEATTLE, 32440 203-42

Marriage of Betty Jayne Balam to Leonard James Russell on 1 Mar 1950 -
<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/904884098:2378>

Earl F. Balam

Earl F. Balam, 62, of Rainier, died July 26, 1984, at home. He was born Aug. 31, 1921, at Roche Harbor, Wash.

Balam had resided in Rainier since 1963 and was employed for several years as a crane operator with Beaver Lumber Co. of Clatskanie. He was a member of Rainier Moose Lodge 1435.

Surviving are his wife, Lorna Balam, at home; a daughter, Diane Hanson of Portland; a foster son, Albert Wood of Astoria; four brothers, the Rev. John Balam, Elmer Balam, Edwin Balam and William Balam, all of Washington state; and four grandchildren, Jason Mooso and Jeremy Mooso, both of Salem, and Kevin Hanson and Anthony Hanson, both of Portland.

Memorial services will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Rainier Moose Lodge 1435, with lodge members officiating.

Haakinson-Groulx Family Mortuary, Rainier, is in charge of arrangements.

"Longview (WA) Daily News" Saturday 28 Jul 1984 p 10

Betty Jane Russell

Betty Jane Russell passed away on Sunday, July 3, 2005 at the age of 81. Betty Jane was born March 11, 1924 to Oswald and Marie (Zweckl) Robertson in Bellingham, Washington.

Betty Jane joined the Navy on November 2, 1944. She was



stationed in the Hydrographic Offices in Suitland, Maryland.

Betty Jane was extremely proud of her WWII military service. She was a Seaman First Class Draftsman.

Betty Jane was a member of the American Legion, Kulshan Post 154, serving as Post Commander and Chaplin. She was the Chaplin of the 2nd District for the American Legion and was an active member of the Allied Veterans Council, serving as its president. Betty Jane was also active in, and was supportive of the Veteran's Museum in Pioneer Park. She was a part of several other organizations as well, including 4-H, November Club, Evergreen Quilters, and Quilters Anonymous. Betty Jane was very proud of her work with the Soldiers and Sailors Relief Fund and she continued to

have luncheons with the Bellingham Bay Waves.

Betty Jane graduated from Bellingham High School in 1942.

Before entering the service, Betty Jane worked at Boeing in Seattle as one of the company's first female aircraft mechanics. She had an early interest in all kinds of aircraft and took flying lessons at the Bellingham Airport. Betty Jane proudly displayed the broken propeller of a small aircraft that she crash-landed. Betty Jane is survived by her son, Jim and Darlene Russell; daughters Roxi Dykers, Julie Hagin, and Becky and Keith Sorensen; grandchildren, Dawn Schelinski, Lynn and Michael Read, Zeb Hagin, Joshua and Kristen Hagin, Jason and Kristy Russell, Cecelia and Catie Sorensen, and Richard, Tanya and Lindsey Dykers; great-grandchildren, Amanda, Jamie Sue and Tanya Schelinski, Nevan Read and Landon Russell; and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband of 54 years, Guff Russell.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made, in Betty Jane's name to the American Cancer Society; P.O. Box 2447, Bellingham, WA 98227-2447.

Graveside Services are scheduled for Thursday, July 7, 2005 at 10:00 AM at Enterprise Cemetery.

You may share your thoughts and memories of Betty Jane in the on-line memorial guest book at www.ferndalemoles.com.

Ferndale | Moles Funeral Home & Cremation Service

Obituary of daughter Betty Jane Robertson (1924-2005) – “Bellingham (WA) Herald”
Wednesday 6 Jul 2005 p 5

MARRY IN MOUNT VERNON

The marriage of Betty Jane Raftery, daughter of Mrs. Marie Robertson, 2306 Henry street, to Leonard J. Russell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Russell, route 2, Ferndale, was quietly solemnized Wednesday, March 1, in Mount Vernon. Mr. and Mrs. Don Wager were the attendants.

The young couple will be at home after March 15 at 1214 Ft. Bellingham road.

Although her WA marriage record lists her surname as Balam, here Betty Jayne is a Raftery
– “Bellingham (WA) Herald” Sunday 5 Mar 1950 p 8

Marriage license applications were made Monday by Jim L. Robertson, 23, and Jane Alberta Turner, 22, both of Laguna Beach, Calif., and Earl F. Balam, 27, 1214 Fort Bellingham road, and Betty Jane Raftery, 24, 2306 Henry street.

Siblings Jimmie L. Robertson & his sister Betty Jane Robertson Raftery both apply for marriage licenses – “Bellingham (WA) Herald” Monday 20 Dec 1948 p 8

ROBERTSON — Jimmie L., age 50 of Marysville died Sept. 2, 1978 in a Everett hospital. Born Feb. 3, 1928 in Bellingham. Has been a truck driver for many years. Most recently he managed Smokey Point R.V. Park in Marysville. Leaves his wife Evelyne at home, 3 daughters, Scherrie Snow, Tammie Robertson, both of Boise, & Karryon Robertson of Orifino, Idaho. A brother Harold of Everett, sister Mrs. Betty Jane Russell of Bellingham, 2 grandchildren, Rebecca & J.J. Snow of Boise. Graveside service were held 11 AM Tues. at The Marysville Cemetery. Family suggests memorials to The Cancer Fund. Arrangements by Schaefer-Shipman Funeral Home of Marysville.

Obituary of son Jimmie Lane Robertson (1928-1978) – “Bellingham (WA) Herald”
Wednesday 6 Sep 1978 p 16

Mr. and Mrs. Oswald Robertson,
of North Bellingham, are being con-
gartulated on the birth of a son, Fri-
day, February 3.

Birth of Jimmie Lane Robertson – “Bellingham (WA) Herald” Saturday 11 Feb 1928 p 7

Father:

DEATHS	130
ROBERTSON—Samuel Robertson, age 77 years, 1509 E. Victor, passed away at a local hospital, Monday, January 8, following a lingering illness. Mr. Robertson had been a resident of Bellingham for the past 45 years and leaves to survive, one daughter, Mrs. Minnie Brown, Route 2, Bellingham; two sons, Oswald and Dare Robertson, both of Bellingham; one sister, Mrs. Delillah Grendall, of Seattle; two brothers, Leonard and Jack Robertson, of Bellingham; a half-brother, Frank Foster, and two half-sisters, Mrs. Flora Wisby and Mrs. W. R. Lind, all of Bellingham; nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; also numerous other relatives. The remains are resting at the Bingham-Dahlquist Funeral Home.	

Obituary of father Samuel Robertson – “Bellingham (WA) Herald” Monday 8 Jan 1945 p 9

**Samuel Robertson,
Aged 77, Summoned**

Samuel Robertson, aged 77 years of 1509 East Victor street, died Monday following a lingering illness. He had been a resident here forty-five years.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Minnie Brown, route 2, city; two sons, Oswald and Dare Robertson, both of Bellingham; a sister, Mrs. Delilah Grendall, of Seattle; three half-brothers, Leonard and Jack Robertson, and Frank Foster, of this city; nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral announcements will be made by Bingham-Dahlquist.

“Bellingham (WA) Herald” Monday 8 Jan 1945 p 7

PLACE OF MARRIAGE
County of Whatcom WASHINGTON STATE BOARD OF HEALTH
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS

Town of
or City of Bellingham CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE

License No. 4917
BRIDE

GROOM		PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS		BRIDE	
Full Name	<u>Samuel Robertson</u>	Full Name	<u>Katherine Gyger</u>		
Residence	<u>Napa Falls Wash</u>	Residence	<u>Wahl Wash</u>		
Age at last Birthday	<u>57</u> years	Age at last Birthday	<u>46</u> years		
Color or Race	<u>White</u>	Color or Race	<u>White</u>		
Single Widowed or Divorced	<u>Never</u>	Single Widowed or Divorced	<u>Widow</u>		
Number of Marriage	<u>4th</u>	Number of Marriage	<u>2nd</u>		
Birthplace	<u>Gibson Iowa</u>	Birthplace	<u>Cincinnati Ohio</u>		
Occupation	<u>Farmer</u>	Occupation	<u>Housekeeper</u>		
Name of Father	<u>John Robertson</u>	Name of Father	<u>Andrew Gyger</u>		
Birthplace of Father	<u>Michigan</u>	Birthplace of Father	<u>Germany</u>		
Maiden Name of Mother	<u>Mary Christman</u>	Maiden Name of Mother	<u>Katherine Young</u>		
Birthplace of Mother	<u>Ohio</u>	Birthplace of Mother	<u>Germany</u>		
Maiden Name of the Bride, if she was previously Married		<u>Katherine Huntz</u>			

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.

Samuel J. Robertson Groom Katherine S. Gyger Bride

CERTIFICATE OF PERSON PERFORMING CEREMONY

I HEREBY CERTIFY, That Samuel J. Robertson and Katherine S. Gyger were joined in marriage by me in accordance with the laws of the State of Washington, at Bellingham Wash this 19th day of July, 1921.

SIGNATURE OF WITNESSES TO THE MARRIAGE: S. M. Bruce and S. P. Kincaid

SIGNATURE OF PERSON PERFORMING THE CEREMONY: E. J. Hardin

Residence: Bellingham Wash Official Station: Superior Judge
Residence: Bellingham Wash

Marriage of father Samuel Jackson Robertson to widow Katherine Gyger on 19 Jul 1921 in Bellingham, Whatcom WA - <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/1938493:2378?tid=184385289&pid=352414523395&queryId=4cc82f37815027cb181516b4f538a19b&phsrc=hFB50179&phstart=successSource>

Katherine S. Robertson versus Samuel J. Robertson; married in Bellingham in January, 1920. Non-support is alleged. She asks for her maiden name of Gyger.

The marriage had occurred in Jan 1921 – “Gyger” was the name of her 1st husband – “Bellingham (WA) Herald” Thursday 16 Jun 1921 p 3

Mother:

Mrs. Lillie Erickson Funeral to Be Monday

Funeral services will be held Monday at 1:30 p. m. in the Bingham-Dahlquist funeral home for Mrs. Lillie May Erickson, 77, who passed away Friday evening in a local hospital after a lingering illness. Rev. W. Carl Calhoun will officiate and interment will be in the Woodlawn cemetery.

A resident of Bellingham for forty-two years, Mrs. Erickson lived at 2628 James street. She was a member of the First Congregational church and the World War Mothers club.

Two daughters and two sons survive, Miss Hazel May Erickson and Mrs. Minnie Brown, of Bellingham, Dare Robertson, of Lummi island, and Oswald Robertson, Seattle; also ten grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Serving as casketbearers will be James Short, Hjalmer Sorenson, Al Patch, Elmo Ford, John Anderson and Ira Reeves.

Obituary of mother Lillie May Day Robertson Erickson – “Bellingham (WA) Herald” Sunday
2 Dec 1945 p 18

Stepfather – married to Oswald’s mother Lillie:

STEVEDORE KILLED IN ACCIDENT AT PORT DOCK

**Oscar Erickson, 62, Crushed
Between Pile and Stanchion
On Norwegian Steamship**

Caught between a pile and a stanchion aboard the Norwegian steamship Beljeanne, which is lifting piling at the Municipal dock for China, Oscar Erickson, about 62, a longshoreman, was instantly killed about 1:45 p. m. Friday. He was rushed to St. Luke's General hospital in an ambulance, where he was examined by Dr. C. E. McKinnis, county coroner. He pronounced the cause of death accidental. The body was removed to the Bingham-Dahlquist funeral home.

Mr. Erickson had lived in Bellingham thirty-five years. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Mary Erickson, 2909 Cottonwood avenue; two stepsons, Dare Robertson and Oswald Robertson; two daughters, Mrs. Minnie Brown, Ferndale, and

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STEVEDORE KILLED IN ACCIDENT AT DOCK

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a daughter in Everett.

This was the second accident aboard the Beljeanne this week. Monday G. Jensen, longshoreman, broke a leg when he slipped between piles.

Accidental death of stepfather Oscar Erickson – "Bellingham (WA) Herald" Friday 24 May 1935 p 1

ERICKSON—Funeral services for Oscar Erickson, aged 59 years, beloved husband of Mrs. May Erickson, 2909 Cottonwood Avenue, who passed away Friday, May 24, will be held from the Bingham-Dahlquist Funeral Home, 210 Prospect, Monday afternoon, May 27, at 2 o'clock, with Rev. James M. Wilson, pastor of the St. James Presbyterian Church, officiating, with the Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie No. 31, giving their ritualistic service, and interment will be made in the family plot in Woodlawn Cemetery. Mr. Erickson had been a resident of Bellingham for the past thirty-five years and was a member of the local order of Eagles. He leaves to survive him, his widow and two sons, Dare Robertson and Oswald Robertson, of this city; three daughters, Mrs. Minnie Brown, of Ferndale; Mrs. Evelyn Katchikas, of Everett; Miss Hazel May Erickson, at the family home; one brother and one sister, in Sweden; ten grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

“Bellingham (WA) Herald” Saturday 25 May 1935 p 8

Stepmother – married to Oswald's father Samuel:

Katherine Keller, Rural Resident, Dies

A resident here twenty-eight years, Mrs. Katherine Keller, aged 68 years, passed away at her home at route 3, city, Wednesday. She was a member of the Psychic Research Society and the Whatcom County Dariymen's association. Surviving are the husband, Albert, and a niece, Alma Bartels, of Newtown, Ohio. Funeral arrangements are being made by Harlow-Hollingsworth.

Obituary of Katherine Kuntz Gyger Robertson Keller – "Bellingham (WA) Herald"
Wednesday 21 Oct 1942 p 12

Siblings:

EMMA ROBERTSON GETS LAST CALL

At the age of 35 years Mrs. Emma B. Robertson, for eight years a Bellingham resident, died at the family home, 2032 Lincoln street, this morning, after several days' illness. The survivors are the husband, Dare Robertson; four sisters and two brothers, Mrs. Gertrude May, Bellingham; Mrs. Leona Vanhouver, Mrs. Anna Ferris, both of Harvey, Ill.; Mrs. Clara McCalley, Kenosha, Wis.; Edward Van Houten, Joliet, Ill., and Fred Van Houten, Naperville, Ill. Harry O. Bingham will make the funeral announcements.

Obituary of Emma Van Houten? Sorensen? Robertson, wife of Oswald's brother Dare
Worth Robinson – "Bellingham (WA) Herald" Monday 13 Mar 1922 p 8

Evelyn Katchikas, 48, 2628 James street, found guilty of disorderly conduct after trial in Judge John P. McGlinn's court Thursday, was fined \$25 and costs and given a ten-day suspended jail sentence. She was arrested in a local hotel lobby Wednesday night. She had a revolver and a box of shells in her hand bag, arresting officers said.

Sister Evelyn Robertson Hallday Katchikas – "Bellingham (WA) Herald" Thursday 2 Dec 1937 p 11

BROWN, Minnie M. age 83 of 1293 W. Smith Rd. Passed away Wednesday, Oct. 2nd. Mrs. Brown had been a resident of the North Bellingham Community for 60 years. She was a member of the North Bellingham Grange, The Washington State & National Grange and the Fisherman's Club of America. She is survived by her husband Walter E. 3 daughters: Maye Morris of Seattle, Evelyn M. Clifton of Renton, Dolores McGuinness of Bellevue. 2 sons Robert J. of North Bellingham, Joseph L. of Renton. 1 half sister Hazel Smith of Clear Lake. 10 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, numerous other relatives. Funeral services will be conducted Monday Oct. 7th at 2 p.m. in MOLES FUNERAL CHAPEL. Rev. David Nelson officiating. Followed by interment in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Obituary of sister Minnie May Robertson Brown (1891-1974) – "Bellingham (WA) Herald" Sunday 6 Oct 1974 p 31



Minnie May Robertson Brown (in center, print dress) - <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/184385289/person/352414523365/facts>

Name: Oswald Sam Robertson

Name variations:

Military:

On Tuscania: 20th Eng. 16th/Co. D - private

Serial number: 250,400

Entered service from: Bellingham, Whatcom WA

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: Oswald S. Robertson

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": wife Marie Robertson, 2106 Broadway St., Bellingham WA

Returned from war on: "Antigone" Mar 1919

Sailed on return ship as: Oswald S. Robertson

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: mother Mrs. May Erickson, 2622 Elizabeth St., Bellingham WA (PFC, 16th Co., 20 Engrs)

World War I draft registration (1917): as Oswald Robertson - b. 12 Nov 1893 Issaquah WA; res: 2106 Broadway, Bellingham, Whatcom WA. Single. General labor, not employed. Has dependent mother. Claimed exemption from draft due to dependent mother. Tall in height, medium build. Registered late, on 7 Jun 1917, after the 5 Jun 1917 national registration day
National Tuscania Survivors Association (1939): Bellingham WA

World War II draft registration (1942): as Oswald Sam Robertson - b. 12 Nov 1893 King Co. WA; res: 2306 Henry, Bellingham WA. NOK Mrs. Marie Robertson, same address.

Employed by Water Front Employers Assn. (longshoreman). "shot scar on left arm" Height: 5'11" – 168 lbs.

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlisted: 2 Nov 1917

Discharged: 29 Mar 1919

Address: 1841 Iron St., Bellingham WA

Rank/unit: private, Spec Bordeaux Cas Co 57

Birth & death:

Born: 12 Nov 1893 Issaquah, King WA

Died: 4 Sep 1947 Seattle, King WA

Find A Grave record: 5979047 – presence on Tuscania indicated on text

Burial location: Ferndale, Whatcom WA

Cemetery: Woodlawn

Tombstone: tombstone application: veteran flat: PFC, Co. D 4th Batt 20th Engineers PFC

Father: Samuel Jackson Robertson, 6 Jan 1865 IA – 8 Jan 1945 Bellingham, Whatcom WA.

Son of Jackson Henry Robertson & Mary Elizabeth Chesron.

Was divorced from Lillie May by the time of the census.

Married Katherine Salome Kuntz Gyger in Jan 1921 in Whatcom Co. WA. She sued for divorce in Jun 1921 & asked for a reversion to her “maiden” [actually married] name of Gyger.

Buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, Ferndale, Whatcom WA.

Find A Grave: 5979048

Mother: Lillie (Lily) May Day Robertson Erickson, 7 Apr 1868 Monroe Co. WI – 30 Nov 1945 Bellingham, Whatcom WA. Daughter of Allen Day & Sarah Jane McGary.

After her divorce from Samuel Robertson, Lillie married Oscar Erickson, who had been the family's boarder in the 1910 census. They adopted a daughter, Hazel May Erickson. Oscar was crushed to death in an accident on the docks where he was employed as a .

Buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, Ferndale, Whatcom WA.

Find A Grave: 5972836

Parents' marriage: 1 Jul 1885 King Co. WA. Samuel J. Robertson was age 18, May Day was age 17. There was no impediment to the marriage “except the age of said parties.” A note is added on the side: “You will please issue a license for my son Samuel J. Robertson to marry May Day.” [signed] Jackson Robertson – X “his mark”

Spouse: Marie Zweckle Robertson, 6 Mar 1897 MI – 19 Jul 1977 Bellingham, Whatcom WA.

Daughter of John Zweckl & Emma Elizabeth Pettinger.

Buried with Oswald in Woodlawn Cemetery, Ferndale, Whatcom WA.

Spouse Find A Grave: 135080181

Marriage: 13 Jun 1917 Whatcom Co. WA. Marie filed for divorce on 7 Apr 1928 in Bellingham, Whatcom WA. But they are husband & wife in the 1930 & 1940 censuses.

Stepfather: 2nd husband of his mother Lillie May

- Oscar Erickson, 20 Apr 1876 Stockholm, Sweden – 24 May 1935 Bellingham, Whatcom WA. He was a single boarder, living with Samuel & Lily & son Oswald in the 1910 Bellingham WA census. Buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, Bellingham, Whatcom WA. F: 5972839

Stepmother: 2nd wife of his father Samuel Robertson

- Katherine Salome Kuntz Gyger Robertson [reverted to Kyger] Keller, 22 Apr 1874 OH – 21 Oct 1942 Whatcom Co. WA. Daughter of Andrew Kuntz & Katherine Yung. – In the 1910 census, Katherine Kuntz lived with her parents in Anderson, Hamilton OH. - Katherine Kuntz married Gottfried Gyger, 30 Nov 1864 Switzerland – 2 May 1915 WA, F: 5920262, the son of David Gyger & Catherine Leuthold. Over the course of time, his name morphed into Gotfred Gyger. Gottfried had married in 1887 to Matilda Morgenthaler (1861-1909). Katherine Kuntz, age 37, was married 10 Jun 1911 in Hamilton Co. OH to Gottfried Gyger, b. Switzerland, a farmer, resident of Bellingham, Whatcom WA, a widower. - Katherine Gyger married Jan 1921 to Samuel Robertson; asked for a divorce in Jun 1921. – Katherine Gyger & Albert Keller, both of legal age, applied for a marriage license on 10 May 1932 in Bellingham, Whatcom WA (“Bellingham Herald” Tuesday 10 May 1932 p 10). They were married that same day in Whatcom Co. WA. - Cremated; location of ashes unknown. F: 155998402

Children:

- Harold James (“Bob”) Robertson, 19 Apr 1921 Bellingham, Whatcom WA – 26 Nov 2004 Bellingham, Whatcom WA. SSN 531-14-7201. Married Cleo Nadine Slettede (1925-2013) on 28 Jul 1944 in Ketchikan, Alaska. They divorced 31 Jul 1980 in Snohomish Co. WA. There were 5 children involved in the divorce, which was filed by Cleo. She later married a Cole. Not on Find A Grave as of 15 Sep 2022.
- Betty Jane Robertson Tollefsen/Tollefson Raftery Balam Russell Tollefson, 11 Mar 1924 Bellingham, Whatcom WA – 3 Jul 2005 Whatcom Co. WA. Graduate of Bellingham (WA) High School 1942. Worked at Boeing after graduation as one of its 1st female aircraft mechanics. Joined the US Navy on 2 Nov 1944 & was stationed in the Hydrographic Office in Suitland MD, serving as a seaman 1st class draftsman. – She married a Tollefsen/Tollefson sometime between an Apr 1945 newspaper article calling her Robertson & a Dec 1945 article indicating her surname was Tollefsen. [Social Security records this surname as of 12 Oct 1982.] - Social Security reported a surname change to Raftery in Sep 1950. – She then married Earl F. Balam. He was the son of Henry J. Balam & Adeline Lott Balam Fritz. - Her marriage license reported her surname was Balam but the newspaper account of her marriage called her Raftery when she married Leonard James (“Guff”) Robertson, 1924 WA – 2004 WA, F: 37591925. Betty Russell is buried in Enterprise Cemetery, Ferndale, Whatcom WA. F: 37592009
- Jimmie Lane Robertson, 3 Feb 1928 Bellingham, Whatcom WA – 2 Sep 1978 Snohomish Co. WA. – Married Jane Alberta Turner on 20 Dec 1948 in Bellingham, Whatcom WA. She was age 23, a truck driver and he was 22, a telephone operator [considering it’s 1948, might these two occupations have been transposed?] Found at: <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/5956270:2378> - Married Sally Jane Frost (1937-2010) on 11 Jun 1955 in Bellingham, Whatcom WA. They divorced Apr 1971 in Humboldt Co. CA. – Was survived by wife Evelyne. Was her surname Martin? -

Siblings: Oswald was the youngest of 4 surviving children. His mother reported giving birth to 4 children, with 4 living, in the 1900 census. Named were Dare, Eva & Minnie. In 1910, she reported giving birth to 9 children, 4 of whom were living.

- Dare Worth Robertson, 14 Jun 1886 WA – 20 Dec 1952 Bellingham, Whatcom WA. – On 17 Feb 1912 in Seattle, King WA, Dare married Emma Sorensen/Van Houten (1886-1922, F: 7823738). Married 11 Jun 1926 in Mount Vernon, Skagit WA to Bertha B. Smith. It was her 1st marriage & his 2nd. Dare was a truck driver & Bertha, age 20, a telephone operator, b. Greenville PA, daughter of Franklin Smith & Nancy Riley.. Dare's burial location is unknown. F: 158247286
- Evelyn E. (Eva) Robertson Halladay Katchikas, 30 Nov 1889 WA [Nov 1888 in the 1900 census] – 16 Apr 1943 Seattle, King WA. SSN 532-16-9837. – Evelyn Robertson married Claude Raymond Halladay, 20 Dec 1885 Oberlin, Decatur KS – 27 Jan 1950 Reedsport, Douglas OR, F: 197722780. They obtained a marriage license & married on 15 Apr 1907 in Bellingham, Whatcom WA. He was age 21, b. Oberlin KS, a shingle sawyer, son of Henry W. Halladay & Josephine Creighton. Eva was age 17, b. King Co. WA, resident of Bellingham WA, daughter of Samuel J. Robertson & May Day. – Evelyn Halladay married Gust Katchikus [sic] on 27 Dec 1923 in Bellingham, Whatcom WA. Gust George Ketchikas was born 21 May 1891 in Greece & died 2 Mar 1938 in Bellingham, Whatcom WA, F: 5973982. – Evelyn is buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, Ferndale, Whatcom WA. F: 5973981
- Minnie May Robertson Smith Brown, 7 Jun 1891 Issaquah, King WA [Nov 1893 in the 1900 census] – 2 Oct 1974 Whatcom Co. WA. – Married on 25 Jan 1910 in Bellingham, Whatcom WA to Claud R. Smith (1885-1952). - Wife of Walter E. Brown (1891-1986, F: 131344298). Buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, Ferndale, Whatcom WA. F: 131344280

Stepsibling:

- Hazel May Erickson --- Smith Sawyer, reverted to Smith, 13 Nov 1919 Bellingham, Whatcom WA – 4 Feb 2002 Skagit Co. WA. SSN 535-22-9386. Listed as the adopted daughter of Oscar Erickson & his wife Lillie May Day Robertson Erickson in the 1930 Marietta, Whatcom WA census. Her WA death record says her father's surname was Slusher & her mother's Davis. Hazel is listed as a sister in the obituaries of Oswald's siblings. – Hazel May Erickson married 18 Mar 1945 to James Clarence Smith, having obtained a license on 17 Mar 1945. They were both age 25. He resided at State St., Bellingham WA & she resided at 2628 James St. Their witnesses were Alvin & Katherine Patch. Each said it was their 2nd marriage. James was a seaman. - On 27 Jun 1946 in Sedro-Woolley, Skagit WA, Hazel May Erickson, age 26, resident of Bellingham WA, married Walter R. Sawyer, the son of Walter L. Sawyer & Esther Ralph. It was the 2nd marriage for both [she claimed]. Hazel, age 26, was born in & was a resident of Bellingham WA & was an elevator operator. She was listed as the daughter of Oscar Erickson & Lily May Day. Walter was a resident of Mount Vernon WA, had been born in Milwaukee WI & was a clerk. Her witnesses were the same Alvin & Katherine Patch as for her marriage the previous year to James Smith. - On the lines immediately above the marriage record of Robertson/Sawyer is the marriage of James C. Smith, 26, b. South River NJ, resident of Bellingham WA on 20 Jun 1946 [a few days earlier] to Ruth E. Hayes Houser. He was a seaman. Both said it was their 2nd marriage. – James Clarence Smith was born 1920 NJ & died 2006 WA. He was the son of James Peterson Smith & Jeanette B. (Nettie) Stone. - In Oct 1974 Hazel is listed as Smith.

Notes:

Pre-war:

Wartime:

Post-war:

Obituary:

Social Security number: 533-07-1826

Censuses:

1900 Union, King WA – logging camp

S.J. Robertson, 33 IA, Jan 1867, father b. MO, mother b. IA, married 14 years, woodsman
May, 31 WA, Apr 1869, father b. KY, mother b. OH, gave birth to 4 children, 4 are living

Dare W., 13 WA, Jun 1886, at school

Eva E., 11 WA, Nov 1888, at school

Minnie, 8 WA, Jun 1891, at school

Oswald, 6 WA, Nov 1893, at school

1910 Bellingham, Whatcom WA – 1112 Maple St.

Samuel J. Robertson, 47 IL, parents b. IL, in 1st marriage, married 25 years, logger, mill
camp

Lily B., 37 IN, parents b. IN, gave birth to 9 children, 4 are living

Oswald S., 16 WA, box [unintelligible], saw mill

& boarder Oscar Erickson, 36 Sweden, parents b. Sweden, bartender, saloon

1920 Bellingham, Whatcom WA – 1204 “J” St., Apt. 115

Oswald Robertson, 27 WA, parents b. US, longshoreman, on docks

Marie, 22 MI, father b. Germany, mother b. Canada

1920 Bellingham, Whatcom WA – Cedar St. - his father

Samuel J. Robertson, 50 IA, farm manager, lodger with Samuel M. & Olive M. Bruce

1930 Ferndale, Whatcom WA – Smith Rd. – conducted 2 Apr 1930 – Marie had, however,
filed for divorce in Apr 1928

Oswald Robertson, 37 WA, parents b. WA, age 24 at 1st marriage, longshoreman, shipping,
WWI veteran

Marie, 34 MI, father b. Germany, mother b. Canada, age 21 at 1st marriage

Harold J., 8 WA

Jimmie L., 6 WA

Betty J., 2 years, 4 months WA

[This census apparently reversed the names of Betty & Jimmie, as she is older than he was]

1930 Marietta, Whatcom WA – 2909 Cottonwood - mother, stepfather, stepsibling
Oscar Erickson, 59 Sweden, parents b. Sweden, age 35 at 1st marriage, emigrated 1900,
naturalized, laborer

May L., 58 WI, father b. KY, mother b. OH, age 14 at 1st marriage

Hazel M., 10 WA, parents' birthplaces unknown/US [adopted daughter]

1930 Maple Falls, Whatcom WA – father

Samuel J. Robertson, 61 IA, married, father b. MO, mother b. OH, farmer, farm [but no wife listed]

1940 Bellingham, Whatcom WA – 2720 Patton – same place in 1935

Oswald Robertson, 45 WA, longshoreman, stevedore company

Marie, 43 MI

Harold, 19 WA

Betty, 16 WA

Jimmie, 12 WA

1950 Oswald is deceased