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**Abbreviations:**

b = born

d = died

F: = Find A Grave ([www.findagrave.org](http://www.findagrave.org))

NOK = next-of-kin

**TUSCANIA**

**Sorrell, Allan Edward**  
**1893 CA – 1979 CA**



Allan Edward Sorrell – left: “San Francisco Examiner” 8 Feb 1918 p 2 and right: “San Francisco Chronicle” 8 Feb 1918 p 2

## Allan E. Sorrell

A funeral was scheduled in Walnut Creek today for Allen E. Sorrell, retired Berkeley businessman and one of the original owners of the San Francisco 49ers football team.

Mr. Sorrell, a native of Berkeley and a veteran of World War I, died in Walnut Creek last Wednesday. He was 86.

During the war, he was among the survivors of the troop ship *Tuscania*, which was torpedoed off the north coast of Ireland.

He is survived by a sister, Marion Smith of Piedmont.

"San Francisco Examiner" Friday 6 Apr 1979 p 40

Life:

Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Sorrell, 2807 I

Grove street, Berkeley, are anxiously waiting word of their son, Allen E. Sorrell, a member of Company E, Twentieth Engineers, who is believed to have been on board the *Tuscania*. A card postmarked Jersey City was received last Saturday by the Sorrells from their son after his departure from Washington, D. C., where he was in training. He enlisted in Company E, Twentieth Engineers, just before Christmas. He is a graduate of Berkeley High school and for several years was with a San Francisco lumber firm. He is 23 years of age.

"Oakland (CA) Tribune" Friday 8 Feb 1918 p 2

**Two Berkeley Men on Boat.**  
 BERKELEY, Feb. 8.—Two Berkeleys, William Douglas Pine, son of Mr. and Mrs. Safford F. Pine, Euclid and Martinez avenues, and Allen E. Sorrell, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Sorrell, 2807 Grove street, were probable passengers on the British liner Tuscania, which went to the bottom Tuesday night while carrying American troops to France.

"San Luis Obispo (CA) Tribune" Friday 8 Feb 1918 p 4

***Tuscania Survivors***  
*THE following is an incomplete list of Californians among known survivors of American troops aboard the Tuscania:*  
 ...hundred Aero Squadron, Saticoy.  
**SORRELL, Allen E.**, private Twentieth Engineers, Berkeley.  
 STALL, ...

"San Francisco Examiner" Sunday 10 Feb 1918 p 1

## ***Son Announces Not Tuscania Victim***

Word has been received by Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Sorrell, 2807 Grove street, Berkeley, informing them of the safe arrival in England of their son, Allen E. Sorrell, who was on the transport Tuscania, which was divered off the coast of Ireland a few weeks ago. Young Sorrell states that this was his fifth letter to his family since the Tuscania disaster, and as the other messages were not received, the details of his experiences at that time are not known to his family.

"San Francisco Examiner" Wednesday 13 Mar 1918 p 1

Wife:

## Ida Sorrell

The Rosary will be said at 3 p.m. today at Hull's Walnut Creek Chapel for Ida M. Sorrell who died Friday night.

She was 77 years old, a native of San Francisco and a resident of Walnut Creek.

She leaves her husband, Allan E. Sorrell of Walnut Creek; a brother, Andrew B. Ginocchio of Santa Cruz; and a niece.

Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Monday at St. Ann's Catholic Church, Walnut Creek. Interment will be in Holy Cross Cemetery, Colma.

Obituary of Ida Mary Ginocchio Sorrell – "Contra Costa Times" (Walnut Creek CA) Sunday 26 Mar 1972 p 25

## Ida Mary Sorrell

in the U.S., Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936-2007

|              |                                              |
|--------------|----------------------------------------------|
| Name:        | Ida Mary Sorrell<br>[Ida Mary Ginocchio]     |
| Gender:      | Female                                       |
| Race:        | White                                        |
| Birth Date:  | 6 Dec 1894                                   |
| Birth Place: | San Francisco, California<br>[San Francisc]  |
| Father:      | Andrea Ginocchio                             |
| Mother:      | Anna Bacigalupi                              |
| SSN:         | 559065035                                    |
| Notes:       | Sep 1971: Name listed as IDA MARY<br>SORRELL |

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**SORRELL, Ida M.** — At her home in Walnut Creek, March 24, 1972, Ida M. Sorrell, beloved wife of Allan E. Sorrell; loving sister of Andrew B. Ginnochio of Santa Cruz; dear aunt of Mrs. Karen Barsoom of Courtland; a native of San Francisco, aged 77 years.

Recitation of the Rosary, will be held in the Garden Chapel of HULL'S WALNUT CREEK CHAPEL, 1139 Saranap Ave., off Blvd. Way on Sunday, March 26, at 3 p.m. Services leaving from HULL'S WALNUT CREEK CHAPEL Monday, March 27, at 9:30 a.m., thence to St. Anne's Catholic Church, Rossmoor Parkway, Walnut Creek, where a Mass will be celebrated for the repose of her soul commencing at 10 a.m. Entombment and concluding prayers at Holy Cross Cemetery, Colma.

Obituary of Ida Mary Ginnochio Sorrell – "San Francisco Examiner" Sunday 26 Mar 1972 p 27

**GINOCCHIO**—In this city Oct 13 1933. Andrea, beloved husband of Anna Ginocchio, loving father of John, Clotilde, Josephine and Andrew Ginocchio and Mrs. Ida Sorrell. Friends may call at McAvoy, O'Hara & Co., Geary st. at 9th ave. Notice of funeral later.

Death of father-in-law Andrea Ginnochio – "San Francisco Examiner" Saturday 14 Oct 1933 p 15

Father:

S. H. Sorrell of San Francisco, has moved with his family into the Newman house on Mariposa street, Lorin.

"Berkeley (CA) Gazette" Tuesday 1 Jun 1897 p 4

On Deakin, near Ashby, a two story 7-room dwelling being built by S. H. Sorrell, at a cost of \$1800.

"Berkeley (CA) Gazette" Thursday 27 Mar 1902 p 5

Mission Home and Loan Association has released to Sydney H. Sorrell, portion Block A, Woolsey Tract, for \$2500.

"Berkeley (CA) Daily Gazette" Tuesday 8 Mar 1904 p 2

Conductor C. M. MacGregor is now engaged upon a two-story seven-room residence for S. H. Sorrell of 771 Seventh street, Oakland, to cost \$1800. It is located on Deakin street near Ashby avenue. The work has been commenced and is to be completed in 60 days.

"Berkeley (CA) Daily Gazette" Monday 17 Mar 1902 p 1

Harriet C Mitchell to Mary M and Sydney H Sorrell, 644 m 343, lot 16, block B, map Suburban tract; \$1800.

"Berkeley (CA) Daily Gazette" Monday 21 Jan 1907 p 6

Mother:

## Funeral Held for Aged State Resident

BERKELEY, Oct. 28.—Last rites were held today for Mrs. Mary M. Sorrell, 72, who died Sunday. Born in California, Mrs. Sorrell had resided in Berkeley for the past 35 years.

Surviving are four sons, George A. Sorrell of San Francisco, a general agent of the Great Northern Railway, Allan E. Sorrell of San Francisco, Walter A. Sorrell of Oakland and Frank A. Sorrell of Berkeley; a daughter, Mrs. Morton G. Smith of Piedmont; two brothers, John H. Fagan of Benicia, and Frank J. Fagan of Vallejo, and two grandchildren, Evelyn Marian Ferguson and Forrest M. Smith.

Mrs. Sorrell was the widow of the late Sydney H. Sorrell. Interment was in Evergreen Cemetery with the services under the direction of Hull and Sons.

Obituary of mother Mary M. Fagan Sorrell – “Oakland (CA) Tribune” Tuesday 28 Oct 1941 p

Mr. F. Muller, one of the proprietors of the Second street planing mills in Oakland, and Miss Mary Louise Fagan, one of the prettiest girls in Solano county, are to be married this evening at 8 o'clock at the residence of the bride's sister, Mrs. S. H. Sorrell, 2924 Deakin street, Berkeley. The bride's younger sister, Elizabeth B. Fagan, is to be bridesmaid, and the best man is to be Carl Muller, the groom's younger brother.

The contracting parties first became acquainted about two years ago, when Miss Fagan came to reside with her sister, whose husband is an employe of the mills of which Mr. Muller is part owner. Her beauty and accomplishments soon made a conquest of the man for whom in turn she entertained tender feelings. Miss Fagan is a convent-bred girl, whose father, P. F. Fagan, is a Solano county contractor, and has just reached her majority.

Mr. Muller is known among lumbermen as a capable business man who has gained a competency by industry, though still a young man. His father, now dead, was manager of the Standard Packing Company.

The ceremony is to be performed in the presence of only intimate friends and relatives of both parties. The officiating clergyman is to be Father O'Riordan, of St. Joseph's Church. After a short wedding tour the newly married couple expect to reside in Oakland.

Mother Mary Fagan Sorrell hosts the wedding of her sister Mary Louise Fagan to her husband's employer, F. Muller – "Berkeley (CA) Gazette" Wednesday 20 Jul 1904 p 3

**FAGAN**—In Benicia, April 23, 1909, Patrick, beloved husband of the late Margaret Fagan, and father of Kate, John and Frank Fagan, Mrs. S. H. Sorrell, Mrs. F. A. Mulla and Mrs. F. K. Jones, a native of Ireland, aged 78 years and 7 months.

Death of Mary Fagan Sorrell's father – "Oakland (CA) Tribune" Sunday 25 Apr 1909 p 43

Siblings:

**SMITH, Marion A.** in Oakland on December 12, 1985; beloved wife of the late Morton G. Smith of Piedmont; devoted mother of Forrest M. Smith of Orinda and the late E. Marian Ferguson of Piedmont; loving mother-in-law of Martha A. Smith of Orinda and James Ferguson of Piedmont; devoted grandmother of Thomas Ferguson of Southern Calif., Helen Garland of Reno, Sharon Rightmire of Huntington Beach, Sandra and Susan Smith of Orinda; sister of the late Allan, George, Walter, and Frank Sorrell; cousin

of Helen Mendanich of Walnut Creek and Ruth White of Oakland; also survived by nieces and nephews; dear friend of Muriel Ferguson of Piedmont. A native of California; aged 94 years. A member of the Oakland Women's City Club.

Friends are invited to attend services on Monday, December 16, 1985, 10:00 a.m. at the Mortuary Chapel. Interment Mt. View Cemetery.

ALBERT BROWN  
MORTUARY  
3476 Piedmont, Oakland

Obituary of [sister Marion Alice Sorrell Smith \(1891-1985\)](#) – “Oakland (CA) Tribune”  
Saturday 14 Dec 1985 p 20



MISS  
 MARIAN  
 SORRELL  
 BELLE OGDY  
 PHOTO

### Berkeley Society Notes

BERKELEY, Aug. 30. — Announcement of her engagement to Morton Granderson Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles O. Smith, was made this week by Miss Marian Sorrell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Sorrell, at an informal affair given in her Grove street home. Twenty of the young bride elect's girl friends were taken into her confidence, the news being received with surprise.

Miss Sorrell is an only daughter and is a recent graduate of the Berkeley high school. The friendship between the betrothed pair began while they were both students in the school. Mr. Smith is in business in San Francisco.

Engagement of Marian Sorrell to Morton Granderson — "San Francisco Call" Sunday 31 Aug 1913 p 15

## RAILWAY VETERAN TAKEN BY DEATH

Funeral services will be held tomorrow for George A. Sorrell, 50, veteran of 26 years service with the Great Northern Railroad and general agent for the line in Oakland from 1931 to 1937.

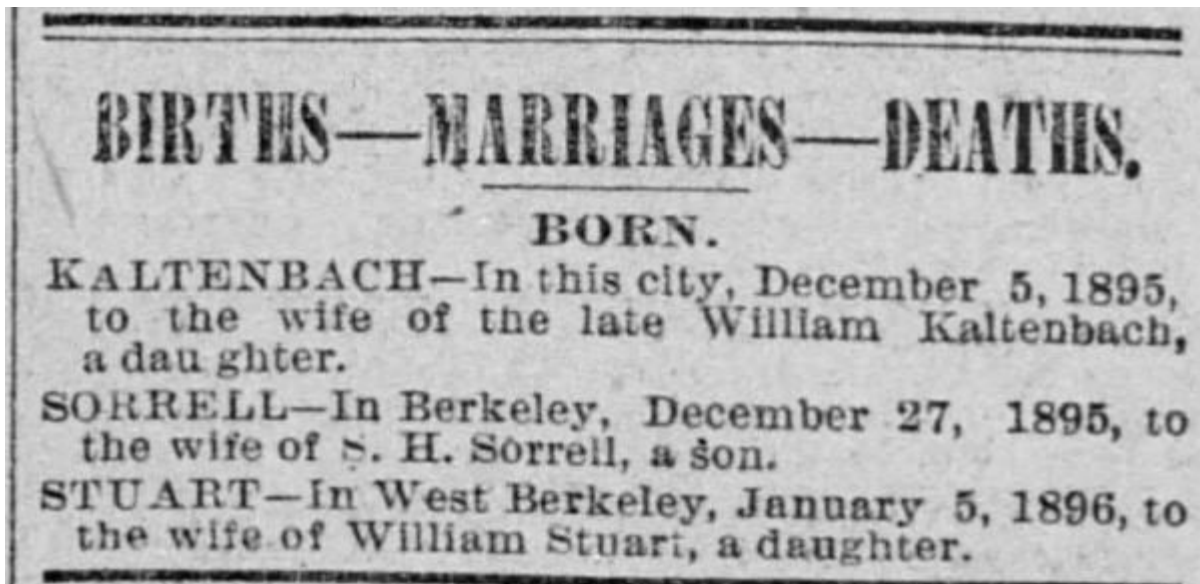
He died in a San Francisco hospital yesterday. Services will be held tomorrow at 10 a.m. at the N. Gray and Company parlors, 1545 Divisadero Street, San Francisco.

A native of Berkeley, Sorrell was graduated from Berkeley High school and served in the Army during World War I. He went to work for the Great Northern as chief clerk 26 years ago today.

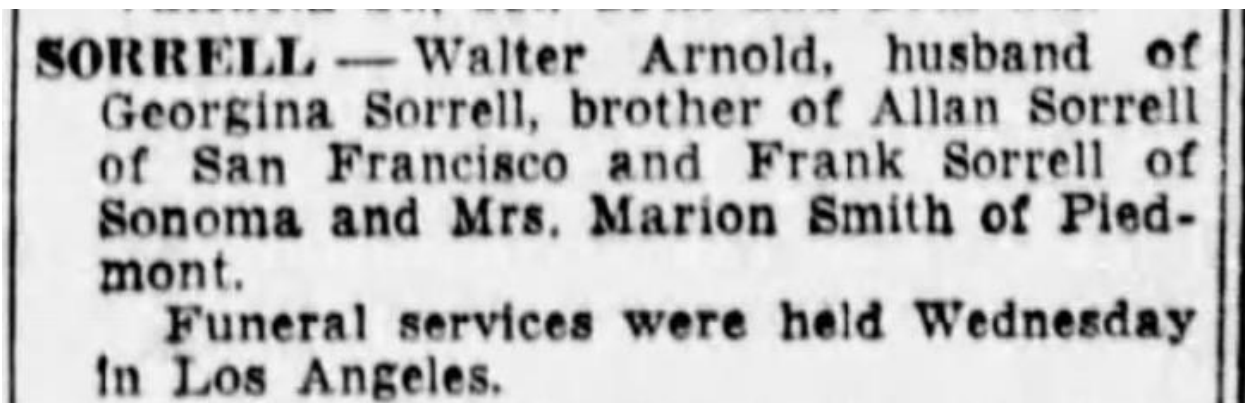
He was general freight agent for the company in San Francisco at the time of his death. He made his home at 2430 41st Avenue, San Francisco.

Surviving are his widow, Henny, a sister, Mrs. Morton G. Smith of 311 Sheridan Avenue, Piedmont, and three brothers, Allen of San Francisco, Walter of Los Angeles and Frank of Sonoma.

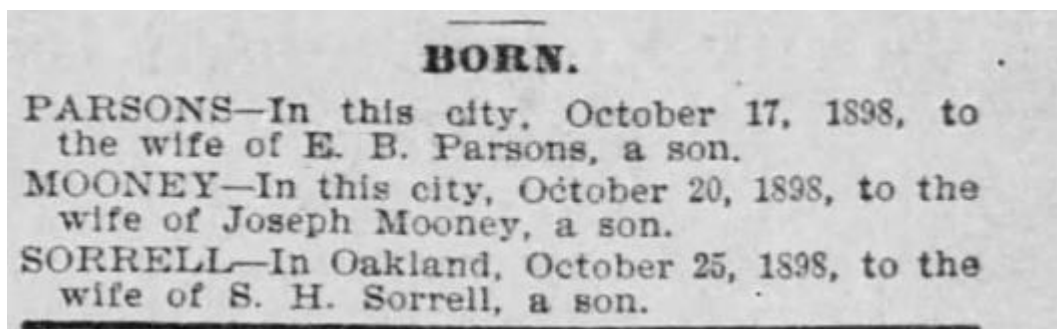
Obituary of brother George Alfred Sorrell (1895-1946) – "Oakland (CA) Tribune" Friday 22 Mar 1946 p 8



Birth of George Alfred Sorrell on 27 Dec 1895 – “San Francisco Call” Tuesday 7 Jan 1896 p 15 - <https://www.newspapers.com/image/80827368/>



Obituary of brother Walter Arnold Sorrell (1898-1948) – “San Francisco Examiner” Thursday 18 Nov 1948 p 21



Birth of Walter Arnold Sorrell 25 Oct 1898 – “San Francisco Call” Friday 28 Oct 1898 p 11

SORRELL. May 19. at 1797 Walworth  
avenue. Pasadena. Edna Forsey, wife  
of Walter A. Sorrell and daughter of  
Mrs. G. H. Forsey, all of Pasadena,  
formerly of Salt Lake City.  
Funeral services Wednesday at 2  
p.m. at the L. D. S. Adams chapel, 153  
West Adams. Larn R. Rice Co., di-  
rectors. (Salt Lake City papers please  
copy.)

Death of Edna Forsey Sorrell, wife of brother Walter A. Sorrell – “Los Angeles Times”  
Monday 21 May 1928 p 18

| VITAL STATISTICS                      |       |
|---------------------------------------|-------|
| NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MARRY          |       |
| Name—                                 | Age   |
| Walter A. Sorrell, Georgina A. Jensen | 30—23 |

Marriage license – Walter A. Sorrell & Georgina A. Jensen – “Los Angeles Evening Express”  
Monday 15 Apr 1929 p 22

**SORRELL**—In a San Francisco hospital, March 31, 1958, Frank A. Sorrell of Sonoma, Calif., beloved son of the late Mary and Sydney Sorrell, loving brother of Allan E. Sorrell of San Francisco and Marion A. Smith of Piedmont and the late George and Walter Sorrell; a native of Berkeley, aged 55 years.

A farewell service to which all friends are welcome will be held Wednesday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock in the Little Chapel of the Flowers (Hull & Sons), Adeline St. at Ashby Station, Berkeley.

Obituary of **brother Frank Addison Sorrell (1903-1958)** – “San Francisco Examiner” Tuesday 1 Apr 1958 p 43

**Name: Allan Edward Sorrell**

Name variations: Allen

Military:

On Tuscania: 20th Eng. 17th/Co. E - private

Serial number: 250,649

Entered service from: Berkeley, Alameda CA

Sailed on “Tuscania” as: Allan E. Sorrell

Next-of-kin on “Tuscania”: father Sidney H. Sorrell, 2807 Grove St., Berkley (sic) CA

Returned from war on: “Santa Paula” May 1919

Sailed on return ship as: Allan E. Sorrell

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: father Sidney H. Sorrell, 2807 Grove St., Berkeley CA (PFC, 17th Co., 20th Engrs, Forestry)

World War I draft registration (1917): as Allan Sorrell - b. 20 Feb 1893 Berkeley CA; res: 2807 Grove, Berkeley CA. Single. Shipping clerk, lumber company, Pafre (?) & Talbot, San Francisco CA. Claimed exemption from draft: “yes, from rupture” – tall & slender

World War II draft registration (1942): as Allan Edward Sorrell - b. 20 Feb 1893 Berkeley CA; res: 75 Buena Vista Ave., San Francisco, San Francisco CA. NOK Russell Dalton, 2434 Funston Ave., San Francisco CA. Employed by Lumber Terminal Co., 2000 Evans Ave., San Francisco CA. Height: 5’11” – 155 lbs.

## Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlisted: 8 Dec 1917

Discharged: 11 Jun 1919

Address: 1086 Jackson St., San Francisco CA

Rank/unit: private 1<sup>st</sup> class, 17<sup>th</sup> Co., 20<sup>th</sup> EngineersBirth & death:

Born: 20 Feb 1893 Berkeley, Alameda CA

Died: 4 Apr 1979 Walnut Creek, Contra Costa CA

Find A Grave record: 107706076 – presence on Tuscania indicated in text

Burial location: Colma, San Mateo CA

Cemetery: Holy Cross Catholic

Tombstone:

Father: Sydney Hayward Sorrell, Feb 1867 Australia – 1923 CA. Buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Oakland, Alameda CA.

Find A Grave: 183044401

Mother: Mary M. Fagan Sorrell, 27 May 1869 CA – 26 Oct 1941 Alameda Co. CA. Daughter of Patrick & Margaret Fagan. Her parents were born in Ireland. Buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Oakland, Alameda CA.

Find A Grave: 183044409

Parents' marriage: 1889

Spouse: Ida Mary Ginocchio Sorrell, 6 Dec 1894 CA – 24 Mar 1972 Walnut Creek, Contra Costa Co. CA (at her home). SSN 559-06-5035. Daughter of Andrea Ginocchio & Anna Bacigalupi, both born in Italy. Buried in Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery, Colma, San Mateo CA.

Spouse Find A Grave: 107917303

Marriage: 1929

## Children:

## Siblings:

- Marion Alice Sorrell Smith, 11 Jul 1891 CA – 12 Dec 1985 Alameda Co. CA. Wife of Morton Grandison Smith (1890-1977, F: 73732833), son of Charles O. Smith & Marion Amelia Forrest. Buried in Mountain View Cemetery, Oakland, Alameda CA. F: 73732897
- George Alfred Sorrell, 27 Dec 1895 Berkeley, Alameda CA – 21 Mar 1946 San Francisco Co. CA. Although his Find A Grave record gives a birth year of 1896, the "San Francisco Call" of Tuesday 7 Jan 1895 p 15 states he was born 27 Dec 1895. Survived by wife Henny [Henry Constance d. 14 Jan 1996, F: 87624056]. Buried in Cypress Lawn Memorial Park, Colma, San Mateo CA. F: 87624055
- Walter Arnold Sorrell, 25 Oct 1898 Oakland, Alameda CA – 16 Nov 1948 Los Angeles Co. CA. His wife Edna Forsey died 19 May 1928 in Pasadena, Los Angeles CA. She was a former

resident of Salt Lake City UT. On 22 Apr 1929 Walter married Georgina A. Jenson/Jenson, age 23, in Los Angeles Co. CA.

- Frank Addison Sorrell, 21 Mar 1903 CA – 31 Mar 1958 San Francisco Co. CA. Buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Oakland, Alameda CA. F: 183044424

Notes:

Pre-war:

Wartime:

"Oakland (CA) Tribune" 8 Feb 1918 p 2 - parents Mr. & Mrs. S.H. Sorrell, 2807 Grove St., Berkeley CA are waiting for news. They got a card from Jersey City NJ last week after he left D.C. Graduate Berkeley HS, spent several years with San Francisco Lumber firm

"San Francisco Examiner" 8 Feb 1918 p 2 - photo –

"San Francisco Examiner" 13 Mar 1918 p 1 - "Son Announces Not Tuscania Victim" - Mr. & Mrs. S.T. Sorrell of 2807 Grove St., Berkeley CA got letter from son Allan that he safely arrived in England. Allan said this was the 5th letter he had written since Tuscania, but his parents did not receive the first 4 letters so have no details.

Post-war:

Obituary:

"San Francisco Examiner" 6 Apr 1979 p 40 - age 86, retired Berkeley CA businessman, b. Berkeley, 1 of original owners of San Francisco 49ers team, WWI veteran, Tuscania survivor, survived by sister Marion Smith (Piedmont CA)

Social Security number: 556-26-3973

Censuses:

1900 Oakland, Alameda CA – 771 – 59<sup>th</sup> St.

Sydney H. Sorrell, 33 Australia, Feb 1867, parents b. England, emigrated 1868, in US for 31 years, naturalized, married 11 years, carpenter

Mary M., 31 CA, May 1869, parents b. Ireland, gave birth to 4 children, 4 are living

Marion A., 8 CA, Jul 1891, at school

Allen E., 7 CA, Feb 1892, at school

George A., 4 CA, Dec 1895 [the "4" is indexed as "9" on Ancestry.com]

Walter A., 1 CA, Oct 1898

1910 Berkeley, Alameda CA

Sydney H. Sorrell, 43 Australia, parents b. England, in 1<sup>st</sup> marriage, married 21 years, emigrated 1867, naturalized, estimator, planing mill

Mary M., 40 CA, parents b. Ireland, in 1<sup>st</sup> marriage, gave birth to 5 children, 5 are living

Marian M., 18 CA

Allen E., 17 CA

George A., 14 CA

Walter A., 11 CA

Frank A., 7 CA

& lodger Helen A. Haver, 17 CA

1920 Berkeley, Alameda CA

Sydney H. Sorrell, 52 Australia, parents b. England, emigrated 1869, naturalized 1897, estimator, lumber mill

Mary M., 50 CA, parents b. Ireland, naturalized 1897

Allen E., 26 CA, single, accountant, lumber company

George A., 24 CA, single, export clerk, railroad

Walter A., 21 CA, single, clerk, shipping house

Frank, 16 CA, single, route inspector, newspaper

1930 Burlingame, San Mateo CA

Allen Sorrell, 37 CA, father b. Australia, mother b. CA, age 37 at 1<sup>st</sup> marriage, manager lumber, WWI veteran

Ida Mary, 36 CA, parents b. Italy, age 35 at 1<sup>st</sup> marriage

1940 San Francisco, San Francisco CA – in 1935 in San Mateo, San Mateo CA

Allan Sorrell, 47 CA, proprietor, wholesale lumber

Ida, 45 CA

1950 San Francisco, San Francisco CA

Allen E. Sorrell, 56 CA, lumber salesman, buyer, construction companies

Ida M., 54 CA