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Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

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

NOK = next-of-kin

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Stephens, Ewing William
1887 PA – 1948 WA



Ewing William Stephens – Find A Grave 108426931



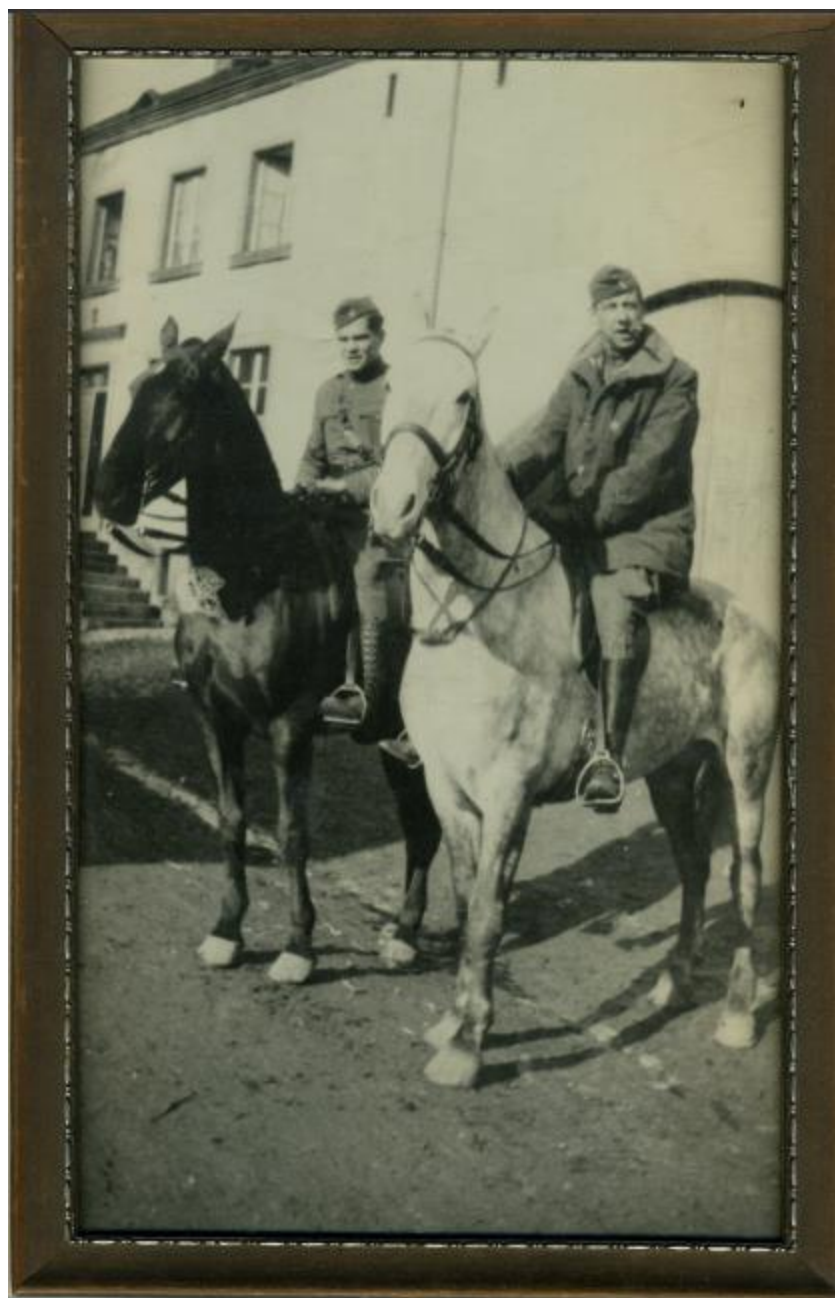
Ewing William Stephens – University of Washington 1912, junior class treasurer -
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Ewing William Stephens - https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/collection/1030/tree/72455973/person/36263892028/media/20905493-2698-43e8-8746-793883400cba?_phsrc=hFB59427&_phstart=successSource



Captioned: Eleanor apparently standing back left), Ruth (apparently standing back right), Ewing (seated, left) & mother Minerva Stephens (seated right) - https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/collection/1030/tree/72455973/person/36263892028/media/4a0cc876-9bc6-4aa4-8683-30844e9d5c24?_phsrc=hFB59429&_phstart=successSource



Ewing William Stephens at right – caption indicates his gray horse died in battle after the photo was taken – ca. 1918, France - https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/collection/1030/tree/12814965/person/-176567297/media/29fe61bb-6425-4651-984e-ca31e6dc7654?_phsrc=hFB59430&_phstart=successSource



Ewing William Stephens – ca. 1918, France - https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/collection/1030/tree/12814965/person/-176567297/media/86292b87-5c93-4542-ba0f-979c06e56f8e?_phsrc=hFB59431&_phstart=successSource

27011

National Number 27011 State Number 86

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THE IDAHO SOCIETY
OF THE
SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

ERING E. STEPHENS

DESCENDANT OF
WM. PATTERSON of PENNSYLVANIA.

Application examined and approved Apr 5 '16 Accepted by the State Board of Management Apr 6 '16
George J. Jones *Paul G. Jones*
State Registrar State Secretary

DATES

Application filed with State Secretary Apr 1 '16

Notification of election.

Fee paid.

Duplicate sent to Registrar General Apr 5 - 1916

Approved and registered by Registrar General Apr 12, 1916 *John C. Jones*

Certificate of membership delivered

Badge delivered

Assigned

Transferred

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP.

National Number _____ State Number _____
ISSUED BY AUTHORITY OF THE NATIONAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

**TO THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF
THE IDAHO SOCIETY
OF THE
DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION.**

I, WING N. STEPHENS being of the age of twenty-one years
and upwards, to wit, of the age of twenty-eight hereby apply for membership in the
Society by right of blood descent in the following line from WM. PATTERSON
who was born in Paxtang Tp. Lancaster Co. Pa. on the _____ day of _____ 1852
and died in Washington Tp. Fayette Co. Pa. on the _____ day of Dec. 1890
and who assisted in establishing American Independence.
I was born in Washington Township County of Fayette
State of Pennsylvania on the 28th day of June 1880
(*) I am the son of William Millsworth Stephens born 4/15/64 and
his wife Minerva Patterson Stephens born 6/8/63 and married
(*) grandson of Wm. Given Patterson born _____ died _____
his wife Mrs Edith Craft (nee Sharpless) born _____ died _____
(*) great-grandson of Capt. James Patterson (1812) born _____ died _____
his wife Mary Given born _____ died _____
(*) great-grand-grandson of Wm. Patterson born _____ died _____
his wife Mary McCormick born _____ died _____
(*) great-grand-grand-grandson of _____ born _____ died _____
his wife _____ born _____ died _____
(*) great-grand-grand-grand-grandson of _____ born _____ died _____
his wife _____ born _____ died _____
and he, the said WM. PATTERSON (No. _____) is the ancestor who assisted in
establishing American Independence, while acting in the capacity of private in the Revolutionary
Army

Standard and recommended by the national members of
the Society:
Miss E. Johnson
Albert A. Jacob

Signature of applicant, (Name in full)
Ewing W. Stephens
Residence Lewiston, Idaho
Occupation Lawyer & Deputy Clerk of Court

ANCESTOR'S SERVICE.

"Article 1. Any man shall be eligible to membership in the Society who, being of the age of twenty-one years or over, and
a citizen of good repute in the community, is the blood descendant of an ancestor who was at all times faithful in his loyalty to, and
rendered active service in, the cause of American Independence, either as an officer, soldier, seaman, mariner, militiaman, or militia
man in the armed forces of the Continental Congress, or of any one of the several Colonies or States, or as a signer of the Declaration
of Independence; or as a member of a Committee of Safety or Correspondence; or as a member of any Continental, Provincial, or
Colonial Congress or Legislature; or as a recognized patriot who performed actual service by any act of valiance in the authority
of Great Britain."—Constitution of National Society, A. D. B., Article III, Section 1, adopted June 25, 1890.

Membership is based upon one original claim; when the applicant desires eligibility by descent from more than one ancestor,
and it is desired to take advantage thereof, separate applications, to be marked "Supplemental Application," should be made in
and one and filed with the original.

Since fully such documentary or traditional authority as you found the following record upon, and also the evidence of
ancestry, with dates of birth and death, if known.

By order of the Board of Trustees, May 3, 1911, the recipient of a certificate granted on this application agrees to surrender
his certificate upon failure to pay his membership fee, unless his membership shall cease by reason of death or mental disability, to
be determined by the Society of which he is a member.

My ancestor's services in assisting in the establishment of American Independence during the War of the
Revolution were as follows:

Wm Patterson was in Capt. James Cowden's Co. 4th Battalion of
Lancaster County, Pa. Militia commanded by Col. James Burd Esq. March
13, 1776. He afterwards went into the Penna Line and was confined for
a time on a prison (Jerny) ship. His brothers, James and Peter were
also soldiers.

In the archives of Pa. is found this relating to Peter Patterson
father of the above mentioned Wm.. James and Peter "Garbus Mills
Paxtang Dec. 11, 1777 Personally appeared Peter Patterson & complains
that he be unfit to do his own business but he has to hire a man at
7/6 per day to fatten his cattle and has two sons already in the
service at Camp in the 7th Class- He's exempted this to us."

The following are references to the authorities for the above statements: Vol 13 "Pennsylvania Archives" - also Vol 1 307 & 308 "Pennsylvania
in the Revolution" - "Association and Militia."
My mother Minerva Patterson Stephens is a member of the
Bethel Reed Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution
situated at Spokane, Washington

(Signature of applicant)
(Name in full)

Ewing W. Stephens

STATE OF Idaho

COUNTY OF Max Paroo

(The following form of acknowledgment is required.)

FEB 23 1911

Personally appeared

before me

Wright

Notary Public

My commission expires

WING N. STEPHENS

Signature of the above and foregoing application and statement, and made oath before me that the statements therein
contained are true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Official Signature,

W. Wright

Notary Public

[L. S.]

Descendant of Revolutionary War soldier <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/313801:2204>

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE BUREAU OF THE CENSUS		Washington State Department of Health VITAL STATISTICS CERTIFICATE OF DEATH		State File No. 9157 Registrar's No. 120	
1. PLACE OF DEATH: Walla Walla		2. USUAL RESIDENCE OF DECEASED:			
(a) County Walla Walla		(a) State WASHINGTON, WACOMY WALLA			
(b) City or town Walla Walla		(c) City or town WALLA WALLA			
(c) Name of hospital or institution: 211 North Clinton Street		(d) Street No. 211 North Clinton St			
(d) Length of stay: In hospital or institution: 25 days		(e) If foreign born, how long in U. S. A. 7 years			
1. (a) FULL NAME: Ewing W. Stephens		3. (c) Social Security Number 533-07-8647			
3. (b) Was deceased ever a member of the Army, Navy or Marine Corps of the United States? No		MEDICAL CERTIFICATION			
4. Sex Male		20. Date of death: Month May day 28th year 1948 hour 8 minute 30 P. M.			
5. Color or race White		21. I hereby certify that I attended the deceased from 11/28/46 to 5/29/48			
6. (a) Name of husband or wife Josephine Stephens		that I last saw him alive on 5/29/48			
7. Birth date of deceased June 28th, 1887		and that death occurred on the date and hour stated above.			
8. AGE: Years 60 Months 11 Days 1		Immediate cause of death Ca of Rectum 7 yrs.			
9. Birthplace Brownsville Penn		Due to _____			
10. Usual occupation Attorney-At-Law		Due to _____			
11. Industry or business Business Manager		Other conditions _____			
12. Name E. W. Stephens & Co		Major findings: _____			
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14. Maiden name Minerva Patterson		Of autopsy _____			
15. Birthplace Penn		22. If death was due to external causes, fill in the following:			
(a) Informant's own signature Josephine K. Stephens		(a) Accidents, suicide, or homicide (specify) _____			
(b) Address Walla Walla, Wash		(b) Date of occurrence _____			
(c) Place of burial or cremation Mt. View		(c) Where did injury occur? _____			
(d) Signature W. E. Stephens		(d) Did injury occur in or about home, on farm, in industrial place, in public place? _____			
(e) Address Walla Walla, Wash		While at work? _____			
(f) Address Walla Walla, Wash		Means of injury _____			
(g) Address Walla Walla, Wash		23. Signature W. E. Stephens			
(h) Address Walla Walla, Wash		Address Crumheller Bldg. Date signed 5/29/48			

WA death record – page 695 on FamilySearch.org -
<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:S3HT-DYNW-ZGT?i=694>

Life:

Messrs. Ewing Stephens and Homer Gregory and Miss Donna Spratley are the debaters chosen from the high school debating club to meet North Yakima, December 15th.

High school news: "Sunnyside (WA) Daily Sun-News" Friday 30 Nov 1906 p 4

To Debate at Yakima.

SUNNYSIDE, Wash., Jan. 18.--The Sunnyside high school debating team, Ewing Stephens and Homer Gregory, left yesterday for Dayton to enter the contest with the Dayton high school. They will contend for the affirmative, which they upheld in the debate at North Yakima. H. C. Ostein, superintendent of the Sunnyside schools, and W. E. Stephens, father of Ewing, accompanied the team.

"Spokane (WA) Spokesman-Review" Saturday 19 Jan 1906 p 6

Ewing Stephens and Miss Eleanore Stephens, son and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Stephens of Spokane, have returned from the University of Washington, where both are students. Ewing Stephens leaves next week for Chicago to attend the national convention of the Delta Chi fraternity as delegate from the University of Washington chapter.

"Spokane (WA) Chronicle" Wednesday 14 Jun 1911 p 11

EWING STEPHENS IS AWARDED HONORS

Spokane Youth Heads Law College Association at the University of Washington

Ewing W. Stephens, son of State Representative W. E. Stephens of Spokane, Thursday was elected president of the University of Washington law association, an office which is considered by the students the highest honor to be conferred on one of their number. Mr. Stephens' popularity was shown by a unanimous vote. He is a member of the legal fraternity, Delta Chi.

Clifford Newton of Everett was chosen vice president and Ernest Murray of Tacoma secretary-treasurer of the association.

"Spokane (WA) Chronicle" Friday 13 Oct 1911 p 3

'VARSITY BOYS IN "MUSTACHE CLUB"

**Spokane Young Men Lead a
Movement at University
That Makes Coeds Gasp.**

Backed by such prominent legal lights as Ewing Stephens, E. Floyd Burns and Herbert Seller, all of Spokane, a mustache club has appeared in the senior law class at the University of Washington.

The blond facial adornment of Mr. Stephens, president of the Washington Law association, now vies for first honors with the flaxen colored beards of Mr. Burns and Mr. Seller.

Six student barristers who expect to receive diplomas in June have created an unusual stir by appearing on the campus with unusual adornments on chin and lip. They declare that either beard or mustache should be made a requisite for graduation.

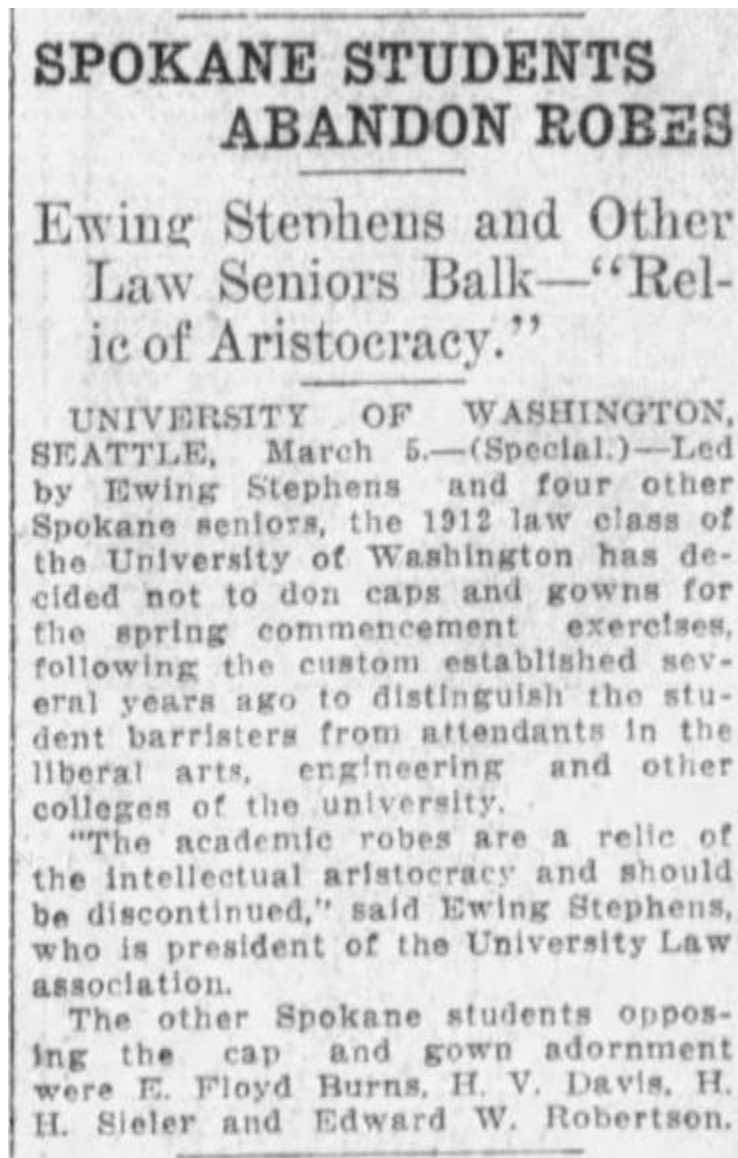
Glen Hoover, intercollegiate debater, orator, wrestler and senior scholar, started the movement and for several weeks proved a martyr, since attempts were made to force him to employ a razor.

Hoover's action was deemed ludicrous, but when "Wee" Coyle, captain of the football team; Fred Hickingbottom, captain of the baseball team; Fred Angevine, E. Floyd Burns and Herbert Seller also appeared with hirsute additions the coeds gasped and the faculty looked dubiously upon the sextet.

The blond mustache of Ewing William Stephens makes the news – "Spokane (WA) Chronicle"
Friday 17 Nov 1911 p 1

Miss Eleanor Stephens, daughter of W. E. Stephens, a sophomore in the University of Washington, is home for the holidays. Her brother, Ewing Stephens, a senior in the law department of the university, did not return home for the holidays.

"Spokane (WA) Spokesman-Review" Wednesday 27 Dec 1911 p 8



"Spokane (WA) Chronicle" Tuesday 5 Mar 1912 p 1

SEVEN SPOKANE YOUNG PEOPLE TO COMPLETE COLLEGE COURSES

Three Local Girls and Four Law Students Will Get Their Diplomas at Seattle

Seven Spokane students, including four graduates from the college of law and three young women with university teachers' certificates in the college of liberal arts, will receive their diplomas at the annual commencement exercises of the University of Washington Wednesday morning.

The seven Falls City seniors are: Veronica Courtney Day, Laura Theo Child, Robin Sarah Anne McKinley, Edgar Floyd Burns, Harold Vivian Davis, Ewing Stephens and Herbert Henry Siefer.

These Spokane graduates have been very active in college affairs and intend to enter their respective positions this summer and next fall with all their former undergraduate enthusiasm.

Miss Child, who has been president of the Tolo club, women's honor society, and a member of several college dramatic casts, intends to teach school next year. She is a member of the Delta Gamma sorority.

Intend to Teach.

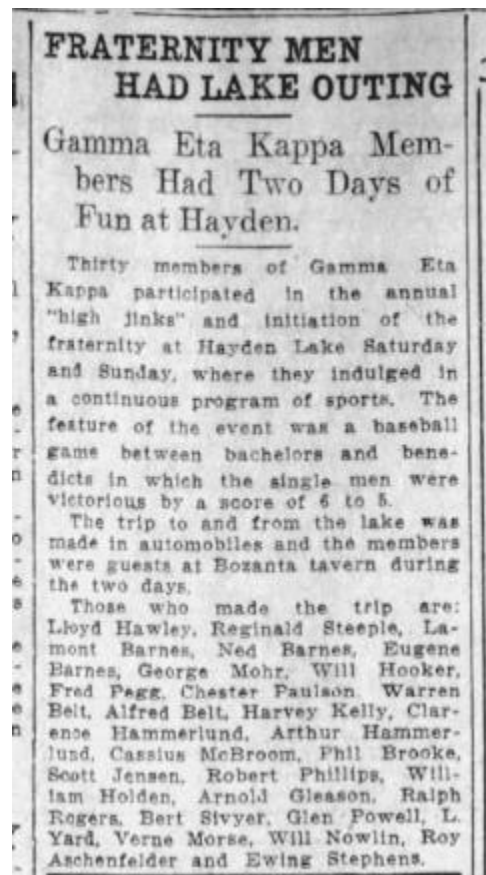
Miss Day and Miss McKinley both intend to teach in some small town of the state, preferably near Spokane, next fall. Miss McKinley, who is a member of the Kappa Alpha Theta sorority, was on the varsity ball, junior day and senior class day committees, all of which appointments are great honors at the university. Miss Day is a member of the Delta Delta Delta sorority.

Although E. Floyd Burns intends to practice law in Spokane, beginning next winter, he will remain in Seattle this summer to sing tenor in a college quartet at a local theater. Burns was active in student life, being a representative on the board of control of the Associated Students and manager of the glee club. He is a member of the Sigma Nu fraternity.

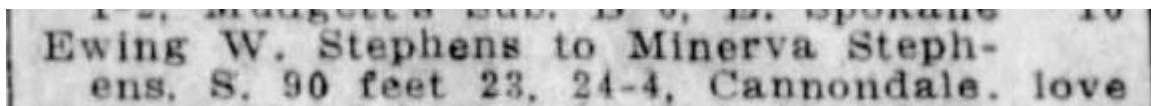
Harold Davis expects to enter the law offices of a Spokane attorney this summer, while Ewing Stephens, retiring president of the University of Washington Law association, will hang out his legal shingle in Spokane July 1. Davis belongs to the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, while Stephens is connected with the Delta Chi legal fraternity.

This is a busy week at the university. Beginning with the baccalaureate sermon at Meany hall Sunday by the Rev. Charles F. Aked of San Francisco, the 255 graduates will be whirled through four days' exercises, including the class day festivities this morning, during which E. Floyd Burns will make the Ivy oration, the president's reception tonight, alumni day Tuesday, the Sigma Xi address Tuesday afternoon and the commencement proper Wednesday forenoon.

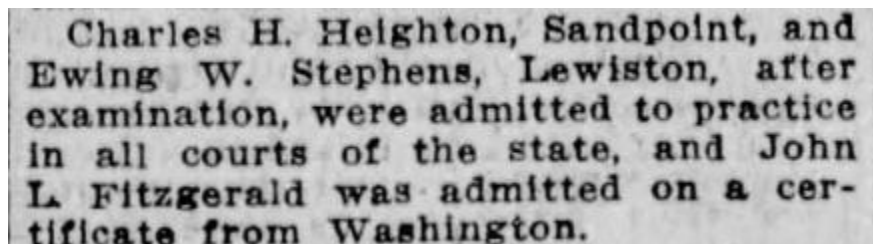
President David Starr Jordan of Leland Stanford Jr. university will make the commencement address.



"Spokane (WA) Chronicle" Monday 24 Jun 1912 p 17



Real estate transfer – "Spokane (WA) Spokesman-Review" Tuesday 22 Sep 1914 p 15



"Spokane (WA) Spokesman-Review" Wednesday 7 Oct 1914 p 3

The judges at Lewiston were Miss Matilda Jennings, principal of the Whitman school; Miss Mary L. Wood, of the Junior high school faculty; Professor H. E. Fowler, of the State Normal, and Ewing W. Stephens.

Spelling bee judge – “Clearwater (ID) Republican” Friday 5 May 1916 p 1

A young men's republican club was organized here, with officers as follows: President, Guy Chieseman; vice president, F. Lundstrum; secretary, Lawrence O'Neill, and treasurer, Frank S. Lint. A committee including Frank Lint, Ewing W. Stephens and Leo McCarty was named to draft constitution and bylaws.

“Spokane (WA) Spokesman-Review” Friday 20 Oct 1916 p 12

Seek Army Commissions.
LEWISTON, Idaho, July 14.—Additional applicants for admission to the second officers' reserve training camp yesterday were Ewing W. Stephens, D. J. Perard and Jesse J. Wilson of Lewiston; Fred D. Hammond of Orofino and J. H. Winegardner of Leland.

“Spokane (WA) Spokesman-Review” Sunday 15 Jul 1917 p 10

EXAMINE WOULD-BE OFFICERS

Army Officials Consider Eight Applicants at Lewiston.

LEWISTON, Idaho, July 26.—Eight applicants took the examination here yesterday for admission to the second officers' reserve camp. The examination was conducted by Lieutenant James A. Code of the United States army and Dr. Frank Rose of the army medical corps.

Those taking the examination were: Grover C. Pennell of Nez Perce, A. M. Van Ostrand of Winchester, Thomas A. Curtis of Kamiah and Ewing W. Stephens, Lawrence E. O'Neil, Harry W. Lofgren, J. J. Wilson and D. J. Perard of Lewiston.

Nineteen applications were received by the board, of which five were eliminated by it before forwarding, five more were eliminated by the state board.

It is understood that 66 are to be admitted from Idaho and that the local and state boards eliminated all but 198 of the over 500 applicants before examination.

Many From Second Idaho.

Delmer W. Randall, D company, Second Idaho, Boise barracks; Fay Childress Robinson, Boise; Stanley Irving Robinson, Nampa; Miles Harold Rogers, machine gun company, Second Idaho, Boise barracks; Benson G. Scott, Pocatello; Max W. Smith, Blackfoot; Oliver R. Smith, Buhl; Ralph E. Smith, Hansen; Bernard E. Spencer, Burke; Gottfried Wells Spoerry, Bonners Ferry; Drew William Standrod, jr., Pocatello; Robert Percy Stewart, Blackfoot; Ewing William Stephens, Lewiston; Frank Hall Strong, Sandpoint; Otto R. Stillinger, F company, Second Idaho, Boise barracks; George Lee Sylvester, Wallace.

Albert H. Tanner, Burke; John E. Thompson, Coeur d'Alene; Ray Tingley, Wallace; Kirby Earl Torrance, American Falls; Anthony Earl Van Harten, Blackfoot; A. Mortimer Van Ostrand, Winchester.

Arthur E. Welch, Enterprise, Ore.; Albert Edwin White, Payette; John Warren White, Buhl; Oscar William Worthwine, Boise; Roy E. Wroten, Boise; Edward Gilbert Yates, St. Maries.

Selected for Officers' Camp – "Idaho Statesman" (Boise ID) Friday 10 Aug 1917 p 3

GOOD MEN FROM IDAHO FOR OFFICERS' RESERVE

North Idaho Well Represented in the Company Chosen to Enter the Second Training Camp

Among the 86 men and nine alternates in Idaho who have been selected to enter the second officers' reserve at Presidio, San Francisco, August 27, announced in Boise by First Lieutenant Roy W. Ashbrook are:

Arwed C. Baltzer, Moscow.

Otto R. Stillinger, Co. F, 2d Idaho, Moscow.

Frank Carpenter, Sandpoint.

Walton B. Clarke, Kellogg.

Earl L. Cook, Coeur d'Alene.

William E. Farr, Elk City.

Harlan L. Heward, Wallace.

Harry W. Lofgren, Lewiston.

Herbert Martinson, Genesee.

Lawrence E. O'Neil, Lewiston.

Grover C. Pennell, NezPerce.

Bernard E. Spencer, Burke.

Gottfried W. Spoerry, Bonners Ferry.

Ewing W. Stephens, Lewiston.

Frank H. Strong, Sandpoint.

George L. Sylvester, Wallace.

Albert H. Tanner, Burke.

John E. Thompson, Coeur d'Alene.

Ray Tingley, Wallace.

A. Mortimer Van Ostrand, Winchester.

Edward G. Yates, St. Maries.

Among the alternates are these from north Idaho: John T. Ross, Moscow; E. A. Hamilton, Wallace; William W. Burr, Genesee; Ray Agee, Moscow.

"Moscow (ID) Daily Star-Mirror" Saturday 11 Aug 1917 p 1

Army Officer Visits Friends.

LEWISTON, Idaho, Dec. 30.—Lieutenant Ewing W. Stephens arrived in Lewiston yesterday for a brief visit with friends. Mr. Stephens obtained his commission after attending the officers' reserve training camp at the Presidio, San Francisco. At the time of going there Mr. Stephens was deputy clerk of the district court in Nez Perce county.

"Spokane (WA) Spokesman-Review" Monday 31 Dec 1917 p 10

LETTER DESCRIBES TUSCANIA TRAGEDY.

[LOCAL CORRESPONDENCE.]

RIVERSIDE, March 5.—Mrs. W. E. Stephens of this city, mother of Lieut. Ewing Stephens, who was on the ill-fated Tuscania, torpedoed on the coast of North Ireland on February 9, last, has received a letter recounting his experiences. Lieut. Stephens was one of the last to be taken from his ship, according to his letter, the station from which his own lifeboat was to have been taken having been rendered useless by the breaking of one of the ropes used to lower the boat. Stephens was on his way to France to take up active field artillery training.

"Los Angeles (CA) Times" Wednesday 6 Mar 1918 p 15

MONDAY, MARCH 11, 1918.

FELT TUSCANIA MAKING PLUNGE, EX-SPOKANE MAN BARELY ESCAPED

Ewing Stephens, Former Chronicle Carrier, Got Away in Nick of Time.

The sinking of the *Tuscania* off the Irish coast on February 5, is vividly described by Ewing Stephens, a former Spokane man, who was a passenger on the ill-fated ship. He wrote to his mother, Mrs. W. E. Stephens, at Riverside, Cal., four days after the sinking of the ship.

In his boyhood days in Spokane Ewing carried a *Chronicle* route. He is now a lieutenant in the field artillery corps. He is a graduate of the University of Washington.

Describing the disaster he says:

At the time the occurrence happened I was sitting on the lounge and a young Scotchman, whom I have since learned was lost, was pointing to the map and saying:

"We will be there in 45 minutes," when, Boom! she struck the starboard side and all lights went out. I said: "There she goes, boys," and somebody else said, "Don't lose your heads," and none of them around there did.

Went for Overcoat.

The boat did not appear to be sinking fast, so I hurried back to my stateroom to see if a fellow who was sick had got outside all right. I also put on my overcoat as I was getting cold and decided I would try to be warm when I had to get into the cold water.

After about an hour, which seemed much longer, a destroyer came alongside and we began piling the men aboard. Practically all of the men around where I was, excepting a deck steward I believe he was, were on the destroyer. I said to him:

"Go ahead," and he said, "No, I am not going until the last man is on. You get on," which I began to do, and I had hardly got started down the side of the boat toward the destroyer hand over hand, when it started.

I let loose with my grip and let myself down catching my knees over the edge of the destroyer, and just missed

being jammed between the two boats.

I can not say too much for British army men in the north of Ireland, where we were taken, or the bravery of the noble fellows on the destroyers in taking a chance on being torpedoed in taking us off.

"Spokane (WA) Chronicle" Monday 11 Mar 1918 p 18

Ewing W. Stephens, Lewiston, Idaho, second lieutenant field artillery, American expeditionary forces, was on the torpedoed Tuscania. Friends have recently received a letter from him, in which, speaking of the Red Cross, he says:

"The destroyer landed us on the north coast of Ireland and we were royally treated by the British officers at the camp where we landed. I can not say too much for the British army and navy in what they have done for us and for the American Red Cross in the way they came to the aid of the men and officers. A Red Cross officer was on the job with money, tobacco and personal toilet articles in no time. I am going to borrow money from the Red Cross to reequip myself."

Lieutenant Stephens lost \$150 worth of equipment.

"Spokane (WA) Spokesman-Review" Wednesday 20 Mar 1918 p 8

Lewiston Man Is at Front.

LEWISTON, Idaho, Aug. 11.—In a letter to friends here Lieutenant Ewing Stephens, who resigned as deputy clerk of the district court to enter the artillery service, announces that he is at the front in France.

"Spokane (WA) Spokesman-Review" Monday 12 Aug 1918 p 7 –
<https://www.newspapers.com/image/568611227/>

TELLS ABOUT TORPEDOING OF THE TUSCANIA

Lieut. Ewing Stephens,
Back From France, Re-
counts Experiences.

Experiences of soldiers who were on the troop ship Tuscania when it was torpedoed by a German submarine early in 1918, were related Wednesday by Lieutenant Ewing Stephens, when he was entertained at a banquet given by members of the Gamma Eta Kappa. Lieutenant Stephens arrived here after more than a year's service with the field artillery, during which his unit supported in various engagements the First division, Ninety-first division and others.

"Many of the fatalities among the troops on the Tuscania were due to accidents which happened after the torpedo hit us," said Lieutenant Stephens. "Scores of men were crushed in life boats, and others met their death on the rocky coast of Scotland, trying to land with their life boats. I saw one life boat full of men, fall on another, crushing the life out of the occupants."

"Although orders were for all convoys to scatter when a ship was torpedoed, the captains of two destroyers came alongside and took off the 1500 men who were not able to get away in life boats. I was one of these and was glad of it, for we would probably have been dashed against the rocky shores."

"Spokane (WA) Chronicle" Thursday 10 Jul 1919 p 8 -
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LOCAL NEWS.

Attorney Ewing W. Stephens
made a business visit to this city
Monday.

"Nezperce Herald" (Nez Perce ID) Thursday 23 Oct 1919 p 1

FRATERNITY CONCLAVE GOLFS

Eugene Barnes, Spokane, Elected President at Lewiston Meeting.

LEWISTON, Idaho, March 13.—The annual two-day district conclave of the Gamma Eta fraternity closed today, the visiting delegates being entertained at golf this morning at the Lewiston country club. Chapters of the fraternity represented at the conclave were Spokane, Portland, Aberdeen and Lewiston. Six delegates were here from the Spokane chapter, George D. Dryer, Gus Meese Jr., Dr. Thomas Burger, Lloyd L. Hawley, Edward Farris and Leon Greene. Officers of the conclave were elected for next year as follows: President, Eugene Barnes, Spokane; vice president, Edward A. Peck, Portland; secretary, Ewing W. Stephens, Lewiston; treasurer, Arnold Gleason, Spokane; district sentinel, Lloyd Harris, Lewiston.

Last evening delegates and members were entertained at a banquet at the Bollinger hotel by the members of the local chapter. Ewing W. Stephens presided as toastmaster.

"Spokane (WA) Spokesman-Review" Monday 14 Mar 1921 p 7

Record Parade at Lewistown.

LEWISTON, Idaho, Nov. 11.—Armistice day was observed by the largest parade in the history of the Lewiston-Clarkston valley and a military program on the Lewiston state normal school campus. The parade formed at the courthouse and included the mounted colors, G. A. R., Spanish-American war veterans, the Moose band of 30 pieces, a guard detail, ex-service men, boy scouts, girls' reserves, Red Cross float, Shriners patrol, D. O. K. K. band of 26 men, D. O. K. K. patrol, Knights of Columbus, Odd Fellows, Woodmen of the World and other fraternal organizations and citizens.

The parade moved down Main street to Fifth and then to the normal campus, where a formal guard-mount was staged with all the military formalities, for which music was furnished by the Moose band under the direction of Bandmaster Jack Running, formerly director of the 71st infantry band at Camp Lewis. Among the officers present were, First Lieutenant J. L. Phillips, adjutant; Second Lieutenant Thomas A. Feeney, officer of the day, First Lieutenant Lyle C. Taylor, officer of the guard, First Lieutenant Ewing W. Stephens, sergeant major, R. M. Boyer, musician, William Carrick, sergeants, Orville Kendall and Jack Lukens, corporals, Alvin Foot, Clifton Keller, Dick Lyle and Gunner K. Kjosness.

"Spokane (WA) Spokesman-Review" Saturday 12 Nov 1921 p 7

The opening session at 3:30 o'clock, at the Elk's hall, was called to order by E. A. Cox as temporary chairman; and action was taken, making Mr. Cox permanent chairman; and Ewing W. Stephens, secretary. The chair was authorized to name a committee of nine, including himself, on organization, nominations and finance.

"Clearwater (ID) Republican" Friday 13 Jan 1922 p 1

ASKS TOLERANCE FOR WAR VETERAN

Casual Officer Aboard Torpedoed
Tuscania, Pleads for Aid
for Disabled.

TELLS OF DISASTER

Ewing Stephens in Walla Walla
Talk, Says Many Men Killed
by Lifebelts.

WALLA WALLA, Nov. 12.—Ewing Stephens, ex-service man, and member of the club, made a plea for tolerance for veterans of the World war, in a talk before the Rotary club today. Communities, he said, generally speaking, are treating the men well, but should feel that they should help the American legion bear the burden in caring for mutilated, wounded and ill.

Stephens, who was casual officer aboard the Tuscania when it was torpedoed off the coast of Ireland with loss of 292 lives, gave details of the catastrophe. Twenty men were killed by the explosion and the rest lost their lives after jumping in the water or when they were crushed between British destroyers and the hull of the vessel, when the destroyers came to the aid of the sinking vessel. Discipline was exceptionally good aboard the vessel, he stated, with the single exception that the commander of the troops left in the first lifeboat lowered with two women on ship.

After the lifeboats had been cast off, 800 men were left aboard.

"We were afraid to jump and afraid to stay," he said. An hour before the ship went down two British destroyers came alongside and rescued them. The men who jumped from the ship found their life belts deadly, he said, as many of them, as they hit the water, were struck under the jaw by the lifebelts and their necks broken. Others soon became numbed in the icy water and succumbed. Many of the lifeboats did not work as they should and as a result of the catastrophe all life saving apparatus on the vessels used for troop carrying were inspected rigidly.

"Spokane (WA) Spokesman-Review" Friday 14 Nov 1925 p 12

PRUNE SHIPPING RUNS INTO SNAG

Shippers Say Independent Grower-
Shippers Refuse to Cooper-
ate in Limitation.

CALL AUTO LINE A BOON

Franchise Seekers Say Seattle-
Walla Walla Run Would
Develop Region.

WALLA WALLA, Aug. 12.—Re-
fusal of independent grower-shippers to cooperate with shippers of the Walla Walla valley in regulating shipments of prunes would seem to have wrecked all plans for limitation of daily movements, shippers stated at a meeting here today, at which the dealers attempted to arrive at some schedule to keep up the strength of the market.

While action of the growers was felt to relieve shippers from their obligations to the growers in the matter of limitation, the shippers appointed Ewing Stephens to arrange an acceptable shipping schedule.

A report that a large part of the crop has already been sold was considered very favorable as showing strength of the market, and dealers are optimistic. While prices are said not to have been extremely high, that circumstance is also regarded as assuring, as it encourages buying.

“Spokane (WA) Spokesman-Review” Tuesday 13 Aug 1929 p 23

1933 PRUNE PLAN LIKED

**Fruit Company Manager Says It
Stabilized Prices and Assured
Grower His Costs.**

WALLA WALLA, June 21.—A sharp difference of opinion developed today at a hearing held here by the city commissioners over initiative No. 93, the measure designed to grant more gasoline tax money to cities.

Most of those present were against the initiative as written but not against its general principle.

A. K. Dice, commissioner of finance, stated that it would mean about \$40,000 more to Walla Walla city.

B. M. Huntington, a director of the state good roads association, declared it would cripple the state in maintaining its highways. Several others voiced similar sentiments.

Prune Plan Is Lauded.

Ewing W. Stephens, manager of the Valley Fruit company, in a talk to the Rotary club on his recent trip east, said that the Walla Walla prune plan used last year was one of the most outstanding fruit codes he had found in the country.

It served to stabilize prices and assured growers their cost of production, he declared.

War Department Makes Formal Demand Upon PWA for Control Project.

WALLA WALLA, Aug. 2.—General J. L. Schley, chief of the corps of army engineers, has made formal demand on behalf of the war department to the PWA for \$1,608,000 with which to construct the Mill creek flood control project. Notice of the application was sent to Congressman Knute Hill. Congress has authorized the project.

Shippers of the valley were requested today by Ewing W. Stephens to compile their prune tonnage estimates immediately as statistics will be required in a few days to prepare the schedule for daily shipments. Stephens of Walla Walla is the chairman of the prune control committee named by growers and shippers. Less than two weeks remain before Italian prunes will start moving from the valley.

Some of the shippers believe about 1000 carloads of prunes, 13 tons to the car, will move out of the valley in the three weeks normally given to the work. Under the new plan only a certain tonnage will be moved each day.

"Spokane (WA) Spokesman-Review" Wednesday 3 Aug 1938 p 17

Codicil Held Invalid.

A superior court order signed by Judge T. A. Paul admitted the will of John Jacob Kauffman, pioneer Walla Walla merchant who died here January 19, 1940, to probate, and stipulated that a purported codicil on his will was invalid.

The codicil, which was not witnessed, said: "I bequeath to my son-in-law, Ewing Stephens, my stock in the Valley Fruit company, to be his personal property."

A daughter, Josephine Kauffman, was willed \$500 and residue of the estate went to his wife, Stelle May Kauffman.

"Spokane (WA) Spokesman-Review" Friday 18 Apr 1941 p 6

SPINACH GROWERS ACCUSED BY FTC

WASHINGTON, April 21.—(AP)—Chicagoans like a particular kind of spinach, the federal trade commission disclosed today in announcing a complaint that shippers, jobbers and a broker had conspired to fix prices and restrict competition.

The commission said the spinach was the broadleaf type grown almost exclusively in the Walla Walla, Wash. region, and that "large quantities are shipped fresh to the Chicago market where a sale for this particular type of spinach is readily found." The bulk of the spinach is sold directly to canners.

The FTC said that its complaint named Pacific Fruit & Produce Company, Walla Walla Gardeners' association, Mojonner & Sons, Inc.,

Walla Walla Produce Company and Ewing M. Stephens and Eugene Tausich, trading Valley Fruit Company, all Walla Walla shippers; C. H. Robinson Company, Minneapolis, Minn., broker, and Robert M. Steinberg, manager of its Chicago branch, and four Chicago jobbers. Charged that pursuant to an agreement the shippers fixed the price paid for broadleaf spinach to the growers and prorated the tonnage throughout the season.

The government alleged the agreement had the effect of unduly restricting competition in purchase and sale of broadleaf spinach in commerce of enabling the respondents to control and monopolize the business preventing competing jobbers in Chicago from purchasing the produce and of enhancing the retail price of broadleaf spinach in Chicago and surrounding areas in violation of the federal trade commission act. The respondents were given twenty days to reply to the charges.

"Bellingham (WA) Herald" Monday 21 Apr 1941 p 9

EMERGENCY AID SUPPLIES READY

Red Cross Materials Assembled for 19 Home Stations and Six Ambulances.

MILTON - FREEWATER, Ore., July 26.—Emergency supplies for 19 home first aid stations and six emergency ambulances are being assembled by the Civilian Defense committee. Supplies are being provided through the cooperation of the Women's Improvement club, the Freewater Garden club, the Red Cross Motor corps, the Red Cross first aid committee, and the county health association.

Wilbur Stadleman of Freewater, has been named to head the prune control committee for the 1942 season. Serving with him are Ewing Stephens of Walla Walla, vice chairman, and Cecil C. Yates, Freewater, secretary. Other committee members are Eunice Waltz, Dee Goodwin, Reese Lamb, George Hodgen and Ozro Graham of Freewater, L. D. Felch of Walla Walla and W. S. Caverill of Milton.

"Spokane (WA) Spokesman-Review" Monday 27 Jul 1942 p 3

FEDERAL CLERK SELECTS JURORS

Report at Walla Walla on December 5.

The following jurors were drawn by the federal clerk's office yesterday and have been notified to report for duty in Walla Walla December 5 at 10 a. m.: Walla Walla county, Merton C. McGrew, J. L. Jones, Clyde Lester, Claude Swegle, Joseph Locati, Ewing W. Stephens, Parker Barrett, Wendell L. Ostine, R. W. Smethurst, Paul Leedom, Betty B. Yengling, Aaron Faw, F. Lowden Jones, Dewey Drumheller, Howard Baker, A. C. Nelson, Guy McLaughlin, Ward Gardner and Ed Payne, all residents of Walla Walla.

"Spokane (WA) Spokesman-Review" Thursday 23 Nov 1944 p 14

Wife:

PLACE OF MARRIAGE		MARRIAGE RETURN	
County of <u>Walla Walla</u>		LICENSE NO. <u>3132</u>	
City of <u>Walla Walla</u>		Date of License <u>June 10, 1922</u>	
City of _____		Date of _____	
GROOM		BRIDE	
Personal and Statistical Particulars		Personal and Statistical Particulars	
Full Name <u>Ewing W. Stephens</u>	Full Name <u>Josephine M. Kauffman</u>	Residence <u>Lewiston, Idaho</u>	Residence <u>Walla Walla, Wash.</u>
Age at Last Birthday <u>34</u> Years	Age at Last Birthday <u>26</u> Years	Color or Race—Give full Particulars <u>White - Caucasian</u>	Color or Race—Give full Particulars <u>White - Caucasian</u>
Bachelor, Widower or Divorced <u>Bachelor</u>	Spinster, Widow or Divorced <u>spinster</u>	Number of Marriage <u>first</u>	Number of Marriage <u>first</u>
Birthplace:—City <u>Brownsville</u> State or County <u>Pa.</u>	Birthplace:—City <u>Walla Walla</u> State or County <u>Wash</u>	Occupation <u>Lawyer</u>	Occupation <u>superior of Music</u>
Name of Father <u>W. E. Stephens</u>	Name of Father <u>J. J. Kauffman</u>	Birthplace of Father—City <u>Brownsville</u> State or County <u>Pa.</u>	Birthplace of Father—City <u>Wayland</u> State or County <u>Iowa</u>
Maiden Name of Mother <u>Minerva Patterson</u>	Maiden Name of Mother <u>Stella May Butler</u>	Birthplace of Mother—City <u>Brownsville</u> State or County <u>Pa.</u>	Birthplace of Mother—City <u>Walla Walla</u> State or County <u>Wash</u>
Maiden Name of Bride if Previously Married _____			
We, the groom and bride named in this certificate, hereby certify that the information given herein is correct, to the best of our knowledge and belief.			
<u>Ewing W. Stephens</u> Groom		<u>Josephine M. Kauffman</u> Bride	
CERTIFICATE OF PERSON PERFORMING CEREMONY			
I HEREBY CERTIFY, That <u>Ewing W. Stephens</u> and <u>Josephine M. Kauffman</u> were joined in marriage by me in accordance with the laws of the State of Washington, at <u>Walla Walla, Washington</u> this <u>10th</u> day of <u>June</u> 1922			
Signature and Address of	Name <u>Elizabeth Gardner</u> Address <u>Walla Walla</u>	Name <u>E. M. Booth</u> Address <u>Lewiston Ida.</u>	
Witnesses to Marriage	Signature of Person Performing the Ceremony <u>Stephen B. Purser</u> Residence <u>Walla Walla</u>		
Official Title <u>Minister of Gospel</u>		County Auditor <u>Ray Allen Brown</u>	
JUN 15 1922			

WA marriage record of Ewing William Stephens & Josephine Margaret Kauffman – married 10 Jun 1922 in Walla Walla, Walla Walla WA -

https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2378/images/17796380_33882562-895a-4427-8556-663f8e91b09e?pld=1051967815



Linked only to Josephine Margaret Kuaffman Stephens (woman holding the baby) -
<https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/72808334/person/300166722012/media/76a7cfe7-c122-40dd-8017-cbd90bb3fc04>



Eugene Tausick, left, and business partner Jake Kauffman pose with ice blocks exhibited at a manufacturing exposition.

Editor's note: This is the second of two parts on Eugene Tausick.

Eugene Tausick ran the extensive Walla Walla Steam Laundry starting in 1893, an operation that required water and fuel.

The Fourth Avenue location was on Mill Creek, and Tausick had water rights, so that took care of the laundry's water needs.

But to ensure he had a steady supply of fuel, Tausick got involved in the wood and coal businesses.

A 1903 ad claimed he had the best and cleanest coal, and his wood was thoroughly seasoned. That same year, he won the contract to supply 250 tons of soft coal to the library and ordered 2,500 cords of wood to be delivered from Hood River.

As if he did not have enough to do, Tausick established an ice plant in 1902, which led to an interest in Walla Walla Meat and Cold Storage and the Valley Fruit Co.

Jake Kauffman, his partner in the ice business, was an early fire chief and City Council member. The Kauffman Tausick partnership lasted until Kauffman's death in 1940.

“Union Bulletin” - https://www.union-bulletin.com/local_columnists/in_times_past/laundryman-civic-leader-and-philanthropist-expands-his-enterprises/article_7e2e01d0-be35-11eb-b402-4fbeb5dd8fae.html

Children:



Son John William Stephens (1926-2005) - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/646293/person/1630082769/media/342591e7-7ffe-4702-a56a-a569a5536152>

STATE OF WASHINGTON, }
County of KING } ss.

Series A
171333

THIS CERTIFIES, that the undersigned Congregational Christian Minister
by authority of a License bearing date the 16 day of January A. D. 1951
and issued by the County Auditor of the County of King, did on the 27th day of January
A. D. 1951, at the Fauntleroy Congregational Church, Seattle, Washington
County and State aforesaid, join in LAWFUL WEDLOCK John William Stephens
of the County of Walla Walla and Elizabeth Schulz
of the County of King with their mutual assent, in the presence of
God and Fifty witnesses.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, witness the signatures of the parties to said ceremony, the witnesses and
myself, this Twenty-Seventh day of January A. D. 1951.

WITNESS:	PARTIES:	OFFICIATING CLERGYMAN OR OFFICER:
<u>John R. Turbot</u>	<u>John William Stephens</u> MALE	<u>W. J. Lusk</u>
<u>Regis Robinson</u>	<u>Elizabeth Schulz</u> FEMALE	9260 California Avenue
Filed <u>FEB - 1 1951</u> 19		P. O. ADDRESS <u>Seattle 6,</u> WASHINGTON.

This Certificate must be filled out and filed with the King County Auditor where the license was issued within 30 days after the ceremony.—See Chapter 59, Laws of Washington of 1947.

Failure to make and deliver Certificate to the King County Auditor within 30 days is punishable by a fine of not less than \$25.00 or more than \$300.00.—See Pierce's Code, Sec. 3714.

Marriage of son John William Stephens to wife Elizabeth Marie Schulz on 27 Jan 1951 in Seattle, King WA - https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2378/images/85364719_91a06a39-5952-40a3-b927-7309059473cd?pld=916033



Wedding of daughter Elizabeth Jean (Betty) Stephens Martin (1924-2007) – 16 Jul 1945 Pierce Co.
WA - Find A Grave 95955642

No. 88239

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

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, that the undersigned, a a clergyman
by authority of a License bearing date the 16 day of July A. D. 1945
and issued by the County Auditor of the County of Pierce did, on the 16 day of
July A. D. 1945, at the hour of 1:30 in the County and State aforesaid, join IN LAWFUL WEDLOCK
Howard John Martin of Walla Walla State of Wash
Place of birth Walla Walla, Wash Age last birthday 20
and Elizabeth Jean Stephens of Walla Walla State of Wash
Place of birth Lewiston, Idaho Age last birthday 21
with their mutual assent, in the presence of _____
and _____ Witnesses.
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, Witness the signatures of the parties to said ceremony, the witnesses and myself, this 16
day of July A. D. 1945

WITNESS	PARTIES	OFFICIATING CLERGYMAN OR OFFICER
<u>James H. Howard</u>	<u>Howard John Martin</u> MALE	<u>Hugh Snider</u> U.S.A. - Chaplain
<u>Donald H. Ward</u>	<u>Elizabeth J. Stephens</u> FEMALE	D. ADDRESS <u>H. Lewis</u> <u>W B P C</u> WASHINGTON

Filed _____, 19____ County Clerk
By _____ Deputy

The person performing the ceremony must fill out this Certificate within 30 days thereafter, and file the same with the County Clerk of the County wherein the ceremony is performed; under penalty of a fine of not less than \$25.00 or more than \$100.00. The County Clerk's fee for filing was paid at the time the license was issued.

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WA wedding record -Howard John Martin & Elizabeth Jean Stephens –
<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/3560369:2378>

Miss Elizabeth Stephens Weds Lt. Howard J. Martin

Mr and Mrs Ewing W. Stephens, 211 North Clinton street announce the marriage of their daughter, Elizabeth Jean, to Lt. Howard W Martin, United States army air corps, son of Mr and Mrs George T Martin, 366 Chase avenue

The rites took place at 5 o'clock Monday afternoon July 16, in the chapel of Fort Lewis, near Tacoma, with an army chaplain officiating at the simple double ring ceremony

The bride was smartly gowned in a brown and white silk print ensemble, worn with a small white chaprau with brown veil, white accessories and a white orchid corsage

Her only attendant was Miss Joan Harvey of Walla Walla who wore an afternoon frock of aqua with matching sequin headdress, brown accessories and corsage of gardenias and talisman roses

Lieutenant Martin was attended by Lt Jearld E Hart of Walla Walla, a fellow officer in the Eighth air force

Following the ceremony, a wedding dinner was served the bridal party, in the Army and Navy room of the Hotel Winthrop in Tacoma. The centerpiece was in traditional bridal white composed of gladioli, sweet peas, roses and delphinium

Both Lt and Mrs. Martin are graduates of Walla high school

Mrs. Martin attended Whitman college where she was affiliated with Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority. She has spent the past year in Boston at the Katharine Gibbs Secretarial school

Lt Martin was attending Washington State college at the time he entered the armed services. He is a member of Sigma Chi fraternity. He has just returned from combat service in England with the Eighth air force.

After several days in the coast city, the couple will return to Walla Walla until such time as Lt Martin goes to his next assignment.

"Walla Walla (W) Union Bulletin" 18 Jul 1945 p 7 -

https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/8378/images/NEWS-WA-WA_WA_UN_BU.1945_07_18_0007?ssrc=&backlabel=Return&pid=495699975

Parents:

Application for Marriage.

No. 325

1. Full name of the man,	<u>William E. Stephens</u>
2. Full name of the woman,	<u>Minerva Patterson</u>
3. Relationship of the parties, either by blood or marriage,	<u>None</u>
4. Age of the man,	<u>twenty (20)</u>
5. Age of the woman,	<u>twenty two (22)</u>
6. Residence of the man,	<u>Perry twp. Jayette Co. Pa.</u>
7. Residence of the woman,	<u>Jefferson " " "</u>
8. Parent's names—man,	<u>Nathaniel & Hannah Stephens</u>
9. Parent's names—woman,	<u>Mrs G. & Edith Patterson</u>
10. Guardian's name—man,	<u>None</u>
11. Guardian's name—woman,	<u>None</u>
12. Consent of parents or guardians,	<u>Filed</u>
13. Date of death of man's former wife, if any,	<u>None</u>
14. Date of death of woman's former husband, if any,	<u>None</u>
15. Date of divorce of man at any time,	<u>None</u>
16. Date of divorce of woman at any time,	<u>None</u>
17. Color of parties,	<u>white</u>
18. Occupation of man,	<u>Farmers</u>
19. Occupation of woman,	<u>None</u>
20. Place of birth—man,	<u>Jayette Co. Pa.</u>
21. Place of birth—woman,	<u>Jayette Co. Pa.</u>

No. 325

Marriage License.STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA,
COUNTY OF FAYETTE, } ss.

To any Minister of the Gospel, Justice of the Peace or other officers or persons authorized by law to solemnize marriage:

You are hereby authorized to join together in the holy state of Matrimony, according to the rites and ceremonies of your church, society or religious denomination and the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

William E. Stephens and *Minerva Patterson*

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF THE ORPHANS' COURT of said County of FAYETTE, at UNIONTOWN, PA.,

this *21st* day of *July*, A. D. 18*86*.*Chas. D. former*

Clerk.

No. 325

Duplicate Certificate.I, *Rev. P. Baker* hereby certify, that on the *22nd* day of *July*,
one thousand, *886*, at *Mr. Patterson*
Wm E Stephens and *Minerva Patterson* were by meunited in marriage, in accordance with license issued by the Clerk of the Orphans' Court of Fayette County, Pennsylvania,
numbered *325*When returned, *Aug. 18th* 18*86*

Minister of the Gospel, Justice of the Peace or Alderman.

Fayette Co. PA marriage record of parents -

<https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/61381/images/TH-1-159316-143314-90?pid=2782213>

Father:

CERTIFICATE OF DEATH
COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS

Form No. 1
15609
Edition: 40

Register 5030
Date: _____

1. PLACE OF DEATH
a. COUNTY: Bedford
b. CITY: Bedford
c. DISTRICT: Liberty

2. USUAL RESIDENCE (If not stated, list residence below at date of death)
a. STATE: California
b. CITY OR TOWN: Riverside
c. COUNTY: Riverside

3. NAME OF DECEASED
a. NAME: William E. Stephens
b. SEX: Male
c. COLOR OR RACE: White
d. MARRIAGE STATUS: Divorced
e. DATE OF BIRTH: April 14, 1884
f. AGE: 69 yrs.

4. DATE OF DEATH
a. DATE: July 14, 1954
b. TIME: 10:00 AM
c. PLACE: Elko National Home, 1815 1/2 St. S.W., S.W.

5. CAUSE OF DEATH
a. DISEASE OR CONDITION: Coronary thrombosis
b. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS: 4201
c. MEDICAL CERTIFICATION: 15609

6. SIGNATURE OF DECEASED
a. SIGNATURE: Nathaniel Stephens
b. NAME: Nathaniel Stephens
c. ADDRESS: 15609

7. SIGNATURE OF WITNESSES
a. SIGNATURE: Minerva Patterson
b. NAME: Minerva Patterson
c. ADDRESS: 15609

8. SIGNATURE OF LOCAL HEALTH OFFICER
a. SIGNATURE: J. C. Ford
b. NAME: J. C. Ford
c. ADDRESS: 15609

9. SIGNATURE OF FUNERAL DIRECTOR
a. SIGNATURE: H. W. Sharp
b. NAME: H. W. Sharp
c. ADDRESS: 15609

10. OTHER INFORMATION
a. DATE OF BIRTH: April 14, 1884
b. AGE: 69 yrs.
c. SEX: Male
d. COLOR OR RACE: White
e. MARRIAGE STATUS: Divorced
f. PLACE OF BIRTH: Pennsylvania
g. CITIZENSHIP: U.S. born
h. DATE OF DEATH: July 14, 1954
i. TIME: 10:00 AM
j. PLACE: Elko National Home, 1815 1/2 St. S.W., S.W.

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a. DISEASE OR CONDITION: Coronary thrombosis
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b. NAME: Nathaniel Stephens
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b. NAME: Minerva Patterson
c. ADDRESS: 15609

14. SIGNATURE OF LOCAL HEALTH OFFICER
a. SIGNATURE: J. C. Ford
b. NAME: J. C. Ford
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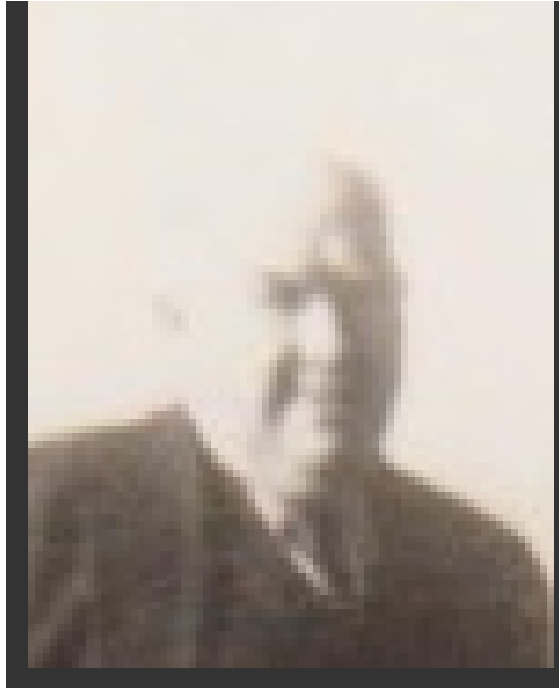
15. SIGNATURE OF FUNERAL DIRECTOR
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VA death record of father William Ellsworth Stephens -

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Father William Ellsworth Stephens - https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/collection/1030/tree/72455973/person/36262910916/media/b0d3bc64-8d0c-40f2-9806-742acaabb40d?_phsrc=hFB59457&_phstart=successSource

school superintendents.
 W. E. Stephens and family, Mrs. John Inkster and children and the Misses Brace and Johnston returned Sunday evening from a week's outing on the Spokane river.

Davenport WA news: "Spokane (WA) Spokesman-Review" Tuesday 3 Sep 1901 p 3

Would Be Law-Makers.
 Frank D. Shaw filed his candidacy with the county auditor yesterday for representative in the Fifth district. W. E. Stephens also filed as a candidate for representative in the Second district.

Father runs for election for state representative – "Spokane (WA) Spokesman-Review" Thursday 11 Aug 1910 p 7

RUNS FOR REPRESENTATIVE.



W. E. Stephens.
Mr. Stephens seeks the republican nomination for state representative in the Third district. He is a member of the real estate firm of Stephens & Honefenger.

“Spokane (WA) Spokesman-Review” Friday 19 Aug 1910 p 16

R. E. Buchanan and W. E. Stephens beat H. H. Guth and William Blackman for the Second district representativenesship by votes of 2325 for Buchanan, 2443 for Stephens, to 1028 and 1226 for Guth and Blackman, respectively. Buchanan had a plurality of 1297 and Stephens a plurality of 1217.

"Spokane (WA) Press" Thursday 10 Nov 1910 p 2

Dickson Caucus Chairman.

Mr. Dickson, on the nomination of James McNeeley of Pierce, was unanimously elected chairman of the meeting, and Hugh C. Todd, a democrat of Whitman, received the vote of the house as secretary. Mr. Taylor of King was placed in nomination for the speakership by Walker Moren of Yakima, who in a short speech explained the fitness of Mr. Taylor for the office. The nomination was seconded by W. E. Stephens for the Spokane county delegation. H. A. Foster of King complimented the house on the selection of Mr. Taylor and on motion of R. D. Shutt of Pierce the secretary cast the ballot of the caucus for Mr. Taylor.

Dr. Beach, after paying a brief tribute to Loren Grinstead, nominated him for clerk, and was seconded by R. A. Buchanan of Spokane. The election was unanimous.

Father as representative in WA legislature - "Tacoma (WA) Daily Ledger" Monday 9 Jan 1911 p 2

FIGHT CAUSE OF SUIT

**Representative Stephens of Spokane
Asks \$21,793 Damages.**

SPOKANE, Feb. 6.—State Representative W. E. Stephens has started suit in the superior court for \$21,793.05 damages for a broken leg and other damages received in a fist fight with Phil T. Becher, a local real estate man. A quarrel on September 22 between the

two men as to which should have the right-of-way for his automobile led to blows and terminated only when Stephens was knocked to the curbing, falling in such a manner as to break one of the bones of his leg.

In his complaint he alleges that Becher was the aggressor, and also the injuries to himself as of such a nature as to render him permanently a cripple.

STEPHENS LEAVES FOR GREAT FALLS

Well-Known Local Real Estate Dealer Will Open an Office in Montana City.

W. E. Stephens, who for the last 10 years has been a prominent real estate dealer of this city, leaves today for Great Falls, Mont., where he will open a real estate office.

Mr. Stephens will not move his family from Spokane at the present time, as he intends to look over the ground in the vicinity of the Montana city before deciding to make his permanent home there.

"Spokane (WA) Chronicle" Thursday 17 Apr 1913 p 13

Mother:

North America, Family Histories, 1500-2000 for Minerva Patterson

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MRS. MINERVA PATTERSON STEPHENS.

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Born in Fayette County, Pa.

Wife of W. E. Stephens.

Descendant of William Patterson, of Pennsylvania.

Daughter of William Given Patterson and Edith Sharpless (Craft), his wife.

Granddaughter of James Patterson (b. 1812) and Mary Given, his wife.

Gr-granddaughter of William Patterson and Mary McCormick, his wife.

William Patterson (1732-1800) enlisted 1776 in Capt. James Cowden's company, Col. James Burd's regiment, 4th battalion of Lancaster County, Pa., militia. He was afterwards on the prison ship "Jersey." He was born and died in Lancaster County, Pa.

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/2201276:61157>

Librarian's Mother Dies

Miss Eleanor S. Stephens, State Librarian, received word here Monday night of the death of her mother, Mrs. Minerva Stephens, in Riverside, Calif.

Mrs. Stephens died late last week. She had lived in Salem for

many years with her daughter, prior to going to Riverside a year ago. Another daughter, Mrs. Leonard Difani, resides in Riverside. The deceased was born in 1864 in Pennsylvania.

The funeral service is to be held this week in California.

Death of mother Minerva Sharpless Patterson Stephens – "Salem (OR) Statesman Journal"
Tuesday 29 Apr 1952 p 16



Minerva Sharpless Patterson Stephens – left: https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/collection/1030/tree/72455973/person/36262910918/media/0a23f877-fed9-44e7-9da8-f8339cebea62?_phsrc=hFB59449&_phstart=successSource and right: https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/collection/1030/tree/72455973/person/36262910918/media/fd96ed0f-1781-450c-89f9-bb45817aad28?_phsrc=hFB59450&_phstart=successSource

Siblings:



Eleanor Gertrude Sharpless Stevens (1892-1979) – Oregon State Librarian, 1941-1958

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Eleanor Gertrude Sharpless Stevens - https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/collection/1030/tree/72455973/person/36481388138/media/65d931b4-6c4c-4b04-b614-712bfd6e54c9?_phsrc=hFB59435&_phstart=successSource

Statewide Dinner Friday Evening Will Honor Miss Eleanor Stephens

Event of interest this coming week will be the dinner honoring Miss Eleanor Stephens, retiring State Librarian, on Friday evening. Hosts for the affair, which is attracting attention on a statewide basis, are the trustees of the Oregon State Library Board and members of the library staff.

The dinner will be in the Gold Room of the Marion Hotel at 7 o'clock, with a reception to follow.

Speakers for the event have been announced this week by William H. Carlson, chairman of the state board. They will be Dr. Dorothy O. Johansen, professor at Reed College and author of the recent book, "Empire of the Columbia"; former governor Charles A. Sprague, and Mrs. Richard L. Neuberger, wife of U.S. Sen. Neuberger.

Mr. Carlson will preside as master of ceremonies. Other board members who will serve as hosts during the dinner and reception are Nathan Berkman of Portland, William C. McGraw of Sherwood, Robert Smith of Burns, Mrs. Marshall Swearingen of Bend, Mrs. Eva Nelson Shold of Pendleton and Mrs. Robert Campbell of Eugene.

Interested friends of Miss Stephens who are unable to attend the dinner have been invited by

the hosts to join the group for the 8:30 p.m. program and to remain for the reception.

Among out-of-town guests who have accepted dinner invitations at this time are a former board member, Mrs. Meredith Bailey, Sisters; Miss Maryan E. Reynolds, State Librarian of Washington, and members of her staff; Bernard Van Horne, librarian of the Library Association of Portland, and members of his staff; John S. Richards, former president of the American Library Association and retired librarian of the Seattle Public Library; Dr. Irving Lieberman, director of the University of Washington School of Librarianship; Mrs. Jack Beal of Bend and Mrs. Ewing W. Stephens of Walla Walla, Wash., the latter two members of Miss Stephens' family.

Miss Stephens, who was appointed as State Librarian in November, 1941, announced her retirement earlier this year. She leaves the state position on Dec. 31 of this year. In addition to her service in the library field, Miss Stephens has been active in local and state groups. In her chosen profession, she has been selected for assignments of responsibility with national associations and has established a wide reputation for her ability and leadership.

"Salem (OR) Capital Journal" Saturday 27 Sep 1958 p 6

'JOB WELL DONE'**Banquet, Reception Honors Librarian**

By MARIAN LOWRY FISCHER
Capital Journal Writer

Tribute to retiring State Librarian Eleanor Stephens for a "job well done" and for service far beyond call of duty in her 17 years here was paid by a large assembly of friends and officials Friday night.

A dinner was given in her honor by the library board of trustees and staff members at the Marion Hotel with 320 attending. Later, others came for the program and for the reception following.

Miss Stephens is to retire from her position as state librarian on Dec. 31. She will be succeeded by Miss Eloise Ebert, now assistant librarian.

MANY HONORS

Throughout the talks and messages, Miss Stephens was honored for her devotion to duty, her unselfish service to the cause of libraries and to the state, and for "rich achievements" in her field.

Library friends from all over the state and a group of library officials from the state of Washington attended the dinner. Miss

Maryan Reynolds, Washington state librarian; Dr. Irving Lieberman, director of the school of librarianship at University of Washington; and several Washington state library staff members were present.

William H. Carlson, chairman of the board of trustees, Oregon State Library, and librarian at the Oregon State College library, was master of ceremonies. At the conclusion of the program, Carlson presented a parchment scroll from the board of trustees to Miss Stephens, the document citing her outstanding record.

Charles A. Sprague, who was governor at the time Miss Stephens was appointed state librarian in 1941, was one of the four speakers. He reviewed the growth of the library and pointed to its expanded facilities and services since Miss Stephens took over its direction.

Maurine Neuberger, wife of U.S. Sen. Richard Neuberger, was another speaker to comment on the future of libraries. Knowledge and information mean much to our future and in that field libraries are most important, she said. Mrs. Neuberger paid personal tribute to

Miss Stephens, too, acknowledging the many services the librarian has done to aid in supplying information and research needed by state officials as well as others in the state.

HOLMES COMMENTS

A tribute from Gov. Robert D. Holmes was read by his administrative assistant, Harry R. Swanson Jr. The message, mounted on a blue backing with ribbons and seal of the state, was presented to Miss Stephens.

David Duniway, State Archivist, read the talk to have been given by Dr. Dorothy O. Johansen, Reed College, who was unable to attend the dinner because of illness. Dr. Johansen's paper told of the crowded conditions of the old library 30 years ago.

Special guests at the dinner were Mrs. Leonard Difani of Riverside, Calif., sister of Miss Stephens, and a surprise arrival to attend the gathering; Mrs. Jack Bean of Bend, a niece of Miss Stephens, and Mrs. Ewing W. Stephens of Walla Walla, Wash., a sister-in-law.

The original and each copy of an application for a passport must have attached to it a copy of the applicant's photograph.
A loose signed photograph of the applicant must accompany the application.
The photograph must be on this paper, should have a light background, and be not over three inches in size.

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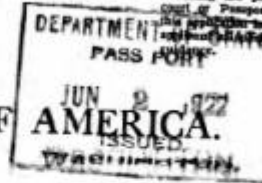
NOTE: This blank must be completely filled out. The legal fee of nine dollars, in currency or postal money order, must accompany this application.
A woman's application must state whether she is married or not, and a married woman must state whether her husband is a native citizen.
The rules should be carefully read before mailing the application to the Department of State, Division of Passport Control, Washington, D. C.

[REVISION OF 1919.]

[FORM FOR NATIVE CITIZEN.]

The total cost of a passport is \$10.00. It is unnecessary to pay any other fee to any person in connection with the filing out or execution of this application or for obtaining the passport. The clerk of court or Passport Agent before whom this application is executed will give the applicant any necessary information and

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.



STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF NEW YORK ss.

I, Eleanor Sharpless Stephens, NATIVE AND LOYAL CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES, hereby apply to the Department of State, at Washington, for a passport.

I solemnly swear that I was born at Churdan, in the State of Iowa, on or about the 23 day of January, 1892; that my ~~father~~ husband William Ellsworth Stephens was born in Uniontown, Pa. and is now residing at Riverside, Calif. that he emigrated to the United States from the port of _____ on or about _____, I _____; that he resided _____ years, uninterruptedly, in the United States, from 1 _____ to 1 _____, at _____; that he was naturalized as a citizen of the United States before the _____ Court of _____, at _____, on _____, 1 _____, as shown by the accompanying Certificate of Naturalization; that I have resided outside of the United States at the following places for the following periods:

from Nov 1911 to Nov 1911 at 326 West 9th St., Riverside
and that I am domiciled in the United States, my permanent residence being at Riverside in the State of California, where I follow the occupation of Librarian. My last passport was obtained from _____, on _____, and was _____.

(Disposition of passport.) I am about to go abroad temporarily; and I intend to return to the United States within 4 months with the purpose of residing and performing the duties of citizenship therein; and I desire a passport for use in visiting the countries hereinafter named for the following purpose:

...PURPOSE FOR THE FOLLOWING purpose:

Italy, France, Spain (Name of country.) travel (Object of visit.)

Switzerland, Germany (Name of country.) (Object of visit.)

Saint Paul, Holland (Name of country.) (Object of visit.)

Belgium, British Isles (Name of country.) (Object of visit.)

I intend to leave the United States from the port of Montreal (Port of departure.)

(with or without party)

sailing on board the _____ on June 22, 1922 (Date of departure.)

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE.

Further, I do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; and that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion: So help me God.

Sworn to before me this _____ day _____, 1922

(Signature of applicant) Eleanor Stephens

(Signature of official) William D. [unclear]

(REAL OF COURT) of MAY 22 1922

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* A person born in the United States should submit a birth or baptismal certificate with his application, or if the birth was not recorded, affidavits from the attending physician, parents, or other person having sufficient knowledge to be able to testify as to the place and date of the applicant's birth.

† If the applicant's father was born in this country, lines should be drawn through the blanks in brackets.

[OVER.]

DESCRIPTION OF APPLICANT.

Age: 30 years. Mouth: medium
 Stature: 5 feet, 10 inches, Eng. Chin: round
 Forehead: low Hair: brown
 Eyes: brown Complexion: dark
 Nose: short Face: round oval
 Distinguishing marks: mole on right cheek

IDENTIFICATION.

I, Thomas B. Purkin, May 22, 1922, solemnly swear that I am a native citizen of the United States; that I reside at 261 W. 34th St. New York City; that I have known the above-named Eleanor Sharpless Stephens personally for four years and know her to be a native citizen of the United States; and that the facts stated in her affidavit are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

No lawyer or other person will be accepted as witness in a passport application if he has received or expects to receive a fee for his services in connection with the execution of the application or obtaining the passport.

Thomas B. Purkin
 Librarian
 (Occupation)

261 W. 34th St.
 (Address of witness.)
New York City

Sworn to before me this MAY 22 1922 day
 of MAY 22 1922, 1922

[SEAL.]

William D. Farnham
 Clerk of the Court at

Applicant desires passport to be sent to the following address.

141-E. 26th St

new York City, N.Y.
 / Grace Humphrey
 HOY

A signed duplicate of the photograph to be attached hereto must be sent to the Department with the application, to be affixed to the passport with an impression of the Department's seal.



Eleanor Gertrude Sharpless Stevens – passport application 22 May 1922 -

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Name	Stevens
Event Type	Birth
Event Date	12 Jan 1889
Event Place	Iowa, United States
Event Place (Original)	Iowa, United States
Gender	Male
Father's Name	William E. Stevens
Mother's Name	Minerva Patterson
Certificate Number	p 213
Record Number	85

Birth of brother Stephens – 12 Jan 1889 IA - <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:QJP4-SKM3>

Name	Stevens
Event Type	Birth
Event Date	12 Jan 1889
Event Place	Des Moines Township, Dallas, Iowa, United States
Event Place (Original)	Des Moines Township, Iowa, United States
Gender	Male
Father's Name	William E Stevens
Mother's Name	Minerva Patterson
Certificate Number	3783
Record Number	2830

<https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/sources/LTMB-KTC>

IOWA STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
DIVISION OF VITAL STATISTICS
Delayed Certificate of Birth

201659

Full name at birth Ruth Elizabeth Stephens-
First Middle Last

Date of birth Sept 24 1898 Color or Race white Sex female
(Month) (Day) (Year)

Birthplace Sheldon O'Brien Iowa
(City or Town) (County) (State)

Father: Name William Elsworth Stephens Birthplace Pennsylvania
(Full Name) (State or Country)

Mother: Name Minerva Patterson Birthplace Pennsylvania
(Maiden Name) (State or Country)

Affidavit: I hereby declare upon oath that the above statements are true.

Signature Ruth E. Difani Address 4651 Ladera Lane Riverside Calif.
(To be signed by registrant if possible)

Subscribed and sworn to before me on May 6 1955

My commission expires on January 9 1956

(SEAL) J. H. Kest Notary Public

Applicant—do not write below this line.

ABSTRACT OF SUPPORTING EVIDENCE		Date original document was made
Name and kind of document, and by whom issued and signed		
1	MARRIAGE RECORD RIVERSIDE COUNTY CALIFORNIA	DEC. 25- 1919
2	AFFIDAVIT OF REGISTRATION	SEPT. 1-1944
3		

Information Concerning Registrant as Stated in Documents

	Birth date or age	Birthplace	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
1	Age 22 Years	Iowa		
2	Sept. 24-1898	Sheldon, Iowa		
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Additional information:

Statement of Reviewing Official

I hereby certify that no prior certificate has been found in the County or State Bureau of Vital Statistics for this registrant and that documentary evidence has been seen and read which substantiates the facts as set forth in the foregoing abstract.

Signature Carl E. Jinneman M.D.
(State Registrar)

OR
 Signature L. E. Chancellor
(Director Division of Vital Statistics)

Date JUL 22 1955
 Filed

IA delayed birth certificate of sister Ruth Elizabeth Stephens Difani (1898-1986) -
https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/61441/images/101715024_01665?iId=15022



Ruth Elizabeth Stephens Difani - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/72808334/person/38327524743/media/aa08f664-6f44-4bfe-a701-57bff5c6b591>

Name: Ewing William Stephens

Name variations:

Military:

On Tuscania: Officer Reserve Corps – 2nd lieutenant

Serial number: Army officers were not assigned serial numbers in WWI

Entered service from: Riverside, Riverside CA

Sailed on “Tuscania” as: Ewing Wm. Stephens

Next-of-kin on “Tuscania”: mother Minerva Stephens, 326 W. 7th St., Riverside CA

Returned from war on: "America" May 1919

Sailed on return ship as: Ewing E. Stephens

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: mother Mrs. Minerva E. Stephens, 326 W. 7th St., Riverside CA (1st Lt, HQ Co, 122nd F.A.)

World War I draft registration (1917): as Ewing William Stephens - b. 28 Jun 1887 Brownsville PA; res: 216 Fourth, Lewiston, Nez Perce ID. Single. Lawyer & dept. clerk of District Court, Nez Perce Co. ID, at Lewiston, Nez Perce ID. Tall in height, medium build.

World War II draft registration (1942): as Ewing William Stephens - b. 29 Jun 1887 Brownsville PA; res: 211 N. Clinton St., Walla Walla, Walla Walla WA. Mailing address: Box 758, Walla Walla WA. NOK Josephine K. Stephens, same address. Employed by Tausick & Kauffman, Valley Fruit Co., 704-706, Walla Walla, Walla Walla WA. Height: 6'4" – 226 lbs. [Eugene Tausick's business partner is Jacob John Kauffman, Ewing's father-in-law]

Veterans Administration Military Index: no serial number listed

Enlisted: 27 Nov 1917

Discharged: not recorded

Address: 211 N. Clinton St., Walla Walla WA

Rank/unit: 1st lieutenant, Field Artillery

Birth & death:

Born: 28 Jun 1887 Brownsville, Fayette PA

Died: 29 May 1948 Walla Walla WA

Find A Grave record: 108426931 – photo – presence on Tuscania indicated in text

Burial location: Walla Walla, Walla Walla WA

Cemetery: Mountain View

Tombstone:

Father: William Ellsworth Stephens, 16 Apr 1866 Redstone, Fayette PA – 20 Jul 1954 Bedford, Bedford VA. Son of Nathaniel Stephens & Hannah Price. Elected to the WA legislature in Nov 1910; apparently served only one term. In the 1920 census, he lives in Riverside, Riverside CA & lists himself as married. Minerva also lives in the same city/county/state but at a different address. Divorced at the time of his death. Died in the Elks Rest Home. His tombstone is inscribed as a member of the Riverside CA Lodge No. 643, BPOE [the Elks]. Buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Bedford, Bedford VA.

Find A Grave: 101240865

Mother: Minerva Sharpless (Minnie) Patterson Stephens, 8 Jun 1864 Redstone, Fayette PA – 26 Apr 1952 Riverside, Riverside CA. Daughter of William R. Patterson & Edith Craft. In the 1920 census, Minerva lives in Riverside, Riverside CA & lists herself as married. William also lives in the same city/county/state but at a different address.

Find A Grave:

Parents' marriage:

Spouse: Josephine Margaret Kauffman Stephens, 24 Feb 1896 Walla Walla, Walla Walla WA – 25 Sep 1978 Walla Walla, Walla Walla WA. Daughter of John Jacob ("Jake") Kauffman (1869-1940, F: 70700026) & Stella May Butler (1870-1968, F: 70700123). Buried in Mountain View Cemetery, Walla Walla, Walla Walla WA.

Spouse Find A Grave: 108427117

Marriage: 10 Jun 1922 Walla Walla, Walla Walla WA. First marriage for both. He was a lawyer, she a supervisor of music.

Children:

- Elizabeth Jean ("Betty") Stephens Difani, 28 Jan 1924 Lewiston, Nez Perce ID – 11 May 2007 Walla Walla, Walla Walla WA. Married 16 Jul 1945 in Pierce Co. WA to Howard John Martin (1924-2008, F: 96288238). Buried in Mountain View Cemetery, Walla Walla, Walla Walla WA. F: 95955642
- John William Stephens, 28 May 1926 Walla Walla, Walla Walla WA – 11 Apr 2005 Wilsonville, Clackamas OR. SSN 534-12-8931. Married 27 Jan 1951 in Seattle, King WA to Elizabeth Marie ("Bz") Schulz (182-2014). They divorced ca. 1951 or 1958 (records differ). – Married 26 Dec 1976 in Reno, Clark NV to Lucinda Lee Campbell. – Married 19 Jan 1991 in Reno, Clark NV to an unnamed spouse. – Married 6 Jun 1995 in Reno, Clark NV to Louise Evans. Was married to Dolores at the time of his death.

Siblings:

- Male Stephens, b. 12 Jan 1889 Des Moines township, Dallas Co. IA. Dead by the 1900 census, conducted 5 Jun 1900.
- Eleanor Gertrude Sharpless Stephens, 23 Jan 1892 Churdan, Greene IA – 29 May 1979 Woodland, Yolo CA. SSN 564-54-8746. Librarian. Died with surname Stephens.
- Ruth Elizabeth Stephens Difani, 24 Sep 1898 Sheldon, O'Brien IA – 15 Apr 1986 Riverside, Riverside CA. SSN 569-56-9537. Married 2 Jan 1920 in Riverside Co. CA to Leonard Joseph Difani (1894-1987, F: 582415), a lawyer. They had 5 children. Buried in Riverside National Cemetery, Riverside, Riverside CA. F: 582416

Notes:

Through his mother Minerva Patterson, Ewing is descended from Revolutionary War soldier William Patterson (1732-1800), who served in Captain James Cowden's 4th Battalion of Lancaster Co. PA. He was confined on the prison ship "Jersey" for a time. William's brothers James & Peter Patterson also served in the Revolutionary War.

The British incarcerated men & boys in ships anchored in New York harbor from 1776-1783. The most notorious was the "Jersey" – which was nicknamed "Hell." At least 11,000 Americans died on the "Jersey" during the war, a number far greater than the approximately 4,500 American men who died in combat. There were only 1,400 survivors from the "Jersey."

Pre-war:

"Spokane (WA) Chronicle" Tuesday, 5 Mar 1912 p 1 – At the U of WA Seattle, a group led by Ewing Stephens & 4 other Spokane seniors, he of the 1912 law class of U of WA, want no caps & gowns for spring graduation. Ewing is president of the University Law Association & says caps & gowns are a "relic of the intellectual aristocracy" "

Wartime:

"Spokane (WA) Semi-Weekly Spokesman-Review" Monday, 31 Dec 1917 p 10 - visited Lewiston ID, commissioned officer after officers' reserve training camp in Presidio, San Francisco, formerly deputy clerk of district court of Nez Perce County

"Los Angeles Times" Wednesday 6 Mar 1918 p 15 - Mrs. W.E. Stephens, Riverside CA, mother of Ewing, rec'd a letter about his experiences, 1 of last to leave, lifeboat useless as rope broke, was on way to France for active field artillery training

"Spokane (WA) Chronicle" Monday 11 Mar 1918 p 18 - former "Chronicle" carrier when boy, wrote to mother Mrs. W.E. Stephens at Riverside CA 4 days after sinking, Lt. in F.A., U of WA graduate, talking to young Scot (who died) who was pointing to map & saying would be there in 45 minutes when torpedo hit, went to stateroom to check on ill man & put on overcoat, waited about 1 hr. but seemed much longer until destroyer came went hand-over-hand down side of ship when destroyer "started" & he let loose & dropped down, catching his knees over the destroyer's edge & just missed being crushed between 2 ships. British Army men in N. part Ireland & "noble fellows" on destroyers praised

"Spokane (WA) Semi-Weekly Spokesman-Review" Wednesday 20 Mar 1918 p 8 - of Lewiston ID, 2nd Lt. Field Artillery, letter to friends, landed by destroyer on N. coast of Ireland, treated royally by British officers, praised British Army, Navy & American Red Cross, he lost \$750 of equipment & is borrowing money from Red Cross to re-equip

"Spokane (WA) Semi-Weekly Spokesman-Review" Monday 12 Aug 1918 p 7 - Lt., resigned as deputy clerk of district court, now at front in France

"Spokane (WA) Chronicle" Thursday 10 Jul 1919 p 8 - back from France, spoke at Gamma Eta Kappa banquet, fatalities due to accidents after torpedo, in lifeboats & on Islay

Post-war:

"Spokane (WA) Semi-Weekly Spokesman-Review" 4 Jan 1921 p 6 – Stephens severed his association with attorney E.A. Cox & opened an office in the Lewiston (ID) National Bank building. Graduate of the U of WA. Was a lieutenant in WWI. Before the war was a clerk of Nez Perce Co. district court.

"Spokane (WA) Semi-Weekly Spokesman Review" Friday 14 Nov 1925 p 12 – Stephens of Walla Walla WA, a veteran who is a member of the Rotary Club, gave speech to them asking for tolerance for veterans. The American Legion should be helped to care for mutilated, wounded, ill veterans. He reported discipline on the Tuscania was good except the commander of the troops left in the 1st lifeboat (the 1 with women). Lifebelts hit men in the jaw & broke their necks. Some died of hypothermia. The lifeboat apparatus didn't work right so this led to inspections

"Spokane (WA) Semi-Weekly Spokesman Review" Friday 18 Apr 1941 p 6 - Superior Court judge ruled unwitnessed codicil to will of John Jacob Kauffman, pioneer Walla Walla merchant who died 19 Jan 1940, is not valid. In it, Kauffman willed his Valley Fruit Co. stock to his son-in-law, Ewing Stephens.

Obituary:

Social Security number:

Censuses:

1900 Davenport, Lincoln WA

William Stephens, 34 PA, Apr 1866, parents b. PA, married 14 years, abstractor

Minerva, 34 PA, Jun 1865, parents b. PA, gave birth to 4 children, 3 are living

Ewing W., 12 PA, Jun 1887, in school

Ellinore, 8 IA, Jan 1892, in school

Ruth, 2 IA, Sep 1897

1910 Spokane, Spokane WA – 1703 Crescent Ave.

William Stephens, 45 PA, in 1st marriage, married 24 years, salesman, real estate

Minerva, 46 PA, in 1st marriage, gave birth to 4 children, 3 are living

Ewing W., 22 PA, student

Eleanor, 18 IA

Ruth, 12 IA

1920 Lewiston, Nez Perce ID

Ewing W. Stephens, 32 PA, parents b. PA, single, lawyer, general practice, lodger

His name appears on line 53. A note says it connects to line 43. That is also for a lodger.

The pages are full of entries separated from their origins and full of notes.

1920 Riverside, Riverside CA – his mother & sister Ruth & her husband

Minerva P. Stephens, 55 PA, parents b. PA, married, manager, apartment house [head of household]

The next entry on the page is for her married daughter, Ruth Elizabeth Stephens Difani:

Leonard J. Difani, 25 CA, father b. MO, mother b. England, lawyer, office, general [head of household]

Ruth E. Difani, 22 IA, parents b. PA [wife]

1920 Riverside, Riverside CA – Main St.

William E. Stephens, 53 PA, parents b. PA, married, real estate, office [head of household]

1930 Walla Walla, Walla Walla WA – 628 University

Ewing W. Stephens, 42 PA, parents b. PA, age 34 at 1st marriage, manager, fruit company, WWI veteran

Josephine K., 34 WA, father b. IA, mother b. WA, age 36 at 1st marriage

Elizabeth J., 6 ID

John W., 3 WA

1940 Walla Walla, Walla Walla WA – 215 Clinton St. – in same house in 1935

Ewing Stephens, 52 PA, manager, W&R fruit & fuel

Josephine K., 44 WA

Betty, 16 ID

John W., 13 WA

1940 Los Angeles, Los Angeles CA – N. Commonwealth Ave. – his mother & sister – same place in 1935

Eleanor S. Stephens, 48 IA, librarian, county, library

Minera, 75 PA, widow [mother]

1950 Walla Walla, Walla Walla WA – 211 N. Clinton - Ewing is dead

Josephine K. Stephens, 54 WA, widow, executive, retail, wood, coal & ice

John, 23 WA, executive, retail fuel [son]

