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b = born

d = died

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

NOK = next-of-kin

TUSCANIA

Sturgeon, Walter Rey
1893 CA – 1970 CA

Walter Sturgeon

A graveside funeral service will be held for Walter Rey Sturgeon, 77, Friday at 3 p.m. in Santa Maria cemetery with Rev. Stanley M. Smith, First United Methodist Church officiating.

A 43-year resident of Santa Maria, Mr. Sturgeon was a superintendent for Gilmore Oil Company. He has resided in Merced for the past 12 years.

Mr. Sturgeon, born Jan. 22, 1893 in Monterey County, died Tuesday in a Merced hospital from injuries received in a Monday automobile accident.

He is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Janice Hollis, Ripon; a brother, Chester Sturgeon, Los Alamos; a sister, Mrs. Stella Hills, Glendora; two grandsons and several nieces and nephews.

Friends may visit at the Dudley Hoffman Mortuary from noon until 2:30 p.m. Friday.

Obituary of Walter Rey Sturgeon – "Santa Maria (CA) Times" Thursday 12 Feb 1970 p 2

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Life:

BALD MOUNTAIN SCHOOL.

Closed for Summer Vacation With Interesting Exercises.

The Bald Mountain school Mrs. Fannie Liddle, teacher, closed for the summer vacation May 23. There was a large attendance of parents and friends on the last day, when the following interesting program was rendered:

- 1—Flag Drill and Welcome School.
- 2—"The Clock"—Rey Sturgeon.
- 3—"Contentment"—Vicente Canieta.
- 4—"A Patriotic Boy"—Leland Smith.
- 5—Song—"Many an Honest Heart"—Grace Taylor.
- 6—"Three Little Playmates"—Pearl Smith.
- 7—"The Children's Hour"—Estelle Sturgeon.
- 8—Dialogue—"Keeping House"—7 pupils.
- 9—"The Light of Stars"—Hazel Smith.
- 10—"Going to School"—Louis Smith.
- 11—"The Little Hatchet"—Salvador Canieta.
- 12—Song—"The Flower Girls"—Pearl Smith, Adelaida Canieta, Grace Taylor.
- 13—"If Ever I See"—Sylvia Smith.
- 14—"Beautiful Grandma"—Adelaida Canieta.
- 15—Song—"Jack and Gill"—Louis and Leland Smith.
- 16—"My Age"—Ustacque Canieta.
- 17—Organ Solo—Estelle Sturgeon.
- 18—Dialogue—"Everything in its Place"—Pearl Smith, Hazel Smith, Grace Taylor.
- 19—Song—"All Things Beautiful"—6 Girls.

- 20—"Sandalphon"—Grace Taylor.
 - 21—Dialogue—"Antle Dimple"—8 Pupils.
 - 22—Harmonica Duet—Salvador and Ustacque Canieta.
 - 23—Songs by the School—Neidlinger.
- A dance followed in the evening.
- Pearl Smith and Leland Smith were neither absent nor tardy during the term.
- Mrs. Liddle and daughter are spending their vacation in Pacific Grove.

Estelle & Walter Rey Sturgeon on Bald Mountain School program – "The Californian" (Salinas CA) Wednesday 11 Jun 1902 p 1

GRADUATES FROM THE EIGHTH GRADE

**BOARD OF EDUCATION GRANTS
DIPLOMAS TO ONE HUNDRED
AND THIRTEEN.**

**Thirty-Four School Districts Finish
Pupils for Entrance to the High
Schools of County.**

The County Board of Education has completed the marking of the papers in the examination of applicants for graduation from the grammar schools of the county to the high schools, and it is now engaged in going over the papers of the May and June examinations of pupils of the seventh grade for promotion to the eighth grade. The following is the list of pupils who passed the eighth grade examination:

Pinkerton—Walter	Rey	Sturgeon,
Mary Iffert,		

“The Californian” (Salinas CA) Friday 26 Jun 1908 p 5

YOUNG PEOPLE OF PLEYTO SCORE A HIT

THEY GIVE AN ENJOYABLE ENTERTAINMENT ON WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY.

The young people of Pleyto gave a very successful and enjoyable entertainment at the Pleyto hall last Saturday evening, February 22. The program consisted of the following:

Opening address—M. Ray Harris.

Selections on violin and guitar—Will Adams and L. C. Harris.

Dialogue, "The Rough Diamond"—Frank Ramage as Sir William Evergreen; Myrtle Ford, as Lady Evergreen (Margery); Ray Harris as Margery's cousin, Joe; Cleve Harris as Captain Augustus Blenheim; Shirley Coyner as Lord Plato; Eva Coyner as Lady Plato; Charlotte Sturgeon as Lucy; Howard Harris as Jack, and Orrin Ford as Tom.

Selection on guitar and violin—Will Pinkerton, Jr., and Will Adams.

Dialogue, "Old Cronies"—Ray Harris as Dr. Jacks, and Cleve Harris as Capt. Pigeon.

Selection on guitar and violin—L. C. Harris and Will Adams.

Dialogue, "The Persecuted Dutchman"—Lena Coyner as Mrs. Plentiful; Warren Moore, as Mr. Plentiful; Shirley Coyner, as ~~Captain~~ Blowhard; Eva Coyner, as Arabella Blowhard; Rey Sturgeon, as Hon. Augustus Clearstarch; Howard Harris as Cousin Soberly; Visa Parlet, as Perseverence; Willie Parlet, as Teddy, and Paul Moore as John Schmidt.

Selection on violin and guitar by Will Adams and L. C. Harris.

Closing address by Rey Sturgeon.



SPECIAL ELECTION PROCLAMATION

Whereas, there has been presented to this Board a petition demanding the election of a successor to Wm. Casey, Supervisor of the Fourth Supervisor District of the County of Monterey, State of California;

And, Whereas, the County Clerk of this county has certified that said petition is sufficient;

It is therefore ordered that a special election be held in the Fourth Supervisor District of the County of Monterey, State of California, on Wednesday, the 13th day of October, 1915, to determine whether the qualified voters of said Fourth Supervisor District will recall said Wm. Casey.

The polls shall be open from six o'clock A. M. to seven o'clock P. M. of said day.

It is further ordered that the following named places be, and the same are hereby, designated as the polling places, and that the following named persons be, and they are hereby, selected and appointed election officers, of the several voting precincts of the Fourth Supervisor District of the County of Monterey, State of California, at the special election hereby called to be held in said Fourth Supervisor District on the 13th day of October, 1915, to-wit:

Pleyto Precinct.

Polling place, Pleyto Hall. Judge, James S. Bidwell; inspector A. H. Rutherford; clerks, Thomas P. Talley, Walter R. Sturgeon.

"The Californian" (Salinas CA) Tuesday 14 Sep 1915 p 3

CALIFORNIANS ON TUSCANIA

(Continued from Page 1)

California on the Tuscania are:

Walter R. Sturgeon, Pleagle.

"Pleagle" is Pleyton CA – "San Luis Obispo (CA) Tribune" Monday 11 Feb 1918 p 8

Ballots and Ballot Boxes Ready for Voters Tuesday

(Continued from Page 1)

Lillian Harrison; judges, Maria Bettersworth, Mrs. Lou P. Garris.

No. 6, Fairlawn school—Inspector, James H. Armitage; clerks, Gladys M. Anderson, Myrtle Betterman, Stella N. Hemm; judges, Thomas F. Connor, Albert M. Edwards.

No. 7, Doan Building company—Inspector, Harry E. Stier; clerks, Bernal G. Clothier, Vivian Brickley; judge, Elsie A. Thole.

No. 8, 200 West Main street—Inspector, Martin W. Lundgren;

Irene Sawyer, Clifford F. Allee, Margaret E. Zanetti; judges, Emma O. Muscio, Clelia Menghetti.

Sisquoc, Public Hall—Inspector, Joe Calderon; clerk, Annie V. Elliott, Barbara Goodchild, Walter R. Sturgeon; judges, Esperanza Ruiz, Dolores Calderon.

Butteravia, Amusement hall—Inspector, Cora M. Fly; clerks, Katherine Fairbanks, Lucy C. Conklin, Ulysses G. Burns; judges, Anita K. Fratis, Harry H. Upton.

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“Santa Maria (CA) Times” Monday 5 Nov 1934 p 6

There were eight tables of bridge and “five hundred” at the card party given by the Blochman Aid in the Blochman Campfire Girls’ house Tuesday night. High score at bridge was won by Elmer Mankins and high score in “five hundred” went to Mrs. Nell Meagher. Those attending were: Mr. and Mrs. Dick Doane, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Evans, Mr. and Mrs. Milken, Mr. and Mrs. Rey Sturgeon, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Saulsbury, Mesdames Louise Kelving, Mesquit, Goss, Winnie Adams, Ann Smith, Forbes, McCain, Earl Stewart, Nell Meagher, Etta Niles, Lillian Mussell, Ruth Micheals, Winifred Breen, Pricilla Griswold, Adria Blakely, Harriet Thornburg, Jay McDonald and Elmer Mankins.

“Santa Maria (CA) Times” Friday 22 Mar 1935 p 3

Mr. and Mrs. Rey Sturgeon and children, Jeanne and Bobbie, visited the first of the week with Mrs. Wilson’s mother, Mrs. Mollie Smith, in San Luis Obispo.

“Santa Maria (CA) Times” Thursday 18 Jul 1935 p 2

Mr. and Mrs. Rey Sturgeon and children, Eugene and Janice, have returned from the San Diego exposition.

"Santa Maria (CA) Times" Wednesday 14 Aug 1935 p 3

Homer Sturgeon and son, J. J. Sturgeon of Santa Maria, visited Rey Sturgeon on the R. and G. lease while on a quail hunt.

"Santa Maria (CA) Times" Wednesday 27 Nov 1935 p 6

Wife Fern Treasure:

Fern Sturgeon

Fern F. Sturgeon, formerly of Santa Maria, died Saturday in Modesto at the age of 71.

Burial will be in Santa Maria and friends are invited to attend graveside services at 2 p.m. Thursday at the Santa Maria Cemetery.

Mrs. Sturgeon was a na-

tive of Watsonville. She is survived by her husband Walter R. Sturgeon of Ripon and was the mother of the late Robert Eugene Sturgeon. Other survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Janice Hollis of Ripon and two grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements were by the Ripon Memorial Chapel.

Obituary of wife Fern Treasure Sturgeon (1893-1965) – "Santa Maria (CA) Times" Monday 15 Feb 1965 p 8

Edith Severens, Los Angeles, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Rey Sturgeon, R. & G. oil lease.

"Santa Maria (CA) Times" Tuesday 16 Apr 1935 p 6

Great, Wednesday morning.
Mrs. Rey Sturgeon, R. and G. oil lease, and niece, June Severens, accompanied the latter's sister, Miss Edith Sverens, to her home in Los Angeles.

Sisquoc CA news: "Santa Maria (CA) Times" Friday 19 Apr 1935 p 5

The Blochman Women's aid sponsored a community picnic Sunday on the Union Oil picnic grounds near Mount Solomon. Games and contests were held in the afternoon. A baseball game between the married men and unmarried men was a feature.

Those present were Messrs. and Mesdames C. E. Cross, Bert Evans and family, Ray Sturgeon and family, Ralph Wilson and family, Clyde Saulsbury and family, I. S. Wayne and family, Elmer Mankins and daughter June, G. L. Fuller, Fred Michael and family, J. W. Blakely and family, William Breen and family, and Delbert Brous and son Gordon; Mrs. Amanda Brickey, Mrs. E. Greffoz, Mrs. Maude Harding and daughter Beth, Mrs. Carl Gettman and daughter Mary Ellen, Mrs. P. R. Charles and family, Miss Pauline Woods and Bill Townsend.

Results of the contest were: Rey Sturgeon, first in men's sack races; Cleland Saulsbury, first in boys' sack races; Jeanne Wilson, first in small girls' sack races; Gene Sturgeon, first in small girls' sack races, and Myrtle Brous, first in women's sack races.

Winners of the three-legged race were Junior Breen and Delbert Brous. The winners of the children's potato races were Gene Sturgeon and Janice Sturgeon.

The marshmallow races were won by Mrs. Maude Harding and Beth Harding, while winners in the peanut races were Peggy Breen and Rey Saulsbury. The fat women's race was won by Mrs. Sadie Saulsbury. Clelland Saulsbury won the pie-eating contest.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Bridges and

"Santa Maria (CA) Times" Tuesday 2 Jul 1935 p 3

TONIGHT'S PROGRAM.

The Graduation Exercises Will Be
Held at Foresters' Hall at
8 o'clock.

The graduating exercises of the 1911 class of the Salinas high school will take place this evening, commencing at 8 o'clock, at Foresters' hall, and will be followed by a reception in honor of the twenty six members in one of the lodge rooms.

The faculty of the school, owing to the limited space available for the audience, desires it to be understood that the announcements recently sent out by the graduates will not entitle the holders thereof to admission to the hall. Only the holders of numbered seat tickets will be admitted.

The reception will be invitational and is intended only for parents and relatives of the graduates, members of the alumni and the faculty.

The program of exercises will be pleasing but brief, and is as follows:

"Drink to Me Only With Thine Eyes" (old English), high school double quartet.

Address, Hon. Frank J. Murasky of San Francisco.

(a) Serenade (Gounod), (b) Absence (Hawley), Miss Gladys Edwards.

Presentation of diplomas, Prof. L. E. Kilkenny.

"Ave Marie" (Mendelssohn), senior girls' quartet.

Benediction, Rev. W. A. Rimer.

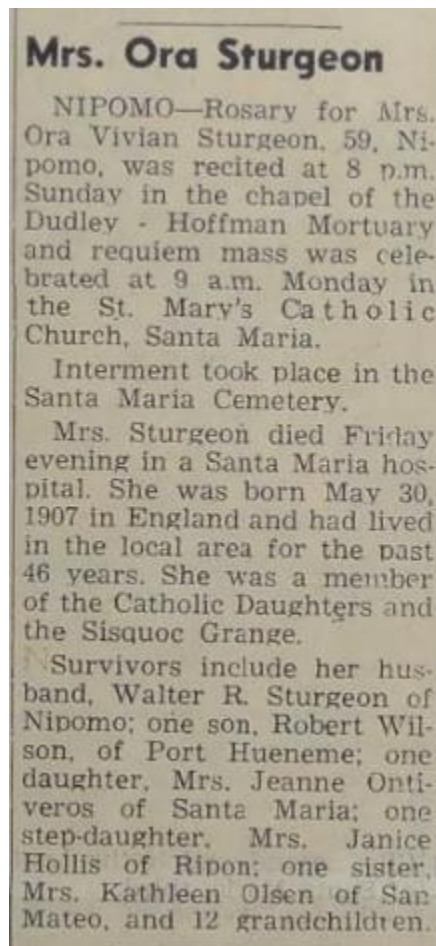
During the evening Rowling's orchestra will render the following selections: National Emblem (Bagley), Minuet (Paderewski), Poet and Peasant (Suppe).

The vocal music will be under the direction of Mrs. Mary Weaver McCauley of Monterey, instructor of music at the high school.

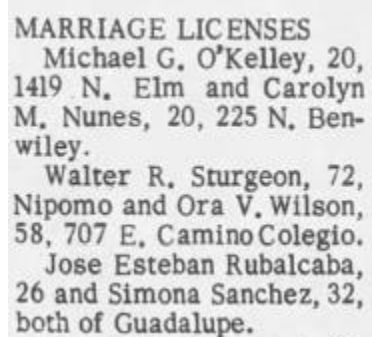
Following is a list of the graduates: Arline Carlisle Abbott, Lester W. Alsop, Florence Margaret Baker, Marcel B. Bergez, Loring Harvey Burns, Edythe Elvezia Decarli, Katherine Susanne Carson, Gladys Minerva Chaney, Charles Henry Coffey, Helen Winslow Dodge, Reese May Dudley, Alma Martha Eaton, Frederick P. Feliz Jr., Viola Isabelle Fry, Vida Estelle Hodges, Henry J. Koenecke, Nesline Helen Marcks, Estelle Irene Martin, Ruth Evangeline Mitchell, Clarence Wilbur Parsons, Sarah Elizabeth Plaskett,

Frances Boone Shannon, June Bernice Stirling, Fannie Fern Treasure, William Charles Thompson, Nellie Evangeline Wallace.

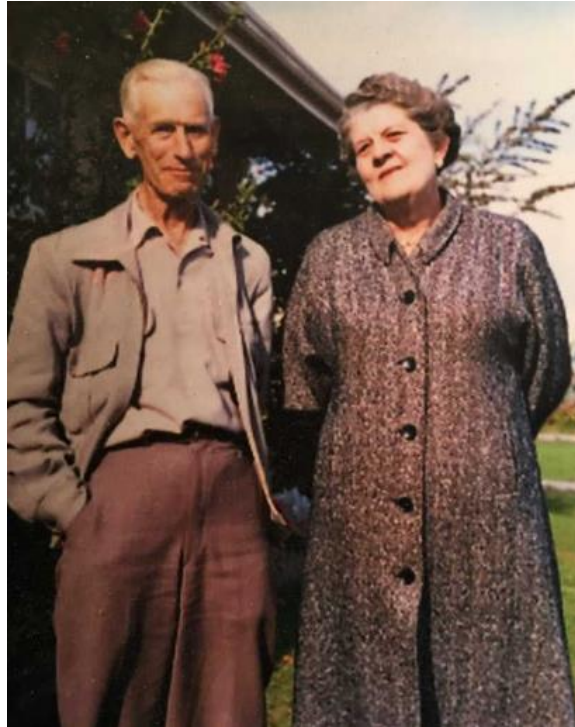
Wife Ora Smith Wilson



Obituary of **Ora Vivian Smith Wilson Sturgeon (1907-1966)** – “Grover City (CA) Press” Thursday 21 Jul 1966 p 11 and Arroyo Grande (CA) Valley Herald Recorder" 21 Jul 1966 p 11



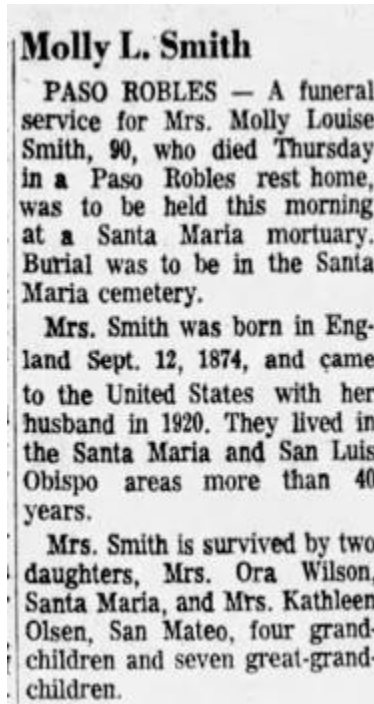
Marriage license of Ora V. Smith Wilson & Walter Rey Sturgeon - “Santa Maria (CA) Times” Monday 16 Aug 1965 p 8



Ora Vivian Smith Wilson Sturgeon with 1st husband, Ralph William Wales Wilson -
<https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/85149603/person/36516484594/media/dfb3f00d-e295-4b49-bdee-3f639e0d22ad>

Obituaries . . .
Ralph Wilson
Ralph Wilson, 75, died Thursday night in a local hospital. He was a resident of Sisquoc, and had resided in this area the past 40 years. Mr. Wilson was born on June 15, 1885 in Washington. He was a former superintendent of Palmer Oil Co. leases, and was retired. Surviving is his wife, Mrs. Ora Wilson of Sisquoc; one son, Robert Wilson, Paso Robles; a daughter, Mrs. Jeanne Ontiveros, Santa Maria, and seven grandchildren. He was a member of the Sisquoc Grange. Graveside services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday in Santa Maria cemetery, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Thomas B. Murphy to officiate. Friends may call this evening from 6 to 9 p.m. in Dudley Mortuary.

Obituary of Ora Smith Wilson's 1st husband, Ralph William Wales Wilson (1885-1961) – "Santa Maria (CA) Time" Friday 7 Apr 1961 p 2



Obituary of mother-in-law Molly Louise Smith – "San Luis Obispo (CA) Tribune" Saturday 27 Feb 1965 p 3

Popular Young Couple of Palmer Lease Are Wed

At a very pretty wedding performed at 6 o'clock last evening, by the Rev. W. F. S. Nelson, Miss Ora Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. I. Smith of the Palmer Union lease, became the bride of Ralph Wilson, bookkeeper for the Palmer Union Oil company.

The ceremony took place at the Community church and was witnessed by 100 guests. The church was beautifully decorated with lovely flowers, carrying out a pink and white color scheme. An arch was formed of flowers also in the pink and white shades.

The bride was lovely in a white silk wedding gown, with long veil, caught with orange blossoms. She carried a shower bouquet of white carnations and fern. The bouquet was caught by Miss Katherine Smith.

Besides Mrs. Ed Michael, who was maid of honor, the bride was attended by Miss Kathleen Smith, Valerie Forbes and Marjorie Brown.

Ed Michael acted as best man. The wedding march was played by Joy Call and Albert Call, cousins of the bride.

An elaborate wedding supper followed the ceremony. The supper was served at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Smith.

After a brief wedding trip in the northern part of the state, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson will make their home on the Palmer lease.

Among the relatives and out-of-town guests who were present at the wedding were: Mr. and Mrs. C. I. Smith, parents, and Mrs. H. J. Smith, grandmother of the bride; Mr. and Mrs. Bert Call, Mrs. Donnelly and son William, Joy Call, Albert, Mrs. G. S. Brown and Marjorie Drake, all of San Luis Obispo.

Ora Smith to Be Bride Tomorrow at Sisquoc

The wedding of Miss Ora Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Q. Smith, formerly of this city, which takes place tomorrow evening in Sisquoc is of interest to a number in this city, as Miss Smith is well known here, having attended school in San Luis Obispo.

The service will be held at the Sisquoc Union Church at six o'clock. Miss Smith will be the bride of Ralph Wilson, Union Oil Company bookkeeper at that place. Rev. Nelson, pastor, will officiate at the service.

Among those attending from San Luis Obispo will be Mrs. G. S. Brown and daughter, Marjorie, who have already left for the southern town. Little Miss Marjorie Brown will act as flower girl at the wedding. The wedding march will be played by Miss Joy and Albert Call of this city, cousins of the bride, the two playing on violin and piano. Mr. and Mrs. Bert Call and Mrs. Laura B. Donnelly and son, William, will drive down for the service. Former members of Miss Smith's Sunday school class at the Christian church will also attend.

A reception will follow the wedding and it will be held at the home of the bride's parents. The couple will make their home in Sisquoc following a honeymoon.

Wedding on 12 Aug 1925 in Santa Maria, Santa Barbara CA of Ora Vivian Smith to Ralph Wilson – left: “Daily Santa Maria (CA) Times” Thursday 13 Aug 1925 p 5 and right: “San Luis Obispo (CA) Tribune” Tuesday 11 Aug 1925 p 4

Week-End Enjoyed With Relatives In This City.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Wilson and small daughter, Jean, were week-end visitors in San Luis Obispo from their home in Sisquoc. They were guests at the home of Mrs. Wilson's mother, Mrs. Mollie Smith of 1144 Marsh street.

Sunday evening, with Mrs. Smith, they were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Brown at an informal party.

Mrs. Wilson will be remembered as Miss Ora Smith, former resident of this city. The Wilsons reside on the Palmer oil lease at Sisquoc.

Next Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Brown and family and Mrs. Smith plan to spend the day with the Wilsons at their home.

"San Luis Obispo (CA) Tribune" Tuesday 15 Oct 1929 p 4

Children:

Auto Mishap Fatal To Robert Sturgeon After Rome Visit

Tragedy struck a Santa Maria home last night when Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Sturgeon, 520 East Cypress street, learned of the death of their 24-year-old son, Robert Eugene Sturgeon, in Italy, with the Army.

The wire told the family that the boy's death occurred Oct. 15. It was the result of an automobile accident. They have not yet received the letter of explanation.

Young Sturgeon had been abroad for three years and was waiting to come home. In fact, only a brief time ago he called his family from Rome to tell them he was soon to see them again.

Besides the parents, he is survived by his sister, Janice Sturgeon, and two uncles, Homer and Chester Sturgeon.

He was graduated from the local high school and before entering service was a Bank of America employe for two years.

I SPIED---

Mrs. Rey Sturgeon called out of bed early yesterday morning to talk to her son, Sgt. Gene Sturgeon, calling from Rome, Italy, with the news that he'll be home by Christmas.

Son Robert Eugene Sturgeon (1921-1945) - Left: "Santa Maria (CA) Times" Mon 15 Oct 1945 p 1 - right: "Santa Maria (CA) Times" Tuesday 23 Oct 1945 p 1



Wedding photo of [Janice Marilyn Sturgeon \(1926-1994\)](#) & James C. Hollis - "Santa Maria (CA) Times"
Monday 31 May 1954 p 4

4 Santa Maria Times

Wednesday, May 26, 1954

Sturgeon-Hollis Vows Are Exchanged

Mr. and Mrs. Rey Sturgeon have returned from San Francisco, where they attended the wedding of their daughter, Janice, to James C. Hollis. The candlelight ceremony took place at 4 p.m. Saturday in picturesque Swedenborgian church, which is noted for its unique and lovely walled garden.

The bride wore for the occasion a ballerina-length gown of net and chantilly lace, with fingertip veil held in place by a bandeau of net and seed pearls. Her bouquet was of white orchids and bouvardia, and she wore a necklace of pearls, a gift of the bridegroom.

Miss Mary Edwards, a close friend of the bride, was her only attendant. She was attired in a blue lace gown with matching accessories. The bridegroom was served by Robert Hyland as best man.

After the ceremony, a reception was held in the Parish house and garden, where guests were served the wedding cake and punch. The garden setting was the inspiration for many pictures, taken by the guests and professional photographer.

Upon leaving on her honeymoon, Mrs. Hollis wore a navy blue suit with blue and white accessories. She threw her bouquet, which was caught by her bridesmaid, Miss Edwards.

The bride is a graduate of Santa Maria High school and of the University of California, where she majored in bacteriology. Since graduating, she has been employed at the Hooper Research Foundation laboratory, at the U. S. Medical Center in San Francisco as a medical research technician, and has been in charge of the laboratory for several years.

Her husband is a former resident of Portland, Ore., where he attended high school and College. In recent years, his family has lived in Oakland and the Walnut Creek area. He has been employed as an electronics technician on the Atomic Energy Commission project at Livermore. The couple will make their home in Lafayette, Calif.

Out-of-town guests at the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. Homer Sturgeon, of Santa Maria, and Mr. and Mrs. Todd Johnson, Los Angeles. Mrs. Johnson is the former June Severns, cousin of the bride, who made her home with the Rey Sturgeons for four years, and was graduated from Santa Maria High school.

"Santa Maria Times" Wednesday 26 May 1954 p 4 –
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Janice Hollis

Janice M. Hollis was born on Nov. 13, 1926. She died on Nov. 1, 1994.

Short obituary of Janice Marilyn Sturgeon Hollis – "Ripon (CA) Record" Wednesday 9 Nov 1994 p 3

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

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Name	Janice Marilyn Sturgeon
Gender	Female
Race	White
Birth Date	13 Nov 1926
Birth Place	Santa Maria, California
Death Date	1 Nov 1994
Father	Walter R Sturgeon
Mother	Fannie F Treasure
SSN	569401609
Notes	Nov 1948: Name listed as JANICE MARILYN STURGEON; Jan 1958: Name listed as JANICE MARILYN HOLLIS; 09 Nov 1994: Name listed as JANICE M HOLLIS

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Stepchildren:

Kathleen Jeanne Ontiveros

Kathleen Jeanne Ontiveros died March 15, 2016, at her home in Santa Maria. Named for her aunt Kathleen, Mrs Ontiveros was known to all as Jeanne. She was born to Ora and Ralph Wilson at the Grisby Hospital in Santa Maria, and grew up on the Palmer-Stendal oil lease, near Sisquoc. Jeanne attended the two-room Blochman School. While there she was the mayor of the student built and run Blochman City. Jeanne graduated from Santa Maria High School in 1944 and from the Highland School of Nursing in Oakland in 1947. Jeanne began her fifty-one year nursing career at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Hospital (the old Sister's Hospital) in 1948. On August 27, 1949 she married Alexander Ontiveros and they spent the next forty-nine years building lives together.

Of course these are just the bare facts of Jeanne's life. It is difficult to put into words the kind of determination and fierceness in which she faced life. She worked fifty-one years as a nurse, over thirty-five years in labor and delivery, helping to bring two generations and thousands of babies into the world. Her working career alone would stand as a testament to a life well lived, but that was only one facet of her talents.

Jeanne was an avid reader, a great cook, and she loved to play cards. In her later years she was not adverse to a trip to a casino to play the slots. Although never a great lover of sports, she dutifully attend her children and grandchildren's games and she liked to watch to the Dodgers.

Jeanne spent the vast majority of her life in the Santa Maria and Sisquoc valleys. She was a proud family and its history. For Jeanne family was everything. She was the matriarch for, not only her own children, but also her network of cousins, nieces and nephews, and friends she held as her own. The pride and love she had in all her family was her most enduring legacy.

Jeanne was preceded in death by her husband Alexander Ontiveros, her parents Ralph and Ora Wilson, and her brother Bob Wilson. She was also preceded by her son-in-law John Fessler, grandson Zachary Ontiveros, brothers and sisters-in law Clay and Juanita Brown and Earl and Erma Jane Burger.

She is survived by her sons and daughters-in law Mark and Louise Ontiveros, Kevin and Joann Ontiveros, Paul and Margaret Ontiveros, John and Donna Ontiveros, Luke and Carol Ontiveros, David and Karen Ontiveros and daughter Cythnia Fessler. Grandchildren Yvette(Clay) James, Benjamin, Adam (Crystal), Sarah, Elizabeth(Gabe), Sean (Jena), Kevin, Kate, Isaac, Noah, Caleb (Jen), Molly, Hannah, Melissa, Kayla, Alexander, Joel, Seth, Emily, Steven and Matthew, and Kelly.

Great- grandchildren Jocelyn, Clancy, Zane, Lauren, Landon, Tyler, Owen, Patricio, Alejandra, Luke, Emma, Charlie, Jackson and Andrew. She is also survived by Scott, Becky, Garrett. And Carolyn Juretic, her many and beloved nieces and nephews and her loving sister and brother-in- law Ramona and Orvil Gracia, and the thousands she helped bring into the world.

Visitation will be held at Dudley-Hoffman Mortuary Chapel at 3:00 to 8:00 pm on Sunday, March 20th with a rosary at 6:00 p.m. A funeral mass will be celebrated on Monday, March 21st at 10:00 a.m. at Saint Louis De Montfort Church, 1190 E. Clark Ave. in Orcutt followed by burial at the Ramon-Ontiveros Family Cemetery in Tepusquet Canyon. In lieu of flowers a memorial may offered in Jeanne's name to Saint Joseph High School 4120 South Bradley Road Santa Maria, Ca 93455.

To leave a condolence for the family visit www.dudleyhoffmanmortuary.com

**Dudley-Hoffman
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www.dudleyhoffmanmortuary.com**

Obituary of **stepdaughter Kathleen Jeanne Wilson Ontiveros (1926-2016)** – “Santa Maria (CA) Times” Sunday 20 Mar 2016 p E6



Wedding day of Kathleen Jeanne Wilson & Alexander Roman Ontiveros – Saturday, 27 Aug 1949 - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/85149603/person/36516406912/media/55633047-a69e-4e76-a6f8-e5bbce5adf55>

SAN LUIS OBISPO, CALIFORNIA, TELEGRAM-TRIBUNE THURSDAY, SEP

Santa Maria Church Rites Unite Pioneer Families

A wedding of interest to the many relatives and friends of the couple in this city took place Saturday morning at 11 o'clock in St. Mary's Catholic church in Santa Maria, when Miss Kathleen Jean Wilson of Sisquoc became the bride of Alex Ontiveros, also of that place. The ceremony was performed by Father Murphy.

Miss Wilson made a lovely bride in a white satin gown, with fingertip veil. She wore a corsage of orchids.

Attending the bride as maid of honor was a college mate, Miss Mickie Nicolotti who wore white marquisette over orchid. Her bridesmaids were her cousin Diane Morrow, whose gown was white marquisette over yellow, the groom's sister, Ramona Ontiveros, who wore the same style gown over blue and Donaldine Long, whose gown was also the same over green. Their large picture hats were of white horsehair with ribbon bows matching their gowns. They presented a beautiful picture kneeling at the altar.

The groom was attended by his step-brother, Clayton Brown, as best man.

Ushers were Robert Wilson, brother of the bride, Earl Berger and Earl Carranza.

The bride's mother wore a grey gabardine afternoon frock with an orchid corsage, and the groom's mother, who wore grey with black accessories, wore orchids, also.

A reception at the bride's home in Sisquoc followed the ceremony and was attended by more than 150 guests. Miss Joy Call of San Luis Obispo and Mrs. Margaret Winney of Taft presided at the punch bowl. The garden of the home formed an attractive setting for the occasion, beautifully decorated tables having been arranged in each corner of the lawn, while in the center, the bridal table, held the wedding cake, which was cut by the bride. Cut flowers and greenery adorned the tables.

The bride, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Wilson, is a member of one of Santa Maria valley's pioneer families. Her grandparents were Mr. and Mrs. George Smith, early residents of the Santa Maria section. Her father, Ralph Wilson is superintendent of the Palmer-Union Oil company at Sisquoc. Her grandmother, Mrs. Mollie Smith, is a resident of San Luis Obispo.

The groom is also connected with early Santa Maria valley history, members of his family being pioneer residents. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ramon Ontiveros of Sisquoc.

After the reception, the couple left for San Simeon, where they will spend their honeymoon at the Hearst castle, being guests of a close friend, Mrs. Dillon, in one of the guest cottages on the hill-top. The bride's going away outfit was a grey knit dress made by her mother. Her accessories were navy blue.

They will return to Sisquoc where they will occupy a home given them as a wedding gift by the bride's parents.

The groom is connected with the

Farmers' Hardware store in Santa Maria. Relatives and friends from San Luis Obispo who attended the wedding included Mrs. Mollie Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Gillian S. Brown, Mr and Mrs. Albert Call and Miss Joy Call.

Marriage of Kathleen Jeanne Wilson to Alexander Ramon Ontiveros on 27 Aug 1949 – “San Luis Obispo (CA) Tribune” Thursday 1 Sep 1949 p 7



Stepson Robert Allan Wilson (1931-1992) - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/85149603/person/77007975094/media/7a230754-2fe5-4d4d-af6a-735e93ddf3d2>

Robert A. Wilson

STOCKTON — Services will be held at 3 p.m. today at the Ted Mayr Funeral Home, Ventura, for Robert A. Wilson, 61, of Stockton who died Saturday in Stockton after a brief illness. Msgr. Arnold Biedermann, of Sacred Heart Church, Ventura, will officiate.

Mr. Wilson was born in Santa Maria. He was a former Ventura County resident and had lived in Stockton since 1988. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy Seabees during the Korean Conflict. He was employed as general parts manager for Reed Equipment, John Deere dealer in Stockton. He started in the Caterpillar-John Deere parts business in 1948 with Joseph G. Moore Company in Santa Maria and worked for several years as general parts manager for Wallace Machinery in Oxnard.

Survivors include his daughters, Kathleen Wilson and Teri Adams, both of Ventura, and Nancy Goodwin, Williams, Ariz.; son, Ralph Wilson, Ventura; sister, Jeanne Oniveros, Santa Maria; four grandchildren.

Friends may visit until 3 p.m. today at the Ted Mayr Funeral Home.

Chevalier Degree Ritual Bestows Honor on DeMolays

Open investiture of the Chevalier degree, and public majority service for members of the Order of DeMolay who have attained their majority, were impressive events Saturday evening in Veterans Memorial building. Glen Albert Farnum and Robert Allan Wilson were candidates for the Chevalier degree.



Robert A. Wilson Glen A. Farnum

Farnum, past master councilor of Santa Maria chapter of DeMolay, received his initiatory and DeMolay degrees in 1945, held various offices subsequently, and was master councilor two terms.

Robert Allan Wilson was given his initiatory degree in 1945 as a member of Lompoc chapter, and served later as chaplain, junior steward, senior councilor and master councilor. The Chevalier degree is awarded by grand council, on nomination by the ad-

visory council. The degree cannot be applied for, and nomination is made without knowledge of the DeMolay honored.

At the ceremonies Saturday evening, entrance of presiding officers of Santa Maria council, led by Graydon Wadleigh, master councilor, the opening ceremony was conducted, and a welcome extended to members and guests by Wadleigh.

Entrance of grand officers followed with an escort by chapter preceptors. In this group was Floyd H. Watson, grand commander; Alvey G. Bruner, commander of the south; Kenneth A. Campbell, commander of the west and past master councilor; the Rev. Phil W. Barrett, grand chaplain; Walter G. Stier, grand marshal.

Mrs. Marie Baker was musician for the evening. The ceremony was closed with benediction by the Rev. Phil Barrett.

Majority candidates were James Robert Doty, James Edward Monk, William Thomas Oxford, George William Stephens, Allen Lee Bickmore, Paul Darrell Palmquist, Carl Edwin Nielsen and Robert Eugene Burnett.

Two Santa Marians Finish Navy Training

Two Santa Maria seaman recruits, Robert Allan Wilson, and Don Allenby Sherwood, recently completed recruit training at the Naval Training Center, San Diego, and are now available for assignment to a Fleet unit or to one of the Navy's schools for specialized training.

During this period of training, they underwent intensive drill in such subjects as signaling, navigation, basic ordnance and seamanship.

"Santa Maria (CA) Times" Saturday 10 Feb 1951 p 1

Father:

Santa Maria Loses Pioneer Resident

SANTA MARIA, Oct. 25—Funeral services for Meriette Martin Sturgeon, pioneer farmer of this section were held Saturday at the Albert A. Dudley chapel, the Rev. H. E. Stubbs of the Christian church officiating. Mr. Sturgeon died Friday evening. He came to California in 1852 and settled in Amador county. In 1880 he moved to Alamos, where he resided two years, and then came to this valley.

The widow and three sons, Hoemer L., Walter Ray, and Chester M., all of this city, and two daughters survive; Mrs. Estelle Hill of Los Angeles and Mrs. Charles Severeins of Sisquoc. A sister, Mrs. Abby Martin of San Francisco and five grandchildren, also survive.

Obituary of father Meriette Martin Sturgeon – “Santa Barbara (CA) Daily News” Monday 25 Oct 1926

Santa Maria Man's Will Is Filed Here

W. R. Sturgeon, of Santa Maria, yesterday filed for probate in the superior court here the holographic will of his deceased father, Merelte Sturgeon, who died in Santa Maria in October, 1926. In the petition the estate is listed as 320 acres of land near Pleyto, estimated value \$3000. The will is dated February 9, 1925, and names no executor. The petitioner therefore seeks letters of administration with the will annexed. Heirs to the estate are the surviving wife and five children.

"The Californian" (Sallinas CA) Tuesday 29 Nov 1927 p 1

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"Santa Maria (CA) Times" Wednesday 30 Nov 1927 p 8

Mother:

FUNERAL SERVICE FOR MRS. STURGEON SUNDAY

The funeral services for Mrs. Nellie May Sturgeon, who died yesterday morning, will be held at 2:30 p. m. Sunday, at the A. A. Dudley Funeral Chapel, announcement was made today, Rev. H. E. Stubbs of the Christian church will conduct the services, and interment will be in the Santa Maria cenetary.

Obituary of mother Nellie May Waite Sturgeon – "Santa Maria (CA) Times" Saturday 6 Aug 1927 p 5

LOS ANGELES WOMAN DIES HERE FRIDAY

Mrs. Nellie May Sturgeon, 62, passed away at the home of her son, Homer Sturgeon, 501 North Lincoln street, this morning. She had been in ill health for many years, and had recently arrived from Los Angeles for a visit here.

Mrs. Sturgeon was a native of Indiana and had been in California for the past 57 years, having lived in Pleyto 35 years and the past four years in Los Angeles. In her girlhood, Mrs. Sturgeon resided in Los Alamos.

Surviving relatives are: three sons, Homer Sturgeon, W. Rey Sturgeon, and Chester M. Sturgeon, all of this city; two daughters, Mrs. Estelle M. Hills, of Los Angeles; and Mrs. Charlotte E. Severns of Santa Maria; one brother, S. R. White, well known here; one sister, Mrs. Estelle Cunningham of Los Angeles, and six grandchildren.

The body is at the A. A. Dudley Funeral Home and the funeral will be held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, with services at the Chapel, conducted by Rev. H. E. Stubbs of the Christian church. Interment will be in the local cemetery.

Obituary of mother – "Daily Santa Maria (CA) Times" Friday 5 Aug 1927 p 4

Siblings:

Homer Sturgeon

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Chapel of the Dudley Mortuary for Homer Lindsey Sturgeon, 79, who died Monday at his home at 728 E. Cook St. Rev. Claire Nesmith of the First Methodist Church will officiate at the rites.

Born August 26, 1884 in Los Alamos, Mr. Sturgeon had resided in this area all of his life. He was a member of the Woodman of the World, Camp 791 of Santa Maria.

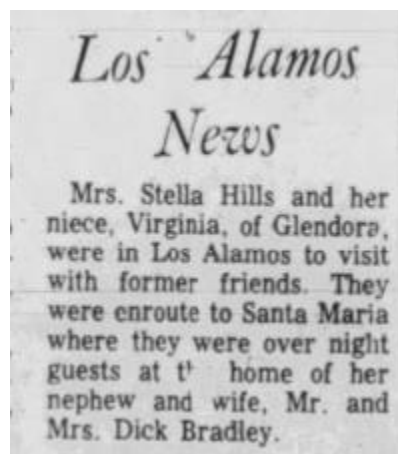
Survivors include his wife Mrs. Charlotte H. Sturgeon of Santa Maria one son, J. J. Sturgeon of El Cerrito, two brothers, Rey Sturgeon of Ripon and Chester Sturgeon of Long Beach. One sister, Mrs. Estelle Hills of Glendora and one grandchild also survive.

Interment will be in the Santa Maria Cemetery.

Obituary of brother Homer Lindsey Sturgeon (1884-1964) – “Santa Maria (CA) Times” Tuesday 2 Jan 1964 p 8



Sister Estelle M. Sturgeon Hills (1888-1970) - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/15321657/person/430177990209/media/62430133-b344-43ac-a56c-dddf07da6359>



Sister Estelle/Stella Sturgeon Hills – “Santa Maria (CA) Times” Monday 17 Jun 1963 p 4

California Death Index, 1940-1997

[View record](#)

Name	Estelle M Hills
Social Security #	561184310
Gender	Female
Birth Date	16 Dec 1888
Birth Place	California
Death Date	30 Jun 1970
Death Place	San Bernardino

https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/15321657/person/430177990209/facts?_phsrc=hFB60412&_phstart=successSource



Marriage on 20 Nov 1916 in Stockton, San Joaquin CA of Merle Carter Severns & **sister Charlotte Etta Sturgeon, later Bradley (1898-1931)** – “Stockton (CA) Evening & Sunday Record” Friday 24 Nov 1916 p 6

CHARLOTTE ETTA BRADLEY

Charlotte Etta Bradley, 32, Sisquoc, passed away after a brief illness at a local hospital Wednesday evening. She was a native of Santa Maria valley, born in Los Alamos, and a member of the Women's Benefit association. Besides her husband, Royden Bradley, she is survived by three children, June Margaret Severns, Edith Merle Severns and Richard Royden Bradley; a sister, Mrs. Estelle M. Hills, Los Angeles; three brothers, Homer L., Chester and W. R. Sturgeon, all of Santa Maria; an uncle, S. R. Waite, Sisquoc. Funeral services will be held from the chapel of the Dudley-Bradford Funeral home tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev. W. F. S. Nelson officiating, following which the body will be taken to the local cemetery where graveside services will be held under the auspices of the Women's Benefit association. The active pallbearers will be William Breen, James Collins, Harry Takken, Lawrence McCandless, Fred Michael and Denzil Glines. Honorary pallbearers, composed of members from the Women's Benefit association, will be Mrs. Nettie E. Brandt, Mrs. Bessie Weathers, Mrs. Ynez Lukeman, Mrs. May Hartnell, Mrs. Hattie Scott, and Mrs. Gertrude Lowell.

Obituary of Charlotte Etta Sturgeon Severns Bradley – "Santa Maria (CA) Daily Times" Friday 3 Apr 1931 p 5



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Re-Measured — When and Where										

Incarceration of Merle Carter Severns in San Quentin State Prison CA on 24 Feb 1928 for A.D.W.
 [assault with a deadly weapon] – had previously served time for burglary in 1913 -
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“mug shot” of Merle Carter Severns, San Quentin State Prison CA, 24 Feb 1928 -

<https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/82266822/person/240081461759/media/907694aa-f792-40b8-abad-3e2b9f097e31>

SPECIALLY SET.
February 9
For Arraignment
 17533—Henry Smith, robbery
 17535—Merle Severns, asslt D W
 17535—Dan Booth, asslt D W
 17537—Noel May, violg State Poi-
 son Law
 17539—David Sloan, robbery
 17539—Robert Green, robbery

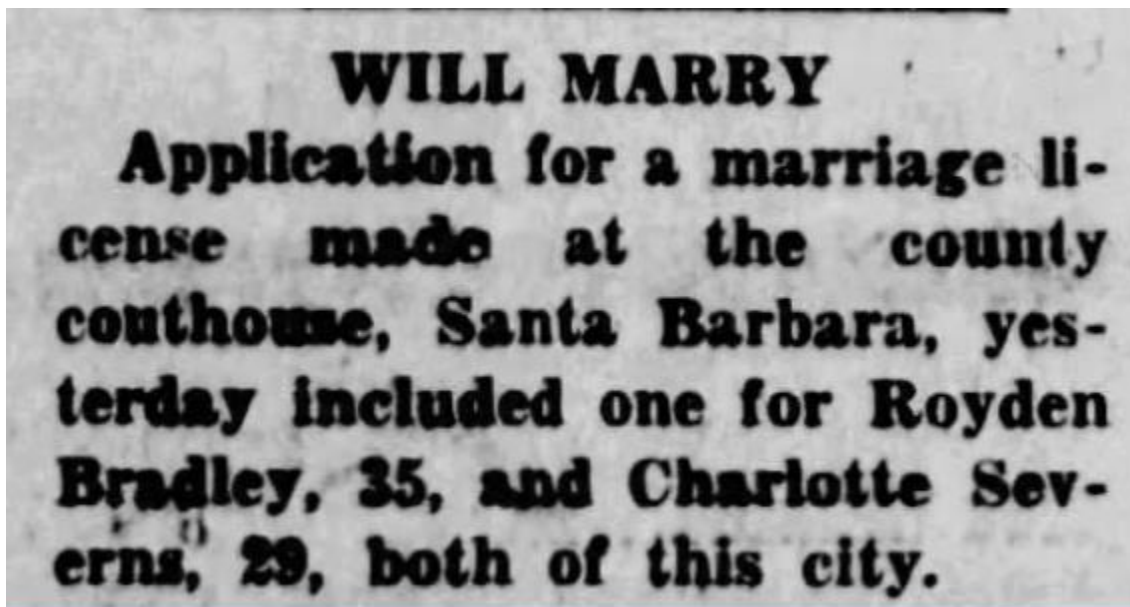
Arraignment of former husband Merle Carter Stevens – “San Francisco Recorder” Wednesday 8 Feb 1928 p 4

California, U.S., Prison and Correctional Records, 1851-1950 for Merle Severns

San Quentin State Prison > Inmate Photographs and Mug Books > Book 13, 42420-45150



https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/8833/images/40477_2221301551_2436-00285?pld=185177



Marriage of Charlotte Etta Sturgeon Severns to Royden Alfred Bradley – “Santa Maria (CA) Times”
 Tuesday 10 Jan 1928 p 8

Boy, to Wed, Seeks Father, Lost 7 Years

SAN JOSE, November 16.—Somewhere in San Francisco Merle C. Soverns, age 19, is searching for his father, who he has not seen for seven years. Soverns applied for a license to-day to marry Charlotte Sturgeon, age 18, but the clerk refused to issue the license until parental consent was obtained by Soverns.

The boy and his father were separated seven years ago and since that time he has been earning his own living in San Jose. Unless he finds his father he cannot get married.

Merle Carter SEVERNS seeks father so he can marry at age 19 – “San Francisco (CA) Examiner”
Friday 17 Nov 1916 p 12

were held Saturday in the Los Alamos Cemetery for Chester M. Sturgeon, 79, of Los Alamos, who died Thursday at his residence of a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

Mr. Sturgeon was born in Playto, and had been a Los Alamos resident for the past 17 years. He was a member of the Los Alamos Men's Club and Operating Engineers Union Local 12.

Survivors include his son, Ernest Gramespacher, Long Beach; daughters, Joyce Andrus, Chugiak, Alaska, and Helen Murray, Templeton; 15 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Carmel Sturgeon, in June 1984.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Los Alamos Tree Fund, c/o Los Alamos Men's Club, Los Alamos, 93440.

Magner-Maloney Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Chester M. Sturgeon

Private family graveside services

Suicide death of brother Chester Martin Sturgeon (1905-1985) – “Santa Maria (CA) Times” Sunday 15 Sep 1985 p 6

Marriage license was issued Wednesday to Chester M. Sturgeon and Grace C. Farmer of this city.

Marriage license of Chester Martin Sturgeon with 1st wife, Grace Farmer – “Whittier (CA) News” Thursday 14 Aug 1924 p 3

Two Couples File Intention Notice

Two couples filed notice of intention to wed, with the county clerk late Wednesday.

They are Chester Sturgeon, 24, of Santa Maria, and Grace Sturgeon, 20, of San Luis Obispo; Joe Borges, 27, of Manteca, and Mary Olivera, 20, of Oso Flaco.

"San Luis Obispo (CA) Tribune" Thursday 10 Apr 1930 p 8

Observe Birthday Of Mrs. Sturgeon With Surprise

Mrs. Grace Sturgeon was the surprised recipient of a party Saturday night at her home, 1125 First street, in honor of her birthday anniversary.

Card games and dancing provided the principal diversions of the event, and at a late hour refreshments were served.

Those present were Misses Dolly Dalessi, Mamie Azevedo, Thelma Cline, Vernie Cline, Betty Lee; Mssrs. Morris White, James Bello, Tom Roberson, John Silva, S. Zimmerman, William Tackett, Elden Dalessi, and Mr. and Mrs. C. Sturgeon.

"Santa Maria (CA) Times" Monday 22 Sep 1930 p 4

Deed: Chester M. Sturgeon and Grace G. Sturgeon to John V. Azevedo and Hermance S. Azevedo, portion block 14, Fairlawn addition.

"Santa Maria (CA) Daily Times" Thursday 11 Jan 1934 p 4

FULL DOCKET ON COURT AGENDA

Six Cases Set for Hearing Here, with Many Pro- bate Hearings

Six cases are set down for trial in Santa Maria tomorrow in the superior court, in addition to a number of law and motion cases.

The cases set for trial are:

Bernice B. Elliott, etc., vs. Chas. fer, et al.

Ida A. Twitchell vs. Fred A. Shaef-fer, et al.

Chester Sturgeon vs. Grace Stur-geon.

Frank H. Billardi vs. Beulah M. Billardi.

Ema Matilda Spalding vs. Earl W. Spalding.

Alice Brown vs. Harry F. Brown.

"Santa Maria (CA) Daily Times" Thursday 13 Jun 1935 p 8

Decrees Granted in Two Divorce Cases

Two interlocutory decrees of divorce were granted this morning in a superior court session in the Santa Maria courtrooms, Judge Atwell Westwick presiding.

Chester Sturgeon was granted a divorce from Grace Sturgeon, and Frank H. Biliardi was freed from Beulah M. Biliardi.

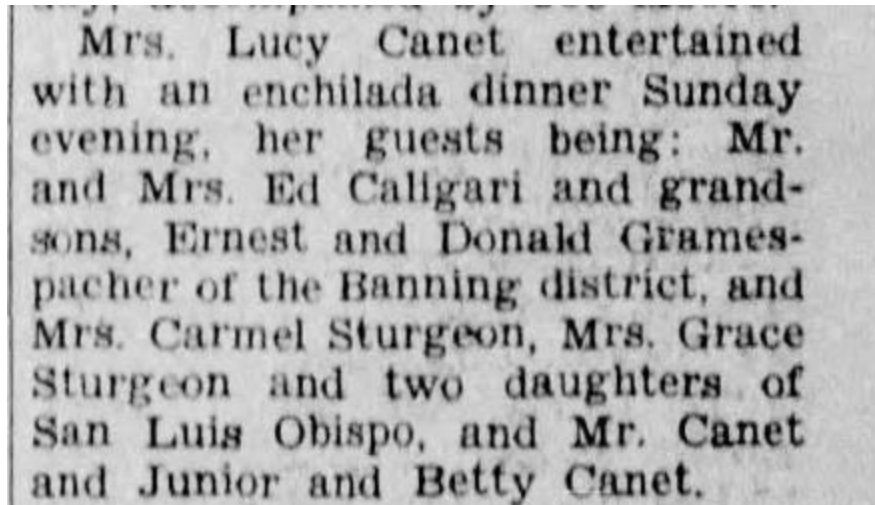
A short docket marked this morning's session, with many cases being postponed.

"Santa Maria (CA) Times" Friday 14 Jun 1935 p 2

Visiting Here—

Houseguests in the home of Miss Mardell Purcell are Mrs. Grace Sturgeon and two daughters, Helen and Joyce, of Taft. They are former Santa Maria residents. They expect to visit here a week.

"Santa Maria (CA) Times" Wednesday 24 Jun 1936 p 3



Mrs. Lucy Canet entertained with an enchilada dinner Sunday evening, her guests being: Mr. and Mrs. Ed Caligari and grandsons, Ernest and Donald Gramespacher of the Banning district, and Mrs. Carmel Sturgeon, Mrs. Grace Sturgeon and two daughters of San Luis Obispo, and Mr. Canet and Junior and Betty Canet.

Chester's ex-wife Grace Farmer Sturgeon & his current wife Carmel Anita Caligari Sturgeon & his 2 daughters attend the same dinner – "San Luis Obispo (CA) Tribune" Saturday 9 Apr 1938 p 3

Name: Walter Rey Sturgeon

Name variations: Rey Sturgeon

Military:

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

Serial number: 250,654

Entered service from: Pleyto, Monterey CA

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: Walter R. Sturgeon

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": mother Mrs. Nellie M. Sturgeon, Plegto (sic) CA

Returned from war on: "Santa Paula" May 1919

Sailed on return ship as: Walter R. Sturgeon

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: mother Mrs. Nellie Sturgeon, Pleyto CA (cpl, 17th Co., 20th Engrs, Forestry)

World War I draft registration (1917): as Walter Rey Sturgeon - b. 2 Jan 1893 Pleyto CA; res: Pleyto, Monterey CA. Single. Oil worker, Rocky Mountain [unreadable] & Construction Co., Casper. Received by draft board on 6 Jun 1917, one day after the 5 Jun 1917 national registration day.

World War II draft registration (1942): as Walter Rey Sturgeon - b. 2 Jan 1893 Pleyto, Monterey CA; res: R&G Lease, 3.5 miles south of Sisquoc, Santa Barbara CA. Mailing address: Box 215, RFD, Santa Maria CA. NOK Fern Sturgeon, 517 E. Cook St., Santa Maria CA. Employed by Miller & York, 1 mile south of Santa Maria CA. Height: 5'11" – 165 lbs.

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlisted: 2 Nov 1917

Discharged: 11 Jun 1919

Address: 312 S. Bright Ave., Whittier CA

Rank/unit: corporal, 17th Co., 20th Engineers

Birth & death:

Born: 2 Jan 1893 Pleyto, Monterey CA

Died: 10 Feb 1970 Planada, Merced Co. CA (day after being injured in car accident)

Find A Grave record: 72911960 - presence on Tuscania indicated in text

Burial location: Santa Maria, Santa Barbara CA

Cemetery: Santa Maria Cemetery District

Tombstone:

Father: Meriette Martin Sturgeon, 19 May 1848 MI – 19 Oct 1926 Santa Barbara Co. CA. Son of Edward Lindsey Sturgeon & Abigail Mendenhall. Buried in Santa Maria Cemetery District, Santa Maria, Santa Barbara CA.

Find A Grave: 72911956

Mother: Nellie May Waite Sturgeon, 26 Jun 1865 IN – 5 Aug 1927 CA. Daughter of Ezra Alonzo Waite & Harriet Maria (Ann) Prouty, later Gates. Buried in Santa Maria Cemetery District, Santa Maria, Santa Barbara CA.

Find A Grave: 72911957

Parents' marriage:

Spouse: Fannie Fern (Francis) Treasure Sturgeon, 9 Mar 1893 Watsonville, Santa Cruz CA – 13 Feb 1965 Modesto, Stanislaus CA. Daughter of Job B. Treasure & Fannie E. Hart (1862 PA – 1925 CA). Buried in Santa Maria Cemetery District, Santa Maria, Santa Barbara CA.

Spouse Find A Grave: 72911953

Marriage:

Spouse: Ora Vivian Smith Wilson Sturgeon, 30 May 1907 Ipswich, Suffolk, England – 15 Jul 1966 Santa Maria, Santa Barbara CA. Daughter of Charles Quincy Smith (1877-1926, F: 65174531) & Mollie Louise Miles Woodard (1874-1965, F: 72911291).

Ora Smith married Ralph William Wales Wilson on 12 Aug 1925 in the Community Church in Sisquoc, Santa Barbara CA. Ralph was born 15 Jun 1885 in Horsham, Sussex, England & died 6 Apr 1961 in Santa Maria, Santa Barbara CA. He was the son of Dan Wales & Saran Denman. He had arrived in Quebec, Canada, in 1887 and then resided (as of 1891) in British Columbia, Canada. He had added "Wilson" to his Wales surname by 1918 when he registered for the draft in Oxnard CA. Ralph & Ora had 2 children: Kathleen Jeanne & Robert Allan Wilson. Although his tombstone is inscribed Ralph Wilson, his Find A Grave record is listed as Roe Wilson. Buried in Santa Maria Cemetery District, Santa Maria, Santa Barbara CA, F: 69313570.

Buried in Santa Maria Cemetery District, Santa Maria, Santa Barbara CA.

Spouse Find A Grave: 72911958

Marriage: 14 Aug 1965 Santa Barbara Co. CA. - In Aug 1965, Walter (age 70, resident of Nipoma CA) applied for a marriage license with Ora Wilson (age 58). His wife Fern had died in Feb 1965. Ora died less than a year after her marriage to Walter. "Santa Maria Times" 16 Aug 1965 p 8 - 15 Jul 1966 - wife Ora 1907-1966 F: 72911958

Children: by wife Fern Treasure

- Robert Eugene Sturgeon, 5 Jul 1921 Santa Barbara Co. CA – Oct 1945 Italy (while in the US Army). Known as “Gene.” Had been a sergeant in the US Army, serving 3 years abroad in WWII. Soon after phoning home & telling his mother he’d be home by Christmas, he died in a car accident. Buried in Santa Maria Cemetery District, Santa Maria, Santa Barbara CA. F: 72911959
- Janice Marilyn Sturgeon Hollis, 13 Nov 1926 Santa Maria, Santa Barbara CA – 1 Nov 1994 Monteca, San Joaquin Co. CA. Graduate of U of CA. Married James C. Hollis in San Francisco CA on 22 May 1954, in the Swedenborgian Church.

Stepchildren: born to 2nd wife Ora Smith and her 1st husband, Ralph Wilson

- Kathleen Jeanne Wilson Ontiveros, 11 Jun 1926 Santa Maria, Santa Barbara CA - 15 Mar 2016 Santa Maria, Santa Barbara CA. Graduate of Santa Maria (CA) High School in 1944 & or Highland School of Nursing (Oakland CA) in 1947. Had a 57-year career in nursing, of which over 35 years was in labor & delivery. Married Alexander R. Ontiveros (1927-1999, F: 77079562), the son of Ramon & Jane Ontiveros, on 27 Aug 1949. Buried in the Ontiveros Cemetery, Los Alamos, Santa Barbara CA. F: 159681326
- Robert Allan (Bob) Wilson, 30 Jan 1931 Santa Maria, Santa Barbara CA – 12 Dec 1992 Stockton, San Joaquin CA. Served in the US Navy in the Korean War.

Siblings: an additional sibling died before the 1900 census

- Homer Lindsey Sturgeon, 26 Aug 1884 Los Alamos, Santa Barbara CA – 20 Jan 1964 Santa Maria, Santa Barbara CA. Husband of Charlotte Hinton (“Lottie”) Holloway (1885-1970, F: 72911951) whom he married 30 Apr 1917 in San Luis Obispo, San Luis Obispo CA. F: 72911954.
- Estelle (Estella/Stella) M. Sturgeon Hills, 16 Dec 1888 CA – 30 Jun 1970 San Bernardino Co. CA. Resident of Glendora CA in Feb 1970 when Walter died. – Wife of Murray Kenneth Hills (1888-1963, F: 207111512). Buried in Oakdale Memorial Park, Glendora, Los Angeles CA. F: 236792650
- Charlotte Etta Sturgeon Severns Bradley, Nov 1898 CA – 1 Apr 1931 Santa Barbara Co. CA. - Married on 20 Nov 1916 in Stockton, San Joaquin CA to Merle Carter Severns. Merle Carter Severns died 2 Dec 1950 in Stockton, San Joaquin CA, survived by wife Vesta Stewart. Merle & Charlotte had 2 children: Margaret June (1917-2003) & Merle Edith (1922-1992) Severns. They divorced ca. 1925 - He had been in Lone Reform in 1913 for burglary & on 24 Feb 1928 was incarcerated in San Quentin CA State Prison for assault with a deadly weapon. – Charlotte Severns obtained a marriage license with Royden Alfred Bradley (1892-1971, F: 33146545) in Jan 1928. They had 1 son, Richard Royden Bradley, in 1929. – Charlotte Bradley is buried in Santa Maria Cemetery District, Santa Maria, Santa Barbara CA. F: 70684123
- Chester Martin Sturgeon, 20 Dec 1905 Pleyto, Monterey 1905 CA – 12 Sep 1985 Los Alamos, Santa Barbara CA. Resident of Los Alamos CA in Feb 1970 when Walter died. – Married 15 Aug 1924 in Los Angeles Co. CA to Grace G. Farmer (b. 1909 TN). According to the obituary of Michael M. Farmer (“Long Beach [CA] Press” Sunday Feb 24 1937 p 2), he was the father of – and Hazel his wife -of Mrs. Grace Sturgeon of Santa Maria CA. Ancestry.com family trees list her as Grace Gertrude Farmer, daughter of Robert Marion Farmer & Elizabeth Jane Keeble. Her birth month appears to be September. Chester & Grace divorced 14 Jun 1935 in Santa Maria, Santa Barbara CA. - Husband of Carmel Anita Caligari (1908-1984, F:

34061494). Died from a self-inflicted gunshot wound. Buried in Los Alamos Cemetery, Los Alamos, Santa Barbara CA. F: 34061473

Notes:

Pre-war:

"The Californian" (Salinas CA) 26 Jun 1908 p 5 - from Pinkerton CA: Walter Rey Sturgeon passed his 8th-grade examination.

Wartime:

Post-war:

"Santa Maria Times" 3 June 1935 p 5 - at the surprise birthday party for Mrs. Ora Wilson (who will become Rey's 2nd wife when he is widowed in 1965), his 1st wife Mrs. Rey Sturgeon won the high prize in bridge.

"Santa Maria Times" 15 Oct 1945 p 1 - Mrs. Sturgeon got out of bed to talk on the phone with son Sgt. Gene Sturgeon, calling from Rome, Italy. He said he'd be home by Christmas.

Obituary:

"Santa Maria (CA) Times" 12 Feb 1970 p 2 - graveside funeral services to be held 13 Feb 1970 in Santa Maria CA. Died at age 77, a 43-year resident of Santa Maria CA. Superintendent at Gilmore Oil Co. A Merced CA resident the past 12 years. Born 22 [sic] Jan 1893 in Monterey Co. CA. Died from car accident. Survived by daughter Mrs. Janice Hollis (Ripon), brother Chester (Los Alamos), sister Mrs. Stella Hills (Glendora)

Social Security number:

Censuses:

1900 San Antonio, Monterey CA

Martin M. Sturgeon, 52 MI, May 1848, father b. NY, mother b. OH, married 17 years, farmer
 Nellie M., 34 CA, Jan 1865, father b. IN, mother b. OH, gave birth to 5 children, 4 are living
 Homer L., 15 CA, Aug 1884, at school
 Stella M., 11 CA, Dec 1888, at school
 Walter R., 4 CA, Jun 1893, at school
 Charlottie [sic] E., 1 CA, Nov 1898

1910 San Antonio, Monterey CA

Merriette M. Sturgeon, 62 MI, parents b. OH, in 1st marriage, married 26 years, mail carier [sic/carrier], star route

Nellie M., 44 CA, father b. MI, mother b. IN, in 1st marriage, gave birth to 6 children, 5 are living

Homer L., 25 CA, engineer, [untelligible – tractor?]

Walton [sic] R., 17 CA, laborer, home farm

Charlotte E., 11 CA

Chester M., 4 CA

1920 Sisquoc, Santa Barbara CA

Walter R. Sturgeon, 27 CA, father b. MI, mother b. IN, pumper, oil field

Francis F., 26 CA, parents b. PA

1930 Township 7, Santa Barbara Co. CA – conducted 11 Apr 1930

Walter R. Sturgeon, 36 CA, parents b. KS, production foreman, oil fields, WWI veteran

Fanny F., 36 CA, parents b. PA

Robert E., 8 CA

Janice M., 3 years 5 months CA

1940 Judicial Township 7, Santa Barbara Co. CA – same house in 1935

Walter Rey Sturgeon, 47 CA, watchman, oil production

Fannie Fern, 47 CA

Robert E., 18 CA

Janice M., 13 CA

1950 Fillmore, Ventura CA – 120 Blaine

Walter R. Sturgeon, 57 CA, proprietor, oil well service

Fanny F., 57 CA