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Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

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

NOK = next-of-kin

TUSCANIA

Seematter, Henry Jacob
1890 KS – 1936 KS



HENRY J. SEEMATTER
Democratic Candidate for
SHERIFF
The Man for the Job
Your Support Will Be Appreciated
(Political Advertisement.)

"Marysville (KS) Advocate" Thursday 23 Oct 1924 p 9



Henry Jacob Seematter – “Daily Inter Lake” (Kalispell MT) 27 Aug 1973 p 4

FLATHEAD COUNTY SURVIVORS OF THE TORPEDOED TUSCANIA



Pictured above are 11 members of the detachment of 13 from Flathead county who were on board the transport "Tuscania" when it was sunk by a German U-boat off the coast of Ireland on February 5, 1918. Those pictured above are: (1) George Sallee, (2) Peter J. Lavelle, (3) John D. Morrow, (4) S. J. Cairncross, (5) O. Larson, (6) E. A. Anderson, (7) F. F. Metcalf, (8) Walter Damon, (9) Henry Seematter, (10) Joe D. Basey, (11) J. J. Tucker.

Two of those from Flathead county, John McMillan and Paul Lawrence, are not shown in the picture but survived the sinking of the ship.

Of the 2,179 officers and men aboard the transport, about 200 were lost and the bodies of those recovered were buried on the Isle of Ila, Scotland.

The Tuscania was one of a convoy of 14 troop ships crossing the Atlantic at that time. Survivors of the torpedoed boat were landed at section of the state.

"Daily Inter-Lake" (Kalispell MT) 10 Feb 1939 p 4 - Henry Seematter is the 3rd man from the left in the back row



Seematter family 1915 – Find A Grave 104033832 – Since Henry was the oldest of 8 children, it is presumed he is the tallest boy standing in the center back (although this photograph is not captioned as to identities). He also looks like Henry's Oct 1924 political advertisement photograph. In descending order of birth, the children of John Seematter (seated in front at left) & Rosa Goetz Seematter (seated in front at right) were: Henry – Ernest – John – Anna – Rosa – Albert – Herman – Paul.

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Henry Seematter Victim Of Heart Attack Sunday

World War Veteran Dies Unexpectedly While in Bed at Home Following Day in Field

Henry Seematter, 45, World war veteran and lifelong resident of Marshall county, died unexpectedly at his home six miles south of Home City at 9:15 o'clock Sunday night, a victim of a heart attack.

Apparently in good health, Mr. Seematter had put in the day hauling wheat from a combine. After a hearty meal he retired and a short time afterward he died without a struggle.

Funeral Wednesday

The funeral services were held at the family residence at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. Burial was in the Home City cemetery, members of the Frankfort Legion post, of which he was a member, officiating.

Mr. Seematter was born in Marysville on October 15, 1890, a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Seematter. After completing a grade school southeast of the city he attended high school here for a time.

His wife was the former Mamie Steiner of Marysville. She and their four children, Rosella, Alfred, Arlene and Paul, survive. Surviving also are his five brothers and two sisters, Ernest of Emmett, John of Englewood, Calif., Albert of Chicago, Herman of Marysville and Paul of Gardena, Calif., Mrs. Herbert Ring of Marysville and Mrs. George Scholz of Beattie.

Find A Grave 88311845

Henry Seematter, 45, Heart Attack Victim

Winifred Farmer Is Claimed Sunday
Night At His Farm Home—
Funeral Yesterday

Henry Seematter, 45, died suddenly of a heart attack at his home near Winifred Sunday night.

A veteran of the World War, he was a member of Leo McMinimy post No. 181, Frankfort.

He is survived by his widow; his sons, Paul and Alfred Seematter, both of the home; his daughters, Rosella and Arlene Seematter, both of the home; his brothers, Albert Seematter, Chicago; Paul and John Seematter, both of Los Angeles, Calif.; Ernest Seematter, Emmett; Herman Seematter, Marysville; his sisters, Mrs. George Scholz, Frankfort, and Mrs. Pete Ring, Marysville.

Funeral services were held at the home yesterday afternoon after which burial was made in Home City cemetery.

"Marshall County News" (Marysville KS) Thursday 16 Jul 1936 p 3

Henry Seematter Dead

Henry Seematter, age 45 years, died suddenly at his home two and a half miles southwest of Winifred, last evening at 9:15 o'clock following a heart attack. He had been a resident of that community for many years and has many friends over the county, who will regret to learn of his untimely death.

Henry was a veteran of the World War, serving his country honorably, and upon his return home after two years service he became a member of Leo McMinimy Post No. 181, to which organization he was a loyal and active member.

Besides his wife he leaves two sons, Paul and Alfred; two daughters, Rosella and Arlene, all of the home; five brothers, Albert of Chicago, Ill.; Paul and John of Los Angeles, Calif.; Ernest of Emmett, Kans., and Herman of Marysville; two sisters, Mrs. George Scholz of

Frankfort and Mrs. Pete Ring of Marysville and a number of other relatives who have the sympathy of all in their bereavement.

Funeral arrangements will appear later.

Obituary

Henry J. Seematter was born Oct. 15, 1890 at Marysville, Kansas, and passed away July 12, 1936 at his home two and one-half miles southwest of Winifred, Kansas at the age of 45 years, 8 months and 27 days.

He spent his early boyhood on a farm 5 miles west of Marysville.

His young manhood was spent at ranching in Montana at which place he enlisted on Dec. 14th, 1917, in Co. 17, 20th Engineers as a wagoner. And was honorably discharged at Camp Funston on June 18, 1919.

Henry sailed for France on the steamship Tuscania, which was torpedoed a few miles off the coast of England, to which he with others swam to safety.

He was married to Mamie L. Stiner on Dec. 31, 1925, and to this union four children were born.

He was baptized in the Evangelical Church at Marysville.

near Church at Marysville.

He is survived by his wife and two sons Alfred and Paul, and two daughters, Rosella and Arlene; five brothers, Ernest, of Emmett; John, of Englewood, Calif.; Albert F., of Chicago, Ill.; Herman W., of Marysville and Paul R. of Gardena, Calif.; two sisters, Mrs. Herbert J. Ring, Marysville, and Mrs. Geo. F. Scholz of Frankfort, and a large number of other relatives and a host of friends.

Funeral services were held at the home Wed. July 15, at 2:30 o'clock. Burial at Home City cemetery.

I would not have you sorrow so,
Because it must be, soon or late
That one of us, alone, will go
From out the light thro' deaths
dark gate.

For life at best is all too short
When measured by a love like ours,
And death is but an open port
To broader fields and fairer flow-
ers.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank those who were so thoughtful to us in our time of trouble. Especially do we wish to thank Mr. Warren for his beautiful songs, the Legion for their services, and the kind acts and floral offerings of friends and neighbors will ever be remembered.

Mrs. Henry J. Seematter
and children
and brothers and sisters

Harry Seematter

in the South Dakota, U.S., State Census, 1915

<u>Detail</u>	Source
Name:	Harry Seematter
Age:	24
Birth Year:	1891
Gender:	Male
Race:	White
Birth Place:	Kansas
Nationality:	Swiss
Marital Status:	Single
Arrival Year in State:	1914
Arrival State:	South Dakota
Arrival Country:	USA
Father's Birth Place:	Switzerland
Mother's Birth Place:	Germany
FHL Film Number:	2283904
Sheet Number:	30
Residence in 1915:	South Dakota, United States

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<i>Seemater</i> Seemater		Henry J	250,641	White	1½
(Surname)		(Christian name)	(Army serial number)	(Race: White or colored)	
Residence:		Kalispell	MONTANA		
(Street and house number)		(Town or city)	(County)	(State)	
* Enlisted in	N A Ft George Wright Wash Dec 14/17				
† Born in	Marysville Kans 27 2/12 Yrs				
Organizations:	20 Engrs to Disch				
Grades:	Pvt				
Engagements:					
Wounds or other injuries received in action: None.					
‡ Served overseas:	Jan 24/18 to May 28/19				
§ Hon. disch.	June 18/19 on demobilization				
Was reported	0 per cent disabled on date of discharge, in view of occupation.				
Remarks:					

Form No. 724-1½, A. G. O. March 12, 1920. 3-7688

* Insert "R. A.", "N. G.", "E. R. C.", "N. A.", as case may be, followed by place and date of enlistment. † Give place of birth and date of birth, or age at enlistment. ‡ Give dates of departure from and arrival in the United States. § Give date.

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ENROLLMENT
EX-SERVICE MAN OF THE WORLD WAR OR
HIS WIDOW AND ORPHANS

ARMY ☒ X
NAVY ☐
MARINE ☐
CORPS ☐
(Check branch of service)

Center Twp
(Name of township, city or ward and city)
Marshall
(County)
C.W. Elder
(Assessor)

Name Seematter Henry Jacob
(Last) (First) (Middle)
Address Home City Marshall
(Street) (City) (County)
Member of the American Legion? Yes
(Yes or no)
If so, name and number of post #181

Kansas, U.S., Enrollment of World War I Veterans, 1930

Volume 21: Marshall, McPherson

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/15232:2955>

Life:

Henry Seematter Sells Out.

Early this week Henry Seematter sold his farming outfit to Henry Haar of Salina who will farm the land Henry had rented. Mr. Haar is a former Marshall county farmer having a few years ago moved to Saline county where he sold out a short time ago and came back to a good county. Mr. Haar's old friends welcome him back. We don't know at the present writing what Henry Seematter intends doing.

"Home City (KS) Journal" Friday 22 May 1914 p 1

Son Among Survivors

John Seematter sr , of the Winifred neighborhood, received an official notice, yesterday, that his son, Henry J. Seematter, was one of the survivors of the Tuscania disaster.

"Frankfort (KS) Index" Monday 11 Feb 1918 p 1

The gruesome facts of the war come a little closer home to us every day. As far as is known Marshall county had no boys lost on the torpedoed ship Tuscania, but this county had at least two boys, Emmert Black of Summerfield and Henry J. Seematter of Winifred on board the ill-fated ship, but fortunately they both were among the rescued.

"Marshall County News" (Marysville KS) Friday 15 Feb 1918 p 4

Henry Seematter, who has been in the Engineering corps of the U. S. army and spent sixteen months in overseas service, has received his discharge and has returned to his home south of Home City.

"Frankfort (KS) Index" Thursday 19 Jun 1919 p 1

Cars Collided.

A head-on collision of two automobiles occurred in Home City Sunday night. Henry Seematter, accompanied by his brother, Paul, was driving a Dodge car and Henry Krause was driving a Buick. Through some misunderstanding as to which was going to turn aside in the road both started to turn out and the collision happened. Neither driver was injured but Paul Seematter was somewhat bruised. The Dodge car was damaged more than the Buick. Both front wheels were broken and the whole front end was caved in. Both front tires on the Buick were bursted and other small damage done to the car.

"Beattie (KS) Journal" Thursday 7 Dec 1922 p 1

DISTRICT COURT DOCKET.

In re appeal of Henry J. Seematter, from the decision of the Kansas Compensation Board; disallowing claim.

"Marysville (KS) Advocate" Thursday 31 Jan 1924 p 10

Hearing Bonus Claims.

Hugh Massey of Frankfort and Henry Seematter of Winifred are presenting their bonus claims to the District court at Marysville today. Massey enlisted in Iowa and Seematter in Montana, but Kansas has always been their homes. They are deserving of a bonus and we hope they win.

"Frankfort (KS) Index" Tuesday 19 Feb 1924 p 1

Seematter For Sheriff.

In this issue of the Index will be found the announcement of Henry J. Seematter for the Democratic nomination for the office of Sheriff. Henry Seematter, was born and reared in Marshall county and resides with his mother in Center township. He volunteered in 1917 for the World War and served with the 20th Engineers overseas; while enroute, the transport Tuscania, transporting his regiment was torpedoed by a German submarine off the northeast coast of Ireland, but Henry managed to float around until picked up, and then do his bit in breaking the Hindenburg line.

Henry Seematter has a host of staunch friends and will be a formidable candidate for the office he is seeking.

"Frankfort (KS) Index" Wednesday 20 Feb 1924 p 4

Seematter for Sheriff.

The first Democrat to toss his hat in the ring for county office is Henry J. Seematter of near Winifred, who this week announces himself as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for sheriff.

Seematter is a young man, well known throughout the county, and has the ability to fill every requirement for the office. Should he win the nomination and election the people of this county can be assured that he will do his duty and make a splendid official.

He was born and raised northwest of this city and has many friends who will line up behind him in this race.

He volunteered early in the World war and served with the 20th Engineers in France. He was on board the transport, Tuscania, which was torpedoed off the coast of Ireland and barely escaped with his life. On his return from the army he took up his residence on his father's farm near Winifred. If Seematter gets the nomination our Republican brethren will have to go some to beat him.

"Marysville (KS) Advocate" Thursday 21 Feb 1924 p 1

Isaac Walker, Henry Seematter, Paul Seematter, and Robert Keller, and Mrs. M. R. Dickinson and daughter went to "Birth of the Nation" at Marysville last Saturday evening.

"Frankfort (KS) Index" Monday 25 Feb 1924 p 2

Cast Your Vote for

Henry J. Seematter

Democratic Candidate for Nomination to the Office of

SHERIFF

At the Primaries, August 5, 1924.

Born and raised in Marshall County, educated in the Marshall County Schools, farms a Marshall County farm, served for 16 months overseas—a Capable Man for the Office, who if nominated and elected will enforce the laws.

Vote for Seematter

(Political Advertisement.)

“Marysville (KS) Advocate” Thursday 31 Jul 1924 p 10

HENRY J. SEEMATTER FOR SHERIFF

Henry J. Seematter, candidate for the democratic nomination of Sheriff, is thirty-four years old, born and raised in Marshall County; enlisted in 1917 for the World War and served sixteen months overseas. The only soldier candidate on the Democratic ticket. Vote for Seematter and you will make no mistake.

Seematter For Sheriff Committee.

"Frankfort (KS) Index" Thursday 31 Jul 1924 p 8

DEMOCRATIC.
Henry J Seematter was nominated for Sheriff and B. N Welch for County Commissioner for the 2nd District. These were the only offices for which there were contests in the county.

"Waterville (KS) Telegraph" Friday 15 Aug 1924 p 4

Notice to Voters.

I am a candidate on the Democratic ticket for the office of sheriff of Marshall County. A great many things have been said in connection with every candidate for office, as to his religious stand and convictions. Among my friends I number Catholics, Jews, and Protestants; Masons, Knights of Columbus and some who have told me they are members of the Ku Klux Klan. And they and each of them, that are my friends, tell me, that they are going to vote for me in the election and I am not willing to denounce a single one of them for their religious or political convictions. I have also told every one, that has given me the opportunity, that if elected to office, that I will fulfill the office without regard to their religious beliefs, and that I will not be a party to the denunciation of any one because some other persons hold different religious views. I consider all persons law-abiding citizens until the contrary is proven. One of my opponents says, "I will stand squarely for the Constitution of the United States and the State of Kansas." Since when did the faithful need to protest their loyalty? If any one is violating the law and the Constitution, why not bring them into Court?

I consider it unnecessary to say that I will stand by the Constitution and rely on my record to speak for me. I was born in these United

States and when my time came to show where I stood, I went out and voluntarily enlisted in the Army of the United States and served sixteen months overseas. Did my opponent, who now protests his loyalty to the Constitution do the same? He did not, but now hopes to ride into office because he is ready to denounce some citizens and protest his loyalty to the Constitution. What has he done to uphold the Constitution, further than live and make a living under its protection?

In conclusion, I want to say, that I do not believe that the Ku Klux Klan, Knights of Columbus, Masons or any other religious, fraternal or insurance order has a right and ought not to be interfering in politics as such. But if any man, in this broad and free country of ours, wants to join either or any of these organizations, that is his inalienable American right and he should not be denounced by any other man because, that other man wants to ride into office on the religious prejudice of some voters. And whether I am elected to the office I am seeking or not, I will have the satisfaction of saying, that I give to every man that American right and privilege, that these United States gives to every person, to BELIEVE AS HE PLEASURES SO LONG AS HE DOES NOT VIOLATE THE RIGHTS OF OTHERS.

HENRY J. SEEMATTER.
(Political Advertisement.)

To the Voters of MARSHALL COUNTY

If you want honest service—if you want an official that will faithfully perform his duties fairly to all—cast your vote for Henry J. Seematter, Democratic candidate for Sheriff at the election next Tuesday. A candidate of no faction—just a young farmer, courageous; honest and trustworthy; with every qualification for the office.

Henry Seematter was born and raised in this county; for thirty-four years he has lived on a Marshall County farm. He was one of the volunteers in the World war from this county and for eighteen months he served his country faithfully and well. This training alone should fit him for the work he will be called upon to perform as your sheriff. You can rest assured that your interests will be in safe hands if Mr. Seematter is elected.

Mr. Seematter is worthy of your earnest support; he is worthy of your vote and the vote of your family and friends. Go to the polls Tuesday and when you cast your ballot be sure to put a cross (X) in the square opposite the name of Henry J. Seematter.

(Political Advertisement.)

“Frankfort (KS) Index” Wednesday 29 Oct 1924 p 4

Sheriff.

The race is so close between the three candidates for this office that it is impossible to predict the outcome at this time. With Murry, Cottage Hill and Waterville to hear from, the count is:

Chas. J. Cook	2967
A. VanNortwick	2926
Henry J. Seematter	2397

Without all the votes in, Henry is 3rd in the three-man Marshall Co. KS sheriff election – “Frankfort (KS) Index” Wednesday 5 Nov 1924 p 1

Official Election Returns of Marshall County, November 4, 1924

Compiled by the Advocate Democrat.

Sheriff—

Henry J. Seematter, Dem....	2602
A. Van Nortwick, Rep.	3562
Chas. J. Cook, Ind.	3310

Final results – Henry came in 3rd – “Marysville (KS) Advocate” Thursday 13 Nov 1924 p 5

Mr. and Mrs. Will Moser, who were married at Marysville, Tuesday, were here this morning, buying their household goods. Mr. Moser will work for Henry Seematter and they will live on his farm near Winifred. The bride was formerly Miss Mollie Kloxin, and is a cousin of Mrs. A. J. Grauer of Frankfort. The friends join the Index in wishing the young couple a long and happy married life.

“Frankfort (KS) Index” Friday 25 Mar 1927 p 3

SUFFERS BROKEN LEG IN WAGON ACCIDENT

Samuel Whaley of southeast of Marysville suffered a broken limb and Ernest Seematter sustained injuries to his limb Tuesday morning while they were hauling hogs to Winifred.

The hogs endeavored to get out of the wagon and while Whaley was endeavoring to keep them in a rope holding the sideboards in place broke. Seematter was thrown to the ground, carrying the lines with him. Whaley attempted to jump and was struck by the wagon hub.

Whaley and Seematter were taken to their homes by Henry Seematter and Ike Walker.

The team, drawing the wagon, continued to Winifred, stopping at the elevator there.

Mr. Whaley was reported at his home last night as getting along as well as could be expected.

Henry helps his injured brother Ernest home – "Marysville (KS) Advocste" Thursday 9 Aug 1928 p 7

POSTPONE BEEF SHOW.

The demonstration of the creep system of feeding of calves for beef, which was to have been given on the Brethour Brothers farm, fifteen miles west of Randolph in Riley county, Wednesday, will be held next Tuesday, it is announced by Pat O'Connell, county farm agent. It is a district meeting, with Marshall, Riley, Clay and Cloud counties represented. Those who expect to go from this county are: Mr. O'Connell, Conrad, Raymond and George Scholz and Marion Hawk, of Beattie, Henry Seematter, of Frankfort, and the two Sedlacek brothers of Marysville.

"Marysville (KS) Advocate" Thursday 10 Oct 1929 p 1

Colvin Not Guilty

The jury returned a verdict of not guilty in the Colvin case Wednesday afternoon after deliberating seven hours. Colvin thanked the jurors and left the court house with his wife, announcing he would try to find a job and go to work here.

Colvin was charged with forging the name of Henry Seematter, Marshall county farmer, to a check for \$12, and cashing the check at Rowland Barrett's filling station at Frankfort last Christmas. He had worked on the farm for Seematter several months. He was arrested in Iowa last month and brought back for trial.

Colvin and his wife testified Colvin received the check from Seematter's wife as pay for working on the farm, while Mr. and Mrs. Seematter denied this on the witness stand. The complaint against Colvin was signed by Barrett. Attorney Carroll Walker assisted County Attorney Keller in the prosecution, while Colvin was represented by Helvering and Smith.

"Marysville (KS) Advocate" Thursday 13 Feb 1930 p 1

Henry Seematter drove to Lincon, Neb., Sunday, and returned with Mr. and Mrs. Albert Seemateer and Lawrence Hildebrandt, of Chicago, Ill., who wil spent a few days visiting relatives and friends in this locality.

"Frankfort (KS) Index" Tuesday 25 Aug 1931 p 2

Quiz into Death of Fulton Today

County Officials to De- termine Reason For Fatal Accident

**Inquisition Starts at 10 O'clock This
Morning in Office County
Attorney Keller**

Investigation into the cause of the death of Donald E. Fulton, 29, county highway employe killed last Wednesday in a truck east of Oketo, will get underway at 10 o'clock this morning in the office of A. D. Keller, county attorney.

D. W. Conger, commissioner from the first district and Attorney Keller decided to make an investigation into the tragedy after they learned that Sheriff John E. Kirch and Richard Schmidt, city marshal, had found a broken bottle which they said had contained home brew. A bottle of home brew also was found in a cornfield near the truck, which the sheriff was informed, was thrown into the field by one of the men after the accident.

Will Question All Employes

Attorney Keller said late Wednesday that he would question Henry Seematter, driver of the truck, and who has delayed the hearing because of injuries received in the accident. Others in the crash and who also probably will be questioned include: John Gellinger and Harvey Senft, Marysville; and John B. Saathoff, Oketo.

Questioned as to whether he would use testimony of Sheriff Kirch and City Marshal Schmidt, Attorney Keller replied that he did not know whether or not it would be necessary.

Accident Last Wednesday

The accident occurred while the men were enroute to St. Bridget township with a load of bridge plank. A trailer of plank was attached to the truck. The truck went into a grader ditch and overturned.

Oliver Burk, young farmer, who was near the scene of the accident, when questioned, told Sheriff Kirch that a man described as Gellinger threw "something wrapped in paper" into the cornfield after the accident. The officers found the package and it contained a bottle of home brew, they said.

"Marshall County News" (Marysville KS) Friday 12 Aug 1932 p 1

Wife Files Claim for \$10,000 From Marshall County

**Mrs. Fulton Seeks Sum
For Death of Hus-
band Recently**

KILLED BY COUNTY TRUCK

**Action Brought After Investigation
Launched Last Friday—She
Seeks Compensation For
Loss**

A claim for \$10,000 was filed against the county last Friday by Mrs. Myrl H. Fulton as the result of the death of her husband, Donald L. Fulton, 29, August 3 in a county truck east of Oketo.

The claim was filed just a few hours after A. D. Keller, county attorney, had launched an investigation into the cause of the death of the county employe.

Home Brew Involved

Among those questioned last Friday included Henry Seematter, driver of the truck, and John Gellinger, who officers say, threw a bottle containing home brew into a cornfield after the truck went into a ditch, and overturned, killing Fulton.

Harvey Senft, Marysville and John Saathoff, Oketo, also on the truck at the time of the accident, were unable to be present at the inquisition and after Seematter and Gellinger had been questioned County Attorney Keller announced that the hearing would be concluded later.

County Attorney Keller said that Seematter and Gellinger each deny that they had any knowledge that there was any home brew on the truck. They also denied drinking.

Gellinger was Excited

Gellinger, officers said, admitted that he threw "something wrapped in paper" in the cornfield immediately after the accident. Questioned as to why he picked up the "something wrapped in paper" instead of a pile of tools, he explained that he was so excited that he did not know what he was doing. Gellinger further claimed that he did not become "normal" until he got back to Marysville after the accident. It is understood that further admittances and information was

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Wife Files Claim for \$10,000 From Marshall County

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"pumped" from Gellinger which officers refused to divulge.

Mrs. Fulton's claim in full as filed in the county clerk's office through her attorneys, P. G. Wadham and W. W. Redmond, is:

Claim of Mrs. Fulton

Myrl H. Fulton hereby presents a claim against Marshall county, Kas., for the sum of \$10,000 to compensate her and her children for the loss of her husband and father of said children, namely Donald Lee Fulton, 29, who died August 3, 1932, as the result of injuries caused by the negligence of the agents and employes of Marshall county on August 3, 1932; that said claimant and the children hereinafter named were wholly dependent upon the said decedent for support and maintenance, and the names and ages of the children are as follows: Donald Dick Fulton, four; Shirley Ann, three; Dorothy Joy, two; Gerry Fulton, 16 months; that said injuries resulting in the death of said Donald Lee Fulton on August 3, 1932, were caused by reckless and negligent acts and conduct of the employes and agents of said county in the operation of highway machinery to wit: one automobile truck owned and operated by said county and its agents, employes, operator and chauffeur, in violation of the requirements and prohibitions of the laws of Kansas.

Basis for the claim made among others is made on chapter 80 of the 1931 Session Laws of Kansas. Section 23 of this chapter reads:

"This state and every county, city, municipal or other public corporation within this state, employing any operator of chauffeur, shall be jointly and severally liable with such operator or chauffeur for any damages caused by the negligence of the latter while driving a motor vehicle upon a highway in the course of employment; provided, this section does not apply to boards of education, fire or police departments."

Action by County Officials

D. W. Conger, commissioner from the first district, and attorney Keller decided to make an investigation into the tragedy after they learned that Sheriff John E. Kirch and Richard Schmidt, city marshal, had found a broken bottle which they said had contained home brew. A bottle of home brew was also found in a cornfield near the truck, and it was this, officers said, that Gellinger threw there after the accident.

Kyle Burks, 19-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Burks, who was near the scene of the tragedy, when questioned by the sheriff, said that he saw Gellinger throw the "something wrapped in paper" into the cornfield.

All of the men in the truck at the time of the accident have been taken out of service, D. W. Conger, commissioner of the first district, said late yesterday. If the men would be put back to work he did not say.

"Marshall County News" (Marysville KS) Friday 19 Aug 1932 p 1 & p 2

WINIFRED

A New "Pretty Boy"

K. C. Willis, Albert Wanklyn, Arthur Wanklyn and Henry Seematter motored to Kansas City Friday morning to see the Dean brothers play ball. They had some excitement, however, while in Kansas City. As they were leaving for home they were stopped and searched by policemen, who thought that Albert Wanklyn, son of Tom Wanklyn, was "Pretty Boy" Floyd. Some explanations had to be made, but all turned out well, with the exception that Albert probably gained a new nickname among the Winifred people.

Henry goes to Kansas City to see Dizzy (Jerome) Dean & his brother Daffy (Paul) Dean pitch – and his traveling partner is mistaken for gangster Pretty Boy Floyd – "Marysville (KS) Advocate" Thursday

18 Oct 1934 p 4

With Death of "Pretty Boy" Albert Wanklyn Can Now Rest Easier

Winifred Young Man Taken for Public Enemy No. 1 Recently by Kansas City Police—
Made Satisfactory Explanation

Albert Wanklyn, Winifred, had one consolation Monday. He knows that never again will he be taken for Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd, No. 1 public enemy.

In the rain of rifle, pistol and machine gun bullets from federal officers, Floyd fell mortally wounded in a pasture late Monday near East Liverpool, Ohio.

And Mr. Wanklyn is resting a bit easier for when he was in Kansas City a week ago Friday in company with K. C. Willis, Arthur Wanklyn and Henry Seematter, all of Winifred, to see the Dean Brothers play baseball he was singled out by Kansas City police as Floyd.

A satisfactory explanation on the part of Wanklyn and his companions convinced officers that he was not the notorious Ozark criminal.

Floyd was killed after he had dined at a farm home and paid a farmer's wife \$1 for a meal. Awaiting near a corner to catch a ride to Youngstown officers surprised him. He ran into a pasture. Officers' fire felled him.

It is believed by a number of local persons that Floyd was in Marysville two years ago this fall at the time a roadster was stolen from Dr. R. K. Ewart. Previous to the theft of the car a man, described as suspicious, asked to rent rooms at the Magee and Linley hotels.

Two days after the man had escaped with Doctor Ewart's car, Mrs. J. H. Magee, 209 South Eighth, said she saw a picture in a newspaper of Floyd.

"I'm sure he was the same fellow," she said this week.

"Marshall County News" (Marysville KS) Friday 26 Oct 1934 p 1

(First published in the Marshall County News, Official Paper of Marshall County, April 12, 1935.)

SHERIFF'S SALE

State of Kansas, County of Marshall, ss.
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MARSHALL COUNTY, KANSAS.

Bankers Life Insurance Company of Nebraska, a corporation, Plaintiff.

vs.

Henry J. Seematter;
Mamie L. Seematter his wife; Ernest Seematter; Ida Seematter his wife; John Seematter; Dora Seematter his wife; Anna S. Ring; Herbert J. Ring her husband; Rosa M. Scholz; George Scholz her husband; Albert F. Seematter; Ella Seematter his wife; Herman W. Seematter; Hazel Seematter his wife; Paul R. Seematter; Norma Seematter his wife; Henry J. Seematter, administrator of the estate of Rosa Seematter deceased; Henry J. Seematter administrator De Bonis Non of the estate of John Seematter deceased;

Defendants.

Notice is hereby given that under and by virtue of the judgment and decree rendered in the above entitled action, in and by the above named court and of an Order of sale duly issued out of the clerk's office of said court on said judgment and to me directed and delivered, as sheriff of Marshall County, Kansas, I will on the 13th day of May, 1935 at 2:00 o'clock P. M., of said day at the north front door of the Court House in the city of Marysville, in the county of Marshall in the state of Kansas, offer at public sale and sell to the highest bidder for cash in hand the following described lands and tenements situate, lying and being in Marshall County, Kansas, to-wit:

All of Section twenty-seven (27), township three (3) South Range eight (8), East of the Sixth Principal Meridian, containing in all 640 acres according to Government Survey.

Said property will be sold as commanded by said Order of sale and in pursuance of said judgment and decree of said court.

Given under my hand at my office in the city of Marysville, in Marshall County, Kansas, this 10th day of April, 1935.

M. F. FLANAGAN,
Sheriff of Marshall County, Kansas.
Rinker & Delehant,
Attorneys for the Plaintiff. 1545

Henry & Mamie & his siblings involved in sheriff's sale – "Marshall County News" Friday 12 Oct 1935 p 6

Wife:

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

The following marriage licenses have been issued by Probate Judge W. W. Potter since our last report:

Ezra Hunter, Bigelow, 29, Rose Novak, Irving, 20.

Wm. M. Ramsey, Dorchester, Neb., 21, Rosa I. Ellis, Dorchester, Neb., 18.

Edgar H. Livingston, Mahaska, 24, Mabel Viola Foth, Mahaska, 18.

Arthur W. Burgman, Randolph, 30, Goldie M. Ebaugh, Stockdale, 19.

Henry J. Seematter, Home City, 35, Mamie L. Stiner, Winifred, 19.

John F. Lundberg, Cleburne, 48, Mary L. Morris, Cleburne, 51.

"Marysville (KS) Advocate" Thursday 7 Jan 1926 p 1

Stiner-Seematter.

Miss Mamie Stiner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Stiner and Henry J. Seematter, son of Mrs. Rose Seematter, were married at Marysville, Thursday, Dec. 31st, 1925.

The bride is an accomplished young lady, a popular clerk in the store for several years, the groom is a splendid young man, and both have hosts of friends in the Winifred-Home City neighborhood, where they have resided for many years. They will reside on the Seematter section west of Winifred. The Index extends congratulations.

"Frankfort (KS) Index" Monday 4 Jan 1926 p 1

Birthday Surprise Party.

Thursday evening a number of neighbors gathered at the home of Mrs. Henry Seematter to help her celebrate her birthday anniversary. Cards were played during the evening and at 12 o'clock a nice lunch was served. All went home wishing Mrs. Seematter many more happy birthday anniversaries. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. John Seematter, Laverne, Nelda, Norma and Charles; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Edwards and Adriene, Mr. and Mrs. Art Edwards and Charles, James and Clarence; Mr. and Mrs. Sam Easton, Lloyd and Joy, and Cliff Long.

"Marshall County News" (Marysville KS) Friday 22 Apr 1932 p 4

wednesday.
 Mr. and Mrs. Charles Edwards, Misses Rosella and Arlene Seematter, Alfred and Paul Seematter arrived last week from Portland, Ore., to visit with relatives and friends.

"Marshall County News" (Marysville KS) Thursday 6 Sep 1945 p 3

Mrs. Charles Edwards and daughter, Miss Arlene Seematter; and Mrs. Alfred Seematter of Sandy, Oregon; also Mr. and Mrs. Ira Lunsford and sons, Gary and Charles of Boring, Oregon have been visiting relatives and friends here and at Corning the past week. They came to attend the Golden Wedding observance of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Stiner at Corning.

"Marshall County News" (Marysville KS) Thursday 11 Sep 1952 p 1

Mrs. Henry Seematter will hold a general farm sale of farm machinery livestock, feed and tools at her farm southwest of Winifred on Friday, August 14. Watch for an advertisement in this paper. 32

"Frankfort (KS) Index" Thursday 30 Jul 1936 p 1

Public Sale

I will sell at Public Sale on the Henry Seematter farm, one mile south and 1½ miles west of Winifred; six miles south and one-half mile east of Home City, commencing at 10:00 a. m., on

FRIDAY, AUG. 14th

The following described property:

9 Head of Horses and Mules 9

1 black mare, 3 yrs. old, wt. 1400. 1 bay mare, 4 yrs. old, wt. 1300. 1 black mare, 10 yrs. old, wt. 1400. Bred to Jack. 1 gray mare, smooth mouth, wt. 1300. Bred to horse.	1 brown horse, smooth mouth, wt. 1200. 1 brown mare, smooth mouth, wt. 1200. 1 spotted saddle horse, 3 yrs. old. 1 colt, four months old. 1 mule colt, four months old.
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33 Head of Cattle 33

7 cows with calves by side. 8 cows, to freshen this fall. 6 fat cows and heifers.	9 yearling steers. 2 heifer calves. 1 bull.
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- 13 PIGS, WEIGHT 40 LBS. EACH -

Implements, Tools, Feed, Seed, Etc.

One 16-in. 2-bottom McCormick - Deering tractor plow, nearly new. 1 Allis - Chalmers 20:35 tractor, good condition. 1 John Deere lister. 1 low wheel wagon with box. 1 gang plow. 1 hay sweep.	1 manure spreader. 1 International Enslage cutter. 1 corn binder. 1 single row cultivator. 1 P. and O. two-row monitor. 1 saddle. 1 pump jack. 4 sets work harness.	1 cream separator. 10 bushel millet seed. 1 stack of oats straw. 1 hand-power washing machine. 1 Round Oak Heater. 100 hedge posts. Tools and other articles too numerous to mention.
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LUNCH SERVED BY LADIES OF WINIFRED BAPTIST CHURCH.

TERMS: CASH. OR SEE YOUR BANKER BEFORE DATE OF SALE.

MAMIE L. SEEMATTER

(ADMINISTRATRIX)

A. E. BLACKNEY, AUCTIONEER. Home City State Bank, Clerk

“Frankfort (KS) Index” Friday 7 Aug 1936 p 3

Buys Winifred Store

A business deal was recently completed whereby Mrs. Henry Seematter became the owner of the L. M. Owen's store in Winifred. Mrs. Seematter took possession of the store Monday and will continue to operate the store as it has been run in the past. C. Churchill has been manager of the store for the past several months.

“Frankfort (KS) Index” Friday 14 Aug 1936 p 1

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A crowd estimated at 2,000 attended the Mrs. Henry Seematter sale northwest of town, yesterday. Everything sold well. One 3-year-old unbroke mare sold at \$145 and one 4 month-old mule colt brought \$77.

“Frankfort (KS) Index” Saturday 15 Aug 1936 p 4

Mrs. Mamie Seematter and children moved into the Churchill house Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Churchill will live at Clay Center.

“Marshall County News” (Marysville KS) Thursday 3 Sep 1936 p 11

TROY MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Special to The News-Press.

TROY, Kan., April 26.—The following marriage licenses have been issued by Judge John R. Bell here: April 10, William D. Coffman and Ella Dale Lisinbee, both of St. Joseph; April 11, Merlin Blessing, Kansas City, and Wanda Thrailkill, Albany, Mo.; April 15, Glenn Stocking and Gracie Boyland, both of St. Joseph; April 17, Lewis Dunn and Virginia Bowen, both of White Cloud, Kan.; April 17, Leslie R. Bryan and Vera Louise Mix, both of Troy; April 19, John D. Holmes, Leavenworth, Kan., and Mary D. Mowry, Graham, Mo.; April 20, J. H. Shelton and Lettie Gier, both of Atchison; April 21, C. E. Wickstrom and Mary Howland, both of Highland, Kan.; April 23, Charles F. Edwards, Homes, Kan., and Mamie L. Seemater, Winifred, Kan.

Marriage license of Charles F. Edwards & Mamie L. Seemater, obtained in Troy, Doniphan KS on 23 Apr 1937 – "St. Joseph (MO) News-Press" Monday 26 Apr 1937 p 7

Mamie L. Stiner Edwards

Mamie L. Stiner Edwards, 88, of Sparks, died April 18, 1995, at Hearthstone of Northern Nevada.

A native of Oberlin, Kan., she was born April 15, 1907, to Alfred and Maude White Stiner, and had lived in the Reno-Sparks area for the past 25 years, coming from Sandy, Ore.

Mrs. Edwards owned and operated a grocery store in Sandy. She was a member of Senior Citizens Center.

Her husband, Charles, died in 1970, and two sons preceded her in death.

Surviving are daughters, Arlene Sheehan of Sparks and Rosella Lunsford of Turner, Ore.; nine grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

A memorial service and inurnment will be held at a later date in Sandy.

Cremation will be at Sierra Crematory, under the direction of Walton's Sparks Funeral Home.

Children:

Rosella Lunsford
 April 19, 1927 - September 12, 2015
 TURNER - Memorial service,
 Friday, Sept. 18 at 6:00 pm at
 Silverton City Park Pavillion.
 Serving the family, North Santiam
 Funeral Service, Stayton.

Funeral notice of [daughter Rosella Maud Seematter Lunsford \(1927-2015\)](#) -
 "Salem (OR) Statesman Journal" Wednesday 16 Sep 2015 p A13

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Seematter,
 who live near Home City, have a lit-
 tle new daughter, born Tuesday eve-
 ning, whom they have named Rosella
 Maud. Mother and babe doing nice-
 ly. The little one is a granddaugh-
 ter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Stiner
 of Winifred.

Birth of Rosella Seematter on 19 Apr 1927 – "Frankfort (KS) Index" Friday 22 Apr 1927 p 1

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Seematter of
 near Home City announce the birth of
 a daughter, Rosella Maud, on April
 19. Mother and child are reported
 to be doing nicely.

Birth of Rosella – "Marysville (KS) Advocate" Thursday 28 Apr 1927 p 5

Fans turn out at the Oregon State Fair to celebrate the '80s with the hair band

PHOTOS AND STORY BY
THOMAS PATTERSON ■ Statesman Journal

After Garrison Keillor and A Prairie Home Companion; after Sheryl Crow, Willie Nelson, Vanessa Hudgens and other sedate musical acts, the Oregon State Fair was ready for some action. Who better to provide it than the 1980s hair-band spectacle that is Poison?

Thanks to lead singer Bret Michaels' VH1 reality show, "Rock of Love," the band is back on America's radar. Fans traveled from far and wide to Salem August 30 wearing ripped jeans, Aqua Net and stiletto heels, ready for a good time and, perhaps, a link to a simpler age.

Online

See a photo gallery at
Statesman Journal.com

"I consider Poison the soundtrack to my life," said Renatta Burke, who came from Pemberton, British Columbia, to meet up with her old friend Brandy Dodd and indulge in some shared nostalgia. "This is kind of a reunion for us."

"I haven't seen Poison since '83, my senior year," gushed Caly Shanahan of Vancouver, Wash. She took her license plate — 80SLADY — off her car and carried it into the concert to celebrate her front-row seats. As the band opened with "Look What the Cat Dragged In" and segued into "I Want Action," Shanahan let out a shriek while waving her license plate.

Not everyone felt the same anticipation. First in line for the Poison show was Rosella Lunsford of Turner, gray-haired and holding a cane, looking a little different from other fans.

"I haven't missed a concert at the state fair since 1992," she said. "I haven't heard Poison, but I'll give it a shot."

"Salem (OR) Statesman-Journal" Saturday 6 Sep 2008 p 23



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Forward This

'Concert Queen' will continue reign at fair

Rosella Lunsford might as well be one of the headliners at the Oregon State Fair, because she often gets star treatment.

Security escorts, primo seating and recognition from fans.

Rosella has earned it, having attended more than 100 fair concerts during the past 18 years.

There was one stretch, she proudly told me, where she went 12 straight years without missing a single concert.

"It feels like she's part of the fair," said Bruce Peeples, whose work includes concerts at the fairgrounds. "When she doesn't show up, you're kind of like, 'Where's Rosella? Where'd she go?'"

Last year, before the Katy Perry concert, a group of fair employees surprised Rosella by crowning her "Our Concert Queen." They presented her a silver plastic tiara and a pink and green sash that the 83-year-old from Turner wore proudly that night and for the rest of the concert series.

"I was real, real honored," Rosella said. "But I'm not the type of person to let it go to my head."

And she didn't let her distaste for Katy Perry — "she was kind of sleazily dressed" — spoil the night.

Rosella is pretty much a fair icon. While there may be other loyal concert goers, Peeples said there's "nobody as loyal as Rosella. Even if she doesn't like the music, she's there."

She attended the Poison concert two years ago, accompanying her

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Courtesy of the Oregon State Fair
Rosella Lunsford of Turner was crowned "Our Concert Queen" last year by employees who work the Oregon State Fair concert series.

Forward This

Continued from 1C

21-year-old granddaughter.

"It wasn't as bad as everyone made it out to be," Rosella said. "I kind of liked it."

Her concert streak was in jeopardy this year, because she couldn't afford tickets. She lives on a fixed income and had some unexpected expenses when a son died in April.

But an unnamed sponsor has come forward to make sure Rosella doesn't miss a show, according to a state fair official.

Rosella wants to see four of the six concerts in this year's lineup: ZZ Top, Dierks Bentley, Lifehouse and Lynyrd Skynyrd.

"Latin, hard rock, country — there's nothing she won't try," said Steven Bledsoe, operations manager of the fair. "She doesn't even know who they are and she'll try it."

Bledsoe has known Rosella since around 1995, when he worked for TicketsWest. She used to purchase her tickets directly through him.

"She gives me hugs," Bledsoe said. "We enjoy having her, and she does

suggest it's because she has seen so dang many

"That's probably it," she said with a smile.

Rosella doesn't collect ticket stubs, but she did share with me a shoebox full of mementos. Inside was an envelope containing ticket stubs from the 1999 fair concert series. That year she saw Lonestar, Sawyer Brown, Styx, Weird Al Yankovic, Don Williams, Gallagher, Collin Raye, Chicago, Carman, Steve Miller Band, Conjunto Primavera and Cherry Poppin' Daddies.

She went prepared for Gallagher, who is most popular for smashing watermelons on stage, by wearing a really long rain coat. She definitely needed it, because she usually sits in the front row of the handicapped section.

"You should have seen it. I had to come home and wash it," she said.

Some of the comedians, and bands for that matter, can be pretty vulgar. I could almost see her blush when I asked about that.

"Those shows are not for grandmas," she said, "but I was there."

One concert here, one

having her, and she does bring joy to the fair."

Rosella first started attending the state fair years ago when her four boys were participating in FFA. Occasionally the family would go to a concert, but always what her husband, Ira, wanted to see. In 1992, a few years after he died, she decided to go to a concert of her choice. She doesn't remember who she saw, but a tradition was born.

To be honest, she can't remember half the performers she has seen. I

One concert keepsake she has misplaced is a red bandana that Willie Nelson tossed to her from the stage when he performed during the 2008 fair. The country music legend threw several into the crowd that night and near the end of the show, with one or two songs left, tied a new one on his head.

"I thought that would be a good one to get because it wouldn't be all sweaty and ick," Rosella said.

And sure enough, he walked right out to the

MID-VALLEY

edge of the stage and tossed it to her. The bandana floated onto her lap and then to the ground, leading to a scrum of other women trying to grab it. Security stepped in and made sure the bandana was returned to Rosella.

Later, as Nelson's tour buses were pulling out and Rosella was getting an escort to the parking lot, Nelson blew kisses to her from the bus steps.

Security is quite protective of the "Concert Queen," always looking out for her. They often escort her to her seat before gates officially open, and to her car after the concert is over. She knows most of their names, and that goes for all the ticket scanners and ushers who work at L.B. Day Amphitheatre, too.

"We're kind of an extension of her family at times," Peebles said.

perform Saturday night.

With Rosella sitting in her usual spot front row center, there's a pretty good chance the country star will see her.

"During the shows," Smith said, "I've noticed that the performers always seem to focus in on her."

Rosella knows she gets double-takes from people who wonder what a gray-haired, bespectacled woman walking with a cane is doing at some of these concerts. She even questions her own judgment on occasion.

"I swear to you, some of these concerts, I close my eyes and think, 'What on Earth am I doing here?'"

"Forward This" appears Wednesdays and Sundays and highlights the people, places and organizations of the Mid-Willamette Valley.

To share a story, contact Capi Lynn at clynn@StatesmanJournal.com or (503) 399-6710.

They know that Rosella is always among the first in line at the ADA gate before each concert.

"You can always kind of set your watch by her, including what time she's going to be at that gate," concert concierge Patrick J. Smith said. "And she doesn't mind the wait. She's got knitting to do and crossword puzzles to solve. She comes prepared. If it's too hot out, she comes with an umbrella."

Rosella doesn't really have any favorite concerts, or least favorites to speak of. She just appreciates music, and used to love dancing the jitterbug with her husband, despite a birth defect that affects her right arm and leg.

She is a big fan of country music — she also attends the Oregon Jamboree in Sweet Home every year — and is especially looking forward to seeing Dierks Bentley

"Salem (OR) Statesman Journal" Wednesday 25 Aug 2010 p 14 & p 16

MARRIAGE STATISTICS	
STATE OF WASHINGTON County of Clark	CLARK COUNTY
We, the undersigned applicants, being first duly sworn, say: That the information given herein is correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.	
MALE	FEMALE
Full Name <u>Ira V. Lunsford</u>	Full Name <u>Rosella M. Seematter</u>
Residence <u>Southdale, Oregon</u>	Residence <u>Sandy, Oregon</u>
Age at last Birthday <u>19</u> Years	Age at last Birthday <u>18</u> Years
Color or Race <u>White</u>	Color or Race <u>White</u>
Single, Widowed or Divorced <u>Single</u>	Single, Widowed or Divorced <u>Single</u>
Number of Marriages <u>None</u>	Number of Marriages <u>None</u>
Birthplace <u>Country, Neb.</u>	Birthplace <u>Country, Kansas</u>
State <u>Neb.</u>	State <u>Kansas</u>
Occupation <u>Farmer</u>	Occupation <u>None</u>
Name of Father <u>I. Lunsford</u>	Name of Father <u>Henry J. Seematter</u>
Birthplace of Father <u>Country, Neb.</u>	Birthplace of Father <u>Country, Kansas</u>
State <u>Neb.</u>	State <u>Kansas</u>
Maiden Name of Mother <u>Mellie D. West</u>	Maiden Name of Mother <u>Mamie Steiner</u>
Birthplace of Mother <u>Country, Neb.</u>	Birthplace of Mother <u>Country, Kansas</u>
State <u>Neb.</u>	State <u>Kansas</u>
Name of Guardian	Name of Guardian
Address of Guardian	Address of Guardian
Residence past Six Months <u>Southdale, Ore.</u>	Residence past Six Months <u>Sandy, Ore.</u>
Name of Witness who can Verify Residence <u>Ira V. Lunsford</u>	Name of Witness who can Verify Residence <u>Same</u>
Address of Witness <u>Southdale, Ore.</u>	Address of Witness <u>Same</u>
MALE <u>Ira V. Lunsford</u> (Signature)	FEMALE <u>Rosella M. Seematter</u> (Signature)
Subscribed and sworn to before me this <u>8th</u> day of <u>April</u> , 194 <u>6</u>	
Auditor of Clark County.	

Marriage of Rosella Seematter to Ira Lunsford - <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/1506275945:2378>

Alfred Seematter, Former County Resident, Drowns

Alfred Seematter, about 25, a native of Home City, who has been living in Los Angeles, Calif., was accidentally drowned while water skiing, relatives learned Saturday. He was the son of the late Henry Seematter and Mrs. Mamie Steiner Edwards of Sandy, Ore., formerly of Home City.

His body had not been recovered Wednesday.

Drowning of son Alfred John Seematter (1928-1958) - "Marshall County News" (Marysville KS)
Thursday 10 Jul 1958 p 1

DROWNS IN CALIFORNIA

Word has been received here by relatives and friends of the drowning of Alfred Seematter of San Bernardino, Calif., which occurred about 4 p. m., July 4.

Alfred had gone to Lake Isabella which is on the Kern River in California with a group of friends for a week end of fishing.

He is the son of the late Hank Seematter and his mother who is now Mrs. Chas. Edwards, the former Mamie Steiner of this vicinity who now resides in Sandy, Oregon.

Mr. Seematter would have been 30 years of age August 5.

The body had not been recovered as we go to press.

"Frankfort (KS) Index" Thursday 10 Jul 1958 p 1

RECOVER BODY

Relatives received word that the body of Alfred Seematter who drowned in the Kern river in California was recovered, Friday afternoon, July 18th.

Alfred had gone to Lake Isabella on the Kern river with a group of friends to spend the 4th of July week-end fishing and was drowned at 4 p. m. on the 4th.

The body was to be taken to Gresham, Oregon where services and burial were to be held Tuesday afternoon, July 22.

"Frankfort (KS) Index" Thursday 24 Jul 1958 p 1



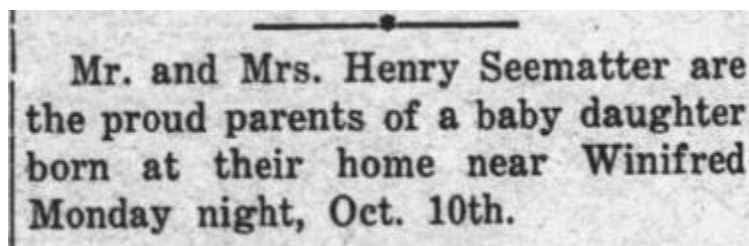
Arlene Sheehan

Arlene passed away peacefully on Sept. 4, 2021 in Reno. She was born October 10, 1932 in Home, Kansas and was raised in Sandy, Oregon. She was a resident of Reno/Sparks for more than 60 years. She worked for several years at John Ascuaga's Nugget and Mervyn's in Sparks. After retirement in the early 1990s, Arlene traveled the world with friends and loved nothing more than spending time with her grandchildren, often baking her famous cookies with them.

Arlene leaves behind a family who deeply loved her: daughters Kay O'Brien (Bruce), Judy Machabee (Scott), and grandchildren Adam O'Brien, who passed away in 2012; Erin Smith (Austin); Evan O'Brien; Alison Machabee and Leslie Machabee; as well as great-grandchildren Oliver Smith and Emerson Smith. During the last years of her life, Arlene was blessed to find a very special and meaningful relationship with Therman "Dutch" Sprock, for which her family is eternally grateful for the time they spent together.

A family celebration of Arlene's life will be held later this year.

Daughter Alma Arlene Seematter Kress Sheehan (1932-2021) – Find A Grave 233200200 and <https://www.rgj.com/obituaries/rgj044947>



Birth of Alma Arlene Seematter – "Frankfort (KS) Index" Wednesday 12 Oct 1932 p 1



Arlene Seematter – yearbook of Sandy Union High School, Sandy OR, 1950 -
<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/679309718:1265>

John M. Sheehan

Visitation will be from 4 to 6:30 p.m. Wednesday at Alexander's Pyramid Funeral Home, Sparks, for John M. Sheehan, 65, of Sparks, who died Monday at a Palo Alto, Calif., hospital.

A native of Butte, Mont., he was born Sept. 1, 1914.

Sheehan came to Nevada in 1938 from Butte where he had been involved in gaming from 1934. He worked at Harrah's Reno and the Nevada Club and has been at the Sparks Nugget for the past 23 years where he was one of five club managers for the casino.

He was a Navy veteran of World War II, a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church and Reno B.P.O.E. Lodge 597.

Surviving are his widow, Arlene, daughter, Susan Wooldridge and stepdaughters, Kay and Judy Kress, all of Sparks; daughter, Catherine Casteel of Elko;

sisters, Catherine Murtha of Daly City, Calif., and Margaret Cooley of San Francisco; two grandchildren and several other relatives.

Recitation of the rosary will be at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Immaculate Conception Church.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Thursday at the church with burial at Our Mother of Sorrows Cemetery.



JOHN M. SHEEHAN

Obituary of Alma Arlene Seematter Kress's 2nd husband, John M. Sheehan (1914-1980) – "Reno (NV) Gazette-Journal" Tuesday 18 Mar 1980 p 23

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6-9-15

RECORD OF MARRIAGE

STATE OF OREGON—STATE BOARD OF HEALTH
VITAL STATISTICS SECTION

STATE FILE NO. **3989**

COUNTY: Multnomah COUNTY FILE NO. 42066 JUL 13 1956

GROOM 21	FULL NAME	Paul A. Seematter		
	PLACE OF BIRTH: (CITY OR TOWN)	Home City		
	DATE OF BIRTH: (MONTH) (DAY) (YEAR)	Aug. 13, 1934		
	RACE	White		
	OCCUPATION	Mechanic		
	FATHER'S NAME	C.F. Edwards		
BRIDE 18	PREVIOUS MARITAL STATUS: (SINGLE, WIDOWED, DIVORCED)	Single		
	MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME	Maimie L. Stiner		
	USUAL RESIDENCE (STREET OR RURAL ROUTE NO.) (CITY OR TOWN) (STATE OR FOREIGN COUNTRY)	Rt. 2, Bx. 646 Sandy, Ore.		
	FULL MAIDEN NAME	Doris Marie Predmore		
	PLACE OF BIRTH: (CITY OR TOWN) (STATE OR FOREIGN COUNTRY)	Detroit Mich.		
	DATE OF BIRTH: (MONTH) (DAY) (YEAR)	Jan. 30, 1938		
	RACE	White		
	OCCUPATION	None		
	FATHER'S NAME	Arthur Moore		
	MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME	Miriam Mickles		
	USUAL RESIDENCE (STREET OR RURAL ROUTE NO.) (CITY OR TOWN) (STATE OR FOREIGN COUNTRY)	Rt. 2, Bx. 260 Sandy, Ore.		
	PLACE OF MARRIAGE (CITY OR TOWN) (COUNTY) (STATE OR FOREIGN COUNTRY)	Cherryville Clackamas OREGON		
DATE OF MARRIAGE (MONTH) (DAY) (YEAR)				
June 8, 1956				
NAME OF OFFICIANT		TITLE OF OFFICIANT		
Thyra E. Strand		Minister		
DATE OF FILING		SIGNATURE OF COUNTY CLERK OR DEPUTY:		
June 20, 1956		Si Cohn (TP)		

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Marriage of son Paul Seematter (1934-1993) to Doris Marie Predmore (Moore?) on 8 Jun 1956 in Cherryville, Clackamas OR - <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/120143061:61677>

Father:

Mr. John Seematter and Miss Rosa Getz are to be married this evening. A reception will be held at Turner Hall after the ceremony.

Marriage of parents – “Marysville (KS) Evening Democrat” Friday 20 Sep 1889 p 1

Engel Shoots.

Tuesday evening, of last week, Peter Engel, from near Herkimer, dropped a pocketbook containing about \$100 in Fred Lehmann's pool room in Marysville, and a son of John Seematter picked it up. Finding so much money in it he handed it to his father for safe keeping until Mr. Engel could be found. Mr. Seematter found Engel in Turner hall shortly after 7 o'clock and told him where he could recover his money. Engel went out and, as he was going, Seematter told him he would go with him. Thereupon Engel turned and, making some remark about being followed, drew a 38-caliber revolver and fired directly in the face of Seematter. The first ball went wide of the mark, although but a couple of feet separated the men. The second shot struck Seematter in the right cheek and brought him to the floor, bleeding copiously. Engel then hurriedly left and went into hiding. Dr. Wilson was immediately sent for and had the wounded man removed to his hospital where the wound was probed without success, the bullet ranging upward. Mr. Seematter no doubt threw his head backward after the first shot, thus causing the bullet to range toward the brain.

The wounded man's condition was considered so serious that Dr. Edwards and Hawkins were called into consultation, but the bullet being out of reach nothing particular could be done.

Engel was caught between 10 and 11 o'clock after having tried to secure his team from the livery barn. He was not in the least worried about his crime, and talked about it in the most unconcerned manner. Besides the \$100 which he had lost he had some \$400 more on his person, which was taken charge of by the sheriff as was also his gun.

So far as can be learned the shooting was absolutely unprovoked. The men had not been quarreling and had no old scores to wipe out. What caused Engel to turn back and shoot is a mystery that probably will never be solved.

Wednesday morning Engel was taken before Justice Raguette and his case continued for ten days. Meanwhile he will spend his time in the county jail awaiting the outcome of Seematter's injuries.

At last accounts Mr. Seematter's chances for recovery are considered very good, although the bullet has not yet been located.

A damage suit for \$5,000 has been brought against Peter Engel for his criminal assault on John Seematter. Attorneys Broughton and Redmond are prosecuting the case.—Advocate.

Shooting in the face of John Seematter — "Frankfort (KS) Review" Friday 5 Jan 1900 p 2

John Seematter, who was shot in the head by Peter Engel a couple of weeks ago, had so far recovered from the effects of his wound that he was removed to his home last Friday.

"Marysville (KS) Advocate" Friday 12 Jan 1900 p 5

After waiting long and patiently for the preliminary trial of Peter Engel, who shot John Seematter a few weeks ago, a crowd of people were disappointed, last Monday afternoon, by a long wait in the room of Justice of the Peace Raguett, before whom the trial was called for at 1 o'clock. Three o'clock had long passed ere the trial was called, and then the crowd was disappointed, as Mr. Engel waived examination and refused bail, preferring to go back to Sheriff Guthrie to board until next Monday, when, as agreed, his case will come up first on the court docket.

"Marysville (KS) Advocate" Friday 12 Feb 1900 p 5

Some time ago John Seematter went to Kansas City to have a number of radiographs taken in order to locate the bullet lodged in his head by Peter Engle. The doctors in charge of the operation claimed that the ball would be found lodged at the angle of the jaw, and advised an immediate operation. On Tuesday last Dr. Willson went after the ball but found that the K. C. men were mistaken, and the lead is undoubtedly encysted in the upper part of Mr. Sematter's head. A stiffness of his jaws was caused by the hardening of the muscles on one side of his face, which was the natural effect of the wound. The X-ray machine used on him was evidently not powerful enough to locate the bullet with any degree of certainty, and the manipulators thereof did the rest by guess, causing Mr. Sematter an extra expense and trouble.

"Marysville (KS) Advocate" Friday 13 Apr 1900 p 5

Wm. Kelly of our city sold his section of farm land, five miles from Home City, in Center township, to John Seematter of Marysville for \$48,000. One of our real estate men in speaking of the deal says that he has made inquiries relating to it and to the best of his knowledge and belief this is the highest price ever paid in Kansas for an entire section of land owned by one man. Marshall county land is becoming very valuable, and it is only a matter of a few years at the most when any of our desirable farms will bring \$1.00 per acre.—Frankfort Index, Saturday, May 16.

“Marysville (KS) Advocate” Thursday 21 May 1908 p 7

Mrs. John Seematter, sr., and son Paul left this morning for Kansas City, to remain for a few days with Mr. Seematter.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hersh spent Sunday at their home here, returning to Duluth yesterday morning.

John Seematter, sr., who went to Kansas City last week, for treatment at the University hospital, was operated on for stomach trouble there yesterday morning. He was accompanied to the city by his daughter, Miss Rose, and his physician, Dr Mark Brawley.

“Frankfort (KS) Index” Tuesday 7 Mar 1918 p 1

John Seematter, Sr., Dead.

A message was received by relatives of the death of Mr. John Seematter, sr., who was operated on for stomach trouble at the University hospital in Kansas City, Monday morning, death occurring at 2 o'clock this morning.

The news of his death was a great shock to his family and friends and the bereaved relatives have the sympathy of all in their sorrow.

The remains will be brought in from Kansas City on the early train Thursday morning and funeral arrangements will be announced later.

"Frankfort (KS) Index" Wednesday 8 May 1918 p 1

John Seematter Dead.

John Seematter died at University hospital in Kansas City Wednesday morning, following an operation for stomach trouble.

The body was brought to his home near Winifred yesterday and the funeral will be today. The funeral services will be at the German church in Home City and burial in the Home City cemetery.

Mr. Seematter was 55 years, 3 months and 3 days old. He was one of the substantial citizens of the community and had a large circle of friends.

"Marshall County News" (Marysville KS) Friday 10 May 1918 p 1

Lawrence Griffie and family, who live near Winifred, were at Home City, Friday afternoon, attending the funeral services for the late John Seematter, sr. The funeral procession was about two miles long, and was made up entirely of autos,

"Frankfort (KS) Index" Monday 13 May 1918 p 4

Obituary.

John Seematter was born in Bern, Switzerland, Feb 6, 1863; and died at the University hospital in Kansas City, Kansas, at 2 o'clock a m, Wednesday, May 8, 1918, aged 55 years, 3 months and 2 days

The deceased had been ill for several years, and the cause of death was septicaemia.

The deceased emigrated to the United States in 1882, locating in Marshall county, Kansas, where he made his home on a farm near Marysville, until nine years ago, when the family moved to their present home near Winifred. He was a member of the State Militia from 1889 till 1890, a member of the company at Marysville.

He was married to Rosa Goetz at Marysville, Kansas, on September 10, 1889; and eight children were born to the union, all of whom, with the mother, survive him

The children are Henry J., somewhere in France; Ernest, John, jr.; Mrs H. J Ring, Rose M , Albert F , Herman W , and Paul R., all residing in Marshall county.

Funeral services were in charge of the Winifred Woodman lodge, and were held at the German Lutheran church at Home City on Friday, May 10th, the sermon being delivered by the pastor, Rev. Lenser; and the interment was in the Home City cemetery.

Obituary of father John Seematter, while Henry was at war in France – “Frankfort (KS) Index”
Tuesday 14 May 1918 p 2

Obituary.

John Seematter, whose death was noted in last week's News, was born in Bern, Switzerland, February 6th, 1863, and died in a hospital in Kansas City, Mo., May 8th, 1918, at 2 o'clock a. m. aged 55 years, 3 months and 2 days. The cause of death was septicæmia, with which he had been suffering several years. The body was brought to his home near Winifred and funeral services were conducted Friday, May 10th, by Winifred Camp Modern Woodmen. The body was taken to the Home City German church where the funeral sermon was preached by the pastor, Rev. Lenser. Interment was made in the Home City cemetery.

Mr. Seematter came from Switzerland to Marysville in 1882 and located on a farm north of Marysville where he lived until nine years ago, when he bought and moved onto a farm near Winifred. He was married in Marysville September 20, 1889, to Miss Rosa Goetz, who with their eight children survives him. The children are Henry of Co. E, 20th Engineers with the American Expeditionary forces in France; Ernest of Center township; John, Jr., near Frankfort; Mrs. H. J. Ring of Elm Creek township; Rosa M., Albert F., Herman W. and Pearl, all at home.

Mr. Seematter was a good neighbor and citizen. The popularity and esteem in which he was held was attested by the long funeral procession—nearly two miles of automobiles—which escorted his body from his home to the cemetery. To his wife and children he was faithful, loving and kind and was greatly loved by them. They have the sympathy of the community in their bereavement.

“Marshall County News” (Marysville KS) Friday 17 May 1918 p 1

Mother:

OBITUARY

Rosa Seematter nee Goetz was born in Strassburg, Province Baden, Germany on April 2, 1865, and came to this country in her early girlhood, coming directly to Marshall county where she had resided ever since.

On September 20, 1889, Miss Goetz was united in marriage to John Seematter and went to live on a farm five miles west of Marysville, where they resided until 1908. January 1, 1909, they moved to the place south of Home City and she resided there until death called her Tuesday of last week.

Mrs. Seematter, was 64 years, 10 months and 9 days old, was in average good health until last summer when she was stricken by illness and it was thought at that time she would not survive, much less regain her former health. However, the ailment was apparently conquered and it was a great shock when on Monday afternoon, February 10, she suddenly became ill and passed away the following evening.

She leaves to mourn her departure eight children, Henry J. Seematter, of the home address; Ernest and John Seematter and Mrs. H. J. Ring, of near Marysville; Mrs. G. F. Scholz, of near Frankfort; Albert F. Seematter of Chicago, Ill., Herman W. Seematter, of near Blue Rapids; and Paul R. Seematter, of Hawthorne, Calif., one sister, Mrs. Catherine Ungerer, of Marysville, and twenty-six grandchildren. The husband, John Seematter, passed away twelve years ago, May 8, 1918.

Funeral services were held Friday, February 14, at the Lutheran church at Home City and burial was made in the Home City cemetery.

Obituary of mother Rosa Goetz Seematter – “Marysville (KS) Advocate” Thursday 20 Feb 1920 p 10

MRS. ROSA SEEMATTER DIES LATE TUESDAY

Mrs. Rosa Seematter, 64, widow of the late John Seematter, died at 6 o'clock Tuesday night at her home a mile south of Winifred. She had been ill only a few days.

The funeral services will be held at the Lutheran church at Home City at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon. Burial will be in the Home City cemetery.

Henry Seematter, a son of the deceased woman, was a witness in a case in district court here Tuesday afternoon and was summoned from the court house to his mother's bedside.

Other surviving relatives are six other sons, Ernest, John, G. F., Albert, Herman and Paul, and two daughters, Mrs. G. F. Scholz and Mrs. H. J. Ring, the latter of Marysville.

"Marysville (KS) Advocate" Thursday 13 Feb 1930 p 1

Siblings:



Brother Ernest Seematter (1891-1957) with wife Ida Mary Ring in 1955 -

<https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/170651063/person/412215311542/media/88355beb-bdc4-4a99-8196-3e08db15982e>

Ring-Seematter Wedding.

The marriage of Miss Ida M. Ring, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Ring, Sr., of southeast of town, and Mr. Ernst Seematter, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Seematter of the Home City neighborhood, took place at St. Gregory's Catholic church yesterday morning at 10 o'clock, Rev. August Redeker performing the ceremony. They were attended by Miss Anna Seematter and Herbert Ring. A big dinner was served at the Ring home at which the choir of the church were numbered among the guests.

Wedding of Ernest Seematter & Ida M. Ring – "Marysville (KS) Advocate" Thursday 11 Feb 1915 p 8

Binggeli -- Seematter

A wedding of more than usual interest and surprise to our readers and friends took place last Wednesday morning at Fairbury, Nebr., when Miss Dorathy Binggeli, oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Binggeli became the bride of Mr. John Seematter, son, of Mr. and Mrs. John Seematter Sr., of near Winifred. The bride wore a beautiful traveling suit. The groom wore the usual blue serge.

Following the ceremony the bridal party returned to the bride's parents who live north of this city where a splendid wedding dinner was served.

The contracting parties are both well and favorably known young people of this community, having lived here the greater part of their lives. The bride is an accomplished and charming young woman.

The groom is a honest and industrious young man.

They will make their home on a farm near Winifred. The TRIBUNE extends the heartiest congratulations and best wishes.

Wedding of brother John Seematter (1893-1953) to Dora Elizabeth Binggeli – "Home City (KS) Journal" Thursday 30 Nov 1916 p 3



Sister Anna Sophia Seematter Ring (1894-1961) – Find A Grave 104033454

Seematter-Ring.

Miss Anna Seematter and Herbert Ring, a well known young couple of the neighborhood north of Winifred, were married at the Catholic church in Marysville at 9 o'clock Wednesday morning, Oct 20th. The ceremony was witnessed by the bride's mother, Mrs John Seematter and daughter and son, Rose and John jr.

The young people will go to house-keeping on a farm south of Marysville.

The Index joins the hosts of friends in good wishes

Marriage of Anna Sophia Seematter to Herbert Ring – "Marysville (KS) Advocate" Friday 22 Oct 1915 p 1

Genschoreck-Seematter.

A very pretty home wedding was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. Genschoreck of near Home City, on Wednesday, October 20, when their only daughter, Miss Ella, became the wife of Albert Seematter, son of Mrs. J. Seematter, Sr., of near Winifred.

The bride was attired in a beautiful gown of white georgette over white satin, trimmed in silver edged lace and rose buds. Her tulle veil was arranged in semi-cap effect and caught with sweet peas. She carried a shower bouquet of bridal roses and wore a string of pearls, gift of the groom.

She was attended by her aunt, Emma Conger, who was dressed in pink satin messaline, and her friend, Miss Bertha Keller, dressed in light blue satin messaline. The little flower girl, Naomi Hoover, was groomed in blue crepe de chine, while Gertrude Seematter, a niece of the groom, as ring bearer, wore pink crepe de chine.

The groom was attended by his brother, Paul Seematter, and the bride's cousin, Lawrence Genschoreck,

Before the bridal party entered the parlor Mawell Riley sang 'O Promise Me'. Then to the strains of the wedding march, played by Mrs. J. McMillan, the bridal party was led to the parlor by Naomi Hoover, strewing roses in their pathway, the bride and groom taking their places under the arch which was beautifully decorated in pink, blue and white crepe paper and a back ground of autumn leaves. While the Rev. Lenzer, pastor of the German Lutheran church, pronounced them man and wife, Mrs. John McMillan sang "I Love You Truly".

Immediately after the ceremony a two course luncheon was served. Then as the evening drew near the bridal party, together with their relatives and friends drove to Home City where arrangements had been made to give to their friends a free dance. The bridal party again taking the prominent part and marching down the hall in full evening dress and as the orchestra began to play the party took their places on the floor. A large crowd attended the dance. The evening was a most enjoyable one.

The bride is a charming and capable young lady, and the groom a popular and prosperous young man, and both are general favorites among a large circle of friends.

They will be at home to their friends on the farm north of Winifred.
—Frankfort Index.

Wedding of **Albert Frank Seematter (1897)** to Ella M. Genschoreck – "Marshall County News" Friday 29 Oct 1920 p 6

Although Invalid For 28 Years, A County Woman Rejoices On Birthday



MRS. ELLA SEEMATTER

Although she is an invalid who has been confined to a chair since 1922, Mrs. Ella Seematter Tuesday happily celebrated her 47th birthday at the home of her brother and father, William Genschoreck, jr., and William Genschoreck, sr., four miles north of Home City.

Born on a farm one mile south and a half mile east of Home City, Mrs. Seematter, the former Miss Ella Genschoreck, has lived in Marshall county her entire life with the exception of 23 years spent in Chicago. She left Marshall county when 19 years old but returned in 1943 to make her home

at the Genschoreck farm. In 1920 she was united in marriage to Albert Seematter.

Mrs. Seematter is happy and is proud of her two companions, Billy Dean Genschoreck and Norma Jean, children of her brother and his wife. Her sister-in-law, Mrs. Wm. Genschoreck, is very kind to her, according to Mrs. Seematter. The Marshall county native had nothing but praise for the Genschorecks and told a News photographer that she has no cause for complaint. Her outlook on life remains cheerful despite her disability.

'Smiling' Ella Seematter Has Only One Wish For Christmas, 'I Wish I Could Walk For 1 Day'



Marysville Advocate Photo-Engraving

Displaying her Christmas gifts on the arm of the chair, which has been her companion for 23 years, Ella Seematter, an arthritis victim, shows how she does the exquisite needlework resembling crocheted lace. A small muscular movement in her left fingers makes it possible for her to do some handiwork and to write, the only activities that she can accomplish under her handicap.

The Christmas spirit of giving never ends in the home of Wm. Genschoreck, jr., four miles north of Home City. The pages of the calendar may be turned to January or June but there is one member of the family who is constantly making Christmas gifts. It is an around the calendar task, the painstaking pastime of one who finds contentment in remembering those who remember her.

She is "Smiling Ella," who for 25 years has been a helpless invalid, yet manages under a great handicap to make lovely gifts to present at Christmas time to friends who have been kind to her.

This is the story of a gay spirited young girl, who had never been ill yet while still in her teens life suddenly turned an about face. Since then she has experienced hopeless invalidism accompanied by severe pain, loss of loved ones, depression and poverty. Yet she has met all of these sorrows of the past 25 years with a brave smile.

And it is only the smile muscles that are flexible in a pain wrought frail body in which all the tendons and joints governing muscular movement are fixed. Only visible movement is that of her shoulders some muscular movement in the fingers of her left hand which enables her to use a needle.

It was during the flood of August 1903 that Ella was born at the farm home of her parents, one and one half miles south of Home City.

Into The World In Tears

"I was born during the flood. I came on a day of big tears and I will probably leave the same way. It has been tears for me for the past 25 years," she said as she rested in her special chair in the comfortable home of her brother, Wm. Genschoreck, jr. Sitting in the upholstered oak chair, of mission style which her father purchased for her 23 years ago she looked out of the south window, where she can see the fields and highway, as she reminisced. Enveloped in the tenderness and devotion of her family she smiled bravely as she recalled the difficult years.

"But she was never sick a day when she was a child," said her father, Wm. Genschoreck, who anticipates her every need and waits on her.

During her childhood she was unusually healthy, in fact she was never tardy nor missed a day while she attended the Crane rural school. She treasures a gold medal that was the reward for eight years of perfect attendance.

"Oh, I had lots of life and spirit. I liked to have a good time." Her eyes brightened back of the polished gold rimmed glasses that she wears as she recalled her youth. "I was married when I was 17 years old. That was on October 20, 1920. I'd go back to that day again and do the same thing," she declared.

Many of Ella's relatives and friends have always thought it was a fall on her wedding night that was the immediate cause of her condition. As she and her husband, Albert Seematter were coming down the stairs at the dance hall in Home City during their wedding dance, the heel of her slipper caught on the steps and Ella fell. However at the various clinics where she has been examined and the many doctors whom she has consulted have never given any credence to that theory.

was 25 years ago and Ella has not walked since then.

The verdict of the many doctors and clinics which they sought was the same, "There is nothing that can be done."

Arthritis deformance, one of the most painful and mishapen of the several forms of the great crippler had struck and transformed a teen age young woman into a pain wracked and muscle drawn invalid.

During those first seven or eight years when the pain was constant and she admits she cried almost night and day she read poetry for solace. Every poem she saw in a magazine or newspapers she clipped and placed in her scrap books. But the words of Edgar Guest's poem, "It Can Be Done" gave her the greatest inspiration.

"Whenever things go awfully bad and hard to bear, I remind myself of Edgar Guest's words, 'It can be done.' Well, I just grit my teeth and smile," Ella said, adding that her hobby of poem collecting still brought her pleasure as she often re-reads the poems and they bring her new inspiration and courage.

Loss Of Mother A Blow

Adding to the distress and pain of her invalidism, was the sorrow in the loss of her mother, who had nursed her through the bad years. Five years after the family moved to Chicago, Mrs. Genschoreck, the former Mary Neuman, died. Her husband and father were busy earning a livelihood and the days were longer than ever.

"But I had wonderful neighbors, who came to see me and helped in taking care of me. One neighbor helped papa carry me to bed every night for four years," Ella said as she paid tribute to the value of friends. "Nothing is more worth while in life than good friends. Among my good friends were the members of the United Brethren church. They did so many kind things for me."

During the early years in Chicago where they lived for 20 years, an 11 year old neighbor girl, Elaine

But in the new year of 1921, three months after her marriage the first sign of events to come made its appearance. A painful swelling which grew steadily worse started in her knee. Her husband and parents sought the best medical advice. They took Ella to the Mayo clinic, they consulted many doctors and specialists and the family moved to Chicago in the hope that in the big city some doctor might have the answer. Within a year a spirited healthy girl who loved to dance was walking on crutches.

'Never Walk Again'

"The day before my 19th birthday, I was told I would never walk again," Ella recalled, "And that was quite a blow at that age." That

Nicholas, frequently called on Ella. Then Elaine moved away but 11 years later they renewed their acquaintance.

Shortly after that Ella had a big surprise one day when the letter carrier brought her a large stack of letters. They were from strangers, who were members of the Mail Baggers, an organization of letter writers with headquarters in Cincinnati, Ohio. Elaine has sent Ella's name to the club and planned a

nice surprise for her. The Mail Baggers chose the name, "Smilin' Ella," when she became a member of the group. That was eight years ago. Now letters and cards come to the Home City postoffice simply addressed, Smiling Ella, Home City, Kansas.

A mail clerk, who lives in Kansas City, Kansas and handles the mail on the St. Joe and Grand Island train through Home City, noticed the many letters addressed to "Smil-

ing Ella." He became interested in the person who received so much mail with the special name.

"He wrote me letters frequently for a year and on my birthday, August 22, he sent me five dollars as a gift." Her eyes twinkled and she smiled mischievously. "But his wife made him quit. I don't know why ... the way I am."

Letter Writing Diversion

Ella writes an average of 400 letters and additional post cards during a year in answer to the mail she receives from her many correspondents in states from Oregon to Ohio and from California to New York. She also had a pen pal in England and during the war did her bit by writing letters of cheer to several boys who were in the service.

Originally Ella was right handed but since she has no finger movement in that hand she has learned to write with her left hand. Her script is beautifully neat and small, each letter perfect as she writes in severely straight lines on unlined paper or cards. Although her letter writing is similar to her needlework, it requires great effort, she has worked out a system. One of her most helpful tools is an approximate 24 inch round slender stick which she laughingly calls her "scratcher." With it she pushes her flat leather purse to her lap, as a lap board, then pushes her writing tablet on the purse in which she keeps her fountain pen with which she writes. The "scratcher" also serves to open the tablet and as a letter opener.

Besides answering numerous letters the invalid enjoys radio dramas and is an avid listener of the serials, "Pepper Young," "Big Sister" and "Widow Brown." It is while listening to the stories that she does her needlework that develops into the Christmas gifts.

Intricate Needlework

Using pretty pastel colored thread she makes a button hole stitch with

the same perfectness as the even penned script that is similar in appearance to the crochet stitch known as "doubles."

She first "button holes" around the handkerchief before starting the lacy edges. The handkerchief is firmly pinned to an embroidery hoop which she places on her right arm with the "scratcher." The needle is threaded by willing little Norma Jean, eight year old niece or her sister-in-law, Mrs. Freida Genschoreck.

Mrs. Genschoreck is proud of Ella's beautiful handiwork as she compared the needle-made lace with the same pattern made with a crochet hook. "She makes it nicer with her new inspiration and courage. Genschoreck marveled at her sister-in-law's lovely handiwork made under handicapped conditions as she displayed handkerchiefs contrasting the crocheted edges with the similar appearing edges made by Ella. The latter has presented many of her handkerchiefs to Mrs. Genschoreck in appreciation of her many kindnesses.

Although entirely incapacitated for these many years, Ella makes an average of 20 handkerchiefs annually. She started the pastime about six years ago and many of the Mail Bagger friends have received a handkerchief at Christmas. However if the handkerchiefs do not fill her gift list at Christmas, the friend is remembered at Easter or on her birthday.

"Here it is only a short time until Christmas and I have only 10 handkerchiefs made and I should have 20. I'll never have them made in time for Christmas," Ella lamented as she displayed the handkerchiefs, colorful with the pastel lace edges in five different patterns, all of which Ella originated.

During the day she never leaves her chair and in winter never goes outdoors although an event of the past year was her attendance of the wedding of a niece, Evelyn

Scholtz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Scholtz, Beattie.

Pastor Is A Friend

The Rev. H. L. Lenser, pastor of Frieden's Evangelical church in Home City calls on her frequently holding church services in the home for Ella

"He is a good friend!" Ella said with emphasis, "He confirmed me and he married me."

It is this Christian spirit of service that makes the true Christmas spirit abound in the Genschoreck home the year around. It is an invisible presence of selflessness in which the devoted father, the willingness of the children, Billy, 12, and Norma Jean, 8, who share with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Genschoreck, Jr., the tasks that makes it possible for Ella to continue to smile.

In a quarter of a century of invalidism, Ella has learned that the real Christmas spirit is manifest in the many deeds of goodness and remembrance that have made her burden less difficult. She has found it among friends of various denom-

inations and creeds. Readily acknowledging the normal activities that she has missed, the worldly pleasures she has never known, the material things she has not possessed, she believes that she has enjoyed the greatest gift of all—friends. Her only reward to them can be a smile or an occasional gift handkerchief at Christmas.

Asked if she had any particular desires or wishes for Christmas, Ella supported in her chair with cushions, her feet encased in warm crocheted woolen slippers resting on a small pallet and with cushions tucked around her knees, gave this answer:

"I never wish for things or wish to go any place. Not any more. But once in awhile, I wish I could walk again . . . just for one day."

"Marysville (KS) Advocate" Thursday 25 Dec 1947 p 19

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Seematter of Chicago, Ill., arrived in Winifred Monday for a visit at the H. J. Seematter home west of Winifred.

"Marysville (KS) Advocate" Thursday 18 Jun 1936 p 11

Albert Seematter arrived here, yesterday, from Chicago, Ill., to attend the funeral services for his brother, the late Henry Seematter.

In her divorce action in 1946, Albert's wife Ella says he disappeared 7 Aug 1936 – Albert attended Henry's funeral in KS in Jul 1936 – "Frankfort (KS) Index" Thursday 16 Jul 1936 p 1

CHARGES DESERTION

Alleging desertion, Ella Seematter, Home, Saturday filed petition in district court for divorce from Albert Seematter, asking alimony in the form of a property settlement. They were married October 20, 1920, at Home City and, according to the petition, the defendant disappeared August 7, 1936, and has not been heard from since. The petition was filed for the plaintiff by Wm. S. Eddy, Marysville attorney.

"Marysville (KS) Advocate" Thursday 26 Sep 1946 p 4

(First Published In The Marshall County News, Thursday, September 26th, 1946)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF
MARSHALL COUNTY, KANSAS

Ella Seematter, Plaintiff
vs. No: 10355
Albert Seematter, Defendant

PUBLICATION NOTICE

TO: Albert Seematter, the above named defendant.

You will take notice that you have been sued by the above named plaintiff, in the above named Court, and that unless you answer or plead to plaintiff's petition so filed in said Court on or before the 12th day of November, 1946, said petition will be taken as true and judgment will be rendered against you of the following nature; to-wit: Divorcing plaintiff from you on the grounds of abandonment for more than one year, and awarding to plaintiff as alimony the undivided one-eighth (1/8) interest in section 27, in Township 3, South, Range 8, East in Marshall County, Kansas, owned by you, and any other real and personal property owned by you in the State of Kansas, and for such other relief as may be just and proper. Dated at Marysville, Kansas, September 21st, 1946.

ELLA SEEMATTER, Plaintiff
By William S. Eddy,
Attorney for Plaintiff,
Marysville, Kansas.

Sept. 26, Oct. 3, 10.

Ella Seematter sues for divorce from Albert Seematter – "Marshall County News" (Marysville KS) Thursday 10 Oct 1946 p 7

Six Divorces Granted In District Court

**As County Helps
Two Others Filed
National Record**

Marshall county held up its end of the high divorce rate prevalent in the nation today by recording six divorces in the district court, and filing two new actions.

In week-end court sessions, the following cases were heard and disposed of:

Anna E. Johnson vs. Irvin E. Johnson, divorce granted to the plaintiff.

Dale L. Jenkins vs. Norma R. Jenkins, granted.

Merlin Bull vs. Lucile Bull, divorce granted.

Ralph W. Church vs. Alice L. Church, granted.

Ella Seematter vs. Albert Seematter, granted.

John E. Sampson, Jr., vs. Jennie E. Sampson, granted.

Two new action filed with Wallace Koppes, clerk of the court, included:

John W. Lamoreaux vs. Phyllis M. Lamoreaux in which the custody of two minor children is involved.

Thelma Fine vs. L. H. Fine, action filed.

Divorce of Albert & Ella Seematter – "Marshall County News" (Marysville KS) Monday 9 Dec 1946 p 1

Ella Seematter, 48, Is Buried Sunday In Home Cemetery

Funeral services for Ella Seematter, 48, were held Sunday afternoon, June 1, 1952 at 2 o'clock at Frieden's Lutheran church at Home City. Rev. H. H. Lenser was in charge and interment was in the Home City cemetery.

Ella Seematter, nee Genschoreck, was born August 22, 1903 at Home City and died May 30, 1952 at 1:30 a. m., at Frankfort.

On October 20, 1920 she was united in marriage to Albert Seematter. In 1921 she moved to Chicago and returned to Home City in 1943.

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She is survived by her father, William Genschoreck; one niece, Norma; a nephew, Billie Dean Genschoreck; and a sister, Mrs Frieda Genschoreck, Marysville.

She had lived at Frankfort for about six weeks and had been an invalid for many years. Smith funeral home was in charge of arrangements.

Affidavit of Male Applicant for Marriage LicenseSTATE OF WASHINGTON, }
County of Adams } ss.**MUST BE FILLED IN BY MALE APPLICANT**

The undersigned, being first duly sworn, deposes as follows: That I am the **MALE** applicant for the issuance of a marriage license by the County Auditor of Adams County, State of Washington. I am not feeble-minded, imbecile, insane, epileptic, a common drunkard, we are not related, and I am not afflicted with pulmonary tuberculosis in its advanced stages nor with contagious venereal disease and that I am 46

years of age. Color W Occupation LABORER Birthplace KANSAS.

Single _____ Widowed _____ Divorced ✓ Under Control of

Guardian _____

Signature Herman W. Seematter Address A. A. Z. U. S. A.

For Past Six Months

Street Address _____

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of Oct, 1945

Margaret Stiffin
Deputy Auditor Adams County, Washington

Affidavit of Female Applicant for Marriage LicenseSTATE OF WASHINGTON, }
County of Adams } ss.**MUST BE FILLED IN BY FEMALE APPLICANT**

The undersigned, being first duly sworn, deposes as follows: That I am the **FEMALE** applicant for the issuance of a marriage license by the County Auditor of Adams County, State of Washington. I am not feeble-minded, imbecile, insane, epileptic, a common drunkard, we are not related, and I am not afflicted with pulmonary tuberculosis in its advanced stages and that I am 48 years of age. Color white

Occupation Co. Auditor Birthplace Russia Single ✓ Widowed _____ Divorced _____

Under Control of Guardian _____

Signature Marie Horch Address Pittville, Wash

For Past Six Months

Street Address _____

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of Oct, 1945

Margaret Stiffin
Deputy Auditor Adams County, Washington

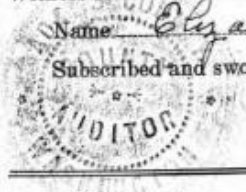
STATE OF WASHINGTON, } ss.
County of Adams

Affidavit of Witness

The undersigned, being first duly sworn, deposes and says: I am personally acquainted with
Herman W. Seematter of Los Angeles, Calif.
Name of Male Applicant Bona Fide Residence

who is 46 years of age; and with
Marie Horch of Ritzville, Wash.
Name of Female Applicant Bona Fide Residence

who is 48 years of age; that neither of said persons is a habitual criminal or related and I know of no legal impediment to their being joined in marriage.

Witness for Both Parties:
Name Elizabeth Nissen Address Ritzville, Wash.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of Oct., 1945
 Margaret Hiffner
Deputy Auditor Adams County, Washington

Date of Application 10-5-45 Date License Issued 10-8-45 License No. 934
#245 Ind ✓

Marriage of divorced **Herman William Seematter (1899-1956)** to single Marie Christina Horch 15 Oct 1945 – Ritzville WA -

https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2378/images/45654_B282613-00001?pld=5303009

In the Matter of the Estate of
Henry J. Seematter,
 deceased,

Confirmation of Sale
 AND
Order for Deed

This proceeding recorded in
 Admr's Sale Record, "B" beginning
 on page 422.

TERMINATION OF SALE, and Order for Deed.

STATE OF KANSAS, } ss.
 Marshall County.

In the Probate Court of said County.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

Henry J. Seematter, Dec'd.

Confirmation of Sale, and Order for Deed.

Now upon this 1st day of February, A. D. 1937,
 comes Manie L. Seematter, Administrator of the
 Estate of Henry J. Seematter, deceased
 and makes a report of a sale of certain of the real estate of said estate made by him
 on the 30th day of January, A. D. 1937, in pursuance of an order of sale by
 said Probate Court, made on the 22nd day of January, A. D. 1937, and returns
 and files with said report the affidavits of appraisers, appraisement, and copy of the advertisement of the
 notice of sale of all of said real estate, which said report, certificates, notices and proceedings are found to be
 in all respects in accordance with the requirements of the law; and it appearing to said Court that the said
 sale is in all respects regular and in compliance with law and the orders of this Court, it is ordered that the
 said sale be and is hereby confirmed, and the said Administratrix
 is hereby ordered to execute and deliver to the said purchaser, Ernest Seematter a good and
 sufficient deed of the said lands and tenements so as aforesaid sold.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name and affixed the seal of
 said Court, at my office in Marshall County, Kansas, this 1st
 day of February, A. D. 1937

F. B. Williams
 Probate Judge.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF MARSHALL COUNTY, KANSAS.

In the Matter of the Estate of)	
Henry J. Seematter, deceased.)	PETITION FOR AUTHORITY TO
	SELL REAL ESTATE

Comes now Mamie L. Seematter, Administratrix of the Henry J. Seematter Estate, and shows the Court that she is the duly appointed, qualified and acting Administratrix of said estate aforesaid.

That she has converted the personal property belonging to said estate into cash, and has applied a part thereof on the debts against said estate, as ordered by the above-named Court; and that she has on hand a balance of approximately \$1066.00 in cash to apply on the debts of said estate remaining unpaid.

That claims have been filed against said estate and remain unpaid in the approximate amount of \$1816.00; that in addition thereto your petitioner is informed that debts amounting to approximately \$50.00 exist and will be presented against said estate; that the costs and charges of administration will probably amount to \$175.00; that there is no further personal property belonging to said estate from which said claims aforesaid can be made or satisfied.

That the said Henry J. Seematter, deceased, died seized and possessed of an undivided 17/128 interest in and to the Section Twenty-seven (27), Township Three (3) South, Range Eight (8) East of the 6th P. M., in Marshall County, Kansas; that said real estate aforesaid is liable to be applied to the payment of the debts of said estate and the costs and charges of administration. That in the opinion of your petitioner the said interest in said real estate can be sold to the best advantage at private sale.

Wherefore, your petitioner prays that an order of this Court be made authorizing and directing her to sell the interest in said real estate aforesaid, on such terms and conditions as the Court may direct, for the purpose of paying the debts and claims against said estate and the costs and charges of administration.

Mamie L. Seematter
 Administratrix of the Henry J.
 Seematter, Estate.

STATE OF KANSAS, COUNTY OF MARSHALL, SS.

Mamie L. Seematter, being first duly sworn says that she is the above named administratrix; that she made the foregoing petition, and that the things therein stated are true.

Mamie L. Seematter

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8 day of Jan. 1937.

P. R. Pullaine

Notary Public.

Probate Judge

My commission expires

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF MARSHALL COUNTY, KANSAS.

In the Matter of the Estate of)
Henry J. Seematter, deceased. }

REPORT OF SALE

Comes now Mamie L. Seematter, the duly appointed, qualified and acting Administrator of the estate aforesaid and reports to the court that in pursuance of an order of this Court, made on the 22nd day of January A. D. 1937, authorizing her to sell the real estate hereinafter described, she did on January 26th, 1937, cause the same to be appraised by three disinterested householders of said county, whose certificate of appraisement is hereto attached and made part of this report.

That afterwards, to-wit, on the 30th day of January, 1937, she sold to Ernest Seematter, the following described real estate for cash in hand, viz:

The undivided interest (17/128) of Henry J. Seematter, deceased, in and to Section Twenty-seven (27), Township Three (3) South, Range Eight (8) East of the 6th P. M., in Marshall County, Kansas, for the sum of \$1109.78 cash.

That said sum was the highest and best price for which she was able to sell said real estate, and was more than three-fourths of the appraised value thereof.

Excerpts of

In the matter of the Estate of) APPLICATION AND PROOF OF DEMAND.
Henry J. Seematter, deceased)

Now come Anna S. Ring, Rosa M. Scholz, Ernest Seematter, and Herman Seematter, acting for themselves and the other owners of the real estate hereinafter described, and allege and show the Court that, at the time of his death, said Henry J. Seematter was a tenant under an oral lease of all of Section Twenty Seven (27), Township Three (3) South, Range Eight (8) East, in Marshall County, Kansas.

That each of the applicants was and is the owner of an undivided ~~1/8th~~ interest in said land, and that Herbert J. Ring is their attorney-in-fact, to receive and collect all rents due them on the real estate aforesaid, and that John Seematter, Paul Seematter and Albert Seematter, who are all living outside this State, are each the owner of an undivided ~~1/8th~~ interest therein, and that Mamie L. Seematter, who is the Administratrix of said Estate was and is the owner of an undivided ~~1/8th~~ interest therein, and Rosella, Alfred, Arline and Paul Seematter, children of said Henry J. Seematter, and minors, were and are each the owner of an undivided ~~1/8th~~ interest therein, all subject to the mortgages hereinafter referred to.

sale of Henry's real estate after death, with his widow & siblings involved in the process -

KS will & probate records at <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/344698:9065>

Name: Henry Jacob Seematter

Name variations: Hank

Military:

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

Serial number: 250,641

Entered service from: Home, Marshall KS

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: Henry J. Seematter

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": father John Seematter, Home KS

Returned from war on: "Santa Paula" May 1919

Sailed on return ship as: Henry J. Seematter

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: father John Seematter, Home KS (wagoneer, 17th Co., 20th Engrs, Forestry)

World War I draft registration (1917): as Henry Jacob Seematter - b. 15 Oct 1890 Marysville KS; res: Dunkirk, Toole MT. Single. Farmer for E.W. Hayworth, on farm. Medium height, stout build.

National Tuscania Survivors Association (1939): Home KS [Henry was deceased, however]

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlisted: 14 Dec 1917

Discharged: 18 Jun 1919

Address: Home KS

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

Birth & death:

Born: 15 Oct 1890 Marysville, Marshall KS

Died: 12 Jul 1936 Winifred, Marshall KS (at his home)

Find A Grave record: 88311845 – presence on Tuscania indicated in text

Burial location: Marshall Co. KS

Cemetery: Home City

Tombstone:

Father: John Seematter, 2 Feb 1863 Bern, Bern, Switzerland – 8 May 1918 Kansas City, Jackson Co. MO. Son of Heinrich Seematter & Anna Barbara Begert. Died following surgery in University Hospital while Henry was serving in WWI. Buried in Home City Cemetery, Home, Marshall KS.

Find A Grave: 104033832

Mother: Rosa Goetz Seematter, 2 Apr 1865 Strasburg, Ueecker–Randow, Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, Germany – 11 Feb 1930 Marysville, Marshall KS. Daughter of Dan Augustine Goetz & Mathe Englander. Buried in Home City Cemetery, Home, Marshall KS.

Find A Grave: 104034079

Parents' marriage: 20 Sep 1889 Marysville, Marshall KS

Spouse: Mamie Lorene Stiner Seematter Edwards, 15 Apr 1907 Oberlin, Decatur KS – 18 Apr 1995 Sparks, Washoe NV. SSN 542-14-8499. Daughter of Alfred Stiner (1882-1970, F: 126788704) & Maud White (1884-1958, F: 126788721).

Following Henry's death, Mamie married Charles Frank Edwards (1913-1970). Charles & Mamie Seematter obtained a marriage license in Troy, Doniphan KS on 23 Apr 1937.

Charles was born 27 Jun 1913 in Home, Marshall OR & died Mar 1970 in OR. He is buried in Fir Hill Cemetery, Sandy, Clackamas OR, F: 23465798.

Mamie Edwards is buried in Fir Hill Cemetery, Sandy, Clackamas OR.

Spouse Find A Grave: 23465816

Marriage: 31 Dec 1925 Marysville, Marshall KS

Children:

- Rosella Maud Seematter Lunsford, 19 Apr 1927 Marshall Co. KS – 12 Sep 2015 OR. Middle name listed as Maud in the newspaper clipping about her birth. Wife of Ira Lunsford (1927-1990, F: 100496712). Rosella & Ira obtained a marriage license on 8 Apr 1946 in Clark Co. WA. Buried in Lone Oak Cemetery, Slayton, Marion OR. F: 168021723
- Alfred John Seematter, 5 Aug 1928 KS – 4 Jul 1958. In the US Marine Corps in WWII & Korea. Drowned while water-skiing in Lake Isabella in the Kern River. Buried in Willamette National Cemetery, Portland, Multnomah OR. F: 3931754

- Alma Arlene Seematter Kress Sheehan, 10 Oct 1932 Home, Marshall KS – 4 Sep 2021 Reno, Washoe NV. – Some of her records use Alma, other use Arlene, as her 1st name. - Arlene Seematter married Jerry Kress on 4 May 1958 in Clark Co. NV. Jerry was born 8 Jun 1917 & died 11 Sep 1987, F: 199545249). They had at least 2 daughters (who survived Arlene). Arlene & Jerry Kress divorced 15 Sep 1971 in Washoe Co. NV. – In the 1964 Reno NV city directory, Jerry (wife Arlene) was a bartender at Sparks Nugget [casino]; the couple lived at 170 Erie St. – Arlene Kress married on 13 Mar 1973 in Reno, Washoe NV to John Michael Sheehan (1914-1980, F: 217951913). In the 1974 Reno NV city directory, John Sheehan (wife Arlene) was a club manager at John Ascuaga's Sparks Nugget. The couple resided at 510 Lenwood Dr. - Buried in Mountain View Cemetery, Reno, Washoe NV. F: 233200200
- Paul Albert Seematter, 13 Aug 1934 Home, Marshall KS – 14 Apr 1993 Reno, Washoe NV. SSN 542-36-6672. Served in the US Air Force in Korea. Married Doris Marie Moore/Predmore on 8 Jun 196. She had been born 30 Jan 1938 in Detroit, Wayne MI. – in 1968 married Angeline Kuuleianuenue Kahumoku Kini Cisler Duris (also Hayashi). Five husbands are listed for Angeline on her Find A Grave 232338695. She married Henry Kini (1891-1964) in 1926. She married Charles Cisler (1894-1954) in 1938. She married Allen Lee Michael Duris (d. 2003) in 1961. She married Paul Seematter in 1968. She was also married to Shuichi Hayashi (1894-1981); her surname is Hayashi at death. – Paul is buried in Willamette National Cemetery, Portland, Multnomah OR. F: 36366818

Siblings: Henry was the oldest of 8 children

- Ernest Seematter, 15 Oct 1891 Marysville, Marshall KS – 5 Aug 1957 Marysville, Marshall KS. Married at St. Gregory's Catholic Church in Marysville, Marshall KS in Oct 1914 to Ida Ring (1895-1989, F: 104035625). She was the daughter of Peter J. Ring Sr. & Anna Mary Rombeck. Ida's brother Herbert Ring married Ernest's sister Anna Seematter. They had 7 children. Died of a heart attack. Buried in St. Gregory's Cemetery, Marysville, Marshall KS. F: 104037559
- John Seematter, 13 Feb 1893 Logan, Marshall KS – 6 Dec 1953 Hawthorne, Los Angeles CA. Married Dora Elizabeth Binggeli (later Simmons) (1899-1982, F: 160507802) in Fairbury, Jefferson NE in Nov 1916. Buried in Pacific Coast Cemetery, Redondo Beach, Los Angeles CA. F: 160507416
- Anna Sophia Seematter Ring, 15 May 1894 Logan, Marshall KS – 20 Jun 1961 Marysville, Marshall KS. Married 20 Oct 1915 to Herbert Joseph Ring Sr. (1893-1984, F: 104033216) in Marysville, Marshall KS. Herbert's sister Ida Ring married Anna Seematter's brother Ernest Seematter. Buried in St. Gregory's Cemetery, Marysville, Marshall KS. F: 104033454
- Rosa Marie Seematter Scholz, 13 Aug 1896 Marshall Co. KS – 2 Jan 1974 Marysville, Marshall KS. Teacher. Married 16 Jun 1920 to George Fredrick Scholz (1890-1976, F: 117818859). Buried in Frankfort Cemetery, Frankfort, Marshall KS. F: 117818892
- Albert Frank Seematter, 17 Oct 1897 Marysville, Marshall KS – Married to Ella M. Genschoreck (1903-1952, F: 24964537, Home City Cemetery, Home, Marshall KS) on 20 Oct 1920 near Home City, Marshall KS. Within 3 months of their marriage, Ella developed swollen knees & on the day before her 19th birthday was told she would never walk again. She went to the Mayor Clinic & then the couple moved to Chicago, Cook IL in 1921 where they lived for 20 years. Ella returned to Home City, Marshall KS in 1943. In the 1930 census for Chicago, Cook IL, Albert F. Seematter (32 KS, foreman, mail department, father b. Switzerland, mother b. Germany) lived with wife Ella (36 KS, parents b. Germany. Also living with them was Albert's father-in-law William Genschorsch (54 Germany, widowed,

watchman for the Cracker Jack Co. & his son (Ella's brother) William Genschorsch Jr. (23 KS, laborer, Union Station & William Jr.'s wife Freida (20 KS). In a divorce action filed in Oct 1946, Ella attests that Albert disappeared 7 Aug 1936 & was not seen again. Albert had come back to Marysville KS for his brother Henry's funeral in Jul 1936, which was the last newspaper reference found for him. The divorce was granted in Dec 1946. It was not possible to trace Albert. [One can speculate that his disappearance was not voluntary; might foul play have been involved?]

- Herman William Seematter, 8 Apr 1899 Marshall Co. KS – 14 Jun 1956. Married 23 Dec 1919 in Beatrice, Gage NE to Hazel Elsing Easton (1901-1990). Their daughter was born in 1921, their son in 1922. – Married on 15 Oct 1945 to Marie Christina Horsch, 1900 Russia – 1988, F: 36366816). Buried in Willamette National Cemetery, Portland, Multnomah OR. F; 36366815
- Paul Robert Seematter, 8 Jul 1900 Marshall Co. KS – 1 Sep 1974 Moreno Valley, Riverside CA. Was a resident of Gardenia CA in Jul 1936 & of Sunnymede CA in Aug 1957, Jun 1961 & Jan 1974. Husband of Norma E. (1902-1962, F: 141348964). Buried in Crestlawn Memorial park, Riverside, Riverside CA. F; 141348166

Notes:

Pre-war:

In the 1915 South Dakota state census, Henry Seematter, age 24 KS, was single. His father was born Switzerland, his mother in Germany, his nationality Swiss.

Wartime:

"Frankfort (KS) Index" Wednesday 19 Jun 1918 p 1 – the honor roll lists the names of those who will be noted on the service flag to be dedicated on the 4th of July; one of them is Henry J. Seematter.

Post-war:

"Marshall County News" (Friday 13 Aug 1920 p 9 – Henry Seematter is the Democrat candidate for Center Township treasurer.

"Frankfort (KS) Index" 20 Feb 1924 p 4 - is the Democratic candidate for Marshall County sheriff. Born & reared in Marshall Co. KS. Lives with his mother in Center township. Volunteered for military service in 1917. Tuscania survivor, floated until picked up. With a "host of staunch friends" he is a "formidable candidate."

Obituary:

"Frankfort [KS] Index" 13 Jul 1936 p1 & 24 Jul 1936 p2 & "Marshall County News" (Marysville KS) 16 Jul 1936 p3 - age 45, d. at home 2.5 miles west of Winifred KS of a heart attack. Member of American Legion. Spent his early boyhood on a farm 5 miles west of Marysville.

Ranched as a young man in MT; enlisted there 14 Dec 1917 in Co. 17, 20th Eng. Discharged at Camp Funston 18 Jun 1919. Tuscania survivor, "swam to safety." married Mamie L. Stiner 31 Dec 1925. She & their 4 children (2 sons, 2 daughters) survive, as do 5 brothers & 2 sisters

Social Security number:

Censuses:

1900 Logan, Marshall KS

John Seematter, 37 Switzerland, Feb 1863, parents b. Switzerland, emigrated 1882, in US for 18 years, naturalized, married 10 years, farmer

Rosa, 35 Germany, Apr 1865, parents b. Germany, emigrated 1888, in US for 12 years, gave birth to 7 children, 7 are living

Henry, 9 KS, Oct 1890

Ernest, 8 KS, Oct 1891

John, 6 KS, Feb 1894

Anna, 5 KS, May 1895

Rosa, 3 KS, Aug 1896

Albert, 2 KS, Oct 1897

Herman, 1 KS, Apr 1898

& mother Anna B. Seematter, 69 Switzerland, Jan 1841, parents b. Switzerland, emigrated 1883, in US for 17 years, gave birth to 5 children, 5 are living

1910 Center, Marshall KS

John Seematter, 47 Switzerland (German), parents b. Switzerland (German), emigrated 1882, in 1st marriage, married 20 years, farmer, general farm

Rosie, 45 Germany, parents b. German, emigrated 1889, in 1st marriage, gave birth to 8 children, 8 are living

Henry J., 19 KS

Ernest, 18 KS

John, 17 KS

Annie S., 16 KS

Rosie M., 13 KS

Albert F., 12 KS

Herman W., 11 KS

Paul R., 9 KS

& mother Annie B. Seematter, 79 Switzerland, parents b. Switzerland, widow, gave birth to 6 children, 5 are living

1920 Center, Marshall KS – indexed as Sumatter but was misread

Rose Seematter, 54 Germany, parents b. Germany, widow, emigrated 1889, naturalized

Henry, 29 KS, farming

Rosa, 23 KS, laborer, general farm

Albert, 22 KS, farmer

Paul, 19 KS, farming

For the children: all are single, father b. Switzerland, mother b. Germany]]

1930 Center, Marshall KS

Henry J. Seematter, 39 KS, father b. Switzerland, mother b. Germany, age 35 at 1st marriage, farmer, farm, WWI veteran

Mamie, 23 KS, father b. KS, mother b. CO, age 19 at 1st marriage

Rosella, 2 KS

Alfred J., 1 KS

& servants:

Bert S. Smith, 38 KS, single, laborer, farm

Leo Harris, 27 KS, married, age 26 at 1st marriage, laborer, farm

Amelia Harris, 17 IA, married, age 16 at 1st marriage, servant, private family

[it would appear Leo & Amelia had been married 1 year]

1940 Sandy, Clackamas OR – Henry is deceased, Mamie remarried & family has moved to OR

Charles Edwards, 27 KS, truck driver, miscellaneous

Mamie Edwards, 32 KS [wife]

[although all the Seematter children are listed as daughters, Rosella & Arlene are listed as female & Alfred & Paul as male]

Rosella Seematter, 13 KS

Alfred Seematter, 11 KS

Arlene Seematter, 7 KS

Paul Seematter, 5 KS

& boarder Edwin Jenschorek, 26 KS, laborer, agri general

1950 Sandy, Clackamas OR

Charles F. Edwards, 36 KS, farmer, farm

Mamie L. Edwards, 43 KS, census enumerator, Census Bureau [wife]

Alene A. Seematter, 17 KS [stepdaughter]

Paul A. Seematter, 115 KS [stepson]