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finalized version is available.

Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

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

NOK = next-of-kin

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TUSCANIA

Shields, Ernest Neil
1897 MI – 1964 MI



summer. He is 22 years old.
Ernest N. Shils of Lowell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Neil Shils, is 21 years old. He enlisted in the 158th aerial squad last November as a mechanic.

Name misspelled - "Grand Rapids (MI) Press" Saturday 9 Feb 1918 p 1 -
<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1111519297/>

WW II		KOREA		ORIGINAL	
1. NAME OF DECEASED - LAST - FIRST - MIDDLE (Print or Type) Shields Ernest N.				14. NAME AND LOCATION OF CEMETERY (City and State) Balcom Cemetery, Ionia, Mich.	
2. SERVICE NUMBER 250053				3. PENSION OR VA CLAIM NUMBER G-138, 744	
4. ENLISTMENT DATE (Month, day, year) Nov. 17, 1917				5. DISCHARGE DATE (Month, day, year) Jan 21, 1919	
6. STATE Defiance, Ohio.				7. MEDALS Service	
8. GRADE OR RANK Pvt.				9. BRANCH OF SERVICE, COMPANY, REGIMENT, DIVISION Army Air Force	
10. DATE OF BIRTH (Month, day, year) Feb 27, 1897				11. DATE OF DEATH (Month, day, year) June 17, 1964	
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<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:WSN3-P4MM>

Ernest Neal Shields

Military • Michigan, Census of World War I Veterans with Card Index, 1917-1919

Name	Ernest Neal Shields
Residence Place	Ionia, Ionia
Birth Date	27 Feb 1897
Birthplace	Kalkaska
Military Final Rank	Private
Military Unit Note	158th Aerial Service Squadron
Father's Name	Neal Shields
Mother's Name	Alica Russell Shields
Spouse's Name	Ethel Hendricks
Spouse's Birth Date	5 May 1896
Spouse's Birthplace	Grand Rapids, Mich
Event Type	Military Service
Event Place	Columbus, Franklin, Ohio, United States
Event Place (Original)	Columbus Barracks Defiance, Ohio

<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:78JL-FVPZ>

Michigan Men Who Are Known To Have Been On Tuscania

(By The Associated Press)

Detroit, Feb. 8.—The Detroit Journal today received from its Washington correspondent a list of persons aboard the liner Tuscania. The list includes soldiers and civilians and does not designate the companies to which the men belonged. Eighteen men were from Detroit. The remainder of the list follows:

Lansing — Wilbur Clark, Otto K. Cady, Glenn F. Dennison.

Bay City—Ralph Story, Marshall J. Smith, sanitary squad; Louis Chaltrow, sanitary squad; Barney Mienkiewicz, sanitary squad; Richard L. Thomas.

Grand Rapids—Henry Broudyke, William W. W. Eaton, Albert A. Bettings.

Muskegon—Arthur J. Siplon.

Kalamazoo — Roscoe Lenlad, first lieutenant, sanitary squad; John E. Stevens and Robert H. Broyles, sanitary squad.

Battle Creek—Conner Collins, Oliver T. Knies.

Birmingham—William E. Boughner.

McBain—George Vanderlaan.

Marion—Ralph Winkel.

Harrisville—Wilbur S. Adair.

Hillsdale—Dehigh Wright.

Headland—Earl Burton.

Mt. Pleasant—Merle — Howe.

Flowerfield—Mack C. Rogers.

Lowell—Ernest Shields.

Hubbardton—Leonard Ree.

Traverse City—Clarence

Forest Ridge of Vassar

[list continues]

“Port Huron (MI) Times-Herald” Friday 8 Feb 1918 p 4

Additional Michigan Survivors.

Glenn Dennison, Lansing.

William J. McCartney, corporal,
Twentieth engineers, Pontiac.

Ernest Monroe, private Twentieth
engineers, Webberville.

Charlie L. Burns, private, Twen-
tieth engineers, Beaverton.

Wilburn S. Adair, private, One
Hundredth aero squadron, Harris-
ville.

Stephen C. Bergmooser, private
One Hundred and Seventh engineer
train, Carleton.

Albert A. Bottinga, private, same,
Grand Rapids.

Merle C. Howe first lieutenant,
One Hundred and Fifty-eighth aero,
Mt. Pleasant.

Roy C. Aichardson, sergeant, One
Hundred and Seventh Engineers
train, Marquette.

Ernest N. Shields, private, same,
Lowell.

Heyerman G. Corgan, private,
Twentieth engineers, Ontonagon.

Elf W. Kittl, private, One Hundred
and Seventh engineers train, Oskar.

Claude E. Smith, private, same,
Lannen.

Bernard E. Flicker, corporal, same
Azalia.

Archie E. Moore, sergeant, Twen-
(Continued on page 2, column 3.)

"Lansing (MI) State Journal" Monday 11 Feb 1918 p 1

HAD HOUSEGUESTS—Mr. and
Mrs. Harold H. Fletcher, 7855
Peninsula drive, had as their
guests during Easter weekend,
Mrs. Fletcher's brother and sister-
in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Shields
of Ionia.

"Traverse City (MI) Record-Eagle" Monday 22 Apr 1957 p 3

Mr. and Mrs. Harold H. Fletcher, Peninsula drive, had as their guests during Easter weekend, Mrs. Fletcher's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Shields of Ionia.

"Traverse City (MI) Record-Eagle" Monday 27 Apr 1972 p 4

Wife:



One of the women is Ethel Hendricks Shields (no identification, except in the 1970s in Max's house in Cadillac MI) - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/179396559/person/232360844002/media/cc32c575-9bc4-4e1e-af5c-1ee0dbcb9646>

				ERnest N Shields	21	W	Ionia, Mich.
5200	Feb	6	1919	Ethel Hendricks	22	W	Jennings, Mich.
				Neil Shields			
				Frank Hendricks			
Rapid City, Mich.	woodworker			Alice Russell		no	
Grand Rapids, Mich.	at home			Mable Ellis		no	Feb 6 1919
				R.J.Slee			Ionia Mich.
				Mrs W.Conkright			
Ionia	Clergyman			Miss Leta Shields			Ionia, Mich.

https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/9093/images/41326_342327-00231?pld=1201010268

Name: Ethel E Shields

Divorce Date: 7 Nov 1930

Divorce Place: El Paso, Colorado, USA

Spouse: Ernest E Shields

Record Type: Divorce

divorce 7 Nov 1930 El Paso Co. CO - <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/1311085:60927?ssrc=pt&tid=179396559&pid=232360844002>

Children:



Daughter Irene M. Shields Dumont (1921-1941) – unidentified school yearbook -
<https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/179396559/person/232360843998/media/3647ecba-c6b7-4891-bb81-b87540d9e74e>

Ionla War Pilot's Wife Shoots Self

PORT DOVER, Ont., Oct. 20 (AP)—The body of 21-year-old Mrs. Irene Dumont, wife of Flying Officer Richard K. Dumont, 27, of Ionla, Mich., was found yesterday on the floor of her apartment here. A .22 caliber target pistol, with one bullet missing, was beside the body.

Police said Mrs. Dumont had been despondent over the recent death of her five-weeks'-old child. No inquest will be held.

Dumont is stationed at No. 1 bombing and gunnery school, Jarvis, Royal Canadian Air Force.

"Dick" Dumont was formerly a member of the "flying trio" of Capt. "Art" Davis, famed Lansing barn-towner, during the summer of 1939. He, Davis, and George Starr of Lansing, now with American Airlines on the Chicago-New York run, made appearances at a dozen widely-scattered points in the United States that summer, putting on one of their final shows of that season at Capital City airport in mid-September, 1939.

Mrs. Dumont was the daughter of Ernest Shields, Ionia electrician. She was married to Dumont October 1, 1940.

"Lansing (MI) State Journal" Monday 20 Oct 1941 p 3

Douglas F. Shields

1924 - 2016



DOUGLAS SHIELDS OBITUARY

Douglas F. Shields, 91, of Ionia, passed away Sunday morning, February 28, 2016 at Spectrum United Memorial Hospital in Greenville. Doug was born in Jennings on May 12, 1924, the son of Ernest Neal and Ethel May (Hendrick) Shields.

In earlier years, Doug proudly served his country with the US Army during World War II and later served as a corrections officer with the State of Michigan retiring in 1974. Doug enjoyed playing cards, tinkering and traveling especially the many camping trips to the Upper Peninsula and DeTour Village.

For many years he and his wife Janice enjoyed spending their winters in Weslaco, TX. While wintering in Texas he enjoyed an occasional margarita and trips to Mexico. Doug was a talented mechanic who could fix anything and enjoyed working on old cars and tractors. Doug was married on June 22, 1959 in Ewart to Janice E. Rudd. Doug is loved and survived by his wife Janice and their children; Jean (Don) Shields of Saranac, Douglas Shields Jr., June (Terry) Fry all of Ionia, Mary Jan Shields of Muir, Judy (Dave) Handlon, Jerry (Vicki) Reinhardt all of Ionia, Joy (Bruce) Feuerstein of Belding, Cole Shields of Lyons, many grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews and great nieces and

nephews.

Doug was preceded by his parents, his sister; Irene Shields- Dumont, his brothers; twin Donald and Ernie. In keeping with his wishes cremation has taken place. Memorial services will be noon Friday, March 4, 2016 at Johnson-Feuerstein Funeral Home, Belding with Pastor Paul Hulford of First Congregational Church, Belding officiating. The family will greet relatives and friends one hour before the service. Military honors will be given by the joint honor guard of the Belding VFW and American Legion. Memorials may be given to the Alzheimer's Foundation or Mackenzie's Animal Sanctuary. Messages of condolence may be given

at www.jffh.com.

Published by Ionia Sentinel on Feb. 29, 2016.

Obituary of son Douglas Frank Shields (1924-) -
<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/sentinel-standard/name/douglas-shields-obituary?id=16816273>

Siblings:

5 Years Ago . . .

Mrs. Harold Fletcher, Peninsula drive, leaves Saturday on a week's vacation trip to New York City. She will be accompanied by her sister, Mrs. Walter Cronkright of Grand Rapids.

Sisters [Alice Adelia Shields Cronkright \(1892-1977\)](#) & Lily Shields Cronright – “Traverse City (MI) Record-Eagle” Thursday 26 Oct 1961 p 4

Lottie Lux

in the Michigan, U.S., Marriage Records, 1867-1952

Name:	Lottie Lux [Lottie Sheils]
Gender:	Female
Race:	White
Age:	60
Birth Date:	abt 1892
Birth Place:	Maucelona, Michigan
Marriage License Place:	Missaukee
Marriage Date:	6 Sep 1952
Marriage Place:	Kalkaska, Kalkaska, Michigan, USA
Residence Place:	Lake City, Michigan
Father:	Neil Sheils
Mother:	Alice Russell
Spouse:	Bert M Ostrander
County File Number:	39
State File Number:	57 1487

<https://search.ancestry.com/cgi->

bin/sse.dll?dbid=9093&h=4110103&indiv=try&o_vc=Record:OtherRecord&rhSource=6054

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County Kalkaska MICHIGAN. 713 ✓
 Township Charlton DEPARTMENT OF STATE—DIVISION OF VITAL STATISTICS
 Village Rapid City CERTIFICATE AND RECORD OF DEATH.
 City _____ REGISTERED NO. _____

Full name Mortimer Shields Date of death

MONTH	DAY	YEAR
3	3	1899

{Place of death if in city} Rapid City Sex Male Color White
 Single, married, widowed or divorced _____
 (If married, age at first marriage) _____ years. Age

YEARS	MONTHS	DAYS
5		10

 (Parent of _____ children, of whom _____ are living. Birthplace (State or country) Kalkaska Co

Occupation _____

Signature of father Neil Shields Birthplace of father (State or country) Canada
 Signature of mother Alice Russell Birthplace of mother (State or country) Canada

Date of burial or removal March 5th 1899. Signed this 4 day of March 1899.
 Place of burial or removal Charlton (Address) Rapid City

Signature of undertaker W. B. Brown Address of undertaker Kalkaska

Medical Certificate of Cause of Death.
 I hereby certify that I attended deceased from Feb 26 1899 to March 3 1899.
 that I last saw him alive on March 2 1899 that he died on March 3 1899
 about 7:30 o'clock, PM and that to the best of my knowledge and belief the CAUSE OF DEATH was as
 hereunder written: Absence of Liver with
 DURATION CAUSING DEATH: ascending Blood Poisoning 92
 Immediate cause of death _____
 Contributory causes or complications, if any no
 Post-mortem _____

*In case of a Violent Death, state (1) mode of injury and whether accidental, suicidal or homicidal; (2) what was the nature of the injury and the immediate cause of death; (3) contributory causes or conditions, e. g., septicemia. Also whether operation was performed, etc.

Witness my hand this 4 day of March 1899.
 Signature of physician A. Johnson M. D.
 Address Kalkaska Mich

MI death record of brother Mortimer Shields (1894-1899) -

https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/60872/images/44471_355254-02144?pld=752992607

GRAHAM, LETA L.

Charlotte

Died Tuesday, January 18, 1994 in Charlotte after an extended illness. Mrs. Graham was born in Rapid City, MI, the daughter of Niel and Alice Shields and had been a Charlotte resident since 1942, coming from Grand Ledge. She was a member of the First Congregational Church and its Blanche Moyer Circle; was a member of Charlotte Country Club; the Maple City Chapter #218 O.E.S.; the Friends of the Charlotte Public Library; and the Eaton County Historical Society. Surviving are her husband of 73 years, Stuart H. Graham; daughter, Maude Alice Wilcox of Sebring, FL;

2 granddaughters, Debbie Perkins of Holland and Kay Marshall of Vicksburg; great grandchildren, Leta Groters, Peter Pryson, and Joshua Perkins. She was preceded in death by her grandson, David Marshall in 1986. Funeral services will be held at 2:30 p.m. Friday, January 21, at the First Congregational Church UCC, Charlotte, with Rev. Dr. Peter R. K. Brenner officiating. Interment in the Maple Hill Cemetery, Charlotte. Memorial contributions are suggested to the First Congregational Church. The family will receive visitors Thursday from 2-4 and 7-8 p.m. at the Burkhead-Green Funeral Home, Charlotte.

Obituary of [sister Leta Louise Shields Graham \(1903-1994\)](#) – “Lansing (MI) State Journal”
Thursday 20 Jan 1994 p 10

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FLETCHER, ADELIA, 81, of 123 Monticello Ave., New Port Richey, died Saturday (Aug. 20, 1988) at Southern Pines Nursing Center. She came here in 1966 from her native Traverse City, Mich., where she was a sales clerk for Milliken's Department Store. She was a member of Community United Methodist Church of Holiday and the Colonial Manor Civic Club. Survivors include her husband, Harold; and a sister, Leta Graham, Charlotte, Mich. Morgan Funeral Home, New Port Richey.

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Obituary of [sister Alice Adelia Shields Fletcher \(1906-1988\)](#) – “Tampa Bay Times” (St. Petersburg FL) Monday 22 Aug 1988 p 132

Name: Ernest Neil Shields

Name variations: one Find A Grave record for his parents claims the family name was Shiels in Canada; the other claims the Shiels name on his parents' marriage license is just sloppy handwriting

Military:

On Tuscania: 158th Aero Squadron - private

Serial number: 250,053

Entered service from: Lowell, Kent MI

Sailed on “Tuscania” as: Ernest N. Shields

Next-of-kin on “Tuscania”: mother Alice Shields, Lowell MI

Returned from war on: "Scotian" Sep 1918, "to Ellis Island for treatment"

Sailed on return ship as: Ernest Shields

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: no NOK are indicated on this list (pvt, 158 Aero Squadron)

World War I draft registration (1917):

World War II draft registration (1942): as Ernest Neil Shields – b. 27 Feb 1897 Rapid City MI; res: RFD 2, Ionia, Ionia MI. NOK wife Ethel Shields, same address. “scar on left trunk / scar on right leg” – Height: 5'8 ½” – 154 lbs.

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlisted: 13 Nov 1917

Discharged: 1 Jan 1919

Address: Ionia MI

Rank/unit: private, Co. A, 158th Aero SquadronBirth & death:

Born: 27 Feb 1897 Rapid City, Kalkaska MI

Died: 17 Jun 1964 Saginaw, Saginaw MI (veterans' hospital)

Find A Grave record: 86468685 – presence on Tuscania indicated in text & flower

Burial location: Berlin Center, Ionia MI

Cemetery: Balcom

Tombstone: veteran flat: Ohio Pvt Co A 158 Aero Sq WWI

Father: Neil E. Shields, 28 Mar 1869 Port Elgin, Sturgeon, Saugeen, Bruce, Ontario, Canada – 1934 Rapid City, Kalkaska MI. Buried in Clearwater Township Cemetery, Rapid City, Kalkaska MI.

Find A Grave: 162756558

Mother: Ada Alice Russell Shields, ca. 1870 Port Elgin, Sturgeon, Saugeen, Bruce, Ontario, Canada – 1956 Rapid City, Kalkaska MI. Daughter of George Russell & Maria Steinhoff. Buried in Clearwater Township Cemetery, Rapid City, Kalkaska MI.

Find A Grave: 162756591

Parents' marriage: 6 Aug 1890 Port Elgin, Sturgeon, Saugeen, Bruce, Ontario, Canada [also found as 30 Jul 1880]

Spouse: Ethel M. Hendricks Shields, 5 May 1896 Grand Rapids, Kent MI – 16 Feb 1978. Buried in Balcom Cemetery, Berlin Center, Ionia MI. Daughter of Frank Hendricks & Mable Ellis.

Spouse Find A Grave: 136217119

Marriage: 6 Feb 1919 MI in Ionia, Ionia MI. They obtained a license & married the same day. Ernest N. Shields, age 21, b. Rapid City MI, resident of Ionia MI, woodworker, son of Neil Shields & Alice Russell, not previously married – and - They are not the Ernest E. & Ethel E. Shields who divorced on 7 Nov 1930 in El Paso Co. CO.

Children:

- Irene M. Shields Dumont, 1921 Lyons, Ionia MI – 19 Oct 1941 Port Dover, Ontario, Canada. Married 1 Oct 1940 in Agnew, Ottawa MI to Richard Keith ("Dick") Dumont (1914-1976). Despondent over the death of her 5-week-old son Richard Keith Dumont Jr., she committed suicide with a gun. Richard Jr. was born in Jennings MI, no birthdate on MI death record & died on 10 Sep 1941 in East Grand Rapids, Kent MI at age 1 month 4 days of congenital heart disease. Death record of Richard Jr.:

https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/60872/images/44471_355437-

[03072?pId=752401634](#). Richard Jr. is buried in Balcom Cemetery but is not on Find A Grave as of 14 Nov 2022. Irene is buried in Balcom Cemetery, Berlin Center, Ionia MI. F: 135883261

- Douglas Frank Shields, 12 May 1924 Jennings, Missaukee MI – 28 Feb 2016 Greenville, Montcalm MI. Twin of Donald Neil Shields. – In 1942 was employed by Webber Electric Co. & lived at RFD 2, Ionia MI, listing his father Ernest at the same address as his NOK. - Enlisted in the US Army on 30 Jan 1943 from Ionia MI. Married 11 Jan 1950 in IN to Barbara June Chase. – Married 11 Mar 1987 in Clark Co. NV to Janice E. Reinhardt. This is listed in his obituary as his marriage to Janice E. Rudd on 22 Jun 1959 in Evart.
- Donald Neil Shields, 12 May 1924 Jennings, Missaukee MI – 3 Oct 1982 Lowell, Kent MI. Twin of Douglas Frank Shields. Married 27 Sep 1947 in Ionia, Ionia MI to Mary Lou Welsh (1926-2008, F: 148661090). Buried in Balcom Cemetery, Berlin Center, Ionia MI. F: 148661120
- Ernest N. (“Ernie”) Shields, 11 Jun 1932 Ionia, Ionia MI – 22 Mar 2003 Grand Rapids, Kent MI. SSN 383-30-3688. Served as a private 1st class in the US Army in the Korean War. Buried in Balcom Cemetery, Berlin Center, Ionia MI. F: 148795050

Siblings:

- Lillian (Lily) Shields Cronkright, 19 Jan 1892 MI – 21 Jul 1977 Grand Rapids, Kent MI. Married 27 Jul 1912 in Cadillac, Missaukee MI to Walter Cronkright (1893-1974, F: 139917845). Buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, Grand Rapids, Kent MI. F: 139917725
- Charlotte Viola (“Lottie”) Shields Moore Lux Ostrander, 15 Feb 1892 Mancelona, Antrim MI – Oct 1970 Lake City, Missaukee MI. Married John Moore (or was he named Thomas?) on 8 May 1909. – Married Paul Edward Lux (1879-1938, F: 37240935) on 12 Jul 1913. They had 6 children. In the 1930 census Paul & Charlotte lived in West Branch, Missaukee MI. - Married 6 Sep 1952 in Kalkaska, Kalkaska MI to Bert Marion Ostrander (1878-1955, F: 166984287). when she was age 60. Died with the surname Ostrander. Buried in Lake City Cemetery, Lake City, Missaukee MI. F: 197033540
- Mortimer Shields, 16 Feb 1894 Clearwater township, Missaukee MI – 3 Mar 1899 Rapid City, Kalkaska MI. Died of an “abscess of liver with succeeding blood poisoning.” Find A Grave record spells name as Mortimore R. Shields, buried in Clearwater Township Cemetery, Rapid City, Kalkaska MI. F: 162756515
- Leta Louise (“Lettie”) Shields Graham, 20 Sep 1903 Clearwater, Kalkaska MI – 18 Jan 1994 Charlotte, Eaton MI. Married to Stuart Hamblin Graham (1901-1995, F: 64159263) when she was 18 years old, on 3 Sep 1920 in Iona Co. MI. Buried in Maple Hill Cemetery, Charlotte, Eaton MI. F: 64159206
- Alice Adelia Shields Fletcher, 24 Sep 1906 Traverse City, Grand Traverse MI – 20 Aug 1988 Pasco Co. FL. Married to Harold Henry Fletcher (1898 MI – 1999 FL, F: 52894981), age 34, born in & a resident of Muir MI, son of Charles Fletcher & Elizabeth Fogerty, a bookkeeper – Adelia Shields, age 26, resident of Lyons MI, b. Traverse City MI, daughter of Neil Shields & Alice Russell, a clerk – neither previously married, obtained marriage license 20 Dec 1932 in Ionia Co. MI & married 21 Dec 1932 by the pastor of the Griggs Street Evangelical Church, Grand Rapids, Kent MI with witnesses Walter Conkright & Lita Graham. She is buried as A. Adelia Fletcher in Meadowlawn Memorial Gardens, New Port Richey, Pasco FL. F: 52894982

Notes:

Pre-war:

Wartime:

Post-war:

Obituary:

Social Security number: 366-18-4626

Censuses:

1900 cannot locate – may have been in Canada or in transit

1910 Norwich, Missaukee MI – conducted 20 Apr 1910

Niel [sic] Shields, 41 Canada (English), parents b. Canada (English), in 1st marriage, married 20 years, emigrated 1900, naturalized, sawyer, lumber yard

Alice, 39 Canada (English), parents b. Canada (English), in 1st marriage, emigrated 1900, gave birth to 6 children, 5 are living, dressmaker, at home [wife]

Viola Moore, 19 MI, in 1st marriage, married 2 years, housekeeper, private family [daughter]

Lily, 18 MI, housekeeper, private family [daughter]

Ernest, 13 MI [son]

Leta, 7 MI [daughter]

Delia, 4 MI [daughter]

Thomas Moore, 1 year 2 months MI, parents b. MI [grandson]

[For the Shields children, both parents b. Canada]

1920 cannot locate

1930 Ionia, Ionia MI – conducted 14 Apr 1930

Ernest N. Shields, 33 MI, parents b. Canada (English), age 22 at 1st marriage, electrician, consumer's company, WWI veteran

Ethel N., 33 MI, father b. US, mother b. MI, age 22 at 1st marriage

Irene M., 9 MI

Douglas F., 5 MI [twin]

Donald M., 5 MI [twin]

1940 Ionia, Ionia MI – same house in 1935

Ernest Shields, 43 MI, electrician, automotive work

Ethel, 43 MI

Irene, 18 MI, production line, General Motors

Duglass, 16 MI

Donald, 16 MI

Ernest, 8 MI

1950 Ionia, Ionia MI

Ernest N. Shields, 53 MI, electrician, electric co.

Ethyl M., 54 MI, sells cosmetics, cosmetic retail