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Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

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

NOK = next-of-kin

TUSCANIA

Shortell, John Michael 1884 MO – 1970 CA

601	May 2 nd 1884	Shortell	Male	May 23 rd 1884	Irish	40
			5"	Maryville, Mo.	Ireland	
		St. Louis, Mo.				
Irish	36	Margaret Shortell	Michael Shortell	Mr. P. Haskedorn	Maryville Mo	
Ireland		Murphy	Merchant	Mr. P. Haskedorn		

MO birth record for a male child of Michael Shortell & Margaret Murphy-
https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/1170/images/vrmmo1833_c4972-0316?pid=1939143

Nephew a Tuscania Survivor.

Mrs. Martin Hunt has received a message from Washington, D. C., that her nephew, John M. Shortell, who had at one time made his home with her, was one of the survivors of the torpedoed Tuscania. Mr. Shor-

tell enlisted with the 20th Engineers in Minnesota.

"Maryville (MO) Daily Forum" Friday 15 Feb 1918 p 3 -

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Obituary

John M. Shortell

YOUNTVILLE—Funeral services will be conducted Friday at 11 a.m. at the Memorial Chapel of the California Veterans Home for John Michael Shortell, 86, who died Tuesday at the Veterans Home.

He was a native of Marysville, Mo., and served in World War I.

Mr. Shortell is survived by a friend, Mrs. Ted Metvidt of Mariposa, Calif.

Services are under the direction of the Napa Valley Memorial Gardens Mortuary. Interment will be in the Veterans Garden of Honor in the Napa Valley Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

Obituary – "Napa (CA) Valley Register" Wednesday 6 May 1970 p 15

WW I		WW II		KOREA		ORIGINAL	
1. NAME OF DECEASED - LAST - FIRST - MIDDLE (Print or Type)				14. NAME AND LOCATION OF CEMETERY (City and State)			
SHORTELL, JOHN MICHAEL				Napa Valley Memorial Gardens Cemetery Napa, California			
2. SERVICE NUMBER		3. PENSION OR VA CLAIM NUMBER		IMPORTANT - Item 18 on reverse side must be completed. See attached instructions and complete and submit both copies.			
250409		1716295		15. This application is submitted for a stone or marker for the unmarked grave of a deceased member or former member of the Armed Forces of the U. S., soldier of the Union or Confederate Armies of the Civil War or for an unmarked memorial plot for a non-recoverable deceased member. I hereby agree to accept responsibility for proper placement at the grave or memorial plot at no expense to the Government.			
4. ENLISTMENT DATE (Month, day, year)		5. DISCHARGE DATE (Month, day, year)		NAME OF APPLICANT (Print or Type)			
12-13-17		6-8-19		Raymond E. Sleeper			
6. STATE		7. DECORATIONS		RELATIONSHIP			
Missouri				Funeral Director			
8. GRADE OR RANK		9. BRANCH OF SERVICE, COMPANY, REGIMENT, DIVISION		ADDRESS OF APPLICANT (Street address, City and State)			
PFC		672 Casualty Det. Co D, 20th Engineers, U. S. Army		2383 Napa Vallejo Highway Napa, California 94558			
10. DATE OF BIRTH (Month, day, year)		11. DATE OF DEATH (Month, day, year)		SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT			
4-23-1884		May 5, 1970		Raymond E. Sleeper			
12. RELIGIOUS EMBLEM (Check one)		13. CHECK TYPE REQUIRED		DATE			
☒ LATIN CROSS (Christian)		☒ UPRIGHT MARBLE HEADSTONE		5-5-70			
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		☐ FLAT BRONZE MARKER		17. NAME OF CONSIGNEE WHO WILL TRANSPORT STONE OR MARKER			
				Napa Valley Memorial Gardens Cemetery			
DO NOT WRITE HERE				ADDRESS OF CONSIGNEE (Street address, City and State)			
FOR VERIFICATION		ORDERED		2383 Napa Vallejo Highway Napa, California 94558			
		2 2 MAY 1970		I HAVE AGREED TO TAKE THE STONE OR MARKER TO THE CEMETERY.			
B/L		COLUMBUS MARBLE WORKS		SIGNATURE OF CONSIGNEE			
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PFC Co D 20 Engineers / WW I							

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John Micheal Shortell

Military • Minnesota, World War I Records, 1918-1941

Name	John Micheal Shortell
Enlistment Date	13 Dec 1917
Birth Date	23 Apr 1884
Birthplace	Merryville, Nodaway, Missouri
Military Rank	Private
Military Service Branch	Army
Military Unit	Co D 20th Engineers
Father's Sex	Male
Father's Birthplace	Ireland
Mother's Sex	Female
Mother's Birthplace	Ireland
Event Type	Military Service
Event Place	Fort Snelling, Hennepin, Minnesota, United States
Event Place (Original)	Fort Snelling, Minn

Entered service from Minnesota – Michael misspelled – Maryville misspelled -
<https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/sources/KLD7-4HV>

Life:

—The Rockford school closed last Friday with a grand exhibition, one of the finest it ever befall our lot to attend. The remark was general, by all persons present, that it was one of the happiest events of their life, and expressed great wonder how the teacher managed to make it such a grand success. Following is the programme:

Declamation, Mary Brady.

A Charade, "The Mayor," by four characters.

Declamation, Bert Williams.

Instrumental music.

Dialogue "Bones at a Picnic."

Declamation, "How we Tried to Whip the Teacher," by Walter Williams

"The National Flag," by second reader class

Dialogue, "How Jim Peters."

Declamation, Lydia Hunt.

Dialogue, "That Little Black Pony," by two boys.

Music by the orchestra.

Dialogue, "Ned's Present," by four boys.

Declamation, "Why They Called me Johnnie," John Shortell.

Recitation, "Deacon Brown," Miss Rosa McAlister.

Dialogue, "Unfortunate Mr Brown," by seven characters.

Declamation, "Is it Any Body's Business," Miss Emma Dempsey.

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'Maryville (MO) Republican" Thursday 3 Apr 1890 p 4

Hubbard Wagner and John Shortell
left Friday for Texas.

"Maryville (MO) Tribune" Thursday 29 Aug 1901 p 8

Additional List of Tuscania Survivors Is Given to Public

WASHINGTON, February 10.—The War Department tonight gave out the following additional names of survivors of the Tuscania, whose homes are in the states of Missouri, Illinois and Arkansas:

Missouri.

David Davis Hall, Southwest City, also Washington, D. C.

Dewitt Schwartz, St. Louis, care Vandalia Railroad.

John M. Shortell, De Soto.

Vernon A. Baldwin, 3860 Juniata street, St. Louis.

Frank L. Perry, Joplin.

Jessie Fisher, Madison.

George Tolbert, Noxville.

Roy W. Grear, Elmer.

Included in the list given out of those on board the Tuscania whose names do not appear among the survivors are:

Everett H. Duffy, Siloam Springs, Mo.;

William G. Smith, Festus, Mo.;

William E. Vickers, Southwest City, Mo.;

Walter Alexander, Marshall, Mo.

Illinois.

"St. Louis (MO) Globe-Democrat" Monday 11 Feb 1918 p 1

Muddle Still Cloaks Loss

**Only Ten Names Are Added to
Tuscania Survivors Monday;
More Promised Soon.**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Only 10 names were added to the roll of survivors of the liner Tuscania by dispatches to the war department Monday and Monday night. The list of American soldiers who were on board the liner and who have not been reported rescued now stands at 340, although it is certain that about 200 of these and probably more are safe.

The war department Monday night still was trying to decipher a number of names received by cable in garbled form, and a considerable addition to the list of survivors may be announced Tuesday.

Eleven new names have been reported since Sunday, but one of them, John M. Shortell of De Soto, Mo., had appeared on a list of the saved previously cabled. In many instances it is considered possible that men still recorded as unreported have succeeded in getting private messages to their families. Monday's list contained no names of northwestern men.

Newspapers across the US complained about the list of survivors – pointing to the case of John M. Shortell of De Soto MO - “Idaho Statesman” (Boise ID) Tuesday 12 Feb 1918 p 1

We notice in the Monday edition of the St. Louis Globe-Democrat that John M. Shortell of DeSoto is numbered among the survivors of the Tuscania sinking. That still leaves W. G. Smith of this city unaccounted for and supposedly a victim of the U-boat attack on the liner transporting U. S. Troops to England. W. G. Smith is the stepson of J. M. Smith of this city, the family residing on Walnut Street. The Jefferson County soldier boy while at home was employed for a time with the Union Electric force installing the new line and will be remembered as a rather short, stocky built young man.

"Tri-City Independent" (Festus MO) Friday 15 Feb 1918 p 3

Charge Pair Two Counts—Complaints including two counts in connection with transportation and sale of intoxicating liquor have been filed in county court by County Attorney Fred T. Hanson. John Shortell and Conley Barr are now on \$500 bond each, awaiting trial before a jury Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock. The first count in each of the complaints charges illegal transportation whereas the second count in each case alleges delivery and sale. L. A. Kiplinger is attorney for the defendants.

"McCook (NE) Daily Gazette" Monday 11 Apr 1927 p 4

IN COUNTY COURT

The sheriff and city officers arrested two men Saturday night in possession of liquor. In court they stated the liquor had been secured from Con Barr of east 6th street this city.

Barr was arrested Sunday morning and gave bond to appear in county court, Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock.

Sam Hollars and James Watch claimed they purchased the liquor from Con Barr and John Shortell. In the event they so testify in court, they will be released—otherwise they may have to face charges.

"McCook (NE) Tribune" Monday 11 Apr 1927 p 1

IN COUNTY COURT.

The case of Con. Barr and John Shortell was tried at 10 a. m. today. Judge fined each \$100 and costs. They appealed to District Court. L. A. Kiplinger attorney. Men released on \$500.00 bond, each.

"McCook (NE) Tribune" Wednesday 13 Apr 1927 p 1

ALLEGED BOOTLEGGERS APPEAL LIQUOR CASE

Notice of appeal to district court was given by L. A. Kiplinger, attorney for Conley Barr and John Shortell following conviction of his clients in county court Wednesday morning on charges of illegal sale of intoxicating liquor. County Judge A. L. Zink assessed a fine of \$100 and costs on each of the defendants, but released them under appeal bond of \$500.

State's witnesses in the case testified they had purchased liquor from Shortell last Saturday night, April 9, for \$4.50 a pint. It was brought out by County Attorney Fred T. Hanson that following this incident the pair drove to a point north of McCook, where they procured a gallon jug of liquor which they had at the time of their arrest by Sheriff George McClain and Deputy Sheriff P. O. Karthaus.

"McCook (NE) Daily Gazette" Wednesday 13 Apr 1927 p 1

IN DISTRICT COURT

An appealed liquor case of John Shortell was filed today, Sept. 7.

"McCook (NE) Tribune" Wednesday 7 Sep 1927 p 1

JOHN SHORTELL IS RELEASED BY JURY

Found Not Guilty of Liquor Charge—Admits Part In Booze Party

Charges of liquor possession pending since last April 9 against John Shortell were dismissed Monday afternoon when a jury at 1:35 p. m. delivered a verdict of not guilty after one and one-half hours' deliberation.

Shortell was arrested on the date mentioned following a "booze party" taking place on that afternoon, which he, George Walsh and Sam Hollers frankly described on the witness stand in court Monday, although both witnesses and defendant denied having been the possessors and dispensers of the liquor.

According to the testimony, the three met at a downtown business place on the date mentioned, drove to a point a mile west of McCook on the D. L. D. highway and drank a bottle of liquor, which the state endeavored to prove Shortell produced from a hiding place by the roadside.

Shortell, testifying in his own behalf, claimed that Hollers produced the bottle, which, he said, contained alcohol, from within the car Hollers was driving, while Hollers, as a state witness, declared that Shortell procured the bottle by the roadside and received \$4.50 in payment for it.

Hollers and Walsh were arrested later in the day for intoxication, and L. A. Kiplinger, defense attorney, pushed the claim that they were promised immunity by Sheriff McClain if they would testify that Shortell had been the possessor of the liquor. McClain on the stand said he had told the prisoners they "might be let off with a drunk charge" if they would tell where the whisky was obtained.

Defense testimony by Sam Hawkins and Allen Tracy was to the effect that Hollers, in conversation with them, had admitted obtaining liquor in quantities from Omaha, and had stated that he falsely told McClain that Shortell was possessor of the whisky. Fred Hanson, county attorney, in his plea to the jury, scoffed at their testimony and attacked their integrity, but their statements seemed to carry weight with the jury, although Hollers, in rebuttal testimony, repeated his accusation of Shortell.

JURIES OUT WITH LIQUOR EVIDENCE

Third Is Impaneled In The Federal Court To Hear An Injury Trial

The attorneys in the federal court case in which John Shortell was charged by the government with having unlawfully sold a pint of liquor to George Walsh was given to the jury for deliberation at about noon Wednesday, and the court swung into the matter of selecting a jury to hear the testimony involving Newton V. Miller of Hastings and Fritz Wiernfeldt of Minneapolis versus Patrick J. Fitzgerald of Denver, a suit growing out of an automobile accident.

A third jury, deliberating on the evidence submitted in Conley Barr's trial for possession and sale of liquor, was still out early Wednesday afternoon. It was given the case about at 10:30 p. m. Tuesday, the court having held a night session to hear the closing arguments of the attorneys.

the attorneys.

Shortell is charged with having sold a pint of liquor to Walsh on the ninth of April, 1927. Shortell and Walsh are supposed to have ridden to a point a short distance west of McCook on the D. L. D. highway with Sam Hollars, where Shortell made the sale, getting the liquor from a cache in a patch of weeds.

Shortell testified on the stand that he did ride into the country with Walsh and Hollars, but that he was invited out to "take a drink" with them. L. A. Kiplinger, defending attorney, endeavored to show the jury that when arrested by Sheriff McClain, Walsh and Hollars promised to turn state's evidence against Shortell if they were not prosecuted. This was hotly denied by the government's witnesses.

"Surprise" testimony was introduced in the case when Hollars and Walsh related that they mixed their alcohol with ginger ale. Shortell said that he could not remember there being any "mixer," and Hollars and Walsh both denied furnishing it. Hollars also appeared Tuesday against Barr.

"McCook (NE) Daily Gazette" Wednesday 6 Mar 1929 p 8

DEERFIELD NOTES

Angus Johnson and wife were shopping in North Platte, Friday.

John Shortell and Ted Henderson returned from Lingle, Wyo., Saturday evening.

"Wauneta (NE) Breeze" Wednesday 1 Feb 1933 p 4

HOSPITAL NEWS

ADMISSIONS

Louis Omundson, Le Grande, Ia.; Edward Chriss, Lincoln; Benjamin Guile, Auburn; John Shortell, McCook; Edward Fetzer, Walton; Walter Koss, Grand Island; John J. Grady, Schuyler; Raymond Anderson, Boone, Ia.; Leon W. Froehling, Lincoln; Jesse Lee Burg, Pawnee City; Delos H. Hirst, Henry.

"Lincoln (NE) Veterans' Weekly" Friday 7 Jul 1933 p 1

DISCHARGES

Jesse Callahan, Omaha; Eugene Cruise, Massena, Ia.; Daniel Fischer, Tekamah; John Robertson, Melbeta; Wm. Larsen, Adel, Ia.; Morris Kyles, Waverly; John Shortell, McCook; James Karis, Platte; Guy Wheaton, Omaha; James Shuman, Council Bluffs, Iowa.

"Lincoln (NE) Veterans' Weekly" Friday 28 Jul 1933 p 4

Father:

—Michael Shortell, a former resident of Maryville, died at Richmond last week. His funeral was held at St Patrick's church in this city, Sunday afternoon.

Obituary of father Michael Shortell – "Maryville (MO) Republican" Thursday 14 Dec 1893 p 4

Siblings:

MAR 16 1937

MISSOURI STATE BOARD OF HEALTH
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS
CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

Do not use this space.

1. PLACE OF DEATH
County Buchanan, Registration District No. 2038
Township St. Joseph, Primary Registration District No. 2038
City St. Joseph, (No. 2809 Sacramento Street, St. 141 Ward)

2. FULL NAME Mamie Shortell,
(a) Residence, No. 2809 Sacramento St. 141 Ward. (If nonresident, give city or town and State)
(Usual place of abode)
Length of residence in city or town where death occurred 35 yrs. mos. da. How long in U. S., if of foreign birth? yrs. mos. da.

3. SEX Female 4. COLOR OR RACE White 5. SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED (write the word) Single,

5A. IF MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED HUSBAND OF (OR) WIFE OF

6. DATE OF BIRTH (MONTH, DAY, AND YEAR) Year 1883

7. AGE YEARS 54 MONTHS Unk. DAYS Unk. If LESS than 1 day, hrs. or min.

8. Trade, profession, or particular kind of work done, as spinner, weaver, bookkeeper, etc. None,

9. Industry or business in which work was done, as silk mill, saw mill, bank, etc.

10. Date deceased last worked at this occupation (month and year)

11. Total time (years) spent in this occupation

12. BIRTHPLACE (CITY OR TOWN, STATE OR COUNTRY) Maryville, Missouri,

13. NAME Michael Shortell,

14. BIRTHPLACE (CITY OR TOWN, STATE OR COUNTRY) Unknown, Ireland,

15. MAIDEN NAME Margaret Murphy,

16. BIRTHPLACE (CITY OR TOWN, STATE OR COUNTRY) Unknown, Ireland,

17. INFORMANT (ADDRESS) Miss Julia E. Moore
2809 Sacramento Street,

18. BURIAL, CREMATION, OR REMOVAL PLACE Maryville, Mo. DATE Feb'y 8, 1937

19. UNDERTAKER (ADDRESS) Heaton-Bellows-Bowman
319 So. 10th Street, Maryville, Mo.

20. FILED Feb 7, 1937 H. F. Mundy Registrar.

21. DATE OF DEATH (MONTH, DAY, AND YEAR) February 5, 1937

22. I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from Aug 10, 1936, to Feb 5, 1937
I last saw her alive on Feb 3, 1937 Death is said to have occurred on the date stated above, at 9:00 AM.
The principal cause of death and related causes of importance were as follows:
Chronic Myocarditis with Date of onset
mitral insufficiency
Other contributory causes of importance: None

Name of operation none Date of none
What test confirmed diagnosis? Clinical Was there an autopsy? No

23. If death was due to external causes (violence), fill in also the following:
Accident, suicide, or homicide? None Date of injury None, 19 1937

Where did injury occur? None (Specify city or town, county, and State)
Specify whether injury occurred in industry, in home, or in public place.

Manner of injury None
Nature of injury None

24. Was disease or injury in any way related to occupation of deceased? No
If so, specify None (Signed) H. F. Mundy M. D.
(Address) 404 So 3d, St.

NOTE: Every item on this form should be carefully supplied. AGE should be stated EXACTLY. PHYSICIANS should state CAUSE OF DEATH in plain terms, so that it may be properly classified. Exact statement of OCCUPATION is very important.

MO death record of sister Mamie (Mary) Shortell (1879 or 1883 – 1937) -

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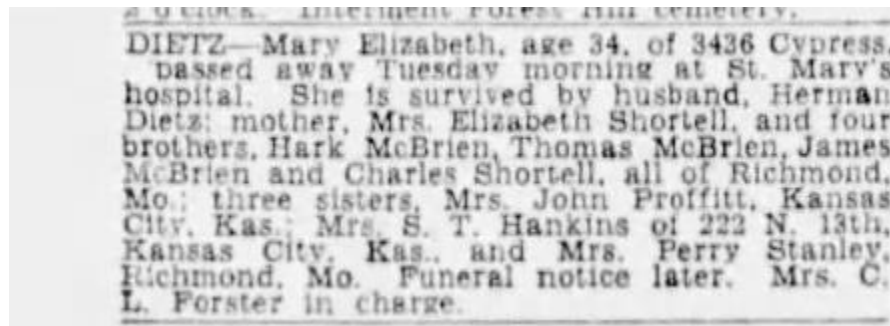
Name:	Daniel Edward Shortell
Gender:	Male
Race:	White
Marital status:	Married
Death Age:	70
Birth Date:	6 Jun 1881
Birth Place:	Missouri
Death Date:	30 Sep 1951
Death Place:	Detroit, Wayne, Michigan, USA
Father:	Michell Shortell
Mother:	Margaret Murphy
File Number:	431801

Daniel Edward Shortell

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

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Half-siblings:



Obituary of **half-sister Mary Elizabeth Shortell Dietz (1893-1927)** – “Kansas City (MO) Times” Wednesday 31 Aug 1927 p 14 – note her half-siblings Mary, John & Lilly from her father Michael Shortell’s 1st marriage are not mentioned

Stepsiblings:

**Thomas H. McBrien, 55, Died
Following an Attack of Pneu-
monia—Funeral Here Friday.**

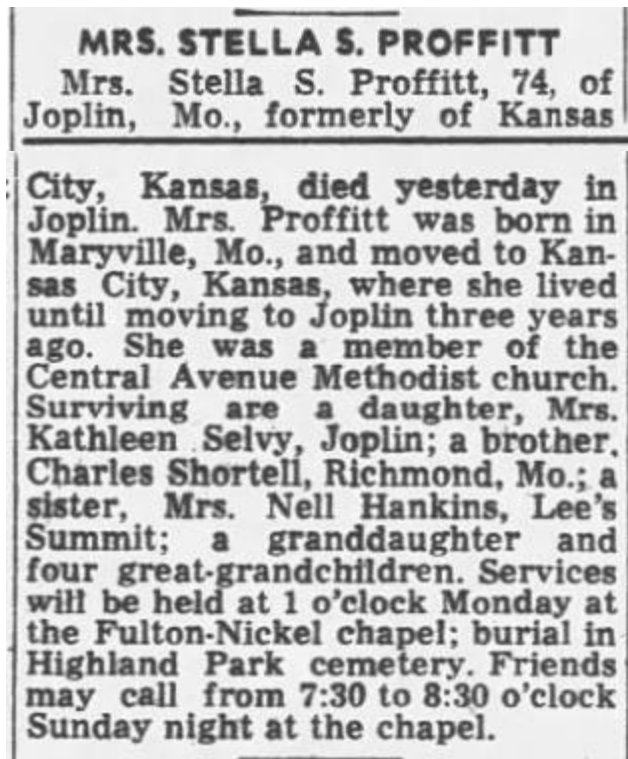
Thomas H. McBrien, 55, well known Vibbard coal mine operator, succumbed to an attack of pneumonia, which followed a heart disability of long standing, at his home at Vibbard early yesterday morning, May 17, 1933.

Mr. McBrien was born in Andrew County, and had spent the greater part of his life in Ray County. For many years he had been actively identified with the coal interests here. He was the son of William and Elizabeth Ogle McBrien, and the date of his birth was November 13, 1877.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Maggie McBrien, two daughters, Mrs. Della Kirk, Vibbard; Mrs. Bessie Plosser, Kansas City; a granddaughter, Betty Jane Plosser, Kansas City; two brothers, Hark McBrien of near Rayville and James McBrien of Richmond; three sisters, Mrs. Stella Proffitt, Kansas City, Kansas; Mrs. Nellie Hankins, Kansas City, Kansas; Mrs. Maggie Stanley, Richmond; a half brother, Charles Shortle, of Richmond; and a niece, Mrs. Robert Blair, jr., of Richmond, who was reared in the McBrien home.

Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at 2:00, at the Methodist church, the Rev. James B. Douglas officiating. Burial will be in Sunny Slope cemetery.

Obituary of **stepbrother Thomas Henry McBrien (1877-1933)** – published in the “Richmond (MO) Missourian” 18 May 1933, found on Find A Grave 20604688



Obituary of stepsister Stella S. McBrien Proffitt (1883-1967) – “Kansas City (MO) Times” Saturday 8 Jul 1967 p 19

Name: John Michael Shortell

Name variations: Michal on Veterans Administration Master Index card

Military:

On Tuscania: 20th Eng. 16th/Co. D - private

Serial number: 250,409

Entered service from: Desoto, Jefferson MO

Sailed on “Tuscania” as: John M. Shortell

Next-of-kin on “Tuscania”: cousin Lawrence A. Hunt, De Sota MO

Returned from war on: "Santa Paula" May 1919

Sailed on return ship as: John M. Shortell

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: friend Lawrence A. Hunt, De Sota MO (PFC, 16th Co., 20th Engrs, Forestry)

World War I draft registration (1917):

World War II draft registration (1942): as John M. Shortell - b. 23 Apr 1884 Maryville, Nodaway MO; res: Mariposa, Mariposa CA. NOK Bob Robinson, Mariposa CA. Mailing address: Paicines Post Office c/o Panoche Store. Employed at Panoche Quicksilver Mines Co., 220 Montgomery St., San Francisco CA, at Panoche, San Benito CA. Height: 5'8" – 145 lbs.

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlisted: 13 Dec 1917
 Discharged: 8 Jun 1919
 Address: 324 W. 1st St., McCook NE
 Rank/unit: private 1st class, 16th Co., 20th Engineers

Birth & death:

Born: 23 Apr 1884 Maryville, Nodaway MO
 Died: 5 May 1970 Yountville, Napa Co. CA (in CA Veterans Hospital)
 Find A Grave record: 245717777 (created 17 Nov 2022)
 Burial location: Napa Valley Memorial Park & Mortuary (listed in obituary in "Napa Valley Register" 6 May 1970 p 15 & veteran headstone application as Napa Valley Memorial Gardens)
 Cemetery: Napa, Napa CA
 Tombstone: on veteran application: flat tombstone, private 1st class, 672 Casualty [sic]
 Det, Co. D, 20th Engineers

Father: Michael Shortell, 1844 County Carlow, Ireland – Dec 1893 Richmond, Ray MO. Son of Edward (Evan) Shortell & Bridget Murphy. His daughter Mary Elizabeth had been born 16 November 1893.

Find A Grave:

Mother: Margaret Murphy Shortell, ca. 1852 Ireland – ca. 1889 Richmond, Ray MO.

Find A Grave:

Parents' marriage: 3 Jul 1877 Henry Co. IL

Stepmother: Elizabeth M. (Betty/Lizzie) Ogle McBrien Shortell, 27 Feb 1852 Andrew Co. MO – 10 Mar 1943 Richmond, Ray MO.

First married to James William McBrien, then to Michael Shortell. Buried in Sunny Slope Cemetery, Richmond, Ray MO.

Stepmother's Find A Grave: 21286158

Stepmother's marriage: ca. 1890

Spouse:

Spouse Find A Grave:

Marriage:

Children:

Siblings:

- Mary Shortell, Jul 1879 Maryville, Nodaway MO – 5 Feb 1937 St. Joseph, Buchanan MO (at 2809 Sacramento St.). Single at time of death. In the 1900 census for St. Joseph, Buchanan MO, Mary Shortel [sic], age 18, b. MO, lived with her aunt & uncle David & Honora Casky. According to her MO death record, she was buried in Maryville, Nodaway MO.

- Daniel Edward Shortell, 6 Jun 1881 Maryville, Nodaway MO – 30 Sep 1951 Detroit, Wayne MI. SSN 467-18-5323. Married 29 Jul 1912 in Minneapolis, Hennepin MN to Alma Jeanette Favel (1877-1977).
- Lilly Shortell, Mar 1888 Richmond, Ray MO -

Half-siblings: by his father Michael's 2nd marriage, to Elizabeth Ogle McBrien

- Charles Martin DeMoss Shortell, 8 Apr 1891 Ray Co. MO – 16 Aug 1974 Richmond, Ray MO. Married 19 Oct 1913 in Richmond Co. MO to Sarah Josephine ("Jo") McDonald (1890-1980, F: 90460776). Buried in Richmond Memory Gardens, Richmond, Ray MO. F: 21286142
- Mary Elizabeth (Lizzie) Shortell Dietz, 16 Nov 1893 Richmond, Ray MO – 30 Aug 1927 Kansas City, Jackson MO. Married 31 Mar 1918 to Herman Henry Dietz (1891-1988). They had 1 daughter, Mildred Dietz. Buried in Sunny Slope Cemetery, Richmond, Ray MO. F: 17257890

Stepsiblings: by Elizabeth Ogle, his father's 2nd wife, by her 1st husband James William McBrien

- Joseph Harkless ("Hark") McBrien, 8 Oct 1873 Andrew Co. MO – 20 Jul 1940 Richmond, Ray MO. Married in 1894 to Ida L. Sego (1876-1973, F: 20604652). Buried in Sunny Slope Cemetery, Richmond, Ray MO. F: 20604648
- Thomas Henry McBrien, 13 Nov 1877 Andrew Co. MO – 17 May 1933 Richmond, Ray MO. His 1st wife was Kate Hughes, the sister of his 2nd wife Maggie Hughes. Thomas & Kate divorced. They had 1 daughter. Second wife Maggie Hughes born 1882, died 1961 (F: 20604677). Both his wives were daughters of Joseph Hughes, born Ireland. Buried in Sunny Slope Cemetery, Richmond, Ray MO. F: 20604688
- James William McBrien, 2 Mar 1879 Andrew Co. MO – 6 Nov 1953 Richmond, Ray MO. Coal miner for 44 years. First married to Fannie May Olinger (1880-1933, F: 20604644); they married 6 Aug 1899. – Married Mrs. Sarah Eva Lee Neal Davidson Davidson (F: 20567967) on 24 Aug 1940. She was born 18 Jan 1892 MO & died 19 Mar 1967 MO, the daughter of Rev. William Alexander Neal & Eliza Jane Harrison. – Circa 1907, Eva Neal married Winston Alexander ("Alex") Davidson (1885-1918, F: 17942353), the son of Stephen M. Davidson & Martha Ann Ashford. They had 6 children. Winston died 3 days after being shot in the stomach at the Santa Fe depot by Will Fountain. - Then she married Winston's brother, Henry Charles Davidson (1887-1949, F: 17089656). They had 2 children. James William McBrien was her 3rd husband; they had no children. Eva is buried in Richmond Memory Gardens, Richmond, Ray MO, F: 20567967. James is buried in Sunny Slope Cemetery, Richmond, Ray MO. F: 20604672
- Stella S. McBrien Proffitt, Jan 1883 Andrew Co. MO – 7 Jul 1967 Joplin (either Jasper Co. or Newton Co.) MO. Wife of John Proffitt (1871-1955, F: 60695154). Buried in Highland Park Cemetery, Kansas City, Wyandotte KS. F: 92672045
- Margaret Mae (Maggie) McBrien Stanley, 14 Jan 1885 Quitman, Nodaway MO – 13 Jan 1967 Richmond, Ray MO. Wife of Perry Stanley (1883-1973, F: 20586491). Buried in Woodland Cemetery, Richmond, Ray MO. F: 20586490
- Nellie McBrien Hankins, 12 Mar 1888 Andrew Co. MO – 15 Jul 1973 Lee's Summit, Jackson MO. Wife of Samuel Lee Hankins (1885-1948, F: 17411209). Buried in Sunny Slope Cemetery, Richmond, Ray MO. F: 17411188

Notes:

Pre-war:

Wartime:

"St. Louis (MO) Star & Times" Friday 8 Feb 1918 p 8 – on board Tuscania: John M. Shortell, private, 20th Engineers, De Soto MO

Post-war:

Obituary:

"Napa Valley Register" (Napa CA), 6 May 1970 p 15 - funeral 8 May 1970 at Memorial Chapel of CA Veterans Home, Yountville, where John died 5 May 1970. Born Marysville [sic] MO, age 86. Survived by friend Mrs. Ted Mctvidt [sic], Mariposa CA. Burial in Veterans Garden of Honor in Napa Valley Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

Social Security number: 550-22-2722

Censuses:

1880 Maryville, Nodaway MO – conducted 14 Jun 1880 – father, mother, sister Mary Michael Shortell, 34 Ireland, parents b. Ireland, carpenter
Margaret, 28 Ireland, parents b. Ireland, keeping house
Mary, 11 months MO

1900 Port Arthur, Jefferson TX
John Shortell, 16 MO, parents b. Ireland, railroad laborer, boarder with:
George E. & Jane Haynes

1905 MN state census – Stanley, Lyon MN
John Shortell, RFD 2, 21 MO, no parents' birthplaces listed, farm laborer

1910 cannot locate

1920 Cottonwood, Lyon MN – line 71
John M. Shootell (Shortell), 35 MO, single, parents b. MO, farm laborer, boarder with:
J.M. & Berent Johna Anderson & their 4 servants

1930 McCook, Red Willow NE – W. 1st - on line 40
John M. Shortell, 46 MO, single, parents b. Irish Free State, carpenter, contractor, WWI veteran, lodger with:
Fred & Bertina Chappell, their adopted daughter Lucy & another male lodger

1940 Mariposa township, Mariposa Co. CA – line 77 in McCook, Red Willow NE in 1935
John M. Shortell, 55 MO, single, carpenter, building

1950 Mariposa Co. CA
John M. SHORDELL, 65 MO, never married [occupation left blank]