

TUSCANIA

Van Valzah, Shannon Laurie
1888 PA – 1933 CO



Shannon Laurie Van Valzah - https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/collection/1030/tree/169273352/person/102192910940/media/5119c979-7619-4fe2-a656-d486473bf417?_phsrc=hFB64410&_phstart=successSource



Shannon Laurie Van Valzah, at the University of Oregon, 1911 -

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Brothers Robert Clark Van Valzah (left) & Shannon Laurie Van Valzah (right) -
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Shannon Laurie Van Valzah – “Baltimore (MD) Evening Sun” 8 Feb 1918 p
20 - <https://www.newspapers.com/image/368088091/>

LANE COUNTY BOYS ABOARD

Construction Engineer and Medical Lieutenant Believed on Transport.

EUGENE, Or., Feb. 7. — (Special.)— Two Lane County soldier boys are believed to have been aboard the Tuscania.

Howard B. Merrell enlisted in the 20th Engineers December 1, and was assigned to Company D. He is a brother of E. W. Merrell, of the McMorran & Washburn store, and enlisted here. He recently came to Oregon from Mississippi, where he had been working as a construction engineer.

Mrs. A. B. Van Valzah, of Springfield, believes her son, Dr. Shannon Van Valzah, a Lieutenant in the Medical Corps, was aboard. He had been at the base hospital at San Antonio, Tex., but a recent letter said he was in New York and expected to sail. Dr. Van Valzah has a wife residing in Boston. He is well known in Lane County, where his father, Dr. R. G. Van Valzah, was a practicing physician for many years.



"The Oregonian" (Portland OR) Friday 8 Feb 1918 p 2 -
<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1082682974/>



Arlington National Cemetery – Find A Grave 49331047

VANVALZAH SHANNON LAURIE X C 839 078
 Maj Med Corps K 292 536
 101 North St. Fort Monroe Va A
 Ss 04 051 Died 7-9-33 T 62 163
 Born 9-18-88 R
 Enl Dis Cl
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VETERANS ADMINISTRATION
 Form 7202--Rev. Sept., 1931

MASTER INDEX CARD ... 2-13962

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WAR DEPARTMENT
 Q. M. C. Form No. 14
 Revised Oct. 6, 1928

Interment in the Arlington **ORIGINAL** National Cemetery
 To—The Quartermaster General, Washington, D. C.

NAME			RANK	COMPANY	REGIMENT OR VESSEL			DIVISION, IF WORLD WAR SOLDIER
					Number	State	Arm	
Van Valzah, Shannon L.			Major,	Medical Corps,	U. S.	Army		Born - 9/18/88 Died - 7/9/33

DATE OF DEATH			DATE OF INTERMENT			GRAVE MARK		REMARKS
Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year	Section	Grave No.	Date of discharge and number of Pension Certificate, Disinterments, etc.
July	9	1933	July	14	1933	7	8190	On active duty at time of death. Put. Mon - 11/6/33 (Lupton R. Standiford + Son) Shipping point for headstones: Rosslyn, Virginia Baltimore, Md. ROBT. R. DYE, Superintendent. (See Instructions on Reverse Side) 9 5 7 9 0 5 1 0 1 9

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Baptisms of Infants (cont'd)

Names of Children

VanValjah, Shannon Laury
born Sept. 18, 1888
bapt. March 20, 1889

Names of Parents

R. G. & A. Bernice

Pennsylvania and New Jersey, U.S., Church and Town Records, 1669-2013 for Shannon Laury VanValjah

PA - Northumberland > Sunbury > Lutheran > Zion Lutheran Church

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/7400628:2451>

PANAMA CANAL—WASHINGTON OFFICE SERVICE RECORD CARD							
Name Van Valzah, Shannon L.				LEGAL RESIDENCE State Oregon County Lane Cong. Dist.			
Department Health		Division Hospitals		Where located			
Entered on duty	Sailed Oct. 4, 1915	Date of appointment Oct. 2, 1915.	Date of oath Oct. 6, 1915	Reported for duty on Isthmus Oct. 13, 1915.			
Position Physician		How selected O.C.S. Authority September 20, 1915. U.S.		Where app't'd	Age 27	Place of birth Pa	
Salary \$150 a month		Remarks		Home address Springfield, Oregon.			
File No. 24495		Authority C.S. H. 10/23/15.					
CHANGES IN STATUS							
Date Oct. 22/16	Salary	Position Resigned.	Department	Division	Where located	Authority H. 10/24/16 C.S.	

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Van Valzah, Shannon L..	28 mar. 18	1 lt. med. res. corps....	16 sept. 16	1 lt. med. corps.....	5 feb. 17	Pa.....	Oreg.
		accepted.....	7 oct.	accepted.....	4 apr.		
Graduate Army Medical School,				capt.....	28 mar. 18	18 sept.	
1917.				maj.....	28 mar.	1888.	
A. B. Univ. of Oregon, 10.							
M. D. Johns Hopkins, 14.							

U.S., Select Military Registers, 1862-1985 for Shannon L Van Valzah

Army > 1918

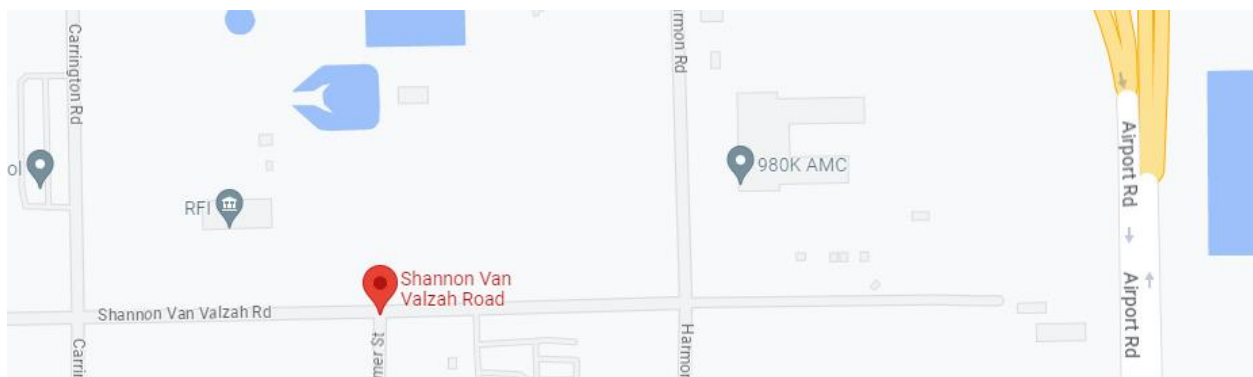
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Shannon Laurie Van Valzah was a 1st lieutenant and Army physician aboard *Tuscania*. Born in 1888, he received his bachelor's degree from the University of Oregon in 1910, and his medical degree from Johns Hopkins University in 1914. He served as part of the Medical Reserve Corps at Ancon Hospital, Panama Canal Zone, as of September 1916. Shannon graduated from the Army Medical School in 1917, and became a 1st lieutenant in the Medical Reserve Corps on September 16, 1917, and then was named with the same rank to the Army Medical Corps on February 5, 1917, exactly one year before his adventure on the

Tuscania. He was promoted to captain on March 28, 1918, and to major on May 28, 1928. The 1920 federal census found Shannon as an officer at the National Soldiers' Home in Elizabeth City, Virginia. In 1922, transferring from Camp Eustis, Virginia, Van Valzah was assigned to Fitzsimons General Hospital, Aurora, Colorado, where he was assistant chief of the medical corps at the time of his death. Van Valzah was the co-author of the article, "Line of Duty in Pulmonary Tuberculosis," in the *Military Surgeon* journal of July 1929. Dr. Van Valzah's diagnosis of a former soldier is part of the 1931 court case *Barksdale v. United States*. Described as one of the best medical officers at Fitzsimons, he died of peritonitis in 1933 following an operation for an intestinal ailment. The east/west Shannon Van Valzah Road, southeast of the Chaffee Gate at Fort Bliss Army base at El Paso, Texas, is named for him, as was South Van Valzah Street (now Wheeling Street), in Aurora, Colorado. He is buried in Arlington National Cemetery, Virginia.

Excerpt above from Marilyn C. Gahm's "The Sinking of the Tuscania" – p 382



And zooming out:



Shannon Van Valzah Rd., Fort Bliss TX

<https://www.google.com/maps/place/Shannon+Van+Valzah+Rd,+Fort+Bliss,+TX+79916/@31.8218922,-106.4106671,17z/data=!3m1!4b1!4m6!3m5!1s0x86e7509df3c34d59:0x35cc7948158ddb78!8m2!3d31.8218922!4d-106.4106671!16s%2Fg%2F11h6nt4dy9>

Barksdale v. United States

Opinion

No. 302.

January 5, 1931.

Appeal from the District Court of the United States for the District of Colorado.

Action by Leslie A. Barksdale against the United States. From an order sustaining defendant's demurrer to evidence at close of plaintiff's case and directing a verdict for defendant, plaintiff appeals.

Reversed.

S.R. Owens, of Denver, Colo. (Joseph P. O'Connell, of Denver, Colo., of counsel), for appellant.

Ralph L. Carr, U.S. Atty., of Denver, Colo., John G. Reid, Asst. U.S. Atty., of Hugo, Colo., and William Wolff Smith, Gen. Counsel, U.S. Veterans' Bureau, and Bayless L. Guffy, both of Washington, D.C., and Richard A. Toomey, of Denver, Colo., Atty., Veterans' Bureau.

Before PHILLIPS and McDERMOTT, Circuit Judges, and POLLOCK, District Judge.

Excerpt:

The plaintiff also produced a number of medical witnesses, Dr. Earl H. Bruns, a lieutenant colonel in the Medical Corps of the United States Army, who examined plaintiff in 1923, and saw him many times between 1921 and 1926. Dr. Bruns stated that plaintiff's only disability was the neuritis in the left shoulder and arm and the onychia. Dr. Shannon L. Van Valzah, a major in the United States Army Medical Corps, testified that he examined plaintiff on various occasions following 1926, and that plaintiff was suffering from onychia and the neuritis in the left arm and shoulder, and that his chances for recovery were nil. Dr. L.H. Winemiller, a physician employed by the United States Veterans' Bureau, testified that he had seen the plaintiff at various times between 1923 and 1928, and that he had not made a careful examination of the plaintiff; that the only ailment he had observed was the condition of his hands. Dr. Partington, a physician specializing in nervous and mental diseases, testified he examined plaintiff in 1922. He testified there was nothing in plaintiff's condition at the time he examined him in 1922 that would prevent plaintiff from continuously following some substantially gainful occupation. Dr. Bruns testified in his opinion plaintiff could follow the occupation of poultry or electrical salesman, although the doctor admitted it was very hard for plaintiff to compete with other men on account of his face, hands, and finger nails. The medical evidence was to the effect that, while the plaintiff had a vocational handicap, he could continue

<https://casetext.com/case/barksdale-v-united-states>

<https://medcoeckapwstorprd01.blob.core.usgovcloudapi.net/pfw-images/dbimages/TB%20-%20chapter%2005-mark%20final.pdf>

Dr. Shannon L. Van Valzah,
107th Mobile Laboratory, 32nd Division
Morn Hill, England

Ada B. Van Valzah
North 2nd St.

Springfield, Oregon

March 1918

Dear Mother,

We are still here and will stay a while yet. I suspect until we get our new equipment. It is awfully hard to tell just what to write. I will tell you of my own plight and conditions though.

I was quite sick on the boat; I had the grippe, with an awfully sore throat for three days before we were struck. At the time I was in my berth asleep. I was fully dressed and ready for any emergency, so when I heard the report and all the glass flying and felt the shudder of the ship, I put on my life belt and made for the life boat station. Everything went smoothly for a while. The ship listed toward the side struck, but that was all. She did not sink rapidly, Reader and I, along with three other men stuck together.

After about an hour and 30 minutes; one of the torpedo-boats came alongside and took off several hundred men. Many had gone in lifeboats and were later picked up by trawlers. We didn't get away on the first torpedo-boat, so we waited about a half hour longer, when a second one came alongside, all the rest of us on board went on her. A third stood off and picked up lots of men on rafts and in boats. We were then taken into the coastal towns and kept for the remainder of the night. I couldn't speak above a whisper, so I laid low the next day and felt much better. Then we started our journey and never stayed more than 36 hours in any one place until we got here, a rest camp, somewhere in England. I have grown steadily better, so that now I am O.K.

The men left the ship in complete uniform, and we saved all our records so we have not suffered at all, except as to the change of underwear and shirts, which we get from English stock. The only thing wrong is that we had to leave all our personal effects onboard. I don't mind that though, as I got away with my life. I am as happy as a clam now. I could not cable you at first, as we were not near a cable office and all the wires were busy with government stuff, so ours might be held up for

days.

I have almost all the things I need now, so I am about as well off, as when I started. Hereafter I shall take what I need to get along. So much stuff is in the way, it is heavy to move about and is a total loss in case of a hurried get-away. Most of what we need can be procured any place in case of urgent need. I lost about \$500 worth of stuff at the very highest figure, while many lost \$1000 worth or even more. What I get now will cost me not more than \$200 and I'll have plenty and will be able to move it well. As it is used up I can get more and never have so much that any of it is in my way. Don't try to send me a lot of new stuff, at least for a while, as I don't know what I'll need or want. I have plenty and can get more as needed.

You're Son,

Shannon L. Van Valzah

Letter courtesy of Steven Schwartz of Renton WA

Life:



[excerpt:]

Portland; Leland L. Steiwer, Fossil;
 Clarence A. Steele, Portland; Frank
 H. Swift, Pleasant Hill; Roy K. Ter-
 ry, Portland; Shannon Laurie Van
 Valzah, Springfield; Frederick J.
 Whittlessey, Portland; Wilfred Wat-
 terburg, Fossil; Herman A. Wetter-
 borg, Portland; Benjamin H. Wil-
 liams, Eugene; William G. Williams,
 Eugene; Frances P. Young, Eugene;
 Ella M. Deyoe, Eugene.

"Salem (OR) Capital Journal" Monday 30 May 1910 p 3

By direction of the President, Second Lieut. Joseph Anstead, Philippine Scouts, having been recommended for discharge by the commanding general, Philippine Department, on account of inefficiency, is discharged from the service of the United States, to take effect October 16, 1916.

The advancement to the grade of captain on the retired list of the army of First Lieut. Paul A. Barry, United States Army, retired, is announced.

Capt. Frank L. Graham, retired, is relieved from duty at Fork Union Military Academy, Fork Union, Va., and will proceed to his home.

The following-named officers of the Medical Reserve Corps are ordered to report to the commandant, Army Medical School, 460 Louisiana avenue northwest, October 16, 1916:

First Lieuts. Frank LaM. Cole, Henry L. Krafft and Shannon L. Van Valzah.

[list continues]

"Washington (DC) Evening Star" Friday 13 Oct 1916 p 7

MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS.	
<i>To be first lieutenants, with rank from the date set opposite each name.</i>	
Homer Samuel Warren, of Illinois,	September 6, 1916.
Franklin Townsend Bower, of Pennsylvania,	September 16, 1916.
Edgar Erskine Hume, of the District of Columbia,	September 16, 1916.
Joseph de Rouilhac Moreno, of the District of Columbia,	September 16, 1916.
Willis Power Baker, of New York, N. Y.,	September 16, 1916.
Louis Frank Boyd, of New York, N. Y.,	September 16, 1916.
Asa Bartholow Carmichael, of Washington,	September 16, 1916.
Sewell Munson Corbett, of Virginia,	September 16, 1916.
John Francis Corby, of Pennsylvania,	September 16, 1916.
Louis Anatole La Garde, jr., of the District of Columbia,	September 16, 1916.
Harrison John McGhee, of Pennsylvania,	September 16, 1916.
Samuel Reily Norris, of California,	September 16, 1916.
Robert Eunice Parrish, of Pennsylvania,	September 16, 1916.
Herbert De Witt Porterfield, of Iowa,	September 16, 1916.
Penrose Herr Shelley, of Pennsylvania,	September 16, 1916.
James Stevens Simmons, of Pennsylvania,	September 16, 1916.
Shannon Laurie Van Valzah, of Oregon,	September 16, 1916.
Luther Thomas Buchanan, jr., of North Carolina,	September 27, 1916.
Joseph Madison Greer, of Arizona,	September 27, 1916.
Henry Louis Krafft, of Illinois,	September 27, 1916.
Louis John Regan, of New York,	September 27, 1916.
James Francis Roohan, of New York,	September 27, 1916.
Cyrus Boynton Wood, of Kentucky,	September 27, 1916.
Dean Flewellyn Winn, of Georgia,	September 29, 1916.
Albert Walton Kenner, of the District of Columbia,	October 4, 1916.
George Patrick Gill, of Illinois,	October 9, 1916.
Herbert Clarence Neblett, of Virginia,	October 26, 1916.
Frank La Mont Cole, of Idaho,	November 20, 1916.
Bernard Johan Beuker, of Michigan, late first lieutenant in the Medical Reserve Corps,	December 5, 1916.
Henry Brooks, of Texas,	December 5, 1916.

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD-SENATE.

Shannon Laurie Van Valzah, of Oregon, September 16, 1916. To be first lieutenants. Luther Thomas Buchanan, jr., of North Carolina, September. First Lieut.

<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/GPO-CRECB-1917-pt1-v54/pdf/GPO-CRECB-1917-pt1-v54-13.pdf>

The following transfers at the request of the officers concerned are ordered: First Lieut. Pearson Menoher from the Seventh cavalry to the Tenth cavalry, First Lieut. George S. Patton, jr., from the Tenth cavalry to the Seventh cavalry, First Lieut. Joseph de R. Moreno, First Lieut. Emery B. Neff, First Lieut. Benjamin Norris, First Lieut. John R. Oswalt, First Lieut. Robert E. Parrish, First Lieut. Cary R. Pollock, First Lieut. Herbert de W. Porterfield, First Lieut. Louis J. Regan, First Lieut. Penrose H. Shelley, First Lieut. Jesse I. Sloat, First Lieut. Oramel H. Stanley, First Lieut. William C. Thomas, First Lieut. Prescott S. Tucker, First Lieut. Shannon L. Van Valzah, First Lieut. Dean F. Winn and First Lieut. Cyrus B. Wood.

Note that 1st Lt. George S. Patton also receives a transfer – “Washington (DC) Post” Sunday 4 Feb 1917 p 4

The following officers and men from Maryland were on the Tuscania:
First Lieut. Shannon L. Van Valzah, Mobile Laboratory, 32d Division; residence, 1042 North Broadway, Baltimore.

“Cambridge (MD) Daily Banner” Friday 8 Feb 1918 p 2

Fears For Lieutenant Van Valzah.
 Lieut. Shannon Lorin Van Valzah is a graduate of Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine of the Class of 1913. He is thought to have sailed on the ill-fated ship, and his friends are anxiously awaiting word. His home here is at 1042 North Broadway.

“Baltimore (MD) Evening Sun” Friday 8 Feb 1918 p 20

VAN VALZAH HOPKINS GRADUATE.
 First Lieutenant Shannon Lorin Van Valzah is a graduate of Johns Hopkins Medical School, class of 1913. His mother, who lives in Oregon, visited him here a few months ago. He lived at 1042 North Broadway, with his wife's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Summers. He has been in the army since June, 1916, and has been stationed in San Francisco and also in the Canal Zone. His wife is at present visiting relatives in Aberdeen. She was in New York city visiting him a few weeks ago. He has two brothers, Robert and Gerald Van Valzah.

“Baltimore MD) Sun” Friday 8 Feb 1918 p 2 –

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/373372370/>

WAS ABOARD TUSCANIA.
 Mrs. A. P. Van Valzah, of Springfield, has received word that her son, Lieutenant Shannon L. Van Valzah, was aboard the Tuscania. The message came from Lieutenant Van Valzah's wife in Boston.

"Eugene (OR) Guard" Saturday 9 Feb 1918 p 3

MARYLANDERS SAVED.
[From The Sun Bureau.]
 Washington, Feb. 9.—Assurances were received by the War Department today that a few of the Marylanders and Virginians aboard the Tuscania were known to have survived the torpedoing of that ship. This does not mean that the others were lost, any or all of them. The survivors list is not complete, less than half of the names having been given out today. This means that the remaining Marylanders recorded as aboard the vessel may appear in the second list.
 The Marylanders whose names were given out in the first list are as follows.

BERNARD PHILIP RAKSIN, 519
 Aisquith street, Baltimore.
 SHANNON L. VAN VALZAH,
 1042 North Broadway, Baltimore.
 CHARLES L. SMITH, 1123
 West Franklin avenue, Baltimore.

[list continues]

"Baltimore (MD) Sun" Sunday 10 Feb 1918 p 1

Major and Mrs. Shannon Laurie Van Valzah, of Fort Monroe, Virginia, are spending two months with Mrs. Van Valzah's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George D. Summers, of Garrison avenue, Forest Park.

"Baltimore (MD) Sun" Monday 5 Dec 1921 p 5

city of Missouri, Columbia, Mo.
First Lieut. Powell P. Applewhite, coast artillery corps, to Walter Reed General hospital for treatment; First Sergt. William H. Abendroth, 815193, U. S. army, retired, is relieved from further duty at the Boise High school, Boise, Idaho, and will be sent to the Ontario High school, Ontario, Ore.; the transfer of Col. John Kramer Miller, infantry, to the adjutant general's department, is announced; the transfer of the following-named officers to the adjutant general's department is announced: Lieut. Col. Alfred James Booth, infantry, adjutant general's office, War Department; Maj. William Vaulx Carter, cavalry, adjutant general's office, War Department; Maj. James A. Ullo, infantry, adjutant general's office, War Department; Lieut. Col. Howard G. Davids, infantry, instructor, Greensburg, Pa., from Pennsylvania National Guard, to Richmond, Va., third corps area for instructions; Capt. Joe H. St. John, medical corps, to Fort McPherson, Ga., fourth corps area, for duty; Capt. Paul S. Wagner, medical corps, to station Carlisle barracks, Carlisle, Pa.; Capt. Richard F. Thompson, dental corps, to Camp Knox, Ky.; First Lieut. Gordon B. Huse, veterinary corps, to Fort Hamilton, N. Y.; Maj. Shannon L. Van Valzah, medical corps, from Camp Eustis, Va., to Denver, Col., Fitzsimons General hospital for duty; from 50th infantry, now at Fort Williams, Me., to the 5th infantry; Capt. Stonewall Jackson, Capt. William D. Powell; First Lieut. Charles Q. Lifsey, First Lieut. Harry B. Sherman, First Lieut. Virgil G. Allen.

Transfer from Camp Eustis VA to Fitzsimons General Hospital, Denver CO – "Washington (DC) Post" Thursday 4 May 1922 p 17

Army Orders

Corps, to await retirement.
Maj. Shannon L. Van Valzah, Medical Corps, will report to a retiring board for examination.

"Washington (DC) Evening Star" Tuesday 16 May 1933 p 12

Deaths Last Night

(By The Associated Press)

(By The Associated Press)

Charles Carroll Fulton

Norwalk, Conn.: Charles Carroll Fulton, 56, retired member of the New York Cotton Exchange.

Victor R. McLucas

Santa Monica, Calif.: Victor R. McLucas, 58, presiding judge of the appellate department of Superior Court.

Maj. Shannon L. Van Valzah

Denver: Maj. Shannon L. Van Valzah, 45, assistant chief of the medical corps at Fitzsimmons General Hospital.

Dr. Wilbur L. Wright

Fulton, N. Y.: Dr. Wilbur L. Wright, 74, president of the Sealright Company.

The Rev. Father Albert O'Brien

Columbus, O.: The Rev. Father Albert O'Brien, widely known chaplain at Ohio State Penitentiary.

VAN VALZAH'S BROTHER SUCCUMBS IN DENVER

DENVER, Colo., July 10.—(P)—Maj. Shannon L. Van Valzah, 45, assistant chief of the medical corps at Fitzsimmons general hospital, died Sunday following an operation for an intestinal ailment. He had been ill several weeks.

Major Van Valzah served at a hospital at Tours, France during the World war.

Major Van Valzah was a brother of Dr. R. C. Van Valzah, dentist, of this city. Mrs. Van Valzah stated this morning that her husband was awaiting further information from Denver regarding his brother's death and word from his mother at Springfield. He had not yet decided whether or not he would go to Denver.

“Medford (OR) Mail-Tribune” Monday 10 Jul 1933 p 2

Major Van Valzah Dies at Denver, Colo.

SPRINGFIELD, July 10. — (Special)—Word was received here Sunday evening of the death of Major Shannon L. Van Valzah, son of Mrs. A. B. Van Valzah of this city, who died Sunday in Denver following an operation for an intestinal ailment. He had been ill about 10 days.

Major Van Valzah was assistant chief of the medical corps at Fitzsimmons General hospital in Denver at the time of his death. He served at an army hospital at Tours, France, during the World War, and was among the survivors of the Lusitania disaster.—

He was 45 years old and was born at Hughesville, Pennsylvania. He was one of the first graduates of Springfield high school. After attending the University of Oregon, he received his medical education at John Hopkins University, being graduated in 1914. He served as an interne at the Southern Pacific hospital in San Francisco the following year, and then was a member of the Zone Health department. He entered the army while in Panama, and was commissioned a major in 1918.

Besides his widow and mother, Major Van Valzah leaves two brothers, Dr. C. G. Van Valzah of Roseburg, and Dr. R. C. Van Valzah of Medford. Burial will be in the National cemetery at Arlington, Virginia.

Shannon survived the Tuscania in 1918, not the Lusitania (when the US was not at war) "Eugene (OR) Guard" Monday 10 Jul 1933 p 3 – obituaries appeared nationwide

Wife:

Van Valzah—Summers.
The marriage of Miss Viola Irene Summers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George D. Summers, and Dr. Shannon L. Van Valzah, son of Mrs. A. B. Van Valzah and the late Dr. R. Grier Van

Valzah, of Springfield, Oregon, took place yesterday afternoon at the home of the bride. The ceremony was performed by the groom's grandfather, the Rev. S. G. Shannon, of Norwood, Pa., in the presence of the immediate families and a few intimate friends. The bride was attired in a dark blue broadcloth traveling suit and carried American Beauty roses. The wedding march was played by Mrs. Margaret Rook, of Norwood, Pa. The out-of-town guests were Mrs. A. B. Van Valzah, Robert C. Van Valzah; Gerald Van Valzah, Springfield, Ore.; Mrs. M. E. Van Valzah, Doctor and Mrs. Robert H. Reeves, E. L. Grande Reeves, Paulsboro, N. J.; Mr. and Mrs. Wilton R. Cole, Philadelphia; the Rev. S. G. Shannon, Mrs. Margaret Rook; Mr. and Mrs. J. Preston Shannon, Norwood, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Carr, Miss Mabel Carr; Miss Myrtle U. Carr, Aberdeen, Md.

The groom is a graduate of the Johns Hopkins Medical School, class of 1914, Doctor and Mrs. Van Valzah will be at home after November 15 at the Northumberland Apartments, New Hampshire avenue and U street Northwest, Washington, D. C.

Shannon's father had died about 6 weeks before his wedding - "Baltimore (MD) Sun" Sunday 15 Oct 1916 p 6

Mr. and Mrs. George D. Summers, 1042 North Broadway, left Tuesday for a tour of California and the West. They will return in July and will later visit their daughters, Mrs. Shannon Van Valzah, at Fort Monroe, Va., and Mrs. Ray Griffith, of Newark, N. J.

"Baltimore (MD) Sun" Sunday 13 Jun 1920 p 50

Mrs. Shannon L. Van Valzah, of Baltimore, arrived Thursday to remain for several weeks as the guest of Maj. and Mrs. C. H. Glascock, who gave a buffet supper Thursday in her honor.

"St. Louis (MO) Post-Dispatch" Sunday 29 Sep 1935 p 54

BUCK 16
On November 13, 1969, in Fitzsimons General Hospital after a short illness, VIOLA S., born in Baltimore, beloved wife of Colonel Carroll D. Buck; also survived by one sister, Mrs. Roy Griffith, of Glen Ridge, N.J.; two nieces, Jane Griffith and Mrs. Henry Reed; one nephew, William Summers.
Graveside services and interment in Arlington National Cemetery at 1.30 P.M. on Tuesday, November 18.

Obituary of Viola Irene Summers Van Valzah Buck – "Baltimore (MD) Sun" Saturday 15 Nov 1969 p 30

Father:



Parents Ada Bernice Shannon & Robert Grier Van Valzah -

<https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/120837818/person/261002001906/media/07b14191-e6f7-48f7-8c7c-407e0028a919>

Dr. R. G. Van Valzah returned Saturday from the mountains, where he has been living next to nature. His son, Jerald, remained at the camp and will return later.

Springfield OR news: "Eugene (OR) Morning Register" Wednesday 26 Jul 1916 p 2

troops to return from the border.
 Dr. Wells Van Valzah returned Tuesday to his home in Tacoma, Wash., after spending several days at the bedside of his brother, R. G. Van Valzah, who passed away one hour previous to the doctor's departure for Tacoma.

"Eugene (OR) Morning Register" Thursday 7 Sep 1916 p 2

TRUMANSBURG

Trumansburg, Sept. 18.—Miss Clara Nixon of Oregon was calling on friends in town Saturday.

Mrs. Orville Buys was in Watson-town, Pa., last week to attend the funeral of her brother-in-law, Dr. R. G. Van Valzah.

"Ithaca (NY) Journal" Monday 18 Sep 1916 p 7

Guardian of Minor Heir.
 (Register Lane County Special)
 SPRINGFIELD, Ore., Nov. 13.—Mrs. Ada Bernice van Valzah has been named as guardian for Carl Gerald van Valzah, minor heir of the estate of the late Dr. R. G. van Valzah, with a bond of \$4,000.

"Eugene (OR) Morning Register" Tuesday 14 Nov 1916 p 2

Robert G. Van Valzah

in the Directory of Deceased American Physicians, 1804-1929

Name	Robert G. Van Valzah
Birth Date	1864
Death Date	Sep 5, 1916
Death Place	Springfield, OR
Type Practice	Allopath
Practice Specialities	Springfield, OR, 1885
Licenses	PA, 1885, OR, 1892
Practice Dates Places	Springfield, OR, 1885
Medical School	College of Physicians and Surgeons of Baltimore, Baltimore, 1885, (G)
JAMA Citation	67:1032
Cause of Death	nephritis

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/135879:7833?ssrc=pt&tid=120837818&pid=261002001906>

OREGON STATE BOARD OF HEALTH
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS

STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF DEATH 237

1 PLACE OF DEATH
County of Lane
Township _____
or
Village _____
City of Springfield (No. _____ St.; _____ Ward) [If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give its NAME instead of street and number.]

2 FULL NAME R. G. Van Valzah State Index No. 29 Local Registered No. 29

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS			MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH	
3 Sex <u>Male</u>	4 Color or Race <u>White</u>	5 Single, Married, ☒ Widowed or Divorced (Write the word)	18 Date of Death <u>Sept. 5</u> , 191 <u>6</u> (Month) (Day) (Year)	19 I HEREBY CERTIFY, that I attended the deceased from <u>Aug. 1</u>, 191<u>6</u>, to <u>Sept. 5</u>, 191<u>6</u>, that I last saw him alive on <u>Sept. 5</u>, 191<u>6</u>, and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at <u>5:00</u> p. m. The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows: <u>Chronic Infectious nephritis</u> (Duration) _____ yrs. _____ mos. _____ ds. Contributory (Secondary) _____ (Duration) _____ yrs. _____ mos. _____ ds. (Signed) <u>R. B. Martinson</u> M. D. <u>Oct. 4</u>, 191<u>6</u>. (Address) <u>Springfield, Ore.</u> *State the DISEASE CAUSING DEATH, or, in deaths from VIOLENT CAUSES, state (1) MEANS OF INJURY; and (2) whether ACCIDENTAL, SUICIDAL, or HOMICIDAL. 20 LENGTH OF RESIDENCE (For Hospitals, Institutions, Transients, or Recent Residents) At place of death _____ yrs. _____ mos. _____ ds. In the _____ State _____ yrs. _____ mos. _____ ds. Where was disease contracted, if not at place of death? _____ Former or usual residence _____
6 Date of Birth _____ (Month) (Day) (Year)			7 Age <u>52</u> yrs. _____ mos. _____ ds. If less than 1 day _____ hrs. or _____ min. ?	
8 Occupation (a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work. <u>Physician</u> (b) General nature of industry, business or establishment in which employed (or employer) _____				
9 Birthplace (State or country) <u>Tenn.</u>				
10 Name of Father <u>L. G. Van Valzah</u> 11 Birthplace of Father (State or country) <u>Tenn.</u> 12 Maiden Name of Mother <u>Gunn</u> 13 Birthplace of Mother (State or country) <u>Tenn.</u>				
14 The above is true to the best of my knowledge (Informant) <u>Miss Van Valzah</u> (Address) _____				
15 Filed <u>Oct. 4</u>, 191<u>6</u> <u>W. F. Walker</u> Registrar			19 Place of Burial or Removal <u>Greensburg Tenn</u> Date of Burial <u>Sept. 15</u>, 191<u>6</u> 20 Undertaker <u>W. F. Walker</u> Address <u>Springfield Ore</u>	

OCCUPATION is very important.

OR death record of Robert Grier Van Valzah, cause of death: nephritis -
<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/288453:61675>

1 IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF LANE.

2
3 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
4 ROBERT GRIER VAN VALZAH, DECEASED.

5
6 Your petitioners, Ada B. Van Valzah and Robert Clark
7 Van Valzah, present this their petition and respectfully show:

8 That Robert Grier Van Valzah died on or about the 5th
9 day of September, 1916, at Springfield in the County of Lane and
10 State of Oregon, and was at the time of his death a resident and
11 inhabitant of the said County of Lane and State of Oregon.

12 That he left a last will and testament which is herewith
13 presented to this Court for probate, and that your petitioners are
14 interested in the estate of decedant, being the wife and son of
15 decedant, and being heirs-at-law of decedant and legatees under
16 said last will and testament.

16 That Ada B. Van Valzah, your petitioner, is named as
 17 executrix in said last will, and she consents to act as such, and
 18 that your petitioner, Robert C. Van Valzah is named as joint ex-
 19 ecutor in said last will and testament with said Ada B. Van Val-
 20 zah, and he consents to act as such.

21 That the names, ages and residences of the heirs of
 22 said decedant are as follows:

23 Ada B. Van Valzah, widow of decedant, aged forty-eight
 24 years, residence, Springfield, Lane County, Oregon; Shannon
 25 Laurie Van Valzah, a son of decedant, aged twenty-eight years,
 26 residence, Washington, D. C.; Robert Clark Van Valzah, a son of
 27 decedant, residence, Springfield, Lane County, Oregon, aged
 28 twenty-two years; Carl Gerald S. Van Valzah, a son of decedant,
 29 aged sixteen years, residence, Springfield, Lane County, Oregon.

30 That said decedant left personal property of the probable
 31 value of (\$17,000.) Seventeen Thousand

32 That all of said property is situated in the County of
 33 Lane in the State of Oregon.

34 WHEREFORE, your petitioners pray that said will be
 35

1 admitted to probate, and that letters testamentary thereon be
 2 issued to the persons named in said will as executrix and execut-
 3 or.

4 Ada Beresice Van Valzah

5 Robert C. Van Valzah

6 PETITIONERS.
 7
 8
 9

OR

- will of father Robert Grier Van Valzah - <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/274611:9078>

Mother:



Mother Ada Beatrice Shannon Van Valzah - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/120837818/person/261002001907/media/01bafc4a-6924-48c9-9176-7b2c1eeba452>

Mrs. Ada B. Van Valzah

Mrs. Ada Bernice Van Valzah, who had been a resident of Springfield for more than 50 years, died Tuesday. She was born in Center Hall, Pa., July 11, 1868. She was married to Robert Grier Van Valzah in Pennsylvania in February, 1886. They came to Oregon in 1890, living for a year in Ashland, then moving to Springfield, where Dr. Van Valzah practiced medicine until his death in 1916.

Mrs. Van Valzah had taken an active part in civic and religious affairs of the community. She was a member of the Springfield Methodist church since 1891, and of Juanita Rebekah lodge.

She is survived by one son, Dr. Caryl Gerold Van Valzah of Medford; five grand-daughters; a brother, J. P. Shannon of Norwoor, Pa.; and a sister, Mrs. Carrie Buys of Jasper, Ind. Two sons, Dr. Shannon L. Van Valzah and Dr. Robert C. Van Valzah, died before her.

Funeral services will be held Friday at 2:30 p. m. at the Phil Bartholomew mortuary in Springfield, Rev. Ellsworth Tilton officiating and interment in Rest Haven memorial park.

APPLICATION FOR MARRIAGE.

No. 646.

1. Full name of the man,	<u>Robert G. Van Valzah.</u>
2. Full name of the woman,	<u>Ada B. Shannon.</u>
3. Relationship of the parties, either by blood or by marriage,	<u>B None</u>
4. Age of the man, and where born,	<u>Born October 3, 1863, in Centre Co., Pa.</u>
5. Age of the woman, and where born,	<u>Born July 11, 1868 in Centre Co., Pa.</u>
6. Residence of the man,	<u>Watsonton, Pa.</u>
7. Residence of the woman,	<u>Sumney, Pa.</u>
8. Parents' names—man,	<u>S. G. & M. K. Van Valzah.</u>
9. Parents' name—woman,	<u>E. G. & E. V. Shannon.</u>
10. Guardian's name—man,	<u>None</u>
11. Guardian's name—woman,	<u>None</u>
12. Name and date of death of man's former wife, if any,	<u>Never married</u>
13. Name and date of death of woman's former husband, if any,	<u>Never married</u>
14. Date of divorce of man at any time,	<u>None</u>
15. Date of divorce of woman at any time,	<u>None</u>
16. Color of parties,	<u>White.</u>
17. Occupation of man,	<u>Physician</u>
18. Occupation of woman,	<u>None.</u>
19. Consent of parents or guardian of man,	
20. Consent of parents or guardian of woman,	<u>Given in due form.</u>

Northumberland County, ss.

Personally appeared before me, the Clerk of the Orphans' Court of said County, Robert G. Van Valzah. and Ada B. Shannon. who, being duly qualified according to law, did depose and say that the statements above set forth are correct and true, to the best of their knowledge and belief.

Sum and subscribed before me, this 8th day of February, A. D. 1887.
Wm. Bloom,
 Clerk of the Orphans' Court.

R. G. Van Valzah.

And the said Ada B. Shannon being a minor, the consent of S. G. & E. V. Shannon the parents of the said minor to the contemplated marriage was first given before said Clerk, by proper legal certificate filed and duly signed, attested and acknowledged.

Wm. Bloom, Clerk Orphans' Court.

And the said _____ being _____ minor, the consent of _____ the _____ of the said minor to the contemplated marriage was first given before said Clerk, by proper legal certificate filed and duly signed, attested and acknowledged.

 Clerk Orphans' Court.

Whereupon a **MARRIAGE LICENSE** was issued in the form following:

No. 645,

STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA, }
County of Northumberland, } SS.

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

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

Robert G. Van Valzah and Ada B. Shamon

Given under my hand and seal of the Orphans' Court of said County of Northumberland, at Sunbury, Pennsylvania, this 8th day of February, A. D. 1887.

Wm. Bloom

Clerk Orphans' Court.

Now, this 8th day of February, A. D. 1887, there was received and filed here a **DUPLICATE CERTIFICATE**, as follows:

I, S. G. Shamon, hereby certify, that on the Eight day of February, one thousand eight hundred and eighty seven, at Sunbury, Robert G. Van Valzah and Ada B. Shamon were by me united in marriage, in accordance with License issued by the Clerk of the Orphans' Court of Northumberland County, Pennsylvania, numbered 645.

S. G. Shamon

Minister of the Gospel, Justice of the Peace or Alderman,
Lutheran Church,

PA marriage in Northumberland Co. – 8 Feb 1887

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/3916433:61381>

Siblings:

FORMER RESIDENT DIES

SPRINGFIELD—Dr. Robert Van Valzah, son of Mrs. Bernice Van Valzah, Springfield, died in Medford Wednesday morning. He was born in Ashland, February 11, 1894 and moved to Springfield when a year old. He graduated from the local schools of Springfield and for a while worked for the Willamette forest. In 1924 he graduated from the North Pacific dental college in Portland. Besides his wife, the former Zelda Hamilton, he is survived by his mother, two daughters and a brother Dr. Gerald Van Valzah of Roseburg.

Obituary of [brother Robert Clark Van Valzah, DDS \(1894-1942\)](#) – “Eugene (OR) Guard”
Sunday 22 Nov 1942 p 3

DR. R. C. VANVALZAH CALLED BY DEATH

Dr. Robert C. VanValzah, 49, prominent dentist of Medford, where he has practiced for the last 14 years, passed away at his home, 19 Elm street, at 1 a. m. Wednesday, following a brief illness.

Dr. VanValzah was born at Ashland, Ore., Feb. 11, 1894. Before coming to Medford, he practiced in Springfield, Ore. His father, now deceased, was a medical doctor.

Dr. VanValzah was a member of the Masonic lodge of Springfield. Besides his wife, Zelda, he leaves two children, Anne and Marjory. His mother, Ada B VanValzah, resides in Springfield. He also leaves one brother, Dr. Carl G. VanValzah of Roseburg.

Funeral services will be held in the Conger chapel at 2 p. m. Friday, with the Rev. Herald G. Gardner officiating. The remains will be cremated.

Obituary of Robert Clark Van Valzah – "Medford (OR) Mail Tribune" Thursday 19 Nov 1942 p

MARGIN RESERVED FOR BINDING

N. B.—WRITE PLAINLY, WITH UNFADING INK—THIS IS A PERMANENT RECORD. Every item of information 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.

STATE PRINTING DEPT.

Oregon State Board of Health
Division of Vital Statistics

Standard Certificate of Death
STATE OF OREGON

Dr. Fishap
State File No. 353
Local Registrar's No. 276

1. PLACE OF DEATH:
(a) County Jackson
(b) City or town Medford
(c) Name of hospital or institution: 19 Elm
(If not in hospital or institution write street number or location)
(d) Length of stay: In hospital or institution 14 Yrs. In state 48 Yrs.
(Specify whether years, months or days)

2. USUAL RESIDENCE OF DECEASED:
(a) State Ore (b) County Jackson
(c) City or town Medford
(If outside city or town limits write RURAL)
(d) Street No. 19 Elm
(If rural give location)
(e) If foreign born, how long in U. S. A.? _____ years.

3. (a) FULL NAME Dr. Robert C. Van Valzah
(b) If veteran, name war _____ No. _____
(c) Social Security No. _____
(d) Sex m race wh divorced married
(e) Name of husband or wife Zeila Van Valzah (f) Age of husband or wife 49
(g) Birth date of deceased Feb. 11, 1894
(Month) (Day) (Year)
(h) Age: Years 48 Months 9 Days 7 If less than one day hr. _____ min. _____
(i) Birthplace Ashtland, Oregon
(City, town, or county) (State or foreign country)
(j) Usual occupation Dentist
(k) Industry or business self
(l) Name Robert G. Van Valzah
(m) Birthplace Roseburg, Pa.
(City, town, or county) (State or foreign country)
(n) Maiden name Ada B. Shannon
(o) Birthplace Pa.
(City, town, or county) (State or foreign country)

16. (a) Informant's own signature Carl G. Van Valzah
(b) Address Roseburg, Oregon
(c) Date thereof 11/20/1942
(Month) (Day) (Year)
(d) Place: burial or cremation Granta Pass, Oreg.
(e) Signature of funeral director W. W. Cozart
(f) Address Medford, Oregon
(g) Date signed Nov. 19, 1942
(h) Registrar's signature Dr. Fishap

20. Date of death: Month Nov day 18
year 1942 hour 1 am _____ minute _____
21. I hereby certify that I attended the deceased from Nov 1,
1942, to Nov 18, 1942; that I last saw him alive
on Nov 17, 1942; and that death occurred on the date
and hour stated above.

Immediate cause of death Cardio-renal - vasculodisorder Duration 3 mos.
13/2
Due to _____
Due to _____
Other conditions Sudden death
(Exclude pregnancy within 3 months of death)
Major findings:
Of operations _____
Of autopsy _____

22. If death was due to external causes, fill in the following:
(a) Accident, suicide, or homicide (specify) no
(b) Date of occurrence _____
(c) Where did injury occur? _____
(City or town) (County) (State)
(d) Did injury occur in or about home, on farm, in industrial place,
in public place? _____
While at work? _____ (Specify type of place)
(e) Means of injury _____
23. Signature W. W. Cozart (M. D. or other) _____
Address Medford, Oregon Date signed Nov 14, 1942

OR death record of Robert Clark Van Valzah - <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/30729:61675>

Visit Relatives—Dr. Robert Van Valzah, of Medford, and Dr. and Mrs. C. G. Van Valzah and daughters, Shannon and Jannon, of Roseburg, spent the week-end in Eugene and Springfield visiting relatives and friends.

“Roseburg (OR) News-Review” Monday 16 Feb 1942 p 3

Back From Hunting Trip—Dr. C. G. Van Valzah has returned to his home in this city, following a hunting trip in company with his brother, Dr. Robert Van Valzah, of Medford.

Robert dies less than a month after his hunting trip with brother Caryl Gerald Van Valzah –
 “Roseburg (OR) News-Review” Tuesday 27 Oct 1942 p 3

VANVALZAH—Dr. C. G. Van-Valzah of Medford, Oregon, died Sunday, July 27, 1958. He was born in Springfield, Oregon November 28, 1899. He attended Springfield High School and was a graduate of the University of Oregon and North Pacific Dental College. He was a member of Laurel Lodge No. 13 AF&AM of Roseburg, Hillah Shrine Temple, Veteran of World War I, member of the American Dental Association and Southern Dental Society. He was united in marriage to Anne I. Gorrie in 1931. Besides his wife, who survives him, are 3 daughters: Mrs. Robert L. Nelson of Corvallis; Jannon and Nancy, both of Medford. Graveside services will be held Wednesday, July 30, 1958 at 11 a.m. in Rest Haven Memorial Park, Rev. George Ashwood Jr. officiating. McKenzie River Lodge No. 193 AF&AM participating. Conger-Morris Funeral Home of Medford, Oregon in charge.

Obituary of brother Dr. Caryl Gerald Van Valzah, DDS (1899-1958) – Find A Grave 76475254



Caryl Gerald Van Valzah - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/120837818/person/261002001868/media/346992bb-98ad-421c-b58f-642af4665301>

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Decree for Registration of Birth

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON
For the County of Jackson

IN THE MATTER OF THE
REGISTRATION OF THE BIRTH
of

CARYL GERALD VAN VALZAH
Petitioner

No. **1855**
DECREE FOR
REGISTRATION OF BIRTH

The petitioner, **CARYL GERALD VAN VALZAH**, whose race or color is **white**, being a resident of the State of **Oregon**, living at **15 Geneva** Street, City of **Medford**, and having filed a petition for the registration of **his** birth, and having served a copy thereof upon the district attorney of this county, and more than five days having elapsed since the service and filing of said petition;

And the court having held a hearing upon said petition and being satisfied that the facts stated therein are supported by substantial evidence, hereby finds that petitioner was born at **Springfield** in the County of **Lane**, State of **Oregon**, on the **28th** day of **November**, in the year **1899**;

That petitioner's original name was _____; that on the _____ day of _____, said name was changed to _____, by _____ (MARRIAGE, ADOPTION, OWN ACTION, COURT ORDER)

That petitioner's father was **Robert Grier Van Valzah** of the City of **Springfield**, State of **Oregon**, who was born at **Boalsburg**, **Pennsylvania** on the **8th** day of **October**, **1863**, and that petitioner's mother was **Ada Bernice Van Valzah** of the City of **Springfield**, State of **Oregon**, whose maiden name was **Ada Bernice Shannon** and who was born at **Center Hall, Pennsylvania** on the **11th** day of **July**, **1868**;

And the court further finds that petitioner is entitled to a decree of this court requiring the registration of the birth of said petitioner by the State Registrar of Vital Statistics.

IT IS THEREFORE, hereby ordered and decreed that the birth of said petitioner be registered by the State Registrar of Vital Statistics.

Done in open court in duplicate this **9th** day of **April**, 19 **56**.

(SEAL) _____
Circuit Judge

Registered in the Records of the Oregon State Board of Health, **APR 16 1956**, 19 _____

(SEAL) _____
File No. _____
State Registrar of Vital Statistics

OR birth record of Caryl Gerald Van Valzah - <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/15038759:61676>



15 Geneva Street, Medford, OR 97504



541-900-5239

Lady Ann



gloria@ladygenevabedandbreakfast.com



This bright and spacious corner suite which accommodates up to four guests and shares an oversized bathroom with freestanding claw-foot tub and shower is named in honor of Ann Gorrie Van Valzah, the second lady to own the Buhrman House. A long time resident of Southern Oregon, she owned the home with husband Caryl from 1945 to 1968 where she lived with her three daughters. She attended The Old Normal School and Oregon State University where she was a member of the Vespertines Literary Society and Alpha Xi Delta sorority. She enjoyed gathering with friends and her yearbook quote “as happy as the day is long” carried through during her time at Lady Geneva where she hosted many happy social events including her daughter Shannon’s wedding rehearsal supper and wedding after party for out of town guests and relatives. She too enjoyed travel, flying to Scotland via Pan American Airlines in 1956.

Located on the second floor, the east facing suite enjoys plenty of natural light. It features two queen beds, spacious walk-in closet, and large private balcony with seating area overlooking the front lawn and Geneva street with its signature Brickolithic pavers. The private oversized bathroom with freestanding claw-foot tub and shower is located across the hall.

The Caryl home becomes the Buhrman House bed & breakfast, with one room named for his wife - <https://ladygenevabedandbreakfast.com/accommodation/lady-ann/>

Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

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

NOK = next-of-kin

Name: Shannon Laurie Van Valzah

Name variations: VanValzah (Veterans Administration Master Index)

Military:On Tuscania: 107th Supply Mobile Med – 1st lieutenant

Serial number: US Army officers were not assigned serial numbers in WWI but Veterans Administration Military Index lists serial number as 4051

Entered service from: Baltimore, Baltimore City Co. MD

Sailed on “Tuscania” as: Shannon L. Van Valzah

Next-of-kin on “Tuscania”: wife Mrs. Shannon Van Valzah, 1042 N. Broadway, Baltimore MD

Returned from war on: "Rotterdam" Jul 1919

Sailed on return ship as: Shannon L. Van Valzah

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: wife Mrs. Viola Vanvalzah [sic], 1042 N. Broadway, Baltimore MD (major, M.C., Base Lab Inter. Sect.)

World War I draft registration (1917):

Veterans Administration Military Index: name recorded as Van-Valzah

Born 18 Sep 1888

Died: 9 Jul 1933

Enlisted: date not listed

Discharged: date not listed

Address: 101 North St., Fort Monroe VA

Rank/unit: Major, Medical Corps

Birth & death:

Born: 18 Sep 1888 PA [one obituary claims Hughesville, Lycoming PA)

Died: 9 Jul 1933 Aurora, Adams CO (Fitzsimons Army Hospital)

Find A Grave record: 49331047 – presence on Tuscania indicated in text

Burial location: Arlington, Arlington Co. VA

Cemetery: Arlington National

Tombstone: veteran tombstone: Major Medical Corps

Father: Robert Grier Van Valzah, 8 Oct 1863 Union Co. PA – 5 Sep 1916 Springfield, Lane OR. Son of Shepherd Laurie Van Valzah & Mary Elizabeth Grier. Physician. Buried in Lewisburg Cemetery, Lewisburg, Union PA.

Find A Grave: 106795609

Mother: Ada Bernice Shannon Van Valzah, 11 Jul 1868 Centre Hall, Centre PA – 10 Oct 1944 Springfield, Lane OR. Daughter of Rev. Samuel Galbraith Summers (1838-1918, F: 143506958) & Eliza Veronica Herring (1838-1920, F: 143506991).

Her two sons – Shannon & Robert – preceded her in death.

Buried in Rest-Haven Memorial Park, Eugene, Lane OR.

Find A Grave: 76475179

Parents' marriage: 8 Feb 1887 in Zion Lutheran Church, Sunbury, Northumberland Co. PA

Spouse: Viola Irene Summers Van Valzah Buck, 17 Mar 1893 Baltimore MD – 11 Nov 1969 Aurora, Adams CO (in Fitzsimons Army Hospital). Daughter of George D. Summers.

Married Colonel Carroll DeForest Buck (1876 VT – 1972 CO, also buried in Arlington National Cemetery, F: 49222972). He was the son of DeForest C. Buck & Florence Willey.

Viola is buried as "Van Valzah Buck" with Shannon in Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Arlington VA.

Spouse Find A Grave: 26099135

Marriage: 14 Oct 1916 Baltimore MD

Children:

Siblings:

- Robert Clark Van Valzah, 11 Feb 1894 OR – 18 Nov 1942 Medford, Jackson OR. Dentist. Graduate of Northern Pacific Dental College in 1924. Married Zelda M. Hamilton (1893-1969) on 27 Feb 1921 in Multnomah Co. OR. Cremated.
- Caryl Gerald Van Valzah, 28 Nov 1899 Springfield, Lane OR – 27 Jul 1958 Douglas Co. OR. Also found as Gerald Caryl Van Valzah. Dentist. Married 1 Jan 1931 in Springfield, Lane Co. OR to Anne Isabel Gorrie (1900-1971, F: 76475395). Anne was the daughter of Charles Irvine Gorrie & Margaret Leaak Linklater. – Caryl & Anne name their daughter Shannon. - Graduate of the U of OR & Northern Pacific Dental College. World War I veteran. F: 76475254

Notes:

Graduate of the University of Oregon. Graduate of Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine 1915,

Pre-war:

Wartime:

Post-war:

Obituary:

Social Security number:

Censuses:

1900 Springfield, Lane OR

Robert G. Van Valzah, 37 PA, Oct 1862, parents b. PA, married 12 years, physician

Ada B., 31 PA, Jul 1868, parents b. PA, gave birth to 3 children, 3 are living

Shannon, 11 PA, Sep 1888, at school

Robert C., 6 OR, Feb 1884

Gerald C., 6 months OR, Nov 1899

1910 Pleasant Hill, Lane OR

Robert G. Van Valzah, 46 PA, parents b. PA, in 1st marriage, married 23 years, farmer, general farm

Ada B., 42 PA, parents b. PA, in 1st marriage, gave birth to 3 children, 3 are living

Shannon L., 21 PA, single

Robert C., 16 OR, single

Caryl J.S., 10 OR

& hired man Silas Gay, 24 OR, parents b. MO, single, laborer, farm hand

& mother Mary E. Van Valzah, 68 PA, parents b. PA, widow, gave birth to 4 children, 4 are living

1920 Elizabeth City VA

Shannon L. Vanvalzah, 31 PA, parents b. PA, officer (Major), Medical Corps U.S.A., commissioned

Viola I., 26 MD, parents b. MD

1930 Sable, Adams CO – Fitzsimons Hospital, US Army

Sharmol/Shaund L. Van Valzak/Valyak, 41 PA, parents b. PA, age 28 at 1st marriage, Army doctor, Army hospital, WWI veteran

Viola T., 32 MD, parents b. MD, age 23 at 1st marriage